

# The Medical Roundup

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## How Many Children Wet the Bed?

Any child who still wets the bed after the age of four years is said to be enuretic. Usually, children get over this difficulty, and only rarely have I seen an adult with it. I remember a family in which three fine-looking sisters kept wetting the bed until they were nearly 20. I remember one such girl who said she gave it up during Lent. I was just reading a paper by Bertil Hallgren, of Stockholm, who says that a census taken in Sweden showed that 12 per cent of their boys and 7 per cent of their girls are bed-wetters.

As I have said in this column, many studies have shown that usually the child who wets the bed has some bed-wetting relatives, and

often he has poor muscular coordination. He may have ties or grimacing contractions of his facial muscles, and he or some of his near relatives may stutter. As many a mother says of her bed-wetting child, he has stuttering muscles all over him.

**Bronchiectasis**  
 I feel I must keep mentioning bronchiectasis because so many persons write, asking what it is, and can anything be done for it. The word means a dilation of some of the bronchi, or the tubes that carry air into and out of the lungs. Every so often the dilated tubes will become infected, so that they will contain some pus. Then the patient will have fever and perhaps a patch of broncho-pneumonia. Fortunately, today, we doctors have antibiotics which will often clear up the infection. The patient should have studies made by an expert lung specialist who will decide whether or not it would be wise to remove, surgically, the lobe of the lung which is most seriously infected.

Many people ask if they should go to a dry equable climate, perhaps in our Southwest country. This could help. Often it helps most when a heavy smoker throws away his cigarettes.

Dr. Alvarez, booklet on heart trouble may be obtained by sending 25 cents and a large, stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept. MMT, The Register and Tribune Syndicate, Box 957, Des Moines 4, Iowa.

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## Hoxie Honored by Brewing Company

Harry Hoxie, Medford, was among the top driver-salesmen honored recently by the Carling Brewing company, Tacoma.

Accompanied by their wives, the 50 salesmen took part in a banquet, tour of PUGIT SOUND and a treasure hunt.

For placing fourth in the treasure hunt, Hoxie and his teammates were each presented with a merchandise certificate.



By Lynn M. Watkins

## Small Worlds Around Us

**The Sand Flea Helps Keep Beaches Clean**

There's an insect named after the flea that really isn't. But there is a decided resemblance in appearance if not in size. That is the so-called beach flea or sandhopper. This little crustacean of the sandy beach resembles the insect flea in many ways. It has an oval body, large eyes, legs, antennae, and general body outline suggestive of the real flea. The size, of course, is quite different. The sand flea is about an inch long, and about as large around as an olive. The rear legs, elongated like that of the grasshopper, are flayed out at the ends into tiny oars that make swimming possible for the little fellow.

**Running, Pushing Legs**  
 The other legs are running legs as well as pushing limbs to drive the "flea" down into the wet sand. The body being very smooth and shiny makes quick passage down into the sand an easy trick. Sometimes the sand flea stops digging as soon as the head is buried. The sand flea must wonder why he is discovered. If he only realized it, his tail, equipped with a group of stiff spines, sticks out of the sand like a channel marker. Any bird, crab or fish on a hunt for food knows just where the little guy is hiding. His is a very short life, but apparently a very happy one.

Like his cousins the crabs, the sand flea is very active and lives right at the edge of the sea. When a wave runs back from the beach, a tell-tale bubble will shine for a moment, and burst with an unheard "plop." This marks the hiding place of a sand flea.

**Retiring Nature**  
 The sand flea is really of a very retiring nature. Funny, too, for he lives in an environment that is thickly populated with many forms of beach life. In the sand where he lives are many worms, crabs, mollusks and many others, all mixed together in a hodge-podge of beings, all trying to live, feed and recreate their kind in endless procession. In this bio-mass of life the sand flea resides in colonies, separated one from another by a cushion of sand—alone, yet not alone—like the man in the rooming house, alone but knowing there are others close by.

The sand flea acts as one of Nature's active scavengers, in helping to keep the beaches clean. In his way, too, he supplies himself to feed other aquatic animals.

