

The Medical Roundup

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Nephritis, or Bright's Disease

Many people ask what to do about kidney trouble, but always I have to answer that I can't make any suggestion because I don't know what type of the disease they have. Most of the people who think they have kidney trouble because of a backache really have only a backache. So far as I've ever been able to see, disease of the kidneys rarely causes backache. Such an ache is far more likely to be due to fibrositis or arthritis. It would never occur to me to take a patent "kidney medicine" for backache, but thousands of people do. This behavior is based on an old folk idea.

Many children get a form of nephritis following infections and particularly scarlet fever. Today, with the modern antibiotics, there is much less likelihood of the child's being left with a scarred kidney. Scarlet fever seems now to be disappearing much as did typhoid fever, smallpox, diphtheria, and a lot of other diseases—it is being wiped off the face of the earth. Some young women, especially during pregnancy, get an infection of the kidneys, and this needs special care. Some people get what is called a pyelonephritis, or an inflammation of the pelvis of the kidney, the cavity into which the urine gathers before it goes down the ureter (tube that carries urine to the bladder). Today such infections can often be cleared up with antibiotics. Many infections of the kidney are due to the presence of stones. The infection can hardly be got rid of until the stones are removed by a surgeon.

Fairly Common
 There is a special form of kidney inflammation called nephrosis which is fairly common in childhood. In this disease the child's face and body can swell up with edema (dropsy). In older persons nephritis is often associated with high blood pressure, and a special form is associated with a diabetes that has not been well taken care of. A type of nephritis is due to damage to the tiny arteries in the glomerulus (a tuft of tiny blood vessels which takes the poisons out of the blood and throws them into the urine). In some cases it is the tubules of the kidney that are injured.

Obviously, anyone who has nephritis should be taken care of by a good physician. The patient should be watched at intervals perhaps for the rest of his days. Often, in the past, when people found that they had a little albumin in their urine, they felt rather hopeless, and the insurance companies turned them down. Today we know that many persons with albumin in the urine are not in a bad way at all, and can live out a long life. Sometimes the trace of albumin is due to a little scar, and the bulk of the two kidneys is normal. We have tests, such as the urea clearance, which give us an idea how much of the kidney



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Red Skelton Denies Journey With Son Made for Publicity

New York—Comedian Red Skelton and his leukemia stricken son returned to New York today from Europe. Skelton vigorously denied that the trip was made for publicity as charged by several British newspapers. With his arm around his boy, Richard, 9, who said he was "feeling fine," Skelton said he bore no malice against the English people for their press attacks.

"It was really one newspaper which was responsible for this thing. A reporter from this newspaper approached me as we got off the plane in London and asked me to give him an exclusive interview on the medical aspects of Richard's illness," Skelton said.

Could Write to Doctor
 "I told him I was not a doctor, that I was not familiar with medical terms and that I couldn't give him such an interview. However, I told him that if he wanted such information, he could write to my doctor. A little later, a number of reporters asked me if they could come up to my hotel room for an interview.

"The last man to arrive was this man who wanted the exclusive interview. He asked me 'What about this adverse publicity?' I said what adverse publicity? This is not publicity. I took my boy on this trip so that he could see as much of the world as possible."
First Publicity Remark
 "We are living a normal life. This was the first time that anyone made a remark like that concerning publicity."

The TV and movie star left Britain suddenly Sunday night with his son, wife, and daughter, Valentina, 13. They had been in Scotland and had planned to spend several days in Dublin, but decided instead to return to America. A sharply critical editorial in the London Express Sunday criticized Skelton for presenting Richard at a "sickening display" of "sickly run receptions and publicity handouts."

"Take the boy home, Mr. Skelton," the newspaper said.

McDonald Wins Dairy Showmanship Trophy

Jerry McDonald of Eagle Point 4-H Club was named dairy grand champion showman at the Applegate Valley 4-H pre-fair Friday at the Ruch grade school. Jerry was presented a rolled leather halter following approximately a half-hour of competition with the top showmen in the county.

Grand champion beef showman was David Woolfolk of Antelope 4-H club. Gary Smith of the Applegate 4-H club was grand champion swine showman. Gary was the only local showman to win a championship although many of the Applegaters participated in the championship run-offs. He was presented a pig brush. Another brush was presented Linda Gibson of Westside 4-H for winning the grand champion sheep showman.

Mary Anne Cantrell was among the top placing showmen of the Applegate Valley 4-Hers. She won a dairy trophy from Hunter and Best sawmill of Ruch for placing first in her beginners showmanship class. Madge Barker won the sheep trophy from Riverview Market of Applegate. The beef trophy was won by Shirley Dunlap. It was donated by Sunnyside market of Ruch. Gary Smith won the swine trophy. All trophies will be presented at the combined achievement night for the Ruch and Applegate clubs in November or December at the Ruch gymnasium. Nat Edsel was judge for the contests.

