

The Medical Roundup

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There is a fine booklet on the education of the exceptional child (Porter Sargent, 11 Beacon st., Boston 8, Mass. This and other books published by Mr. Sargent can be of tremendous help to the parents of gifted children when they are puzzled over what to do with their child. Those of us, who a year or so ago watched on television the little boy who answered with ease questions on science which would have stumped anyone but a physicist or electrician, must have wondered how he is going to come through the trials he must face in the next 10 years.

What, for instance, can an ordinary high school do for a child like that? When in many fields he knows so much more than his teacher knows, how can he help him or lead him or guide him? Should he be allowed to rush on, far ahead of his class, or should he be held back? Should he be sent to a special school? Is it wise to let a child like that go to Harvard when he is 14? Will he be happy there? Will he get too far out of step with his generation? Will he be like one of America's geniuses who, when he was a youth, felt like committing suicide—he was so lonely, so unable to converse with anyone of his age.

Morse Successful
Dr. Lewis Terman, one of the world's experts on this problem of the education of gifted children, said that his 30-year follow-up of the careers of the 1,000 gifted children he studied, had shown that those who were accelerated in their schooling by even three years were usually more successful in their later life than were the equally bright children who were held back in the lock-step of a school that was designed for the average plodding child.

It would seem obvious that the gifted child should have a special type of education, designed just for him. Many parents of average children may deeply resent this appearance of favoritism, but they shouldn't. They must remember that the gifted children in our country are our greatest assets, and so every effort should be made to help them move ahead and get the education they can use later to such great advantage. Commonly, these children, when

they reach their 20's, do magnificent work in the sciences. They can solve so quickly problems which an average person like me could never figure out.

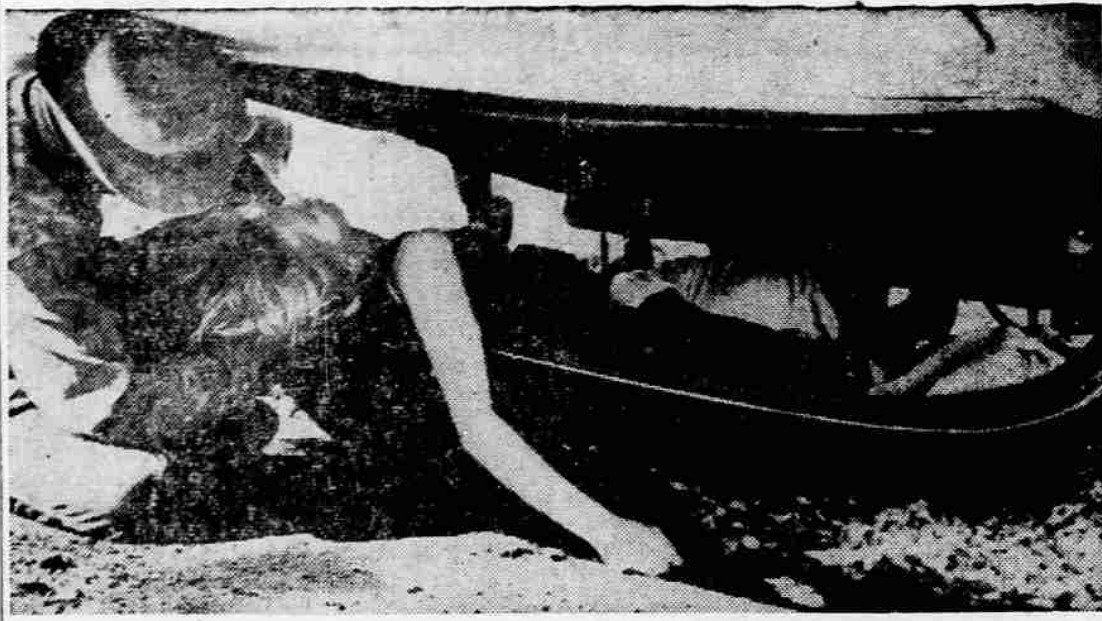
Oftentimes, a child who is a bit of a genius is not even recognized as such in school. He gets so bored by the slow pace of teaching in his school-room that he is inclined to get into mischief. Often his teacher complains to his mother that he is lazy and lacks purpose. Even when he gets to college, he may have trouble because he may refuse to bother with courses in subjects that do not interest him. Also, he may quickly become so fascinated by research in some subject that he will spend practically all day and every day in his favorite laboratory.

