

Strange As It Seems by Elsie Hix



There are 7,083 Philippine islands—more than half have never been visited and two-thirds of them are uninhabited!

A DELICATE MEDICAL INSTRUMENT, THE CYSTOSCOPE IS USED TO SOLVE TOUGH ENGINEERING PROBLEMS AT THE HANFORD ATOMIC PLANT... PAPIKA IS ONE OF THE RICHEST SOURCES OF VITAMIN C...

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

The Medical Roundup

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Spina Bifida Quite a few persons ask about a child who has a spina bifida, by which is meant a defect usually in the lower part of the spine. In the worst cases, there is a tumor projecting backwards from the lower part of the child's back, and this often can be removed surgically. Unfortunately, in these cases, the child is likely to have serious defects—perhaps up in the brain—and as a result he may get a large head full of water, a so-called hydrocephalus. In the worst cases of spina bifida the spinal cord and the nerves coming out are not well-formed and so the child may have deformities of the hips and feet. He may have trouble learning to walk, or to control his bowels; and when he does walk he may have a peculiar gait, because some of the muscles of his legs may be weak. There may even be club feet. Unfortunately, and operation on the tumor can not cure these troubles. Many older persons are disturbed when an x-ray man reports that two or three of their lower vertebrae are defective. Usually in these cases no treatment is needed and, besides, nothing much could be done. The Benign and Malignant Tumor Many persons are puzzled because their physician uses the terms benign and malignant. Benign means that there is a tumor or ulcer which is not cancerous and will not grow and scatter so as to kill the patient. A malignant tumor is a cancerous tumor. Many physicians often speak of a "malignancy" when they mean cancer. A cyst (a little sac of fluid) is usually benign, but there are a few cystic tumors that have cancer inside them; hence they are best removed surgically. Only after the lump has been examined by a pathologist, with his microscope, can one say what it is. "Functional" troubles are usually nervous in nature and not due to any local ulcer or tumor.

Pesticide Sales to Bring Record Sum Washington (UPI)—Pesticide chemical sales in 1956, boosted by heavy insect infestations in the South and Southwest, will return a record \$250 million to producers, the National Agricultural Chemicals Association estimated. This will be a 25 per cent higher return than in 1955 when sales totaled \$200 million, the association added. The opening of new markets for pesticides also pushed up sales, the association said. There has been a greater use of the chemicals in public health programs throughout the world. The World Health Organization, a United Nations agency, is currently conducting a campaign "to destroy disease-carrying insects" in Latin America, Africa and Asia. The heaviest insect outbreaks during the year in the United States were in Florida where the Mediterranean fruit fly threatened the citrus industry; in the Southwest where the alfalfa aphid rampaged; in the South where there was a heavier-than-usual boll weevil infestation and in the West where grasshopper swarms endangered crops.

Health Officials Return from Course Corvallis — Charles B. Clark and Orie Moore of the Jackson county health department completed a special three-day short course for sanitarians Wednesday at Oregon State college. Forty-nine public health workers from every section of Oregon were enrolled in this year's course, sponsored jointly by the OSC school of engineering and the state board of health. Public health during civil disasters was emphasized this year. New methods for emergency testing of water supplies and sanitation problems in mass evacuations drew special attention. The Coos county flood problems of last year were used as a case study. Sewage disposal by individual septic tank systems and enforcement of health laws were also reviewed. Public health officials, college staff members and Oregon Civil Defense Agency workers conducted classes.

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STEVE CANYON comic strip panel showing a man in a suit talking to a woman.

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