



Few Practicing Physicians Said Capable of Diagnosing Smallpox

BY DELOS SMITH
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New York—Medical science is becoming uncomfortably aware of an ominous and possibly dangerous situation. Few physicians practicing today have never seen a case of smallpox, and even that small number is constantly diminishing.

That is reassuring proof of one of the great triumphs of medical science, of course. Smallpox, the virulent, highly contagious killer, has all but disappeared from the United States. But it hasn't entirely disappeared and that is what makes an ominous situation.

Would the average physician recognize a case of smallpox should he encounter one? Would the possibility that it was a case of smallpox leap instantly into his mind? There have been a few scattered instances over recent years when the diagnosis was fumbled and delayed.

May Miss Diagnosis
This indicates that the average physician might well miss the diagnosis long enough for a community to be endangered.

Once present, smallpox can spread rapidly; and there are thousands who think they are immune because they were vaccinated as children, but who are not immune. Their vaccinations have worn off.

Drs. Kenneth D. Rogers and Arthur M. Harnuth of the School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh, are alerting the average practicing physician to this situation through the technical journal of the American Academy of General Practices. They cited the following example:

A 14-year-old girl came down with pox. Two days later a physician was called in and said it was chickenpox. The child's condition grew progressively worse, and five days later she was taken to a communicable disease hospital. The diagnosis still was chickenpox.

But it wasn't chickenpox which either looked or behaved in the usual way of chickenpox. A number of doctors were called in. They all thought it was chickenpox. Yet not one of them could say positively that it wasn't smallpox.

Child Dies
The child died during her second hospital day. An autopsy proved that she was a victim of an unusual and complicated case of chickenpox. If it had been smallpox, she would have been a source of readily transmissible germs for nine days.

But that is not all of the story. The instant smallpox was suspected all employees and patients in the hospital were vaccinated—40 in all. Four young children among them had never been vaccinated before. The remaining 36 had been, and supposedly were immune. But vaccination reactions showed that actually only two were.

The doctors urged their colleagues everywhere to keep text-books available which describe minutely the appearance of smallpox; to impose strict quarantine on any suspected case; to get a precise diagnosis with all possible speed; and to notify public health authorities instantly so they can organize to vaccinate all persons with whom the suspected case had been in contact.

SONGWRITER DIES
Hollywood—Chris M. Schonger, 67, veteran songwriter and onetime accompanist for dancer Eleanor Powell, died Sunday of a heart condition in his home at nearby Culver City.

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Fish
Reference to the Biblical tale of Jonah and the whale frequently inspires an argument as to whether any fish can swallow a man. A white shark can. In fact, a white shark can swallow a horse or a bullock. A sperm whale can also swallow a man. It has been claimed that a sperm whale actually did swallow an English sailor named James Bartley, who was subsequently rescued and lived to tell the tale.

Greatest Hitter
What ballplayer rates being styled "the greatest hitter of all time"? You say "Babe" Ruth. I don't agree. In my rating the "Babe" is third. Ty Cobb is first. Hans Wagner second. Speaking of Ruth as a hitter his average in batting against his nemesis "Hub" Pruitt was .186. That's really weak hitting. A pitcher would be ashamed of that average. In one season the "Babe" batted against Pruitt 18 times and struck out 16 times!

Complaint
Women are still complaining that while married and single women can be distinguished by the use of "Miss" or "Mrs." there is no similar method of distinction for the male sex. I have no solution for this problem. Perhaps a man should be called "Master" until he is married and "Mr." after he has become somebody's husband. However, how about those married career women who continue to use the "Miss"? Just what is the idea of that? Then take the females who do use the "Mrs." How can you tell whether a "Mrs." is married, is a widow, or is a divorcee?

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Television Now Employs Young Girl, Who Has Own Network Show

By WILLIAM EWALD
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New York—Well, it's finally come down to this. TV is not only aiming its wares at the 12-year-old mind, it's now employing the 12-year-old mind.

Prime exhibit is Susan Heinkel, who at the mellow age of 12, stars in her own network TV show each Saturday—which is more than you can say for Sid Caesar or Jackie Gleason.

Not only that, Susie, as she is known, is also her entire show, which is like more than you can say for Sid Caesar or Jackie Gleason.

Susie, brown-eyed, poised and bonnie, actually steers six TV shows each week. Five of them are Monday through Friday local shots in Chicago. The sixth, launched by CBS-TV about two months ago, is a half-hour affair geared for the yo-yo set.

Shows Are Fun
"None of the shows are really any work at all. They're fun. We have a ball at the studio because everyone is a little off his rock-

er," said Susie with enthusiasm. "In fact, one of the fellows said you had to take a sanity test to get on the show—if you failed, you were hired."

"Susan's Show," the title of her network show, is a comfortable potpourri of sense and nonsense. There is a talking table named "Pegasus" and an orchestra led by Caesar P. Penguin. The instrumentalists include such whimsical brack-brack as Calvin the Fox (clarinet), Bruce the Gopher (drummer) and Wolfgang the Bear (violin).

There is a real dog named "Rusty" and there is Susie who herds this curious crew through the by-ways of a thin plot each week.

Works Without Script
"We don't have any script," said Susie, "and most of the time we have no idea of what we're going to say. We have a kind of story given to us before the show and we run through it once before we go on."

"It's not corny," said Susie primly. "It's not one of those things where you talk baby talk to kids. I know that's not the way I'd like someone to talk to me. No kid likes a show that's too mushy—you know, one of those shows where all they do is build blocks like 'Ding Dong School.'"

