

The Medical Roundup

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Asthma
Recently, Dr. R. S. B. Pearson reported the problems of 625 patients with asthma who, during a period of six years, had attended two London clinics. The asthma was looked on as primary in 553 of the patients and secondary to bronchitis in the remaining 72. The disease showed up before the age of 10 years

in 40 per cent of the patients and between the ages of 10 and 19 years in an additional 18 per cent. The doctors found infections, allergic and emotional factors at work in producing most of the asthmatic attacks. Often two or three of the factors were at work at the same time in a patient. The number of persons much distressed by their asthma rose with the increasing age of the patients. Obviously, it takes a wise and experienced doctor to treat asthma well. Last year I saw a woman with what I immediately recognized as an hysterical asthma-like spasm of her chest. I found that her spells came when she had had a row with her mother-in-law. Another person with asthma was found to be sensitive to fowl feathers in some pillows on his davenport. Another asthmatic gets the wheezes whenever she eats a box of chocolates.

Another gets a spell when he gets a cold and a flare-up in his chronic bronchitis. Another man, a chain smoker, is now wheezing all the time because, at the age of 50, he has an emphysema that has become chronic. And so it goes: Asthma is a different disease in many types of patients. This is why I cannot answer people who ask me to cure their asthma by mail. I would like to help them, but I do not know what type of asthma they have. I do have a booklet, "Asthma, Allergy and Hay Fever," which may be useful to asthma sufferers. It may be obtained by sending 25 cents and a large, self-addressed envelope with your request to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept. MMT, The Register and Tribune Syndicate, Box 957, Des Moines 4, Iowa. Mentally Retarded

Our public health authorities recently reported that in the United States we have at least 5 million persons who are mentally subnormal. Each year in this country some 120,000 babies are born so retarded mentally that they represent a tragedy to the family.

It is good that this year the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare is spending more than \$10 million for teacher-training and parent counseling; also rehabilitation of the children, and some "research." I fear much of the research will be of little value because much of it is carried out by people who wouldn't be caught dead recording the fact that some feeble-minded child's relatives were psychotic or decidedly eccentric or mentally retarded. Unless we face this fact of heredity, we will never get anywhere.

Hogan Returns From Eastern Trip

Melvin N. Hogan, representative of the Harris, Upham and company investment firm, recently returned from a 10-day business trip to the east coast.

In New York City he visited the home office, and met several of the company officers. The organization recently acquired the investment firm of Foster and Marshall in Oregon and Washington.

Hogan also met with heads of the research and trust departments in Boston, Mass.

At Washington, D.C., he discussed federal income taxes as applied to retirement homes with Congressman Edwin R. Durno (D-Ore.).

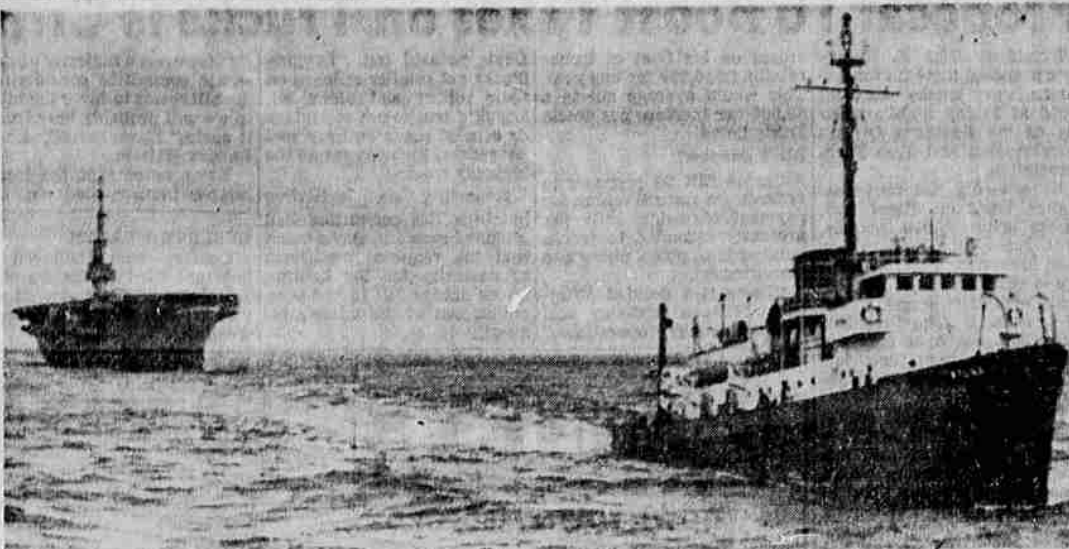
Hogan first became associated with investments in 1925 with his own firm in Medford. In 1952 Jim Rowan joined him as a representative and later as a partner. Hogan and Rowan sold the company in 1957 to Foster and Marshall, but remained as managers.

At the time that the Harris, Upham and company assumed local control, Rowan became the manager and Hogan was named by the new owners as a free lance representative.

55 Cases of Disease Reported in County

Influenza headed the list of cases of communicable diseases reported last week to the Jackson county health department, according to Dr. Erin Merkel, public health physician.

Eleven cases of flu were reported in Medford, 6 in both Shady Cove and Central Point, and 4 in Ashland. Other diseases included were chicken pox, Medford 5; and Jacksonville and Butte Falls, each 1; mumps, Jacksonville, 2; Ashland, 4; Prospect, 5; Phoenix, 4; Medford, 2; and Central Point, 1; gonorrhea, Medford, 1; pneumonia, Ashland, 1; and infectious hepatitis, Shady Cove, 1.



