

### Two Accidents Are Reported to Police

A Grants Pass woman and her two small children escaped injury Wednesday afternoon when their car went off Foothills Blvd. north of Rogue River and down a 73-foot embankment.

According to state police, Mrs. Hope Mae Riegel, 24, of 4530 New Hope rd., Grants Pass, and her two children, Susan, 3, and Judy, 1, were northbound when the right wheels of the vehicle went off the pavement onto the gravel.

In her attempt to get the automobile back onto the highway, Mrs. Riegel told police that the car then crossed the road and down the embankment. It did not turn over, police said.

Mrs. Riegel and the children climbed back to the road. The front end and undercarriage of the vehicle were extensively damaged, police said.

### The Medical Roundup

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#### Mental Retardation Due to Rare Chemical in Blood

For several years now, experts on mental retardation have become ever more interested in a form of mental retardation in which the infant is a parentally born normal, but soon begins to lose intelligence because his little brain is more and more poisoned by a

#### Winston Churchill Spends Good Night

London—UPI—Sir Winston Churchill may have to spend his 86th birthday in a sickbed but except for his age the doctors were not too worried about the broken bone in his back.

Britain's elder statesman was reported to be suffering some pain and discomfort but still maintaining his cheerful mood.

#### Discoverer XIII Burns Up Over Sea

Bedford, Mass.—UPI—America's Discoverer XIII satellite has burned up over the Pacific ocean.

The Air Force's National Space Surveillance Control Center here said in a statement Wednesday that "estimates of decay placed the burn-up Monday somewhere in the South Pacific."

#### Pacific Northwest Precipitation Due

Washington—UPI—The Weather Bureau forecast today that it would be warmer than normal for the next 30 days in much of the country east of the Continental Divide.

The bureau said in its regular 30-day prediction that temperatures would be near normal in the southern states and in most of the area west of the Continental Divide. It forecast colder weather than usual in the Southern Plateau west of the Divide.

#### Elizabeth Taylor Leaves Hospital

London—UPI—Elizabeth Taylor's doctors said she had recovered enough from her painful virus ailment to leave the hospital sometime today.

Miss Taylor was rushed to the London Clinic by ambulance Sunday night when she complained of agonizing head pains. The trouble subsequently was diagnosed as meningitis, a virus infection resulting from bad teeth.

#### Former Navy Aide Dies

Pass Christian, Miss.—UPI—Rear Adm. Ernest Lee Jahncke, retired, 83, assistant secretary of the Navy from 1929 to 1933 and close friend of former President Hoover, died Wednesday.

#### Salem Chief of Police

Salem—UPI—Art Ellisworth, Eugene police chief, has been named president of the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police.

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chemical called a phenylketone, which is formed in the body because of the child's failure to have inherited a ferment which, in all normal persons, splits a substance in the food called phenylalanine.

If something isn't done to cut down on the amount of phenylalanine in the diet, by the time the child is 2 or 3 years old he is likely to be pretty much of an idiot, overly active, restless, irritable and destructive. He may have some convulsions.

The disease runs through families, and hence in such families every child born should quickly be tested. The defect now can be recognized in a minute by dropping on the child's diaper a drop of a 10 per cent solution of ferric chloride. If the child has the trouble, there appears a blue-green or gray-green color which soon fades. There is another test that can be made with the urine for phenylpyruvic acid. If negative, the test should be repeated a few times because in from 5 to 10 per cent of cases it does not work well.

If a good children's specialist (pediatrician) is in charge, and has recognized the disease, he will cut down on the amount of phenylalanine in the diet so that the child's brain will not be badly injured. This treatment must be begun in the first few weeks of life.

Research on this disease is being done by Drs. Phyllis B. Acosta and Willard R. Benterwall of the College of Medical Evangelists in Los Angeles.

#### Wilson's Disease

There is a rare (Wilson's) disease which runs through some families. It sometimes is called hepatolenticular de-

generation. It tends to show up in people from 15 to 30 years of age. There may be tremors, with cirrhosis of the liver, and abnormalities of the pigment in the eyes. One of the main abnormalities in

this disease seems to be in the body's handling of copper. As a result, copper tends to accumulate in the nerves and several of the tissues of the body. The sufferer may develop digestive troubles, plus

Parkinson's syndrome (a poker face, stiff muscles, and shaking palsy) plus what looks like a bit like St. Vitus dance.

Naturally, efforts are now being made to cut down on the amount of copper in the food of the children, who have inherited tendency, and to get out of the body some of the copper that has been taken in. Research on the disease is being done by Drs.

Andre Barbeau, and Richard Reilly, in Montreal, and Joseph B. Kirsner, in the University of Chicago.

Dr. Alvarez' booklet on little strokes 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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