

# The Medical Roundup

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## Sexual Potency After Prostatectomy

Many elderly men ask me what chance they will have of retaining sexual potency after a prostatectomy. I recently read a report from Copenhagen of 211 patients who had the prostate gland removed, usually with the retrobulbar type of operation. Most of these men, of course, were around the age when many men have already lost interest in sex. Before operation some 43 per cent of the group were practically impotent. After the operation, 11 per cent more became impotent, and 25 per cent noted a reduction in their potency. **More On Eye Banks**

Mr. F. J. Schwaemmle, of the Delta Air Lines, tells me that for years his company has been working with the Southern eye bank in New Orleans and other eye banks, transporting without cost eyes that, right after death, have been removed, and which will be used for transplantation onto the cloudy corneas of some blind people. The cornea is the little clear window in the front of the eye. Sometimes, when it has been ulcerated or injured in some way, it becomes frosted, and then the person is blind. If a piece of cornea from a man who has just died can be transplanted successfully, sight may return. Obviously,

since there are so many causes of blindness due to injury to the retina or seeing part of the eyes as well as to the nervous system back of the eyes, it is only a certain fraction of blind people who can be helped with a corneal transplant.

**Details Worked Out**  
I happen to know Dr. Ramon Castroviejo of New York City who during the year in which he worked in the research laboratories at the Mayo Clinic, kept constantly transplanting corneas from one rabbit to another, thereby working out the details of this extremely ticklish operation. Where would thousands of blind people be today if it hadn't been for the work done on all those rabbits? Doubtless, after operation they suffered some discomfort, but because of their service to humanity, today thousands of people who once were blind can see.

I was just reading of a woman, born blind, who later married and had children. She had never seen her husband or her children. Then one day an ophthalmologist transplanted corneas onto her blind eyes and she saw her loved ones! (Released by The Register and Tribune Syndicate, 1960)

The biggest customers for the United States farm exports last year were, in order, the United Kingdom, Japan, Canada, West Germany, the Netherlands, India, Italy, Cuba, Mexico, Belgium, Spain and the Republic of Korea.

## STAR GAZER

by CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars

To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac Birth sign.

Sign	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aries	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Taurus	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
May 22	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
June 21	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
July 20	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
Aug 19	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72
Sept 18	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84
Oct 17	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96
Nov 16	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108
Dec 15	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120

## Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

**Here's How to Get Rid Of Fleas—Get a Dog!**  
"I always thought the old phrase 'as full of fleas as a yellow dog' was just so many words. Now I have begun to think it was an understatement, except that our dog was not yellow. He had, however, played host to many generations of fleas."  
"In spite of repeated doses of various kinds of insecticides he scratched his way through four years of flea-bites. He came to a sad end; he was run over by a hit-and-run driver. That was a month ago, and now our house is overrun with fleas. Now they are biting us, what happened, and how do we get rid of them without burning the house down?"  
All this is the context of a letter. Candidly, the lady has a problem in flea-control. What perplexes her, of course, is the fact that now that the dog is gone, the fleas remain. The disgusting fact is that now, in the dog's absence, the fleas are biting the human inhabitants of the house. The so-called dog-flea prefers dog blood, but in desperation it will accept human blood when its preferred food is absent.  
**What Happens**  
Starting from scratch, this is the sequence of events. Every time Fido goes outdoors, anywhere in the world, the dog fleas clamor aboard. About half of the little monsters will be females. They lay eggs. These tiny yellow globes of potential flea-life are laid singly in the hair

# Colonel Paine Is Honored at Party On 90th Birthday

Col. W. H. Paine, founder and historian of the Crater Lake Council, Boy Scouts of America, was honored by the council's executive board at a birthday party Wednesday celebrating his 90th birthday.  
An engraved plaque, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, was presented to Colonel Paine "in recognition of active service on his 90th birthday." The plaque originally was presented at the annual Region XI meeting of the Boy Scouts of America in Boise, Idaho, last October.  
Highlight of the meeting was the presentation of a book containing nearly 60 congratulatory letters. The recognition was made by J. A. McDougall, Scout commissioner of the Crater Lake Council.  
Gen. William H. Prentice related Colonel Paine's military service record which began in June, 1890, when he was appointed to the United States Military Academy from Connecticut. Colonel Paine retired on July 12, 1920, at Manila, Philippine Islands, after service in Puerto Rico, Cuba, Philippine Islands, as well as the United States.  
Colonel Paine graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1894, was a distinguished graduate of the Infantry and Cavalry school in 1905, attended the United States Army Staff college in 1906, and was a graduate of the Field Officers' Mounted Service school in 1914.  
Among the decorations and awards which Colonel Paine received are the Spanish War service medal, Army of Cuban Occupation medal, Army of Puerto Rican Occupation medal, Mexican Border Service medal, and the World War I Victory medal.  
Brief remarks were made to

