

Better Operation Found for Palsy Foot Deformity

Chicago (Science Service)—One of the more common foot deformities found among victims of cerebral palsy can now be treated by a more effective operation, two Rhode Island physicians reported here today.

The deformity is called spastic equinus. The afflicted must walk on their toes. They are unable to touch the ground with their heels. For decades, the standard operation for the condition has been to cut the Achilles tendon. Thus the calf muscle of the leg will no longer pull up the heel.

But the results of this "old" operation have been disappointing, Drs. Carol M. Silver and Stanley D. Simon of Providence, told doctors attending the meeting of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons here.

The Rhode Island surgeons reported 110 cases of spastic equinus that have received a "new" operation that brought effective and reliable results. Only five failures have occurred among these.

The operation consists of lowering the two-jointed gastrocnemius, the large muscle in the back of the leg, to below the level of the knee joint, converting it into a one-jointed muscle. This procedure eliminates the deforming factor.

The surgeons urged that the operation be performed on children before they pass the age of three years. The average youngster was admitted to the hospital the day prior to the operation and was discharged three days after its performance.

'Lucy Goes To Alaska' Made Liberal Use of Shopworn Sequences

By WILLIAM EWALD
New York—(UPI)—Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, cemented to a frozen script, idled through a bleak and blanched CBS-TV special Monday night.



The hour was titled "Lucy Goes to Alaska" and although Lucy and Desi filmed some of it in Alaska, it might just as well have been shot inside their sponsor's refrigerators. The program made scant use of its Alaskan settings.

It did, however, make liberal use of Alaskan clichés:

Dog Patiently Waits for Master

Goldboro, N.C.—(UPI)—Mack Seymour's bird dog looks on as officers place his master under arrest for public drunkenness.

Seymour is led away toward the jail. The dog follows.

The prisoner is booked and taken to a cell. Seymour urges that the dog be allowed to share his cell. Jailer L. R. Cobb refuses.

Seymour is locked in the cell.

The dog lies down in the corridor, stretches his paw between the bars and into his master's hand. And he sleeps there until Seymour's "drying out" period is over and he can be released on bond.

It happened here Monday.

Colorado became a state in the Union in 1876.

The Eskimo who strikes it rich, the entrapment in a comic blizzard, the supposed primitive hotel accommodations, plus hack jokes about cold, snow and even one that went "be it ever so humble that's no place like Nome."

When the script ran out of new country clichés, it hugged to itself old country clichés. Two of the principal comic bits of the hour were hung on terribly shopworn sequences: The non-fliers who try to land a plane and the neophyte who tries to mount a hammock. It is a credit to the comic genius of Miss Ball that even a few droplets of fun were squeezed out of these stretches.

Clumsy Insert
Red Skelton was booked into this gelid bungle and except for a clumsy insert of one of his hobo routines, he seemed to be on board for no apparent reason. The hobo business was ornamental rather than functional, a kind of cadenza for Miss Ball and Skelton to fiddle around with and they fiddled to middling effect.

Verdict: Loved her. Hated it.

CBS-TV's Father Knows Best deal rather simperingly Monday night with some of the more barbarous aspects of adolescent dating patterns. It was, ugh, heartwarming.

SLIPPERY DOG DAYS

Chicago—(UPI)—Despite the frigid weather, these are dog days in Chicago. Poundmaster Henry Vala has advised the city's dogcatchers that "it's too slippery out there when you chase dogs on those icy streets you wind up with plenty of fractures and no dogs."



IN TROUBLE AGAIN—Former school teacher Virginia McManus (left) has been arrested again on prostitution charges. Last October she was picked up in a raid, but acquitted after she pleaded that she had just been visiting an apartment. At that time she was dropped as a teacher by the New York school board. Here she is shown being booked at New York police station following her latest arrest. With her is Beatrice Garfield (right), owner of the apartment in which they were arrested.

Lad 'N Dad Night Set at Jefferson

Lad 'n Dad Night for all boys in the first three grades of Jefferson school and their fathers will be held at 7 o'clock tonight by the Young Men's Christian association. The program is sponsored by the Y Indian Guides. Purpose of the program is to

foster companionship of father and son. Jefferson school is the first of four schools to be contacted during the next two weeks. Men and boys who cannot attend these meetings are invited to contact the YMCA for further information.

Japanese Prince To Wed April 10

Tokyo—(UPI)—Crown Prince Akihito will be married to his 24-year-old commoner fiancée, Miss Michiko Shoda, on April 10, it was announced today. The crown prince now has a direct private telephone line to Miss Shoda, daughter of a flour mill executive, a telephone company official revealed. The official said the line was installed free of charge because "it is the only way they can talk together freely."

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TODAY In Oregon History (A Centennial Feature)

FEBRUARY 10, 1866
The boats of the Willamette river, now running opposition, are carrying passengers between Oregon City and Portland for nothing. The price of passage having been the only difference between the lines on which to base a rivalry, and that now being abolished by the recent order not to collect fare, the strife to obtain the object of their pursuit has turned upon the number of passengers carried and the predominance of the fair sex.

FEBRUARY 10, 1874
Wednesday, sat in C.C. (U.S. Circuit Court). Finished trial of S. v. N., verdict for deft. on 20 years possession, the first in this state. Held that occupant might take possession of prior occupant under whom he entered even if only parole contract. Heard Condon's lecture on differences between Geology and Christianity. His Geology has overgrown his Christianity.

Diary of Judge M. P. Deady.

Castro Eligible For Presidency

Havana—(UPI)—Publication of Cuba's interim constitution revealed today that both Fidel Castro and Dr. Ernesto Guevara, his Argentine lieutenant, are eligible for the presidency.

The constitution, which is to remain in force until elections are held sometime in 1960, sets the minimum age for a Cuban president at 30 instead of the 35 required by the previous charter. Castro will be 33 this year.

Guevara was made eligible for the presidency by a special provision declaring that he is "Cuban by birth." He actually was born in Argentina.

Higher Tuition Urged at Schools

Salem—(UPI)—Among recommendations in Gov. Mark Hatfield's budget message to the Legislature Monday was one advocating that tuition charges be increased \$10 per term at state schools of higher education.

The charge would be increased \$20 per term for non-Oregon residents. Hatfield said he was "reluctant" to raise tuitions but that it would provide \$1,320,000 to meet state requirements.

About 72 per cent of the nation's labor force worked on farms in 1820, but the number had fallen to about 12 per cent in the 1950 census.

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