Susie, who'll be CBS property until she's 18, receives \$2 allowance each week and the rest of her salary goes into a trust fund.

"TV? I like it. And I watch it. But not too much. I like funny shows and stuff. To me, TV is a kind of pastime when you have nothing else to do on a rainy day."

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Haiti's New Military Junta Orders Curfew

Port Au Prince, Haiti—Haiti's new ruling military junta clamped a nationwide curfew on this Caribbean country Saturday in the wake of the bloodless coup that ousted and exiled provisional President Daniel Fignole.

Fignole, arrested and ordered into exile Friday, was flown to Miami, Fla., Saturday by a Haitian Air Force plane.

The Haitian capital was calm and orderly yesterday after the rule of a military triumvirate headed by Brig. Gen. Antonio Kereau, army chief of staff.

Paris—The first French vessel to use the Suez Canal since the Anglo-French invasion last November will steam into the waterway today under Egyptian rules and regulations.

The 4,665-ton freighter Picardie is scheduled to join a convoy at Suez for the northbound run to the Mediterranean.

Washington—President Eisenhower Saturday called John Foster Dulles "one of the greatest of our secretaries of state" in American history.

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Horses and Women
As you probably know, the line at the top of an advertisement designed to attract a reader's attention is called an "eye-catcher." As for example, a line reading, "She Discovered The

Three Telltale Places Where Age Shows First." That is really a potent eye-catcher for feminine readers. What do you say are the three telltale places where a woman's age shows first? I believe the neck and hands are two but have no selection for the third.

Cards
"According to Hoyle" is an expression still much used by card players in discussing rules of the games. Hoyle, who died in 1769, wrote about only three card games: piquet, whist and quadrille. The book titled "The Complete Cardplayer" by Albert Ostrow deals with over 350 different card games. It is said there are about 85 million card players in this country. My favorite card game is auction pinochle.

Longevity
Eugene Christian, author of "How To Live To Be A Hundred Years Old" died at the age of 69. Eugene Brewer, the inventor of the lawnmower, lived to be over a hundred years old. He attributed his longevity to the exercise he had mowing lawns. Show this to your husband, lady, when he starts to complain about having to mow the lawn.

Sidelights
New Yorker informs me he became a father for the first time at the age of 54. That is unusual but not the record. The distinguished author Dale Carnegie became a father for the first time at the age of 64. The old maid character continues to be popular on television programs. This is because humor concerning old maids gives married women a feeling of superiority.

DIES—Bandleader Jimmy Dorsey died at Doctors Hospital in New York five months after surgery for the removal of a growth on his lung. He is shown here in a photo made Nov. 26, 1956 when he attended the funeral of his brother, Tommy Dorsey.

4-H CLUB NEWS

Rock Dairy Club
The Ruch 4-H Dairy club met with Romelle and Garry Rosen June 10. The meeting was called to order by the president, Romelle Fossen. They talked about decorating and cleaning at the Medford fairgrounds, and discussed record books.

Before the meeting everyone practiced working with the dairy cows. Nancy Huckaba of Central Point was a guest. Refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be July 2 at Lona Buffington's.

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Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY
Hollywood—What happens to the tearful, happy subjects of "This Is Your Life?"

To singer Mae Williams, recovering from a broken back and a bout with polio, appearing on the sudy show Feb. 9, 1955, seemed a stroke of good fortune.

Master - of - ceremony - of - Ralph Edwards happily announced that a New York night club job, a TV series, a beautiful bracelet—these were to be hers.

But since then what has happened to Mae would make another weepy "This Is Your Life" program. She was hit by the prize show "Jinx"—not a superstition, but a disrupting of her normal life that often hits excited winners of fame and fortune on television.

Her "prize" of a singing job at Monte Proser's La Vie club in New York never came about. La Vie Closed

"Ralph Edwards did his part, but my manager and I couldn't agree," explained Mae. "I believe he asked too much money, and we never got together on a deal and then La Vie closed, so that took care of that!"

"I was offered singing jobs all over the country. But my manager kept asking more money because of the 'This Is Your Life' show—so I never got any of the jobs."

"We shot two episodes of my filmed TV series, and then that bogged down and never was finished or sold."

After a blow-up, Mae and her manager parted company.

"I couldn't get a job for \$4 a day," she said.

Mae, known as the "hard-luck" singer, had to hock the gold bracelet Edwards gave her on the show (she since retrieved it from the pawn shop). She had to sell her house.

The beautiful new car that was to have been one of her TV prizes never came through. Viewers, she says, objected to celebrities receiving the cars, so the practice was stopped with her.

She opened a little nightclub here but had to close when the rent was doubled. Her father also had a stroke.

Life Improves
"Then I won a job in Bakersfield, Calif., and my life began to go up," she smiled.

She met nightclub comic Vic Perry. After one date he proposed to her in the middle of his floor show, and one date later they were married last November.

Vic got Mae a record contract at Verve. With the movie projector she won on "This Is Your Life," he showed the pilot film of her TV series—and it finally opened on a local station to good review two weeks ago.

"The first call after my show was from Ralph Edwards," she beamed. "He also sent me roses."

"Now that my life has settled down, all the nice things he prophesied would happen to me are finally happening."

The only stockaded post, between the Alleghenies and the Mississippi river, still standing as originally built, is Fort Wilkin's in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

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