

# The Medical Roundup

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## PREVENTING PREMATURE BIRTH

Today the commonest cause of infant death is premature birth. Drs. Claire Folzome, Theodore Harami, S. R. Loviet, and G. M. Massel, of New York City, now report that a hormone discovered in 1925 by Dr. F. L. Hisaw, of Harvard, and recently



modified by Dr. R. L. Kroc and his associates, halted premature labor in 23 women. In a control group of 50 women, going into premature labor, and treated with old methods, only 7 were able to have live babies.

It may be a while before the treatment is available in all hospitals. At present the drug being used is scarce and very expensive.

Of late, Dr. H. H. Flocks and his associates at the University of Iowa College of Medicine have been treating men with inoperable cancer of the prostate gland by injecting into the tissue some radio-active gold. In this way, the doctors apply a large dose of radiation to the cancer cells. The results are hopeful.

The hope is not so much for a cure as for the relief of pain and other distressing symptoms.

Help For the Hard-of-Hearing  
I just read an excellent little book written by L. A. Watson (Maico Foundation, Minneapolis 1, Minn.). It explains why some persons who are hard-of-hearing can get great help from a hearing-aid while others will have difficulty using one. It explains also why some persons can hear better in a noisy place.

The major part of the book deals with auditory re-training and lip reading. The author tells how a person with some knowledge of lip-reading can learn more by watching the mouths of persons on television, with the speech part turned down. Watson gives a helpful list of the most common words used in the English language—the words which must first be

Idgoh Man Guilty of Voluntary Manslaughter  
Payette, Idaho—UPI—A Payette county District Court jury yesterday found Luther Lyman Dubose, 53, guilty of voluntary manslaughter in the axe slaying of Mrs. Ruth Patton, 46, at an orchard workers' camp near here Sept. 4.

District Judge Gilbert C. Norris said he expected to pass sentence on the convicted man some time this week.

The jury deliberated about six hours before reaching its verdict about 2 a. m. Sunday. Dubose had been charged with second degree murder, but the jurors found him guilty of the lesser charge.

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## Firemen Delayed; Flames Kill Five

Meriden, Conn.—UPI—A tenement fire snuffed out the lives of five members of a family late Sunday night while firemen were delayed by a train.

The general alarm blaze sent four other members of the family to a hospital where one was listed in critical condition. Two hundred persons were evacuated from an adjoining theater.

Dead were Mrs. Eulalia Rios, 39, and her children Gladys, 17, Eddie, 3, Eddie Nelson, 4, and Isabella, 6. A medical examiner said all five suffocated.

Hospitalized in poor condition was Edward, 5.

The father, Luis, 41, another son Jose, 19, and a brother of Mrs. Rios, Alberto Morales, 23, were listed in "fairly good" condition.

Assistant Fire Chief Walter Sadowski said firemen were delayed by a train. "It was less than a minute because it was a fast passenger train," he said, "but it could have been serious if it had been a freight." There are eight grade crossings in the heart of this city which is on a main New York-to-Boston line.

## Mail Deposit Boxes Entered in Portland

Portland—UPI—Thieves broke into 12 mail deposit boxes in Portland early Sunday in an apparent attempt to find money mailed as Christmas gifts. Postal inspectors said that from 400 to 1000 pieces of mail were taken from the boxes.

Piles of rain-soaked letters and cards were found by postal inspectors and police yesterday. Officials estimated that the deposit boxes were broken into some time between 2 and 8 a. m. yesterday. They said locks on the boxes had been pried open.

Postal workers immediately began the job of drying out the letters that were left on the streets. They said the job of trying to match cards with the correct envelopes would then begin so that the mail could be speeded on its way again.

Stanly Smoot, postal inspector, said that several checks were recovered, indicating that the thieves wanted only cash.

## Portland Teen-Agers In Third Attack

Portland—UPI—A 43-year-old man told police last night a carload of teen-aged youths forced his car off the road and then punched him in the face several times.

It was the third time in three days that a person was hospitalized here as a result of teenage action.

Marvin P. Brocker said he was driving when the teen-agers' car collided with his. He said that he tried to protest but a six-foot youth began striking him. Brocker was treated for facial cuts.

Meanwhile, authorities arrested a third boy in connection with an unprovoked attack on 14-year-old Barry Cort, a Jefferson high school student, who was returning from a dance when he was beaten. Also on Friday night, Roy C. Derrington, 27, was beaten with a tire chain and a lug wrench in a parking lot.

