

The Medical Roundup

by *Walter Alvarez*

When Patient Who Had Cancer Operation Returns From Hospital

Dr. Morton Bard, of New York City, discusses in an interesting article what can happen when a patient returns from the hospital after having had some organ removed because of cancer. As Dr. Bard says, if the marriage relationship is happy and the two spouses are still in love, the patient on coming home will receive good support, sympathy, help, and encouragement. If he needs some nursing he will get it. In spite of the fact that he may no longer be able to earn as much as he did before, he will continue to be loved. If the patient is a woman, her husband will not blame her for her failure to be able to run the house as she did before.

But if, as often happens, the marriage is what Dr. Bard calls a facade marriage in which the partners just put up a front before friends, there will be trouble. With this type of marriage the patient can expect little help from the spouse. Perhaps worse yet, the husband (or wife) may fail to talk frankly and sympathetically and helpfully with the patient about the problems of the present and the future. If, later, the invalid gets a return of the cancer and becomes seriously ill, the spouse may slide out of taking much responsibility or from doing much to help.

In many of these cases the physician soon senses the inter-spouse hostility or lack of love, and knows what the situation is. What is so sad to see is that when one of a couple, between whom there is little love, gets crippled or mutilated or blind, or ill in some way, the other one may lose whatever ability he or she had to put on a show of affection. For instance, sometimes when a woman loses her breast or her uterus, her husband will no longer come near her, or she will no longer come near him.

Dr. Alvarez's booklet on cancer 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.

What Are Symptoms Of Tapeworm?

Some people write asking what are the symptoms of a tapeworm; and this is hard to answer. Actually, in this country, few people have tapeworms. If I loved to eat raw meat as some people do, I would be a bit concerned about getting a tapeworm, because the cysts of such worms are taken into our stomachs by eating raw or only slightly cooked meat or pork or fish. The Finns who live in northern Minnesota, and love to eat, uncooked, a certain lake fish, get a special type of tapeworm which produces an anemia so severe it resembles pernicious anemia. When I was first out of college and lived in Mexico, I used to see people with tapeworms, but I do not see such patients in this country. I could easily be missing them, because the symptoms, if any, are likely to be vague. Usually, the person soon recognizes what is wrong when he sees long chains of what look like small segments of a white noodle. If one watches these segments for a minute, one can see that they are alive and moving. They tend to appear in the bowel movements especially when there is some diarrhea or a laxative has been taken.

In my Mexican days I discovered that the essential point in getting rid of a tapeworm is to get the head, and if one is to get the head, one must not give the preliminary purge that is advised in American text-books. In Germany, where the doctors see many people with tapeworms, they give no preliminary purge. This purge seems to warn the worm to bore in and hang on tight, when a little later the medicine is given which is designed to stun or kill him.

Usually, the diagnosis of tapeworms and other worms is made when an expert looks at a tiny sample of the patient's fecal matter — under a microscope. He then recognizes the eggs of the several type of worm. The little worms which cause so much trouble in children, often come out at night, and leave eggs around the child's anus. There they can quickly be recognized by an expert.

Will Hormones Make A Woman Hairy?

Women who are taking cortisone or one of the several drugs that resemble cortisone want to know if the drugs can make them hairy. Yes, they can. The patient's physician can tell better than I can if this is likely to happen because he knows what he is giving; he knows the dosage he is using, and he can watch for signs of change in the roundness of the face due to the drug. If he is wise, he will use as little of the drug as possible, and will let up on it as soon as the patient is well enough to get by.

Usually, other hormones, such as those derived from the ovaries and the thyroid gland will not cause hairiness. Male hormone might, and that is why few women care to take it.

Edith Green Not Seeking Post in Kennedy Cabinet

Portland (D-Ore.) — Rep. Edith Green (D-Ore.) is not seeking a post in the Kennedy cabinet and does not expect one, at least during this session of Congress, the Oregon Journal reported Thursday. Political Writer Douglas McKean, quoting sources close to Mrs. Green, said they pointed out, however, that a direct request from President-elect John F. Kennedy would "put tremendous pressure" on her and lead to much "soul searching."

Mrs. Green was Oregon chairman of the Kennedy campaign. The story said Mrs. Green became one of Kennedy's early supporters because they had mutual legislative aims in the fields of education, labor and social welfare, not because she wanted to join the executive branch. She reportedly feels she can be of greatest service to the administration by staying in Congress. Speculation about the Portland congresswoman was heightened by a recent Washington Post interview with Robert Kennedy, the president's brother. He was quoted as saying: "Mrs. Green is one woman who will be in the cabinet or have an important role in the administration, if she wants it. She will have a position of far greater importance than the ordinary role of a congresswoman."

