

Medical Profession Warned on Dangers Of Narcotics Use

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New York—(UPI)—A seldom-mentioned fact of life (outside professional circles) is that some doctors' nurses, and druggists become narcotic addicts, since they have easy access to narcotics. It is mentioned here because all those professionals have had a new, forceful warning of the personal tragedy which awaits anyone who falls into the narcotic trap.

The warner, Dr. Edward R. Bloomquist, of the College of Medical Evangelists, Los Angeles, estimated that this terrifying menace of narcotic addiction every year subtracts enough members from the medical profession to fill the annual graduating class of one of the nation's largest medical schools.

The physician's chief defensive weapon against this professional danger is, he said, "an awareness of the personal hazard involved in misuse of narcotics and the ease with which addiction can occur." A doctor who really understands the problem and is practical enough to recognize his human frailty seldom if ever gets addicted, he said. But "ego is a powerful thing," he continued, "and members of the medical profession exhibit one reason for addiction that should never exist among intelligent people—a personal scorn for narcotics and a desire to prove to themselves or others that they

can personally utilize them without detriment."

While it is true, statistically, that most addicts are "slum-bred" and have criminal records, addicts can come from any social class, he said, and "once addiction begins, the doctor begins to reason as any other addict does in time of stress. He loses his sense of responsibility. He becomes withdrawn and thinks in logic-tight compartments. Physically, morally and spiritually he moves into the gutter, elbowing his way into a society of felons."

No matter the background of addicts, they all "fear pain, whether physical or psychological."

Constant Tension
Hereditarily, environment or both have given them an insecure ego which frequently leaves them shy and diffident. All may be well with them until they discover that narcotics can give them "a synthetic feeling of security."

The insecure among physicians, nurses, and druggists have greater opportunity to make this discovery, since they work professionally with narcotics. Add to this the constant tension involved in the practice of medicine with its long hours, unintelligently planned vacations, use of alcohol or sedatives with their inevitable side reactions and you see how addiction can happen to people who of all people should know better, he said.

Bloomquist is an authority on anesthesiology. His warning was circulated among the health professions in the technical journal of the American Academy of General Practice.



TELLING POLICE "I don't know why I shot them," Bruce Ginn, 18, gazes passively at pistol he used in killing his brother, Edward, 14, and family dog at their Altadena, Calif., home. Authorities are seeking motive.

The Family Council

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Mrs. L. T. — We're afraid Al is headed for trouble.
Alfred T. — It's all up to the girl.

Mrs. L. T. — My husband and I are terribly upset over the behavior of our son, who has just turned 17. We brought up our children properly — I thought. But apparently our teaching hasn't taken very well.

Al went out recently with the daughter of a neighbor of ours. The girl is 15, and I always thought, a very lovely girl. When the girl didn't come home on time, her father stepped outside nervously to look for them. He found them in a parked car doing some very heavy petting.

The neighbors say they blame their own daughter most, but they feel that our son is also responsible. They had approved her going out with him because they thought he was a gentleman. We are terribly worried that he's headed for serious trouble.

Alfred T. — In the first place, I can't see any harm in just petting. As long as the girl knows her limits, no "serious trouble" is going to happen. After all, it is natural for us teen-agers to want to enjoy some physical affection with the opposite sex. It certainly can't be healthy to have to wait for another four or five years or so until we get married.

In the second place, everyone knows it's entirely up to the girl. No decent guy will use any undue pressure, but it is natural for him to want

to go as far as possible—just as it's natural for the girl to set the limits.

My parents have both been treating me as though I'm a villain or something since this thing happened. As if they didn't do the same things in their youth!

The Council: The L.T.'s may have given Al a proper upbringing in a general way, but more than generalizations are required at adolescence.

Al appears to have a lot of misinformation about what is "natural" and "healthy." He could not have gotten this information from current medical or religious sources. It is all the type of early adolescent bull session talk that takes place among teenagers, who have not been exposed to specific and reliable information about sex and marriage.

It is certainly a step in the right direction that the L.T.'s are deeply concerned and do not simply place the blame on the girl. Their attitude should have been known to Al long ago. Then he could not possibly argue as he now does.

Al appears to be rather arrogant in his defense of himself, and this is a pretty fair sign that he feels that he is not on firm ground. He probably very much wants more specific sex information as well as moral guidance. If the L.T.'s do not feel quite up to providing both they should see that he gets it from the best possible outside sources—a doctor and clergyman.

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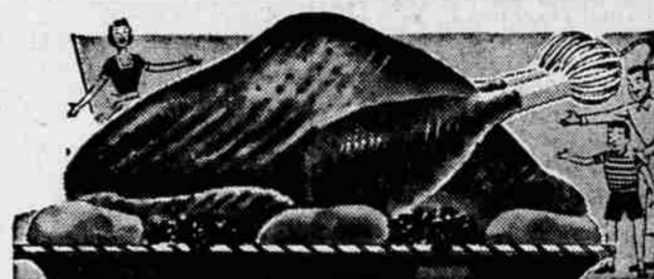


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