## Carpenters' Secretary Dies in Indianapolis

Indianapolis—UPI—Albert Fischer, 37, general secretary of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners since 1950, has died at his home following a lengthy illness.

## Mid-Atlantic Sends Bulk of Tourist Trade

Boston—UPI—Forty-three per cent of the tourists in New England come from the Middle Atlantic States, according to a survey made by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

The rest of the tourists come from throughout the world, with guest books showing residents of Europe, Africa, India, South America and Asia.

The bank said it surveyed 100,000 guests who visited New England in August to determine "point of origin." One interesting statistic: thirty-nine per cent of the New England tourists are from New England itself.

## SPORTS

### Ernie Durando, Defendis Fight

New York—UPI—This being Christmas Eve, two slugger middleweights—Ernie Durando and Angelo Defendis—will hang socks on rival beezers tonight in a 10-rounder at St. Nicholas arena.

It will be televised by DuMont at 10:30 p. m. EST.

Each is an unusually good puncher. Durando of Bayonne, N. J., knocked out 29 of his 68 opponents; but he is 30 years old and apparently fading. Defendis of Brooklyn, 24, belted out nine of his 18 rivals—exactly one half. He is "coming" but he has had far less experience than Ernie. And he is attempting his first 10-rounder.

Accordingly, the betting is at "even money."

### HOCKEY

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
By United Press  
Just when things were going right for the Boston Bruins they ran into what may turn out to be their jinx team in the National Hockey league this season—the Chicago Black Hawks.

The Bruins, coasting along without star goals, Terry Sawchuk, saw their first-place lead shaved by a point when the Detroit Red Wings and the Montreal Canadiens, tied for second place, battled to a 3-3 tie while they were dropping a 4-1 decision to the Hawks.

In other action, the Toronto Maple Leafs moved to within two points of the fourth-place New York Rangers on the strength of two third period goals by Rudy Migay for a 3-1 win over the New Yorkers.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
By United Press  
It's the day before Christmas and all through the American Hockey league a quiet calm fills the air. But listen hard. You'll hear them ask the question: "Are the Providence Reds making their move?"

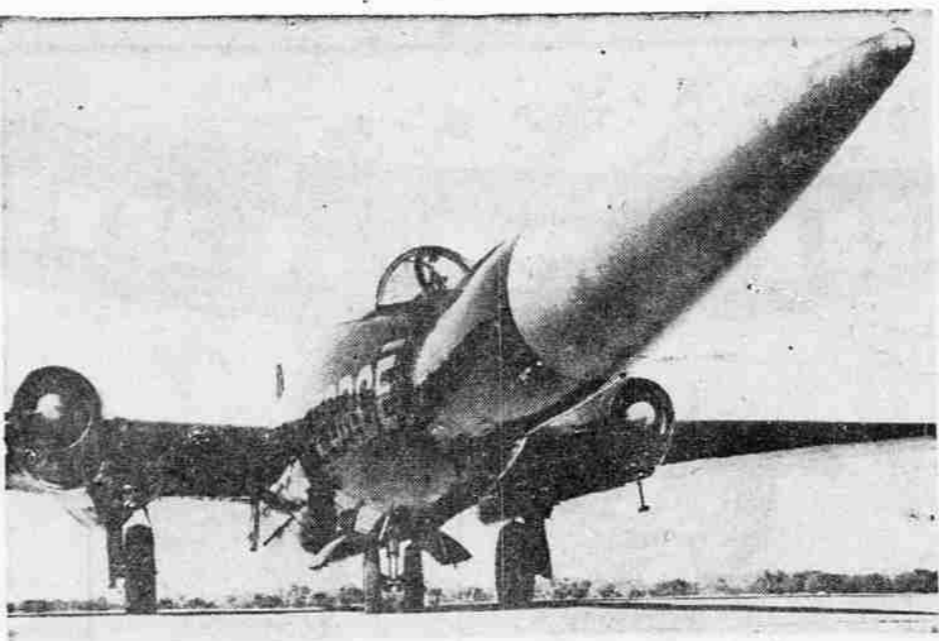
Most people say "Yes!" And after the New York Ranger farm team's 3-2, come-from-behind overtime victory over Hershey Sunday—it's hard to disagree.

The Reds have won five straight. They've moved from fourth to a comfortable first, four points ahead of the Bears.

Bronco Horvath's twin goals highlighted Rochester's 4-1 triumph over Springfield and Larry Wilson notched three assists to spur Buffalo to a 4-2 win over Cleveland in other games.

