



**EXERCISE PROVIDED** - Clearing walks and driveways gave residents of the Texas Panhandle exercise after the weather kept many indoors during the day when up to seven inches of snow fell. Robert Foster was one of the first in his block to get at the task in South Amarillo, Tex. (UPI Telephoto)

## Blind Humorist Gives Advice On Possible Ways to Keep Sight

Editor's note: In the following dispatch, blind humorist James Thurber tells how he lost his sight and how you can keep yours. Thurber, whose "The Secret of Life of Walter Mitty" is already considered an American classic, came to his native Columbus, Ohio, this week for the premiere of his Broadway-bound play, "A Thurber Carnival." Gov. Michael V. DiSalle proclaimed a "James Thurber Week," and the 63-year-old writer decided to take the opportunity to make a public plea for better eye care and support of eye research.

**By JAMES THURBER**  
Written for UPI  
I lost my left eye as a result of an accident when I was seven, and 35 years later I began developing a cataract in the other eye.  
The removal of the average cataract is simple for a skilled surgeon. One of the greatest of them told me, "It is as easy for us as clipping a fingernail or tying a shoelace." The operation is successful more than 99 per cent of the time.

In the New York hospital where my cataract was removed in 1940, only three patients out of 2,500 failed to recover the vision they had had.  
I was one of the three because my cataract had formed in an eye that had taken a terrible beating in 1902 from a dread infection called sympathetic ophthalmia.  
Neglect of eye injuries or eye troubles of any kind is perhaps the major cause of blindness today. If my own left eye had been removed in time it is likely that I would have normal vision in the other eye today.  
The first rule is this: If anything at all happens to your eye, you should see a reputable doctor at once. One of the commonest accidents is to cut the cornea, or transparent covering of the eyeball, with

the edge of a handkerchief or even the edge of a facial tissue. The pain is sharp but usually goes away in a matter of seconds. Nevertheless it would be wise to let an eye doctor look at the eye.  
**Danger To Community**  
Anybody who thinks eye drops of any kind will cure cataract is a danger to himself and to the community. Thousands of people have spread the false news that cataract can be cured by ordinary citric acid.  
Deluded people all over the world have written me about fake "cures" for cataract and for all other eye conditions. I have not only been told to use orange juice, but to rub my spine with a billiard ball; to put a hot flatiron against my temple; to watch jumping beans; to swallow the scrapings of church bells, and even to become emotionally involved with an Apache princess.  
**Eye Not Fragile**  
The normal human eye is not fragile but one of the strongest organs of the body. Now and then a beating, or fall, or other accident may cause a detachment of the retina, or segment of the retina. This is a condition that cannot and must not be neglected.  
Although the five operations I underwent were performed just 20 years ago, a distinguished eye doctor told me, "compared to recent, or post-war, improvement in knowledge and technique of eye operations, you were practically operated on in the dark ages."  
Many people are terrified of eye operations, but they should not be. First of all, do not DELAY and then consult your physician and obtain the name of a reputable eye surgeon.

## HILTS Neighborhood Meet Held

**By MRS. M. F. CAVIN**  
Hilts - A monthly neighborhood meeting, the purpose of which is to discuss the problems of Scout work, was held at the Scout hall here recently. The meetings will be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Neighborhood chairman is Mrs. William Wiley.  
Mrs. Doug Whitaker and son David entertained a group of young people from Yreka at a party here Dec. 22. Nine persons attended.  
Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Blanchard included their son Art Jr., a Navy cadet undergoing jet pilot training at Pensacola, Fla., and Mrs. and Mrs. Phil Hemsted and family of Redding.  
Mr. and Mrs. Don Powers and son David returned home this week after visiting relatives in Pasadena.  
Guests recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shuck and son Tommy were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Earle, Dunsmuir; Mrs. Winifred Earle, Grants Pass, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Chase and children Lester Jr., Ronald and Gloria.  
Hornbrook residents Mr. and Mrs. Donivan Ward Gayel and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Elmore and son Johnny were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Elmore.  
Mr. and Mrs. David Wisenbach and daughter Bonnie and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Royce, Ashland, recently visited Mrs. LaVene Dixon, Alturas.  
Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graves were Mr. and Mrs. Philip York and family, Redding; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jorgenson and family, Willows and Mr. and Mrs. Robert De Avilla and family, Yreka.  
Guests recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Killingsworth and family were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Killingsworth, Hornbrook; Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas and family, Yreka and Mrs. Naomi Owens, also Yreka. Mrs. Owens is Mrs. Pat Killingsworth's mother.  
Candace and Jan Smith spent part of their recent vacation with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Richman, Scott Valley.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Brannon and family visited recently with Brannon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brannon, Wren, Ore.  
Mr. and Mrs. Homer Watson and family recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wat-

