

The Medical Roundup

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Research on Vitiligo

Those thousands of persons who suffer from vitiligo with its big white patches of skin will be glad to hear that at a recent congress of Endocrinology, held at Copenhagen, there was discussion of a substance now called only Alpha-MSH, which, when given to a man or woman, quickly causes all of the skin to darken. Dr. Aaron B. Lerner, of the Yale University School of Medicine, has been working with the substance, which resembles chemically the ACTH which comes from the pituitary gland, and causes the adrenal glands to secrete cortisone. I hope people will not write me asking that I send them the drug because I have none of it. I mention it here only to give hope to the many people who keep writing me about their vitiligo. This is not a dangerous disease, but the white patches make people ashamed and embarrassed.

Need for Making Clearcut Diagnosis

Dr. R. A. Jensen, Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota, while speaking to the London Conference on the Scientific Study of Mental Deficiency, emphasized the need for making of more exact differential diagnosis. Why? Because many a child who is at first thought to be mentally deficient, turns out to be emotionally disturbed, or not maturing quite as fast as children commonly do, or suffering from some nervous disease; or he is deaf, or unable to speak, or has some hereditary defect in body chemistry which causes injury to be done to his brain, or he has some defect in one of the body glands, like the thyroid gland. Sometimes by making an exact diagnosis something can be done to help the child. Dr. Eleanor M. Creak, of London, said that quite a few of the children who are sent to a hospital for mentally de-

fective children are really psychotic. This becomes obvious as the children grow into their teens. They prove to be bright enough but they are erratic and unpredictable and difficult in their behavior. This discussion will please many a mother who feels sure that her child is not feeble-minded. She has seen signs of intelligence that the I.Q. tests have not revealed.

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Medford Students Named to Group

Three Medford High school students, Jerry Gastineau, Jim Stever, and Mike Phillips, have been named to a high school advisory committee to the state attorney general on crime prevention.

The Medford High school committee will join similar groups in high schools throughout the state in aiding the Attorney General's Experimental Program for the Prevention of Crime (EPPOC).

The EPPOC program, first of its kind in the nation, was inaugurated last spring after a statewide crime conference called by Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton and attended by 150 experts in all field related to crime prevention. Out of this grew the citizen's advisory committee on crime prevention, of which the high school groups will be a part. Recommendations of the committee will be coordinated and put into action by the crime prevention division in the state department of justice.

First duties of the high school committees will include enumerating all agencies in their communities which are engaged in some form of crime prevention, and evaluating their effectiveness in the prevention of crime and delinquency.

Portland - Crow's Lumber Market News Service Friday reported a slow week market in both lumber and plywood for the week ending Nov. 3.

They'll Do It Every Time



Company To Urge Residents To Vote

The voices of Pacific Telephone-Northwest local operators will be added to the many urging Oregonians to vote on election day, J. H. Creager, local manager for the company said last week.

Calls to the telephone company will be answered with "Pacific Telephone - Northwest-Please remember to vote tomorrow" on Monday, Nov. 7, and "Pacific Telephone - Northwest - Please remember to vote today!" on election day, Tuesday, Nov. 8.

This is the last step in a company-wide program that started last spring when employees were encouraged to register and vote in the primary election, Creager said.

Since that time, the telephone company has continued to urge employees to register, inform themselves on issues and candidates, support the party of their choice financially and, finally, to vote.

This has been accomplished through company publications, bulletins and prominently displayed posters in all offices and buildings.

New York - Arthur Godfrey, 56, will undergo minor surgery this week for the removal of a fatty tumor on his back, his office reported today.

'Lefty' Gomez Tells Of Experiences As New York Yankee

Vernon (Lefty) Gomez entertained 182 members of the Rogue Valley Knife and Fork club with stories about his baseball experiences Thursday night at the Rogue Valley Country club.

Gomez is a former star pitcher who played for the New York Yankees. He recalled stories collected during his 14 years with the Yankees, one year with the Boston Braves and managerial tenures in South American, Cuba and the U.S.

Gomez said that one record he holds is for the longest home run ever hit in Yankee stadium. "Few people know about this," he said. "Jimmy Foxx hit the 460-foot homer off of me," he informed the gathering.

"Fool the Opposition" Gomez recalled that he was 19 years old when he joined the Yankees. "I was known as the worst hitter to ever approach home plate," he said. "My teammates would tell me to fool the opposition, and hit a foul," he related.