Grange News
An installation of Grange officers will be held at the Eagle Point Grange hall Sunday, Dec. 11, at 1:30 p.m. All incoming officers who were unable to be present at the Central Point installation Dec. 4 are requested to attend the Eagle Point ceremonies.

BIRTHDAY PRESENT
Los Angeles — Mrs. Arthur Lumpe celebrated her 32nd birthday by giving birth to triplet boys.

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the family dog while his wife puts in a call to their insurance company. Mrs. Sharpe, who was driving, explained that she skidded in a puddle while trying to turn a corner. (UPI Telephoto)

New York 40-Plus Club Helps Executives To Find Work

NEW YEARS—3 col hd
By HENRY J. BECHTOLD
UPI Financial Editor

New York (UPI)—There is a unique club in this big city whose main purpose is to get rid of its members.

The members are all executives over 40 years of age, and out of work through no fault of their own, who have banded together to help each other get jobs.

Each member agrees to spend two and a half days each week helping other members find jobs. This one-for-all, all-for-one philosophy enables the club to turn its membership over two and a half times each year.

Average membership of the club at any one time is between 95 and 100. The current roster, Stenhouse said,

represents executive talent whose aggregate salaries last year exceeded \$1 million. **Given Indocrination**

He explained that new members are given a week's intensive indoctrination, job counseling, psychological tests and tips on interviews by seasoned executives who have been on both sides of the desk. Many members are out each day making field calls on some 6,000 "accounts" in the New York area which receive the 40-Plus executive manpower directory of employable executives in 16 major industrial and professional categories.

Only recently the club was able to announce that eight members had been placed in top-level jobs as a district sales manager, assistant controller, national sales manager, controller, sales-industrial department executive, administration executive, office manager, and proprietor of an employment agency.

Founded 22 Years Ago
The club was founded 22 years ago by the late Harry Simler who worked for the old American Writing Co. when it was merged with another typewriter firm. He found himself not only out of a job, but also up against a prejudice about hiring men over 40.

This is where a man's savings come in, according to club president Wallace J. Stenhouse, for without them he could not sustain his family or carry on his club responsibilities.

Stenhouse, a sales and marketing executive who may be swept out of office tomorrow if called to work, said this is the rainy day a man has saved for, and his savings help him weather the storm.

Study on Thrift Habits
History of the 40-Plus Club is contained in a study on thrift habits and careers recently completed by the Savings Bank Association of the State of New York.

Stenhouse only recently took over the presidency of the club from W. G. Talman, a public relations expert who fulfilled the club's purpose.

The average club member earned \$18,000 a year and is 53 years old. Some have

Porch Light Book Drive Is Tonight
Representatives of the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce will collect books from valley residents tonight and tomorrow night as the Jaycee's book drive comes to a close.

Residents who have books to donate for use by the Public Library of Medford and Jackson County and school libraries have been asked to leave on porch lights tonight and Saturday night.

Jaycee members will visit houses where porch lights are on between 7 and 9:30 p.m.

Residents who are not contacted may telephone Gary Colton, chairman of the drive, at SPing 3-1731, or Dr. Earl Johnson, Jerry Lehman and Doug Peters, all of Medford, and Delbert Moore, Phoenix.

Salem—UPI—Norman Merrill, general manager of Blue Lake Packers, Inc., a Salem cooperative, said Thursday the group's board of directors has approved purchase of Western Oregon Packing Corp., Corvallis.

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Five Appear in Circuit Court

Five men appeared in circuit court yesterday before Judge James M. Main.

Maurice Wilson Young, 25 of 815 1/2 Cedar st., Medford, was placed on probation for five years for uttering and publishing a false check. Also sentenced on the same charge was Donald Beryl Chriss, 32, of 128 Taft st., Medford, who had imposition of sentence suspended for five years and was placed on probation. Both men are to make restitution.

Leo Patrick Davis, 40, of 1122 Sunset st., pleaded guilty to district attorney's information to a charge of burglary not in a dwelling. Sentencing was continued pending arrival of FBI reports.

John Ross was appointed attorney for Jack Byron Gundlach, 25, of Lozier lane. Gundlach is charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

William S. Warren, 40, of

2532 Table Rock rd., had George Rode appointed as his attorney and was arraigned on district attorney's information. He is charged with ob-

taining property by false pretenses. The case was continued for Warren to enter a plea and bail was set at \$1,500.

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