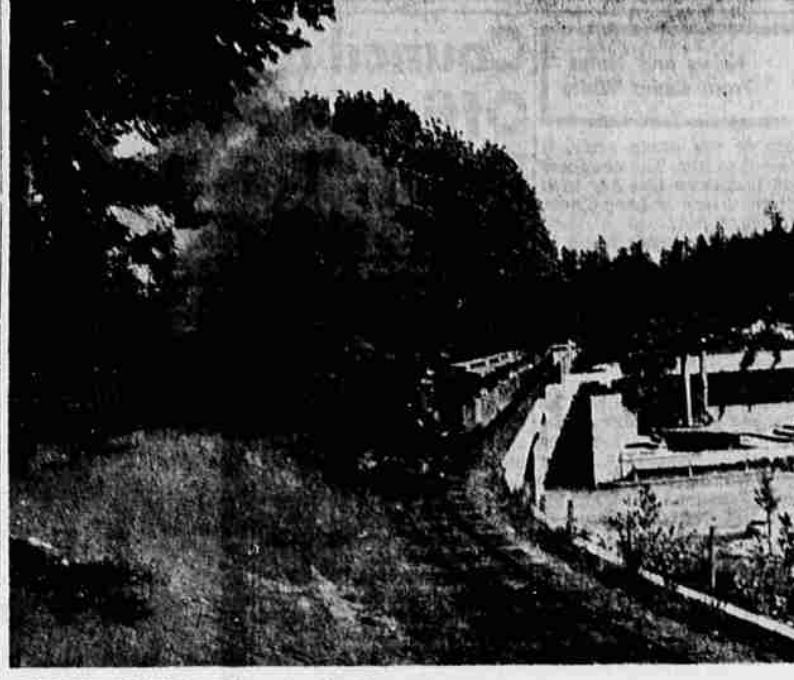
Nature gave the sand flea a great amount of energy. Too bad he has to spend his life within the confinement of wet sand. It's like keeping an acrobat locked up in a telephone booth.

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## Submits Resignation

Rogue River — William J. Peters, Rogue River police and fire chief, gave notice to the mayor and council that he will resign his positions effective July 27.

Peters, who has been chief of police for eight years, has accepted the post of custodian at Rogue River school.



**ZOOLINE RAIROAD**—Trimmed with shiny brass, the diamond stack Oregon sports and blows over a high trestle of Portland's unique Zooline railroad. The live steam train operates on the railroad's spectacular new mountain branch which snakes through 1.4 miles of thick timber, steep grades, horsehoe curves and thrilling vistas. The ride, attracting thousands each week, is already rated as outstanding nationally among railroads run for fun.

# New Branch of Portland's Zooline Railroad Operating

Portland—A twisting, wheeling mountain railroad, operating for the first time this summer, is giving patrons a half-hour ride they don't soon forget.

The new branch, which took 21 months to build, is the pride of the Portland Zoo Railway, Oregon's unique railroad that's run for fun. It's the only all-new mountain passenger line built in the nation in recent years, and also boasts the heaviest travel per capita mile. Thousands are jamming the busy trains every week.

The mountain line connects the city's new zoological gardens with Washington park by 1.4 miles of rugged right-of-way. The trains corkscrew amid thick timber across some awesome terrain, high above the city.

They grind up 3.5 and 4 percent grades while passengers gaze into dark ravines. They hurdle canyons and plunge through deep cuts.

**Two Years of Labor**  
 Nearly two years of engineering and labor went into this mountain branch. Done commercially, it would have cost \$100,000.

Contributions in men, materials and know-how by the railroads serving the Northwest, industries, businesses, labor unions, private citizens and school children conquered the tough terrain.

The route had to be surveyed, big trees felled, and the grade put through. Tons of rock were poured into great fills across the canyons. Expert cribbing was needed in places where trains snake along a narrow shelf of road-bed.

This is but the latest and most dramatic achievement of the Zooline railroad system, started more than three years ago.

It's no toy or miniature railroad, either, such as are normally seen in parks and zoos. This one uses regulation narrow gauge equipment, some of it hand-me-downs from abandoned Northwest logging lines. Its powerful locomotives weigh upwards to 1,500 pounds, its cars are large enough so the grownups find they can ride comfortably.

**Two Miles of Track**  
 The railroad boasts two miles of operable track, and is still building. It has 26 pieces of rolling stock making up into five trains.

In addition to the two main trains, there are a circus train, fire train, work train, two switch engines and a VIP Toonerville trolley car. The railroad also has high trestles, a black tunnel, colorful stations, radio control, automatic signals and gates, roundhouse, railroad yard, spurs, sidings, safety devices and all else needed by any self-respecting railroad.