Grange Notes

Upper Rogue Grange
 Upper Rogue grange met Thursday evening Aug. 1 with Master Caroline L. Harding presiding. Brother Carlton reported on agriculture and brother Greive reported on grange insurance. Chaplin reported that Sister Ditsworth has left the hospital and is now at home and sister Harding on crutches. Others reported ill were Sister Rena Home, Leona Hughes and Esther Simek. The Master thanked the members for the cards and gifts she had received while in bed with a broken leg. The secretary was instructed to write to our congressman in regards to retaining the National grange building in Washington D.C. Lectures program was community singing and a Waltz solo by Sister Gillispie of her own composition, a skit by brother and sister Richardson and a reading by Caroline Harding after the business meeting. Home made ice cream was served by brother Bill Miller and Monte Axtell.

EDUCATOR DIES
 Eustis, Fla.—Charles McCracken, 75, prominent educator and author, died Sunday after a prolonged illness.

France Facing Worst Economic Turmoil Since Days of War II

Paris—France today is facing her worst economic crisis since the bleak days when she was digging herself out of the havoc of World War II. After years of carefree spending, Frenchmen have awakened to a fact of life—no individual or nation can spend more than is earned.

The awakening has been as sudden as it was brutal. The reason is simple. For many months past, government after government has tried to keep the unpleasant truth hidden. In May, it began to come to light and there was a fury of recrimination between right and leftist parties. But it couldn't do away with the facts that the new premier, radical Maurice Bourges-Maunoury, has now to be wrestled with.

1. France has been living beyond her means since 1945. No post-war government kept the deficit down to manageable proportions. 2. Until 1954, aid from the United States tided the nation over. 3. This aid no longer exists. But, as new Finance Minister Felix Gaillard put it, the past governments acted as if Uncle Sam still was doling out millions to finance reconstructions, modernization and rearmament.

The deficit in 1955 was 660 billion francs—\$1,868,000,000. Last year it skyrocketed to 1,500 billion francs—more than \$4 billion. A strange accompaniment has been that the gross national product, the total of all goods and services produced, increased 20 per cent since 1955 but that was pitifully small in view of the budget deficit. The Algerian war is one of the main culprits. It costs France almost three million dollars a day. It has rained 450,000 soldiers to Algeria and put a

Heavy Rains Kill 115 in South Korea
 Seoul, Korea—Floods caused by the heaviest rains in 30 years killed at least 115 persons in South Korea, national police headquarters said today. It was said 37 others were missing and 51 injured. Police said 9,243 houses were destroyed or flooded and more than 45,000 persons homeless. They reported nearly 100,000 acres of farmland washed away or damaged. The torrential rains started Friday night after a month of heavy, but intermittent, rain. It stopped Sunday afternoon and railway operations were partially restored.

Slash Fire Controlled in Coos Bay Area
 Coos Bay—A slash fire 30 miles south of here which got out of control Saturday was brought under control Sunday without reaching green timber after it covered about 75 acres.

Nuclear Explosion Opponents Plan Demonstration

Las Vegas—Participants in a non-violent action against nuclear weapons today set a target time of 1 p.m. (p.s.t.) Tuesday to demonstrate "civil disobedience" by walking into the atomic testing grounds north of here. The group plans open defiance of the Atomic Energy Commission in having its members walk into the area near AEC headquarters at Mercury, Nev., in protest to testing of nuclear devices.

Barbed Wire in Desert
 A spokesman for the group said one detail that must be worked out is the miles of barbed wire which has been strung into the desert recently, presumably by the AEC. Leaders of the group visited the Mercury area Sunday and found new barbed wire stretching into the desert as far as they could see. Lawrence Scott, co-ordinator,

Cuba Army Orders Arrest of Strikers

Havana, Cuba—The government ordered "energetic" action against opposition groups who called a general strike in Havana today. It warned against possible violence. The army ordered the arrest of nine opposition labor leaders including four Communists, and said action would be taken against anyone interfering with trade and commerce. It said all disturbing elements would be considered as "rebels" and traitors-terrorists.

who will lead the group Tuesday, has described their project as depending "entirely on non-violence and the power of love and good will." **Willing to Sacrifice**
 He said his group is willing to suffer "loss of liberty by imprisonment" and some members "even loss of life if necessary, in order to register our protest." The group will begin a "prayer vigil" at the entrance of the AEC headquarters at 10 a.m. Tuesday. After that the walk into the desert is slated to begin.

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