

Spectacular Record of Voluntary Insurance Achieved in 25 Years

Editor's note: Following is the last of five articles on voluntary health insurance.

By JACK V. FOX
United Press Correspondent

New York — The United States has achieved in 25 years a spectacular record of insuring its people against medical costs — and under a completely voluntary program contrasted with Britain's compulsory and socialized medicine.

The facts are, however, that there are still approximately 55 million Americans without any health insurance whatsoever. There are about 75 million without surgical insurance, 110 million without insurance on medical expenses outside hospitals. Three-fifths of all our people who live on farms have no health insurance at all.

About half of the people aged 65 and over have no medical insurance nor do two-thirds of our families with incomes under \$2,000 a year.

Welfare Secretary Concerned

These figures come from Marion B. Folsom, secretary of health, education and welfare in the Eisenhower administration. Folsom is deeply interested in health insurance and pioneered a Blue Cross plan some years ago when he was with Eastman Kodak.

The federal government these days is contenting itself largely with urging private enterprise to extend and improve voluntary coverage. This largely passive role came after several sharp congressional rebuffs.

President Truman, during his administration, fought for a compulsory federal health insurance program to be financed by payroll taxes, like social security. Congress rejected it as "socialized medicine" in a long and bitter wrangle.

Eisenhower, during his first term, came up with a plan to set up a federal fund which would "reinsure" insurance companies that were willing to pioneer in extending coverage to catastrophic illness, comprehensive policies, insurances for groups not now covered.

That proposal was defeated overwhelmingly in the House of Representatives. The current administration proposal is to exempt smaller insurance companies from anti-trust laws so they can pool their resources and undertake more venture-some plans.

Folsom has been pushing mainly on these points: Coverage of catastrophic illness; development of comprehensive, one-package plans; Coverage of

older persons; Coverage of patients outside hospitals; Higher ceilings in surgical plans; Better coverage of rural families, those not members of organized groups and those with low incomes.

The federal government also has intervened in policing misleading advertising on health insurance.

The attitude of the medical profession has been of prime importance.

From an initial resistance to any outside pressure which would interfere with the traditional relationship of doctor and patient, most of them realize that the alternative is some sort of government plan. For a second, many doctors are now getting bills paid—and paid quickly—as never before.

Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

To the observant woodsman, tracks left around by animals in dust, mud, sand and particularly fresh-fallen snow tell many stories—the common expression is that they can be read like an open book.

But even without leaving his chair, a man with a pen in his hand and a scratch pad can make tracks which also speak volumes—but mostly what goes on in his mind. Helen King a recent visitor to San Francisco told me.

Doodle Expert King—she recently wrote Your Doodles and What They Mean (Fleet, N. Y.)—holds that the doodle is something of a dream, made by the hand unconsciously while the mind is occupied with other thoughts. As such, the doodle she states can reveal drives and longings that shape the person's personality and reveal it even more accurately than handwriting can.

These "artistic" efforts, she said, need not reflect an unhappy state of mind at all. Often, in fact, they express worthy interests and aspirations.

By looking at the mental tracks, she says, she can often find hidden tensions—strains relating to business, social or family life.

Once you are on the prowl for them—and Helen King has been hunting them down for more than 22 years and has thousands of samples—you'll find them almost everywhere. On scratch pads, table cloths, important correspondence, unpaid bills, telephone booth and public washroom walls, the dusty sides of trailer trucks. And one can even go back to the primitive doodles of cavemen.

Miss King refrained to express herself on the caveman's longings.

Work of Reformed Smoker

In analyzing the complicated doodles of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Miss King said that they are the work of a reformed smoker with a bad case of frayed nerves despite his will power and determination. (He gave up smoking five years ago on the advice of his physician and has thrown himself into doodling, says Miss King, as a release of energies formerly soothed by the nicotine habit.)

The danger of possible security leaks first focused attention on Dulles' doodles—he decorates whole pages of notepaper with artistic designs and patterns during Security Council sessions, Presidential talks, diplomatic conferences, or when appearing before Congressional committees.

Usually his doodles have a decidedly geometrical flavor, a tip-off says Miss King that he is a forceful, aggressive planner. Sometimes even though his exterior may appear relaxed, he is furious inside and may make a doodle of an axe or a hammer—a dead give-away to a diplomat sitting across the table from him, providing he knows how to interpret it.