Certainly, the parent of the highly gifted child needs guidance and special knowledge. Fortunately, books are now being written to help him. Does Exertion Bring a Heart Attack?

Nowadays, many wives are constantly warning their aging husbands not to exert themselves; they so fear that they might get a heart attack. It is perfectly true that, occasionally, a none-too-strong middle-aged or elderly man will drop dead while shoveling snow or wrestling with an automobile tire, or trying to walk through heavy snow but, actually, all but a few heart attacks come while the person is quiet and at rest, perhaps sitting reading, or perhaps even asleep in bed. Some studies reported a while ago by Dr. J. L. Richardson showed that only three of 100 patients got their attack while engaged in some unusual exertion. The first man got his first attack while lifting a heavy object out of his car, but this did not mean much because, for some time, he had been accustomed to doing this. His second attack woke him at two in the morning.

The second man got his first attack while walking up a steep grade, but his second attack came while he was asleep at three in the morning. The third man had his first attack 10 minutes after he had a heated argument; but this probably didn't mean much because he always was having heated arguments; he was that kind of a man.

Other similar studies, such



TRAGIC END TO SWIMMING PARTY—Unidentified man holds Ruth Olson, 15, of Chicago, after she and four other teen-agers were injured in a head-on collision with a truck. She died soon after. The youths were returning from a swimming party. The others were hospitalized.

as those of Dr. Master of New York, have also shown that coronary thrombosis can come at any time of the day or night, and is not related, usually, to the person's activity or even his emotional state.

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.

10-Year-Old Grabbed by Bear

Racine, Wis.—A brown bear at the Racine Zoo grabbed the right arm of a 10-year-old Waukegan, Ill., girl Friday and badly mangled it before being driven off by zoo keepers.

Harvey Schemel, a keeper at the zoo, said Mary Heibner reached over a fence in front of a barred outdoor cage

where the bears are kept and got her arm stuck.

The bear, about four years old and weighing 175 pounds, grabbed at her arm as it dangled into the cage "bit it several times" below the elbow, Schemel said.

Schemel said he and several other keepers drove the bear off with iron rods.

Holmes Criticizes Federal Policies Encouraging Building 'Wrong Dams'

Washington—Gov. Robert D. Holmes of Oregon Friday criticized federal water policies which he said encourages the building of "wrong dams in the wrong places at the wrong time."

Holmes urged enactment of legislation which would set up a national corporation to manage Pacific Northwest power development. This, he said, would avert the "evil consequences of continuing the recent tendency of the federal government to with-

draw from its responsibilities. The bill was offered by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.).

Holmes said in a statement filed with Neuberger's senate public works subcommittee that the bill would evoke "cries of socialism only from those who have a vested interest in perpetuating confusion."

Sen. Henry Dworshak (R-Iowa) and Thomas W. Delzell, chairman of the board of the Portland General Electric company, both testified in opposition to the bill.

Dworshak, favoring interstate compacts instead of regional corporations, complained that under the bill Idaho might not be represented on the board of directors, although the state furnishes much of the area's water.

Delzell said the bill, "in general . . . appears to be

Durante Guest of Local Realty Board

Richard Durante, recipient of a \$250 scholarship given by the Medford Realty Board, was honor guest of the board at its bi-monthly luncheon meeting Friday at the Medford hotel.

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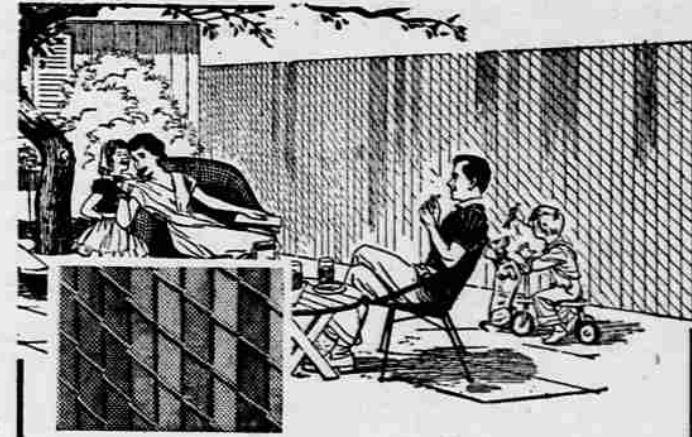
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