## Fifth Car Reported Taken in Ashland

Ashland—Police Chief Herb Hays said Friday that almost as many cars have been taken during the past two weeks in Ashland as usually are stolen in a year. Five automobiles have been stolen here during the past fortnight, Hays said, adding that the annual total usually is only about six or seven.

Three of the cars taken recently have been recovered within the city limits.

The most recent auto theft occurred about 1 a.m. Thursday when a new sedan was taken from Selby Chevrolet company, 100 East Main st.

Hays said the gate at the Selby lot had been lifted off its hinges, and that two license plates had been taken. The office also was entered, but only small change was stolen, he said.

A man believed to be about 20 years of age was seen driving the car shortly after the theft, Hays said. The youth stopped at a service station, but drove away without paying the bill.

## Construction To Start on Home

Construction of the new American Legion home will probably start in August, according to Granville Brittsan, Post 15 commander.

The home, estimated to be worth about \$50,000, will be located at 404 Niantic st. Much of the labor and materials have been pledged by local businessmen and legionnaires, the commander said.

Brittsan also announced that he has appointed Jennings Pierce, Medford, as convention chairman of the 1961 legion convention.

## Construction To Start on Home

The convention will be held in July next year and it is hoped that the new legion home will be ready by that time.

Pierce has played a leading role in many local civic and promotional activities as both coordinator and master of ceremonies.

Pierce joined the legion in 1919, but has been inactive in legion programs until he joined the Medford post this year, Brittsan said.

## Insurance Bids Are Awarded by Court

The Jackson county court Friday awarded an insurance contract to Gatter Insurance company, 20 North Oakdale ave., representing Washington National Insurance.

Bid rate on the \$2,000 life insurance was \$1.05 per thousand overall rate which includes accidental death and dismemberment. The bid was based on last year's estimate on ages and numbers of county employees so could not be a firm bid. The rate could be raised or lowered depending on the number of county employees in each age bracket, an insurance company representative said.

The county pays half and the employees pay half the costs, County Commissioner Ralph James said.

Nine other insurance companies made bids.

## Court Records

**DISTRICT COURT**  
 Oscar L. Anderson, wrong way on one way street, \$15.  
 Lloyd L. Askins, fall to operate on right side of highway, \$15.  
 Frank L. Allen, allowing unlicensed persons to operate vehicle, \$5.  
 Richard E. Robinson, overload, \$25.  
 Jack W. Butler, failure to stop, \$15.  
 Eugene P. Dick, failure to stop, \$15.  
 Donald E. Beers, overweight, \$25.  
 George Washington Swinney, passing with insufficient clearance, \$15.  
 Eugene K. Davis, failure to stop, \$15.  
 Neal Price, passing with insufficient clearance, \$20.  
 Thelma Halverson, failure to dim lights, \$15.  
 Delvin L. Elder, overload, \$120.  
 Dave L. McAnally, overload, \$275.  
 Eugene P. Arnold, overload, \$275.  
 Lester G. McDaniel, disobeyed stop sign, \$15.  
 Jerry B. Morton, obstructed vision, \$15.

**CIRCUIT COURT**  
 Karen E. Hendrickson vs. Irvin Hendrickson, divorce complaint.  
 Mary Josephine Banta vs. Gary Lewis Banta, divorce complaint.  
 Virginia O. Grounds vs. Chester Ray Grounds, divorce complaint.

**ASHLAND MUNICIPAL COURT**  
 Arthur G. Marty, failure to heed stop sign, \$5.  
 Orion A. Hammett, leaving motor running in unattended vehicle, \$5.  
 Warren C. Shoop, violation basic rule, \$20.  
 William G. Norris Jr., following too close, \$25.  
 David R. Ryden, violation basic rule, \$20.

## Summer Program To Resume Monday

Orchestra students enrolled in the Medford summer program at Medford High school have been reminded by J. A. Mirick, instrumental music supervisor, that classes will resume Monday, July 18, and close July 29.

He explained the recess by announcing that John Drysdale, orchestra instructor, has been a guest teacher at the University of Oregon during the past two weeks at the Summer Music Institute.

Mirick noted that the band session closed July 14.

## Boat Race Plans Said Completed

Agnes — Arrangements for the annual boat race and log bucking contest scheduled July 31 have been completed. This year, in addition to the race, log-sawing contests and the barbecue, there will be a parachute jump at 9:30 a.m.

The 3 p.m. boat race will start at the mouth of the Illinois river near the confluence of the two rivers at Agnes. The course will be up the Rogue eight miles to Billings Creek and return.

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