

The Medical Roundup

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ADHESIONS

Recently, I have had a number of people ask me if they should have an operation for adhesions. For a while I had been thinking that the diagnosis of adhesions had gone into the discard, together with diagnoses of intestinal autointoxication, enteropneumosis, tipping-back of the womb, loose kidney, and chronic appendicitis. As I have often said in this column, it may be that there are such abnormalities, and it may be that rarely they give trouble; but in the past, I fear that many of us physicians have used these diagnoses largely to please a woman who would have gotten angry if told the truth, which was that all her troubles were due to her nervousness, her bad temper, or her tendency to fuss at everybody and everything.

As to adhesions, all I can say is that in my 25 years at the Mayo Clinic I never heard of anyone there making that diagnosis, and I never saw a patient operated on for it. The surgeons found plenty of adhesions at many an operation, and at many an autopsy, but they never could feel sure that these questions had played any part in producing the patient's symptoms. Usually, when at an operation for something or other, the surgeon found a lot of adhesions, he didn't bother to try to tear them all apart, because he knew that they would probably form again.

I'll never forget one day when my old friend, Dr. H. E. Robertson, the great pathologist (ex-

pert on diseases as found in a dead body) showed me the body of a man who had died of heart trouble. What was most unusual was that his abdomen was so full of adhesions that he had practically no abdominal cavity. Every loop of his bowel was fastened to some other loop. But strange to say, when Dr. Robertson questioned the man's wife with great care, she said that he had always eaten three square meals a day with pleasure and comfort; he hadn't known what indigestion was, and he had never had a stomach ache!

If I were still teaching undergraduate or graduate students, I would devote much of my time each week to showing the young men cases like the one just described in which tremendous abnormalities produced no symptoms. Then, perhaps, when a very nervous woman came in with some "butterflies" in her abdomen the young doctors wouldn't jump to the conclusion that her troubles were due to adhesions.

Portland Man Jailed On Check Charges

Alfred Smith Price Jr., 26, of Portland, was lodged in the Jackson county jail Friday afternoon on charges of uttering and publishing a false check.

Price told state police, who arrested him Thursday night for driving a car without tail lights, that he had cashed more than 140 checks in the Pacific Northwest during the past year. Police said he told them he cashed four checks totaling about \$50 in Medford early in November.

State police said Price cashed the checks at grocery stores after selecting several articles.

ILLINOIS VALLEY Drive Nets Over \$1,200

By HELEN BOTTLE

Cave Junction—Over \$1,200, including pledges, has been collected for the United Fund drive in the Illinois Valley, according to chairman Mrs. Harry Floyd. Volunteer workers in several outlying areas had not yet reported as the drive reached its close, the chairman added.

Mrs. Floyd has also been asked to organize bloodmobile work to be conducted next month in the valley. The Red Cross unit will be at the Legion hall in Cave Junction Dec. 13, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Local quota is set at 125 pints.

Until Nov. 1 of this year, says Mrs. Floyd, a total of 43 pints of whole blood has been used for Illinois Valley patients in Josephine General hospital.

A benefit dance for the widow and sons of Shelby (Curly) Robinson is being planned by the Kerby Eagles Lodge for Thanksgiving eve, Nov. 27, at the American Legion hall in Cave Junction.

Mr. Robinson was a charter member of the local lodge. His many friends in southern Oregon and northern California are invited to attend the dance which will begin about 9 p.m. A Grants Pass orchestra has been secured.

Mrs. Robinson, her mother-in-law, Mrs. Ada Robinson, and her daughter Norma Fay Spencer, returned to Fortuna Tuesday with the two Robinson boys. Plans for the future are still indefinite.

Bob Keller, who purchased the A. K. Smith property on the Caves highway last year, has built a series of trout ponds and is planning to put in around 75,000 eggs next month. He will raise fish commercially in the ponds which average 100 by 50 feet and are from nine to 10 feet deep.

John and Emma Abernathy and their 10-month-old son, Douglas, were guests last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Martin in Cave Junction.

Abernathy, the son of Mrs. Martin, was publisher of the Illinois Valley News about six years ago. He is currently with the personnel division of Aerinks, Inc., Washington, D.C. The family, who lives at Kensington, Md., made the trip to the coast by air.

Election of officers is set for Dec. 2, it was announced Monday night at the regular meeting of Bethel No. 36, International Order of Jobs Daughters. Open installation will be held in January.

Scott Turner of Cave Junction will undergo heart surgery next Wednesday at the University of Oregon Medical hospital at Portland. He has been in the hospital for two weeks, and must remain there for an additional two weeks following surgery.

Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Dick Nealy of Grants Pass, Turner's sister, will leave for Portland Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eddy of Cave Junction were called to Corvallis this week by the death of Mrs. Eddy's uncle. Mrs. Don Smith is caring for the Eddy children during their absence.