son and family, Montague.  
Mr. and Mrs. Vic Van de Weghe and family had as their guests recently Mr. and Mrs. Herb Stickney and family, San Mateo and Mr. and Mrs. Leland Stickney and daughter, Medford.  
Mr. and Mrs. Al Simmen and children Marsha and David visited in San Ramon recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Simmen.  
Dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Osie Bernheisel recently were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bernheisel and family, Montague and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goodwin and daughter.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bernheisel recently had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bernheisel, Medford and Mrs. Bethel Cook and two children, Los Angeles.  
Dinner guests recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Roush were Mr. and Mrs. Art Hall.  
Mr. and Mrs. Nick Freemeyer and daughter Cindy recently visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bonner and son in Red Bluff.  
Dinner guests recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Fry and family were Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Davenport, daughter Lynn and Curtis Jones.  
Mr. and Mrs. Al Cedros Sr., Gazelle, were dinner guests recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert (Pat) Cedros and family. Also calling at the Cedros home was Henry Cedros, Corvallis. Mr. and Mrs. Cedros and family later visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cedros and family, Weed.  
Mr. and Mrs. William Smith and family visited recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William McGee, Central Point. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Otto Caster and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bates, all of Phoenix.  
Mr. and Mrs. Italo Marin and family visited recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Booth, Central Point. Mr. and Mrs. Marin hosted a family dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Schmier Marin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Marin and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Marin.  
Mrs. Clinton Gano and son Clinton, Corning, visited recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Ward.  
Mr. and Mrs. Walt Adams spent a recent week end with relatives in Redding.

## Motion Picture Museum May Be a Reality in '60

**By VERNON SCOTT**  
UPI Hollywood Correspondent  
Hollywood - UPI - Looks as if 1960 will be the year the long-awaited Motion Picture and Television Museum is established.  
If plans work out, the multi-million-dollar monument to the film industry will become another Southern California tourist attraction equal to Disneyland and Marineland.  
Producer Sol Lesser, chairman of the Museum committee, said the museum commission has voted to appropriate land near the famed Hollywood Bowl as the site of the project. Failing in that, the busy corner of Sunset Blvd. and Vine St. may be selected.  
**No Question of Start**  
"There is no question the museum will be started this year," Lesser said. "But it will be much more than a museum."  
"The first thing tourists to this area want to see is a movie being made. Under present conditions it is not possible for them to do so unless they know someone in the studios."  
"A major part of the mu-

seum will be a huge sound stage where movies will be filmed. Spectators - some 2,000 at a time - will be seated behind a one-way glass partition to watch the entire process unfold. Everything will be explained, including the preparations for actual filming, which takes up 90 per cent of the time.  
"Nothing will be faked."  
Lesser said the museum is non-profit, and an integral part of the Los Angeles county program of parks and museums. Movie companies, however, will not lose money by filming at the museum site. Facilities Offered Free  
"Producers and studios will use our facilities without charge, and would be scheduled far enough in advance for proper preparation," he explained.  
"In addition to the working sets, historical records will be displayed, along with famous props, costumes, scripts and other documents. We will capture the great events of film history over the past 65 years, providing a research center for movie-makers and the cinematography departments of local universities. There also will be a theater for significant pictures."  
Produced 130 Movies  
Lesser, who has produced more than 130 movies himself,

said television would be well represented too.  
"We will create a real studio atmosphere," he concluded. "When tourists return home they can tell their friends they've been to a studio and seen a movie in the making."  
"The idea will be good for movies, too."

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