

Eruptive Diseases Of Skin Traced To Disturbed Emotions

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New York — (UPI) — At least 18 eruptive diseases of the skin have been traced to disturbed emotions. This is the information of people skeptical or curious about the mind influencing the body.



"Some skin diseases are so commonly associated with emotional disturbances that the nature of the dermatologic (skin) condition itself sometimes suggests the possibility of psychogenesis" (that is, the disease was set off by the mind), said Dr. Philip F. D. Seitz.

Seitz advised somatic physicians to think of this question when confronted by a skin eruption for which they find no body cause: "Immediately prior to, and at the time of onset of the cutaneous disorder, were there disturbing life experiences that might account for emotional upheaval?"

He said some "life situations were especially prone to precipitate chronic states of emotional tension" which could have eruptive reactions in the skin. He listed them as:

- Friction inside the family; death of a loved one; marriage; leaving home; rivalries among brothers and/or sisters; birth of a child; a new member entering the family group, especially if an in-law; love affairs, trouble with the boss and increased responsibility, no matter the kind.

Dates for Summer Training Announced

The annual National Guard summer training program will be held June 13 through 27, according to 1st Lt. Donald M. Ivie, commanding officer of headquarters company, First Battalion, and 1st Lt. Jack C. Phillips, commanding officer of company A, 186th Infantry.

They reported that the local guard units will leave Medford by train at midnight June 12.

A total of \$52,012.08 in salary payments has been made to the members of the local units during the past year, administration personnel of the units report. This amount, it was explained, does not include the pay of six regularly assigned administration personnel.

The average American travels about 4,300 miles a year.



SEEKING TO EASE BERLIN tension and to find if there is any real hope of ending the cold war, President Eisenhower meets with Russia's Deputy Premier Anastas I. Mikoyan and U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles in Washington, D. C. Standing, left, U. S. Ambassador Llewellyn Thompson and Mikhail Menshikov, Russian ambassador to the United States. Mikoyan met President, Dulles Saturday at capital.

Boy Scouts Official Visits Local Council

Horace Gorton, assistant director of the volunteer training service of the Boy Scouts of America, arrived in Medford Monday for a two-day service visit to the Crater Lake Council.

Gorton met with the Roaring Rogue district leadership training committee Monday night in Grants Pass and the Big Pines district leadership training committee today in Medford, John J. Patton, chairman of the council's leadership training committee, announced.

Gorton also met with the Exploring Committee of the three-county Crater Lake Council this morning and had two meetings with the council's executive staff, Patton said.

Plans will also be made for a return visit so that the representative of the national organization may assist in a series of "train-the-trainer" meetings, Patton explained.

More than 85 billion paper towels were used up in the United States in 1958, according to The Tissue Association, Inc., which figured it out to 500 paper towels for every man, woman and child in the country.

Court Says Pound Should be Moved

The Jackson county dog pound should be moved to some other section of the county, County Judge Earl Miller said today.

"I'm not a bit proud of the pound but don't think it is as bad as has been stated," Miller said. "Under certain weather conditions it can be bad. It should be located in some remote part of the county."

Judge Miller said last week end he had received many telephone calls on the condition of the pound.

Judge Miller said more adequate dog control measures are needed and the general public should be encouraged to take better care of their dogs instead of letting them run loose. One means of better dog control might be to raise the license fee of unspayed female dogs to \$5, he suggested. It is now \$2.50.

County Commissioner Chester Wendt said the dog pound has to dispose of an average of 200 dogs a month. The problem is what to do with all the dogs brought in, Wendt commented. The present facilities

Eagle Point Juniors Schedule Class Play

Eagle Point — The junior class at Eagle Point High school will present the play "Class King" Thursday, Jan. 22, at the grade school gymnasium. It will start at 8 p.m.

The three act play is directed by Miss Yetta Olson assisted by Pat Clave.

Cast members include Lana McGraw, Pat Kaiser, Judi Hannah, Bev Tresham, Karen Walton, Sandy Smith, Molly Gregg, Ann Higday, Bob Asali, Rolf Gusland, Duane Anderson, Max Hawks, Dewey Herderson and Bill Harmon.

New Orleans (UPI) — Future farms will be "run like an efficient factory" with electrical appliances performing every chore from milking cows to irrigating fields and cleaning out the barns. So says G. C. Rawls, vice president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, who told a conference on rural electrification here that even pig pens will be air-conditioned.