# Prompt Report of New Address Important

Persons receiving social security benefits can save themselves a great deal of inconvenience if they report promptly when they change their address, according to Edward B. Jacobson, manager of the Medford social security office.  
Figures show that one out of every five families will relocate at some time each year. Many of these are people getting social security benefits, Jacobson noted.  
"If you are getting benefits, you can assure prompt delivery of your monthly checks by reporting a change of address as soon as you move," he said. Pre-addressed postcard forms are furnished to each social security applicant. This card may be completed to make the change.  
**Signed Note**  
If the card has been misplaced, a signed note or a postcard to the nearest social security office, showing the name, social security number and the new address will do, Jacobson noted. Persons may call at any social security office and fill out a change of address form, if it is more convenient. Telephone calls will not do for changing an address, he stressed.  
The social security administration is only interested in addresses of those who are getting benefits.  
On all correspondence to the social security administration, the social security number should be shown. The social security office for residents of Jackson County is located at 1005 East Main St., Medford.

# Two Escape Injury In Friday Mishap

Two men escaped injury in a one-car accident Friday night on Hanley rd. a quarter of a mile east of Ross lane, state police said Saturday.  
The car was driven by Jerome Walter McQuade, 20, of 3082 Table Rock rd. A passenger was Fred Lee Walters, 22, of 210 West Third st., Medford.  
State police said the car was westbound on Hanley rd. when it attempted to make a left turn. It ran onto the shoulder of the road, went out of control, over a bank and turned over.  
The car was left at the accident scene, state police said.

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**Development Takes Month**  
Complete flea development takes about a month from egg to adult. The family dog can be gone from home a month before the dog-fleas descend to bite a human. It's just a case of "when do we eat?"  
Ridding a human habitation of dog-fleas takes some doing. One solution, which may sound both ridiculous and silly, is to get another dog in the house. As soon as the animal is established in the home, all the fleas will climb aboard. That way all the little monsters are concentrated in one place and local means can be taken. It's much easier to de-flea a dog, regardless of its size, than to de-flea a whole house.  
Biological facts being what they are, there will constantly be more flea eggs, and later, more fleas, but as soon as they get to the crawling stage they will get on the nearest dog, leaving the human inhabitants of the house alone. Even a flea knows where it wants to be.  
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## County School Office Members Attend Meeting

Three members of the Jackson county school superintendent's office returned Thursday from a three-day meeting of the Oregon Association of County School Superintendents in Salem.  
Theme of the conference attended by County School Superintendent A. H. Mckvold and Assistants Bruce Hitt and Robert Lawrence was "re-organization of the county office."  
Monday, Mckvold spoke on "We Come and We Go" during the opening session of the conference.  
Hitt attended committee sessions on testing and transportation. He is co-chairman of the first committee and chairman of the second.  
Mckvold, chairman of the subcommittee on study of the intermediate unit attended a meeting of that group.  
The Jackson county superintendent also attended the meeting of the elementary athletics committee. He had been chairman of the committee for five years. The committee formulated principles and policies for elementary school athletics in Oregon and has since continued in an advisory capacity.  
Lee Ragsdale, Medford physical education director, and H. P. Jewett, former Central Point school district superintendent, had been active on the committee during its policy making stage.  
The committee will meet May 26 to deal with the problem of elementary school tournaments, which are prohibited in Oregon, and other problems.

shouldn't go to live with their father in his new home at once. Any delay might make them feel they will be outsiders in this home. Their place is with their father and they should be with him the moment he can make a satisfactory home for them.  
Frances should be aware that her attitude toward this marriage and toward her brother-in-law's new wife will greatly affect the children's future happiness. To them, Frances represents a little of their mother. If she seems sad or disapproving they will approach their stepmother with fear and hostility. If she seems happy that they will now have their own real home again, they will be able to approach the new situation in a happy spirit.  
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## NO-SQUEAK CELLAR

New York—(UPI)—Firemen Lawrence O'Brien found a three-inch covering of oil on his basement floor Thursday and thought it strange because he converted his furnace from oil to gas two years ago. An investigation showed his outdoor oil intake pipe still was in place and a delivery man had pumped into it 100 gallons of oil meant for the house next door.

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