

The Medical Roundup

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Problems of The Senile Patient

A woman writes: "My mother is 85 and is almost completely deaf; she is almost blind and because of a stroke suffered seven years ago she is mentally confused. About all she can do is to get out of bed and go to the bathroom. I'm her youngest child and am now 57. My sister took care of Mother for three years, but this strain cracked her up nervously, and so I had to take over. Because I earn my living in an office, I had to get a nurse to take care of Mother. Now, after two years of this expense, all my savings are gone, and my sisters take turns helping. A while ago my health broke and for six months I was too ill to work. With this, my business went to pieces. Now, what on earth am I going to do with my mother? At times she does not know me, but she is not insane enough to be put in a mental hospital. She is so helpless and so pitiful I very much want to make this last lap of her journey through the world comfortable. I'm working desperately hard trying to make enough money to support us, but I don't know how much longer I can stand the strain. When I crack up, what

will Mother and I do?"
I wish I knew how to write a comforting answer to this poor woman. I fear that society has not yet grappled sufficiently with this terrible problem of the person whose body long outlives the brain. The problem is going to get steadily worse, because every year now we doctors are learning how to keep these people alive. What I wonder is, can civilization long stand this type of strain. There are only so many workers in the world, and only some of these make enough so that they can carry some one or several people on their back. How long can they keep doing it?
Cramps In The Legs
So many people keep asking about cramps in the legs at night, cramps that get them out of bed in a hurry and that can be relieved only by walking around, that several times a year I guess I will have to write about them. Usually one can get rid of them by drinking a glass of milk every day. If this isn't enough, at bedtime one should take a tablespoonful of a syrup of calcium gluconate. Calcium makes our tissues less sensitive.
Dr. Alvarez hopes his readers will understand that it would be impossible for him to answer requests for information or to attempt to diagnose by mail.
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HORNBROOK

Party Honors Mrs. Sloan

By MRS. H. H. CHAPMAN
Hornbrook — A baby shower for Mrs. Leonard Sloan was given Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. John Shinar. Hostesses were Mrs. Shinar and Mrs. Jim Lisky. Prizes were won by Shirley Moffett, Mrs. Mary Lisky and Mrs. Ray Lewis.

Several out-of-town guests attended. Among them were Mrs. Fritz Sanderbrink and Mrs. Dale McCoshum, mother and sister of the honored guest, from Yreka. Mrs. John Brown and Mrs. Jim Davidson, both from Yreka, and Mrs. Ray Lewis of Ashland, Mrs. Sloan's sister-in-law.

Other guests were Mrs. George Smith, Mrs. Ben Phillips, Mrs. Mary Lisky, Mrs. P. G. Riness, Mr. Wayne Cummins, Mrs. Jess Cummins, Mrs. George Sloan, mother of Sloan, and Mrs. Harry Chapman.

The Women's Society of the Community church held an all-day meeting at the Church Aug. 8. The morning was spent packing about 200 pounds of clothing which was sent to the "lost tribe" of the Navajo Indians at Dadel, N. M. After a sack lunch at noon, the regular business meeting was held, conducted by the president, Mrs. Clarence Gowing. Devotionals were given by Mrs. Harry Chapman.

Others present were Mrs. Minnie Bloomingcamp, Mrs. Ardon Burns, Mrs. Ernest Adams, Mrs. Mary Taggart, and Mrs. P. G. Riness. Plans were made for an old-fashioned ice cream social Wednesday, Aug. 28, on the lawn at the Bloomingcamp home.

The Rev. W. H. (Ben) Gould, of Chico, Calif., district superintendent of the Northern California Conference of the Methodist church, preached the morning sermon at the Community church Aug. 11, and held a quarterly conference meeting later. He invited all interested persons to attend church meetings in Mt. Shasta and Yreka Sept. 8 and Sept. 15. Further information on these meetings will be given by the local pastor, the Rev. E. V. Hargreaves.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Everett Jeter returned Sunday after a week visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Jeter at Eagle Rock, Calif. En route home they stopped at Chico and visited their grandson, Richard Allen Campbell and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Robertson of Elk Grove, Calif., were weekend guests of her mother, Mrs. Kay Kettlewell. They were joined on Sunday by Mrs. Robertson's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rukovina and daughter, Cynthia and Patty, of Medford.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Nye were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bullis of Westfir, Ore.

Mrs. Laura Swinnerton left Friday for Wallace, Idaho, and Seattle, Wash., where she will visit friends and relatives. She plans to be gone for an indefinite length of time.