### FISHER IN GOOD SHAPE

New York—UPI—Jimmy Fisher, young Philadelphia welterweight who suffered a slight concussion in his losing battle against Rudy Gwin of Cleveland at Madison Square Garden last Friday, was reported in "good" condition at St. Clare's hospital today. Gwin was assisted from the ring after taking a severe beating for six rounds.



**ENOUGH TO SCARE OUR ENEMIES AWAY**—This modified U. S. Air Force bomber being used for high altitude testing of Boeing "Bomarc" supersonic interceptor missile components looks wicked enough to just scare an attacker away. The unique plane (IM-99) has a 17-foot long simulated Bomarc nose for the missile guidance system. Successful firings of Bomarc test missiles, including missions against drone aircraft, have been accomplished at the USAF Missile Test Center in Florida.

## Hungarian Refugee, With Only \$1 In Pocket, Eyes Merry Christmas

Editor's note: For three weeks United Press Correspondent Russel Jones was the only American reporter in battered Budapest. He was ordered out of Hungary on Dec. 5 after 37 days of reporting on the efforts of the Hungarian people to throw out Soviet troops and establish a free democratic government. Jones and his Hungarian born wife are now on a tour of the U. S.

By RUSSELL JONES  
United Press Correspondent  
Camp Kilmer, N. J.—(UPI)—Bela Szabo, late of Rakoczi ave., Budapest, and now of Barracks No. 2120 of this old Army camp, has one dollar in his pocket and he doesn't intend to spend it.

But this will be the happiest Christmas he ever spent.

"My Christmas presents came early this year," Szabo said.

"They were the smiling faces of the young men who stand behind the counter giving us food. They were the boys laughing and joking in the kitchen and in the streets. They were the soldiers shouting as they unloaded the beds that went into our room."

"It's been so long since I heard anyone laugh."

**Chat in Mess Hall**  
Szabo talked to me as we sat in the mess hall where he, his pretty wife, Suzanne, and their daughter Martha, 2½, were eating. Anna, their 4-month-old daughter, was sleeping in the barracks.

"I don't have any presents for the children or my wife," he said, "but I'm not going to spend the dollar I was given. It's the first one I've ever had, and I want to keep it as a token of the

new and good life we will start here in this wonderful country of yours."

Szabo arrived here on Dec. 21 after fleeing his shell wracked home on Nov. 30. A radio engineer who was employed in Hungary's only radar factory, he hopes to get similar work in this country.

"I was one of the elite," he said. "With 2450 forints (about \$220) a month, I got more than twice as much as most workers."

"But, even so, we couldn't celebrate Christmas last year. Worked Last Christmas

"The 'peace loans' took most of my salary, and the only thing we could afford to mark the day was a little cake for little Martha. Because our factory had a 'Socialist competition' I had to work anyway."

"Last Christmas was like every other day—gray, dismal and joyless."

Today Szabo's eyes opened wide as he read a translation of the Christmas menu—roast turkey with dressing, shrimp cock-

### Ullman Appoints Field Assistant

Baker—UPI—Congressman-elect Al Ullman yesterday announced the appointment of Ron Ahern, former Warm Springs merchant, as a field assistant.

Ullman said Ahern's job will be to "make regular trips through the district" and give individual attention to district problems.

## Mathematical Orderliness Of Stars Source of Comfort

By FAY BENTLEY

In times of stress or deep sorrow many people find the awe-inspiring beauty and mathematical orderliness of the starry heavens to be a source of comfort.

It was even so with the early Christians during days of well-nigh unbearable persecution. Especially during the yuletide season when thoughts are naturally centered on places, events, and objects connected with the nativity did they look to the skies for signs and symbols of comfort and assurance.

### Seen as Symbol

To them the three stars in Orion's belt symbolized the wise men ever journeying from the east. A very apt comparison as this short line of stars first appears on the eastern horizon and nightly moves a little more to the west. These evenly spaced stars of equal brightness march across the heavens side by side, much as travelers might walk.

By 8:30 p. m. the "Three Wise Men" are about half way up in the southeastern heavens. You can easily find the short, slanted line of three glittering stars, which forms the belt of Orion.

The Northern Cross, low in the northwest, is another group of stars to which the early Christian attached significance. That the Cross, emblem of the religion for which they had suffered and many died, should be shining in the heavens at the anniversary of their Saviour's birthday seemed to them an omen of greatest importance.

Many people today feel it is especially fitting to see this beautiful asterism or star figure standing upright on the northwestern horizon during the yuletide season.

Part of Constellation

As mentioned above, the Northern Cross is a star figure or asterism; part of the constellation, Cygnus the Swan.