Mechanized cowboys and cow-

girls in pick-up trucks herded some 100 head of heifers down the Caves highway and up to the Redwood highway to Rockydale road Monday afternoon when an Illinois Valley dairy herd moved from its summer pasture on the Clyde Broeffle ranch to winter headquarters at the dairy.

Ortis Seat was in Los Angeles last week, attending his brother, Orval, who underwent major surgery recently. Seat terminated his summer work at the Redwood Highway inspection station Nov. 13. The winter crew now consists of five men.

Ed George Jr. no longer believes in the basic goodness of man. Running out of gas around midnight Thursday, he trudged a mile for a refill. And returned to find the spare tire stolen from his car. The theft occurred on the flats just north of O'Brien.

Mrs. William Weingart entered Sacred Heart hospital in Medford Tuesday for eye surgery which was performed Wednesday morning.

A birthday dinner party honoring Mrs. Olive Berkner and her daughter, Marilyn Sams, was given Monday at the home of Mrs. Berkner's sister, Mrs. Doris Boyd.

Guests were Edna Hoskins, Frances Wilhelms, Audrey Lemmon, Phyllis Wilber, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Wilber, Roberta Boyd and the honorees.

Dinner guests at the Earl Boyd home Thursday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Spitz and their son, Norman.

Clifford Sowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Sowell of Cave Junction, is home from Japan where he served as specialist third class in the Army Signal corps at Camp Zama near Tokyo.

Now a member of the Army reserves, Sowell plans to stay in Cave Junction for the present, assisting his father on the William Sowell Logging operations.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jansson and son, Leslie Roy, returned last week from Twin Falls, Idaho, where they had spent their vacation with Jansson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jansson.

The elder Janssons returned with the family to Cave Junction where they will stay for two weeks.

Home from Ashland is Mrs. Art Williams of O'Brien, who stayed with her niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kannasto and daughter during Mrs. Kannasto's recent attack of Asian flu.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Kannasto (Shirley O'Brien) are teachers in the Phoenix school system.

Received as new members of the auxiliary of Veterans of World War I last Tuesday were Mrs. Mae Myers and Mrs. Maude Charlton.

Art Kellert and his son, George, filled their elk tags on a trip to the ohn Day area.

David Knight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knight of Westside road, has started work as a custodian at Oregon Caves. He re-



TV COORDINATOR — Honor Stansbury, sophomore student at Southern Oregon college from Medford, holds the newly established position of student television coordinator. She will work under Hugh G. Simpson, public relations director. As coordinator, she will organize programs for the "College Hour" on KBES-TV Sunday afternoon, contact personnel involved and plan production of programs. Simpson explained. Saturday night she was crowned queen of the Winter Forest formal sponsored annually by the men's dormitory.

cently received his Army discharge from Fort Ord.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cavyell left Atoka, Tenn., last last week for Cave Junction, where they will spend the Thanksgiving holidays with Mrs. Cavyell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crowl.

Cavyell has graduated from his training course at Memphis Naval Air Base, and will be stationed at a California base.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cornett of Kerby purchased the Will Benjamin home on Rockydale road last week, and moved in over the week end.

29-Minute Film on Library To Be Shown

"Books For All," a 29-minute film will be shown on KBES-TV Sunday, Nov. 24 at 2:30 p.m.

The picture tells the story of one family recently moved into a small community from a large city, and how they learn the county library can serve their various needs. The rotating collection of books and the inter-library loan are only two of the advantages of belonging to a larger system.

"Books For All" was planned over a two-year period by a joint committee of the New York Library association and Library Trustees Foundation, under the chairmanship of Winifred K. Harper, of the Buffalo and Erie County Public library, Buffalo, N. Y.

The Sunday showing in Jackson County was made possible through the interest of the state library which lent the film to the Medford Public library for this purpose. The presentation is a final observance of Children's Book Week and "Know Your Public Library Month."

WOMAN PROMOTED

Tokyo — As another sign of changing times in Japan, the Ministry of Postal Services has elevated a woman to the post of section-chief for the first time in its history. Mrs. Yoshie Ooyone, 56, who has been working in the post office since 1917, was promoted Friday on the recommendation of vice minister of postal services. Mrs. Hideko Mogami who said she wanted to see more women holding higher positions.

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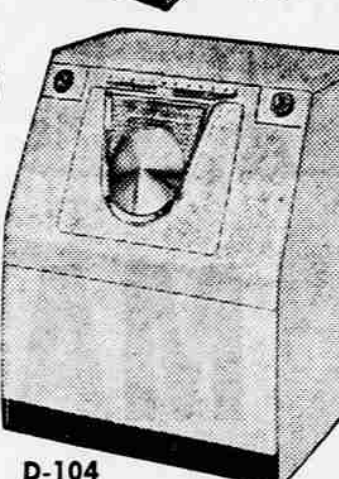
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