Indication of Tension

Occasionally Dulles shades, pointed out Miss King, this said is generally an indication of tension, especially with these geometric designs. The degree of shading varies—for example during a recent committee hearing when his budget was raked over the coals, the shading was heavy and revealed considerable tension and hostility.

Perhaps the easiest read doodle occurred last year in Lansing, Mich. There a burglar broke into an office and after pocketing all the available loot, couldn't resist sitting down and making a doodle and then blotting it. "The police didn't even need a specialist to figure

Grange Notes

Phoenix Grange

Phoenix Grange met Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 8 p.m. Master Dee Hendrickson presiding. This being a social, only urgent business matters were attended to.

The names of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Whiteside were presented for Grange membership. Mrs. Olin Poe of the hospitality committee welcomed Jackson county Pomona Master Bob Bitterling and Mrs. Bitterling, and several of our own members who have not attended meetings for some time.

The chaplain reported George Drake as recuperating at home following surgery in Sacred Heart hospital, and that a phone call had been received from Mrs. Drake stating that he was improving satisfactorily and wished to thank the Grange for the flowers received while he was in the hospital.

On the display table were several pieces of hand-made lace, some more than 100 years old and a glass bread-plate bearing the inscription "Give us this day our daily bread," which was also more than 100 years old, all keepsakes of Mrs. Al. Schroeder.

The secretary said the sales slip project was gaining and that the amount derived from that source last quarter amounted to \$6.90.

Mrs. Cox reminded all those having sales slips for this quarter to turn them in to her as soon as possible in order to get them to the State Grange before the deadline.

The secretary read an invitation from Upper Applegate Grange to attend the dedication ceremony of their new hall Sunday, Oct. 13, at 2 p.m., and requested that they be informed of the number from Phoenix Grange intending to attend. Ten members present signified their intentions. If there are others who wish to attend please inform secretary Lesbia Lattie.

Nominations for State Grange officers were held.

Speaks Briefly

Pomona Master Bob Bitterling and Mrs. Bitterling each spoke briefly. Bitterling thanked Phoenix Grange for the invitation to hold the Oct. 26 Pomona meeting at Phoenix, Lake Creek being unable to be host this quarter, as had been stated in the Grange bulletin. This will be an all day meeting, and the canned fruit and jelly judging will be held.

Grange council will meet Saturday, Oct. 12, at Eagle Point.

Phoenix HEC will meet at the Grange hall for a clean-up day with a potluck dinner at noon, Wednesday, Oct. 16.

The program included games arranged by The Three Graces, Mrs. Sol Cox, Mrs. Vaughn Quackenbush and Mrs. Myrtle Ferns.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 and refreshments were served by

out this one," said Miss King. "All they had to do was to invert the fancy scrawled doodle—and look up the name in the phone book, and pick him up." (Copyright, 1957, Eugene Burns)

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Hillcrest Girls Stage Disturbance

Salem — Twenty-three girls were confined to segregation at Hillcrest school for girls here today following a disturbance in which the school superintendent was held at bay for a time with a fire extinguisher.

The disturbance was Tuesday night. It was revealed Thursday following an investigation by the State Board of Control.

Several window panes were broken, and damage was done to dishes, chairs and other fixtures before the ruckus was broken up.

Superintendent Marjorie McBride, who was held at bay for a time by a girl with a squirting fire extinguisher, said the disturbance began in the kitchen of the administration building. It then spread to Scott cottage.

Miss McBride said not all the girls were confined to segregation for direct participation in the disturbance. Six girls were segregated because of "loyalty" to the girls first involved.

Damage was estimated at \$100. Most of it will be taken out of allowances of girls involved.

Gov. Robert D. Holmes and Secretary of State Mark Hatfield said everything was under control at the institution today.

About Time

Grafton, Mass. — For the first time, this 222-year-old town recently adopted a set of traffic regulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Poe, Mrs. Gladys Sloan and Charles Setchell.

HEC chairman Coral Schroeder announced that at the next Grange meeting Oct. 8 there would be no serving committee appointed and requested Grange ladies to bring cookies.

Wall Street Trying To Determine Depths Of Market Decline

By ELMER C. WALZER
United Press Financial Editor

New York — Wall Street is trying to determine the depths to which this decline will carry the stock market.