CARRIER IN TOW-A 1,200 horsepower tugboat is shown approaching Hong Kong harbor with a 24,000-ton aircraft carrier in tow—accomplishing one of the most notable feats in maritime history. The tugboat, Mt. Atlas, which undertook the towage from San Diego, Calif., to Hong Kong, used a three-inch steel cable to tow the

USS Bairoko, which was purchased by the Shun Fung Ironworks for scrapping at Hong Kong. During the voyage, covering a distance of some 10,000 miles, only one stop was made, in Hawaii, where provisions were taken aboard.

(UPI Telephoto)

33,243 Youths Are Enrolled in 4-H Projects Throughout State

Corvallis — More Oregon boys and girls are enrolled in 4-H clubs this spring than at any other time in the 47 years that this out-of-the-classroom educational program has been offered by Oregon State college extension service.

A recent census of 4-H membership reveals a total of 33,243 youths — 22,006 girls

and 11,237 boys — are enrolled in a total of 48,959 projects. Multnomah county recorded the greatest growth in club membership for the second consecutive year with 333 new club members. Among the smaller counties, Grant led with 80 new members. Other counties showing substantial increases include Lane, Marion, Douglas and Clackamas.



BILLY ROADS Hitch hiker is "guest" in Medford

Hitchhiker Spends Night in Medford; Well-Known Tourist

Billy Roads, who, in the last 14 years, who has distinguished himself as one of America's best-known "tourists," was an overnight visitor at the Medford hotel last week.

Roads, whose real name is Willard McAllister, has no income, yet he lives in the best hotels, eats in swank restaurants and generally "lives it up" . . . and all for free.

His secret to this enviable existence is something he won't reveal, because, he said, before you could turn around there would be 10,000 others trying the same thing.

He hitchhikes throughout the country at his leisure, having racked up some 678,519 miles at the time he was in Medford. He plans to "retire" when he reaches the one million mile mark, hinting, with a twinkle in his eye, that

he has a girl friend in North Platte, Neb., which he considers his home.

Roads dresses in a neat blue denim suit and carries with him a small suitcase containing, for the most part, press clippings he has collected in his travels, plus a few personal effects.

Although anyone else doing the same thing that Roads is doing might be looked upon as a "bum," Roads has a bearing about him that sets him apart.

He relates that the service in one hotel in San Francisco didn't please him, so he simply checked out and went to another one. The accompanying picture shows him having a cigarette in front of the Medford hotel Wednesday morning.

He says that he is not living off the land, but off the wealth of the land . . . and somehow one has to give him a lot of credit.

4-H News

Shady Cove Chefs

The 10th meeting of the Shady Cove Chefs 4-H club was held March 8 at the home of Miss Bonnie Smith, the leader of the club. The business meeting was presided over by Kevin Hale, vice president.

After the meeting the members put up posters they made in several of the local stores to advertise the 4-H club cookie sale Saturday at Shady Cove Cleaners.

There were prizes for the two best posters.

Place of the next meeting will be announced later.

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BLM Sells Eight Tracts of Timber

Eight tracts of timber containing 24,133,000 board feet were sold by the Medford district of the bureau of land management Thursday for \$511,805.25. Seven of the tracts were located in Jackson county; the eighth was in Josephine county.

Compared with sales for the past several years, the sale had little competition according to John Carnegie, district sales officer. Only three of the eight tracts received any competitive bidding and two of these were small salvage sales.

The sale was also unique in that it included the first sale in the Medford district of the bureau for which bidding was limited to small businesses under the regulations of the Small Business administration.

Sold Via Sealed Bid

The tract containing 2,116,000 board feet located near Hyatt lake was sold via sealed bid rather than the usual oral auction sale. It was purchased by C. R. Hassell Logging of Ashland for \$28,887.45. No other bids were received.

Medford Corporation of Medford bought 6,038,000 board feet located east of McLeod bridge for \$129,018.60 without any competition.

A sale of 6,679,000 board feet located near Howard Prairie was purchased by Kogap Manufacturing company of Medford for \$154,513.60. There was no competitive bidding for this tract.

Another sale without competition was purchased by Timber Products company of Medford for \$77,220.45. The tract is in the West Fork Evans creek area, and contains 3,256,000 board feet.

Light competition was noted in the sale for 2,498,000

board feet located near Moon Prairie. The high bidder was Puckett and Scherer of Klamath Falls who bid \$43,607.70. The unsuccessful bidder was Kogap Manufacturing company.

S. H. and W. Lumber company of Grants Pass was the only bidder for 3,488,000 board feet located on Bear Creek in the Josephine county sale. The purchase price was \$76,943.35.

Max Yoder of Grants Pass purchased 18,000 board feet located on West Fork Evans creek for \$495. The unsuccessful bidders were Timber Products company and Walter Ross.

Second Sale

The second small sale, consisting of 40,000 board feet which is also located on West Fork Evans creek was purchased by Estremado and Sons of Gold Hill with a bid of \$1,319.10. Other bidders for this sale were Zane Bidwell and Timber Products.

Carnegie indicated the district plans to advertise nine timber tracts for sale April 13. The tracts contain a total of 33,642,000 board feet. The appraised price for them is \$714,215.50. Five of these are in Jackson county, three in Josephine and one in Douglas county.

Fadeley To Speak At Josephine Event

Grants Pass — Rep. Ed Fadeley (D-Eugene), sponsor of a lobby control bill, will speak at the Josephine county Democratic Central committee meeting in Grants Pass Wednesday, March 15.

According to Democratic County Chairman Bill Davidson, Fadeley will speak on "What a Freshman Democratic Legislator Finds in Salem." He will speak at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the 4-H club building at the county fair grounds. A business meeting will follow Fadeley's talk.

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