

Doctors' Bag Said To Contain 'Primitive' Tools

Montgomery, Ala.—(Science Service)—Medicine as we now know it today is primitive in some respects. The instruments in the doctor's little black bag today are the same instruments that were carried there 25 and 50 years ago, said Dr. John H. Heller, director of the New England Institute for Medical Research, Ridgefield, Conn.

Our scientific technology has improved vastly, yet few of the newer tools have been incorporated into the practice of medicine, he asserts. Doctors still pinch and punch patients to determine hollow-ness of the chest.

Would Remove Guess

Instruments are available today, or can readily be made, that would streamline the medical tool box and remove much of the guess work that is now necessary.

Dr. Heller said most medical advances have occurred through "fortuitous happenstance." Even today one of the world's oldest and most commonly used drugs, aspirin, is still little understood by scientists. No one knows just what aspirin does to the body, yet the beneficial aspects of this substance are common knowledge.

"Imagine what could be accomplished if we knew what we were doing," Dr. Heller said at a recent meeting of the second annual conceptual symposium of the Atomic Research Center here.

Ways for Information
There are two methods by which men can gain medical information. One consists of simply stumbling upon something, such as tranquilizers, which were originally designed for the purpose of relaxing muscles. It was accidentally observed that the drugs also had tranquilizing effects upon the patient. Today scientists do not yet understand just why tranquilizers tranquilize, Dr. Heller stressed.

The other method of obtaining medical information is, of course, to look for it, he continued. This consists of more basic research into the whys and wherefores of the human body's component living cells and molecules. Dr. Heller expressed the belief that only when man understands the molecular structure of body cells and the particular role each molecule plays will doctors be able to begin to understand such diseases as arthritis, cancer, heart disease and others, and be able to prevent them from occurring.

4-H Club News

Teena Paige Sewing Club

The Teena Paige 4-H Sewing club met at Mrs. Ashton's home Monday, March 23. From there we went to Ping's where we had an enjoyable Chinese dinner. After eating, we continued into Medford to tour the stores to see the new materials and colors that are available for our summer sewing.

Those attending were Carolyn Sidner, Sharon Thompson, Nancy McKay, Sharon Trautman, Elaine McKay, Glenda Branch, our assistant leader, Mrs. Sidner and our leader, Mrs. Ashton. Glenda Branch, Reporter.

Eagle Point Breadmakers

The Eagle Point Breadmakers 4-H club held an all-day meeting at the home of Ellen Hay recently to make yeast bread. Each girl made either a loaf of bread or a pan of rolls. While the bread was raising a business meeting was held.

Plans were made for either a parent tea or a parent dinner to be held some time in May.

April 2, the Eagle Point Cooking club led by Mrs. Hayes, will be guests of the Breadmakers. Susi Caroli, Frances Huffman and Norma Noble have demonstrations planned at the meeting. Norma Noble, Reporter.

Griffin Creek Dairy Club

The Griffin Creek Dairy club met March 19 at the home of Peggy and Steve Clark on Madrona lane.

The meeting was called to order by our president, Steve Clark. The minutes were read by our secretary, Bonnie Brantley. We paid our dues. We also made a point that our 4-H club books must be started.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held April 9 at the home of our leader, Edward Goodwin, on Marshall ave.

Marthanne Goodwin, Reporter.

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