Many observers believe that the worst has been seen temporarily. But they look for further tests of the lows, and some predict that the bottom of the decline will be much nearer to the 400-level than the present figure.

The market Wednesday touched an intraday low of 459.19 in the industrials. That was more than 2 points below the 1957 low of 454.82 made at the close on Feb. 12. On that day, however, the low touched was 453.07.

In the previous session, the industrials came back more than two points from the low and closed at 456.95, still off 5.92 points on the day. Ralls and utilities also made small recoveries from their lows.

Helped Along by Bears

This upturn came just before the close. It was helped along by covering by bears who had anticipated possible market strength around 455 and wanted to be out of their commitments near that level.

Despite the decline which has eroded by \$32 billion or 14 percent, Wall Street isn't discouraged.

The long pull outlook is bullish, says Eldon A. Grimm, analyst for Walston & Co.

"No one knows exactly how

low the stock market may go," he adds. "But here's one comforting thing — the market almost always makes its low before business turns up."

Someday, Grimm says, the Federal Reserve will just have to allow sufficient credit for an expanding economy.

Partial Squeeze On

"Right now," he concludes, "a partial squeeze is on. But remember this, we are witnessing a tremendous advance in inventions and technology, and the future must bring new highs in a lot of things."

Gerald M. Loeb, a senior partner of E. F. Hutton & Co. be-

lieves it will take time to correct both the fundamentals and the technical situation.

In the meantime, Loeb says cash should be kept on hand to take advantage of buying opportunities that should develop later.

L. O. Hooper notes that the 450-460 level has been a support area for a long time; 458.21 on Jan. 3, 1956; 460.41 on Nov. 29, 1956; and 453.07 on Feb. 12, 1957.

There's also a triple top: 521.05, April 6, 1956; 520.95, Aug. 2, 1956; and 520.77 on July 12.

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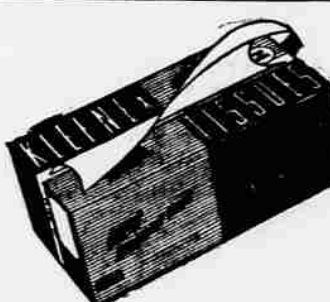
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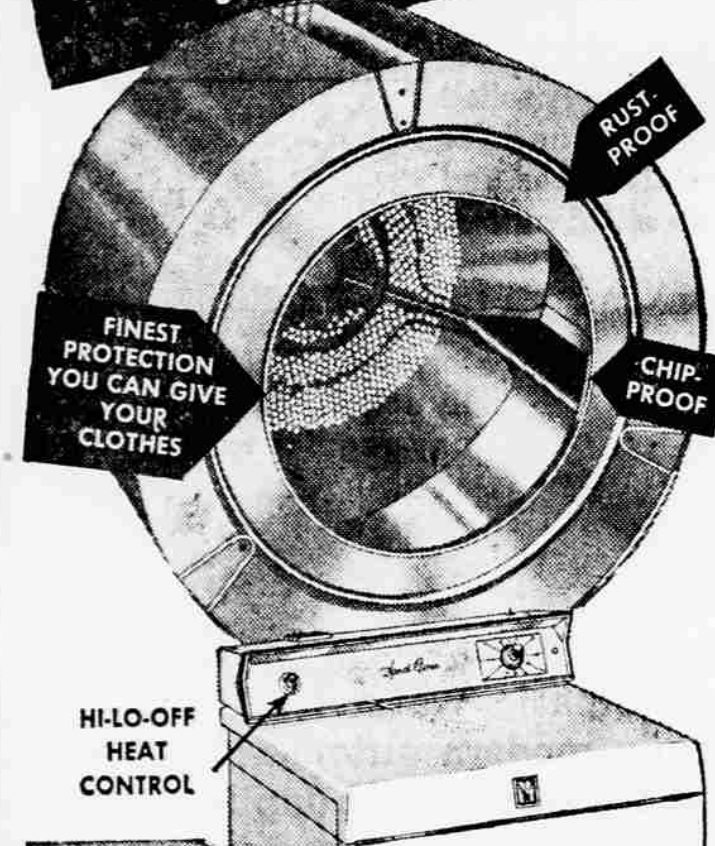
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