In mythology, Cygnus was a close friend of the lad, Phaethon, whose father was the sun-god, Apollo. On the day that Phaethon, tried to drive the shining chariot across the sky, Cygnus was watching the amazing spectacle.

Imagine his horror when Phaethon lost control of the horses and was finally thrown headlong from the chariot into the waters of the river Eridanus! Cygnus was deeply grieved and dove again and again into the river in a fruitless effort to recover the body of his friend.

Finally, in compassion for his great sorrow, the gods turned him into a swan that he might forever watch the river. For further consolation a star group in the sky above him was named Cygnus the Swan.

In this star picture, the head of the bird forms the foot of the cross and in the bird's outstretched wings the upper part of the cross is easily traced.

During the Christmas season, about 8 p. m., a perfect cross may be seen standing upright on the extreme northwestern horizon; a very fitting emblem of the spirit of yuletide.

The **Candle Room**  
In The Medford Hotel  
**WILL BE OPEN Christmas Day**  
From 2 P.M. to 10 P.M.

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## GRANDVIEW-LONE PINE Holiday Visitors Arrive

By LILLIAN KNIGHT

Grandview-Lone Pine—Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Archibald and baby son, Max Randall, from Klamath Falls will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Archibald and family. Word was received from James Archibald that he and his family will spend Christmas day with his wife's family in Brookings, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Thurston and family moved into their new house on Roberts road. They came here from Maine to settle in our community.

Spending the holiday week with Mr. and Mrs. Eloy Baker is Mr. Baker's mother, Mrs. Anne Sutherland, of Fresno, Calif. The two older Baker girls, Susan and Sharon, are going with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Reter, to Disneyland during their school holiday week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Leever of Phoenix, Ariz., are spending Christmas with their son's family, Mr. and Mrs. William Leever. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Leever of Phoenix also are here for the holidays to visit his brother, William, and family, and his wife's family, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Heitkamp in Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Greiner of Los Angeles are spending the Christmas holidays with their daughter and son-in-law and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Norris Jr.

Mrs. Dorothy G. Davis of Tacoma, Wash., is here to spend the holidays with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cook, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gore, in Medford. Miss Alice Holback of Cpos Bay, Ore., is also a visitor at the

Cook and Gore homes. All will gather at the Gore home for the Christmas dinner.

Mr. Jack Newton, the eighth grade teacher, received a broken thumb last Sunday when a new motorcycle he and one of his friends were riding flopped and skidded across the highway while they were traveling up the Siskiyou. They both received multiple cuts and bruises.



**SITTING in altitude chamber** at Baltimore, Md. laboratory, Maj. A. I. Beck ascends to theoretical height of 198,770 feet, highest man ever reached. (International)

### FOR EARLY VOTE

Hartford, Conn.—UPI—A poll of Connecticut teenagers showed a majority favored lowering the voting age to 18. A 14-year-old youngster said, "Teen-agers study about their government in school and are better informed about elections than most grownups."

### CUSSING FINES PAY OFF

Huntsville, Ala.—UPI—Some 1,400 cuss words, uttered the past 10 weeks at the Army ballistic missile center, have indirectly brought a bit of Christmas cheer to a needy family here. The \$70 received under a five-cent per cuss word fine was given to the family Sunday.

### Ogden Hard on Bad Check Artists

Ogden, Utah—UPI—It's getting so a bad check artist can't even make a fast buck in this city of 75,000.

The Chamber of Commerce, cooperating with the city's detective bureau and department stores has come up with this plan.

When police learn a person suspected of passing bad checks is headed for Ogden they call warnings to 10 downtown merchants with store switchboards. Each switchboard operator then notifies 10 other stores, giving a description of the offender, his methods and other pertinent information. All data is passed on to employees.

Clerks, in turn, notify police immediately if they suspect someone of attempting to cash a rubber check.

The city, having tried the system with success during past holiday seasons, now is planning to use it all year.

Norman Anda, chairman of the chamber's retail merchants division estimates the warning plan "can save Ogden area merchants thousands of dollars per year."

### LEFT HOLDING THE SOCK

Los Angeles—UPI—Colleen Kennedy was knitting frantically today to finish some Christmas work undone by a thief. Police were holding one sock of Miss Kennedy's Christmas present to her fiancé as evidence after seizing a man as he tried to make off with a knitting box from her car.

## TO ALL... OUR WARMEST Christmas GREETINGS!

We want to rejoice with you this most blessed of seasons. May the Yuletide be filled with happiness and cheer for each of our neighbors and friends throughout the Rogue River Valley... and may the New Year bring to you all good health and good fortune!

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