



LECTURER—Dr. Fredric H. Bentley, at left, consulting surgeon from Portland, and former professor of surgery, University of Durham, England, talks with Doctors Fred T. Burich, president of the Jackson County Medical society and James Gillespie at Rogue Valley Country club, where a series of cancer lectures were held Friday and Saturday. Other speakers included Dr. Clyde A. Stevenson, Spokane; Dr. Stuart H. Q. Quan, New York City and Dr. John S. Pratt, St. Louis, Mo.

Vacuum Extractor May Make Forceps Obsolete in Births

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New York — (UPI) — In European obstetrical science the question of whether a vacuum extractor is a safe and sound way of speeding the end result of labor is being replaced by the question of whether it is going to make obstetrical forceps entirely obsolete.

In American obstetrical circles, both questions are frozen by suspended judgment. The instrument, which is a maternity application of 20th Century technology, is being tried out in a number of lying-in hospitals but the obstetricians are not ready to report.

Invented in Sweden

It is the invention of Dr. T. Malmstrom of Gothenburg, Sweden, and essentially is a cup which can be applied by vacuum to a baby who is beginning the journey through

the birth canal into this world. By manipulating the cup, the baby's journey can be both guided and hurried along.

The cup is at the end of a long tube which connects it to a vacuum pump. This cup comes in three sizes which are readily interchangeable. The smallest is applied at the beginning of the journey, when small size is a requisite for application.

Being quite small, its manipulative possibilities are limited. But as the journey progresses, the larger cups are applied and then the vacuum seal is more effective. However, the seal is broken by more than moderate pressure and the vacuum can be released instantly by the operator.

In Wide Use in Europe

Dr. Malmstrom's instrument began attracting international scientific attention in 1957. It is in wide use on continental Europe and in several clinics it has entirely replaced forceps because of greater utility as well as greater safety both for baby and mother.

It now has had its first scientific report in English — on 100 deliveries by Drs. J. A. Calmers and R. J. Fothergill in an English maternity hospital. In almost all circumstances, they found it had an advantage over forceps.

Pendleton Teacher Education Nominee

Los Angeles — (UPI) — Three western educators today were candidates for president-elect of the 750,000-member National Education Association at its 98th annual convention here.

Nominated Tuesday for the vice-presidency were Forrest Rozelle, executive secretary of the Arkansas Education

Association; William O'Donnell, New Mexico State University dean; and Ewald Turner, Pendleton, Ore., junior high school teacher. The winner of the nomination, which in two years will lead to the presidency, will be announced at the convention's final session Friday.

Trash Fire Reported Behind Theater

Ashland — A trash fire at the rear of the Varsity theater and the Ashland Daily Tidings building resulted in a routine call for volunteer firemen Monday evening. Apparently trash had been burned in an incinerator during the day and reignited, firemen reported.

Corvallis — (UPI) — Rupert A. Wanless, 65, head of the department of general engineering at Oregon State College, died Monday.

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RARE TREAT

Los Angeles — (UPI) — County officials have promised citizens a chance at a rare treat by offering for sale "peacock eggs, 50 cents each, \$5 per dozen." Bird fanciers have informed the officials that peacocks are the male of the species, lay no eggs, and generally are presumed to leave this chore to the peahens.

BREAKFAST FOR RIVALS

Lakeland, Fla. — (UPI) — The Florida Citrus Commission, dedicated to supremacy of the grapefruit and orange, will sponsor a breakfast at the annual convention of the International Apple Association at Miami Beach next month.

The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a Judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Harriet R. — My parents don't want me to see my brother.

Mr. F. R. — He has tried to convert her.

Harriet R. — I am a single girl in my early 20s and my problem is not the ordinary kind. It concerns my brother, who recently changed his faith. Religion was never very

important in our upbringing, but I feel a sense of loyalty to my faith. My brother and I have had friends of other faiths and occasionally dated outside our faith. Yet I never felt I would marry anyone of a different religion.

When Dick came and told us what he had done my parents almost collapsed. They kicked him out of the house and he has been living in a furnished room. He got in touch with me and I went to see him. I have always been close to him and I don't want a separation. But my parents don't want me to see him.

Mr. F. R. — Dick dealt us all an almost killing blow, and I know we'll never find it in our hearts to forgive him. My wife has been too sick to go out of the house ever since this thing happened.

We feel we'll only suffer more if we remain in touch with him. The same goes for Harriet. This thing has hurt her almost as much as us. She tried to argue with her brother, but he had answers to everything. He has been well coached in his new religion. Harriet has always looked up to her brother. He has a tremendous influence over her. We feel he is not satisfied with his own conversion and wants to convert her as well. When she went to see him he gave her books on the subject. We don't know why he has chosen to hurt us in this way.

The Council: The conversion of one member of a family to another faith is painful on both sides because it implies a rejection of the family.

Often the convert has a strong desire to separate himself from the entire background and atmosphere of his youth. But he may also dread his isolation from those who have known and loved him

and will seek to take one or more members of the family with him into his new faith. This pressure may be cruel to the person who loves him but is also loyal to his own faith.

The parents may also feel guilty that they have not given their child a full appreciation of his own religion. They recognize that if the youth had found a spiritual and psychological haven within his own faith he probably would not have looked outside it.

In most cases, however, time heals some of these wounds — not totally, but enough for parent and child to desire some sort of reconciliation. If the convert is spiritually sincere and builds a decent life on his new faith, the parents may recognize that the step he took was born out of inner need and that he had to act on his convictions.

What the future has in store for the relationship of the R's with their son we can't say, but we don't think they ought to forbid their daughter to see the brother she loves. She is old enough to act in accordance with her own feelings and convictions. The R's should not assume Harriet will follow her brother's lead. She is evidently a serious, sensitive girl with a deep sense of loyalty. If she has good judgment she won't be swayed simply by what her brother tells her. She will also attempt to understand her own faith more deeply. If Harriet merely follows her parents' orders, her lost brother may exercise a deep power over her feelings and she will not be able to exercise good judgment on the religious issue.

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Brooks, Ore. — (UPI) — The Oregon Assemblies of God opened its 24th annual meeting here Monday.



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