Cancerous Cells Result of Straying From Nature's Way

Editor's note: This is the second of four dispatches on latest developments in the war on cancer.

By PATRICIA McCORMACK
New York — (UPI) — Cells are your body's building blocks. When they go about their business as nature intended, there is orderly growth.

But when they stray from nature's way, they turn out grotesque, mixed-up cells. Unless the body can beat them into submission, eventually there is cancer.

The law-breaking cells zig when they should zag, go the wrong way on one-way streets, run through red lights and stop at green ones. Some of the anti-social cells turn out their grotesque descendants very slowly. Others, very fast. And some, oddly, get to a certain size, stay that way for a long time and then blaze out all over the body like a flash fire.

Some Depart
Confounding the cancer scene are some malignancies that grow to great size and then, without any treatment, turn on their heels and depart. When this happens, it is called "spontaneous remission of cancer."

Cancer has many faces. It can look like a small or a large cluster of grapes. Some tumors are smaller than a walnut; others, big as a lemon, grapefruit or basketball. Some may be long like a dog's hind leg. Some look like a mixture of all these things.

Leukemia, cancer of the blood, is so small that it can be seen best through a microscope. It gets into the blood-cell factory in bone marrow and mixes up the production schedule.

One out of two cancers will yield to surgery and radiation. Through these tools, the cancer is apprehended somewhat like a criminal who is caught and jailed.

All-out victory in the war on cancer hinges on answers to such questions as these: "What is cancer? How can it be prevented? Why will one in four contract the disease, why will three in four escape?"

Questions Unanswered
These big questions in cancer are yet to be answered.

Dr. Michael B. Shimkin, of the National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, Md., says it can be "considered established" that cancer is a disease of the cell and that this disease is transferred to descendants of the cell.

He continued: "Preoccupation with cause usually means that the event is ill understood. And in cancer this is, indeed, so."

But Dr. James R. Heller, director of the National Cancer Institute, sees science "on the verge of major breakthroughs." To which, Dr. Lowell T. Coggshall, president of the American Cancer Society, comments: "I cannot tell you that this is so but neither can I dispute it. The blueprint is beginning to evolve."

Dr. C. P. Rhoads, director of the Sloan-Kettering Institute, New York, summarizes one big gain during the last decade by saying:

"The most basic and beautiful scientific work has been done in defining the details of the dynamic, constant and specific construction of the chemicals which control inherited traits, thus life itself, and necessarily, cancer as well, since it (cancer) is a mutated and abnormal life."

This new knowledge, according to Dr. Rhoads, "will bring cancer palliation and cure in the future if given a chance to do so."

More Than One Route
At Children's Hospital in Boston, Dr. Sidney Farber, a Harvard Medical School professor and member of the National Advisory Cancer Council, said:

"It is quite probable that the goals to be achieved in the problem of cancer will be reached eventually by more than one route."

Dr. Wendell M. Stanley, Nobel-prize winning scientist, has long believed that viruses have much to do with human cancer since viruses have been found to cause cancer in all other forms of life, with few exceptions. In France, Belgium and the United States recently, specks of virus have been spotted in microscopic slices of cells from human leukemia victims. Virus particles also have been found in specks of tissue from patients with cancer of the colon.

we are now in a very exciting era where it is almost impossible to foretell the future."

Dr. Heller takes this view: "If and when we establish the virus as a causative agent in cancer, then we are around the corner from a vaccine." (Next: Drugs Against Cancer)

Pacific Northwest Co. Elects Two Officers

Seattle—The Pacific Northwest company board of directors have announced the election of Robert E. Daniel as president and Lyle F. Wilson as chairman of the board.

Edmund E. Hass, a vice president of the company, is manager of the firm's Medford branch.

Daniel has been with the company for 27 years and has been executive vice president for the past four years. Wilson started his business career in 1923 with the investment house of Ferris & Hardgrove which became affiliated with Pacific Northwest Company in 1929. For the past four years Wilson has been president.

The greatest single cause of mortality among infants at or about the time of birth even at sea level, is fetal anoxia—insufficient supply of oxygen to the fetus.

Oregonians Held for Altering \$1 Bill

San Anselmo — (UPI) — Two Oregon men today faced charges that they tried to pass an altered \$1 bill to a filling station attendant here.

The men were also booked for possession of two slot machines, which are illegal in California.

Police said Robert M. Porter, 25, Bandon, and John Franklin Wilson, 25, no home town given, tried to pass the dollar bill, which had been cut and repasted to look like a \$10 note.

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