He told of one occasion when the newspapers printed a humorous headline regarding his hitting ability. "In a

Dog Control To Be On Ballot

Jackson County Clerk Marvin Madden reminded voters Friday that a dog control proposal will appear on the general election ballot Tuesday, Nov. 8.

It will appear at least once on every ballot, and in some precincts it will appear twice, Madden said.

Precincts in which it will appear twice are 1 through 13 in the municipal boundaries of Ashland and in 19, 21, 24, 27, 31, 57, 58B, 63, 65, 66, 74, 79, 81, 82, 83 and 88.

The measure will read just as it did during the May 20 primary. "For dogs running at large--yes," and "For dogs running at large--no."

In the primary, Jackson county residents voted for dog control, and as a result dogs must now be either tied, muzzled or under the control of their master at all times. Since then, petitions were submitted to revoke on the issue in an attempt to repeal action taken at the primary.

If voters wish to have dogs running at large, they should vote yes, Madden said, and if they wish to keep dog control in effect, they should vote no.

Dog control in Medford, which voted separately last May, will not be affected no matter which way the county-wide vote goes.

Small Worlds Around Us



By Lynn M. Watkins

The Boat Shells Are Just Right for Water Babies

If there could be such things in the seas as "water babies" they most certainly would use the so-called "boat shells" as a means of traveling from place to place.

The shell is called "boat shell" for a very obvious reason, for there is a tiny "half-deck" in each shell, partially enclosing one end. Some call it the slipper shell; they mistake the little partition as the tongue of a slipper. Another common name that suggests the baby cradle idea is "candle shell." This strikes a sentimental chord in many folks, and the name is delightfully descriptive.

The slipper, baby-foot or cradle shell usually is marked prominently, with brown streaked with dull white, or even an off shade of purple. The inside, as well as the tiny "half-deck," is shiny and as smooth as porcelain. The little half deck extends nearly one half of the length of the interior, beginning at the stern end.

Normally, these shells attack themselves to rocks or

other obstructions, holding tenaciously to their support by means of the powerful muscle that forms the mantle of the animal. Regardless of the strength or ferocity of pounding waves and boiling surf, the little fellows hang on; their shells protecting the soft, inner bodies. In this respect they are almost turtle-like, with the exception, of course, that there are no legs.

The shells will conform to the irregularities of the rock to which they are attached. Very often the shell attaches itself to other shells, or even to the backs of other slipper shells and will, if necessary, grow one atop another until the bottom shell must be very uncomfortable with the added load on its back.

This method of support causes a great many odd shapes as each shell fashions itself to its own support, making it impossible to find two shells that are anywhere near the same shape.

A severe storm, with waves that may reach down deep into the sea, will dislodge millions of the little boat shells, and eventually will wash

Phoenix Students Attend Workshop

Phoenix-Five Phoenix High school students attended the student library assistants' workshop sponsored by the Oregon Education association in Roseburg recently.

Attending were Rebecca McAlaster, Lois Tompkins, Shearon Poole, Virginia Johnson, Yvonne Lanfear, and Mrs. Mabel Sims, high school librarian.

The workshop, sponsored by the library department of OEA, included demonstrations of book binding by Fred Brewis of Gaylord Brothers, and poster-making by James Lombard, art instructor, Roseburg High school.

Mrs. Gladys Workman, author of "Only When I Laugh," told her experiences in writing and publishing the book. Medford and District 6C schools were also represented.

them up on some nearby shore. Great clusters of the little creatures will be stranded high and dry, and will later die in the air and the sun.

Their numbers make their collection easy; the species is prolific. Mother Nature must have had some plan in mind when she created so many of them and distributed them so generously in the warmer waters of the earth's oceans.

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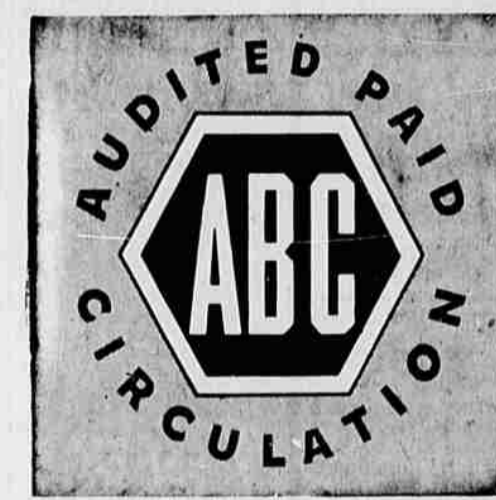
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