Guests last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo King were Mr. and Mrs. Stan Bruce and children Janet and Robert, of Spokane, Wash., and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bruce of Portland. Janet and Robert are Mrs. King's great great grandchildren.

Bill and Danny Spearin and



ALPINE RESCUE—Claudio Cordi (second from left), 29, of Lecco, Italy, is led to safety by rescuers on the perilous ice wall of Eiger Mountain near Grindewald, Switzerland. In front of Cordi is his rescuer, German guide Alfred Hellpart, who was lowered at the end of a winch-operated cable to perform the daring rescue. One of three other climbers stranded with Cordi died and the other two are feared dead.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Paris—Actor Errol Flynn, hero of some of Hollywood's most dashing stories, expressing extreme willingness to testify at the criminal libel trial of Confidential magazine in Los Angeles: "Why can't I be heard when the others are being so coy?"

New York—Evangelist Billy Graham on "wrestling": "We are wrestling with the giants of the hydrogen bomb, of guided missiles, capable of wiping out New York in a few minutes. We are facing the giant of racial strife and tension, wrestling with it in the halls of Congress as well as in the hearts of men."

Damascus, Syria—U.S. Embassy Spokesman Robert Lincoln, answering Syria's charge that three embassy officials were involved in an American conspiracy to overthrow the Syrian government and should be recalled: "The American Embassy can accept Syria's demand only under protest since the allegations against the three gentlemen are fabrications."

Washington—Undersecretary of State Christian Herter, warning American delegates to the Moscow Youth Festival against the illusion that they will be doing a service by going to China and presenting an American point of view: "The Communist Chinese authorities intend to use each delegate wherever possible to subvert the foreign policy and the best interests of the United States, of which you are a citizen."

Galesburg, Ill.—A salesman for used car dealer Henry Brown, whose competitors are urging customers to "see Brownie first" while Brown recuperates in a local hospital from a heart attack: "The boss is real happy. He thinks it's real nice of the fellows."

Grange Notes

Griffin Creek Grange

The Griffin Creek Grange met in regular session Thursday, Aug. 8, with a good attendance. Plans were made to begin work on the cupboard and drain boards.

The LeVanders were present after an absence of several weeks.

Lecturer Lulu Sturgill presented a program on friendship that was interesting.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kamping formerly of the Gold Hill Grange have asked to be transferred to the Griffin Creek Grange.

HEC will meet with Mrs. Iva Harper Aug. 15. This will be a covered dish luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Please bring service.

Woodrow Lee of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Brain and girls are on vacation at Yellowstone National park.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Coleman and daughter, Ricky Trullinger, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Holcomb and boys attended the Copco annual picnic July 27 in the Grants Pass Park.

Educational Institutions Get Two Billion Dollars

New York — More than two billion dollars was contributed to public and private institutions of higher education during the past 14 years, according to the American Association of Fund-Raising Councils.

Total gifts and contributions during the period were \$2,409,383,048, according to statistics of the U. S. Office of Education. Of the total given in this period, \$1,021,458,282 was for current purposes, \$730,148,844 was for endowment, and \$657,875,922 for plant.

Total endowment of institutions of higher education has reached \$3,196,120,000, as compared with \$1,686,282,767 in 1939-40.

About 70 per cent of adults over 40 have eye defects, and about 67 out of 100 adult Americans wear glasses.

Army 'Hitch' Fails To Hide Escapee

Fort Dix, N.J. — Henry Carrington's discharge from the Army didn't sour him on the service.

He returned here to the scene of his 1950 basic training after escaping from a North Carolina prison road gang last June and quickly fitted into the G.I. routine.

Military authorities said the 24-year-old fugitive stole and wore a new uniform, took charge of his own bunk and made regular appearances in the chow line.

The military police added, however, that Carrington overstepped himself by stealing a pistol from a bona fide soldier and failing to account for the weapon. After an officer confronted him with the theft, Carrington hastily retreated to Philadelphia, where detectives picked him up.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

Boston Doctors Now Move to Big Highway

Boston — Boston doctors are joining the movement of business and industry to Route 128, Boston's circumferential highway.

Dr. Grantley W. Taylor, chief of the tumor clinic of Massachusetts General hospital, already has moved from Boston's Beacon Street and set up his own office on 128 at Weston. Dr. William Rogers of Boston has joined him and eight or 10 other physicians soon will take offices in the new building.

All of the doctors will conduct independent practices at the new location, which solves parking and other urban problems.

The combined shorelines of Oklahoma lakes are greater than the Atlantic coastline from Maine to Key West, Fla., and the Pacific coastline from Seattle to San Diego.

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