



INCOME TAX TROUBLES—It's tax time, and its no easy time for anyone, even three-year-old Elvis, to figure his debt to Uncle Sam. Elvis is a performer with the Shrine Circus. Top, from left, Elvis takes to the tax desk, but has trouble understanding. Bottom, from left, he resorts to a calculator before completely flipping his lid. Any similarity to persons living or dead is purely intentional. (UPI Telephoto)

The Medical Roundup

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Should a Woman Have Her Silent Gallbladder Removed?
So many people write to say that perhaps accidentally, during an x-ray examination,

they were found to have a few gallstones. Or, they went to a doctor because occasionally they vomited bile, and stones were found.

Now, a surgeon wants to operate right away, while the old family doctor says he would rather wait and see. Perhaps he has pointed out that the stones have never made any symptoms or bothered the woman in any way; or in the case in which there is an occasional vomiting of bile, he is far from sure this is due to the gallstones.

When people, puzzled in this way, write and ask me to settle matters for them I have to say that I cannot give any advice because, without being able to question the woman for a while, I cannot tell whether or not her vomiting of bile has anything to do with her gallbladder. The answers to a few questions probably would convince me that all she has is migraine, in which case, the operation would do her no good. If she has no symptoms, I would be in no rush to remove the gallbladder. I never order an operation for a person with silent gallstones. I used to when I was young, but not in the last 30 years.

I recently saw a woman who had perfect health and digestion until a few months ago when she let a man operate and remove the gallbladder which had never bothered her. Now, she feels constantly ill and miserable. Usually, of course, this isn't the result of an operation, but I have seen enough of such unfortunate results so that I do not care to order a needless operation.

Also, we internists can greatly distress a patient who was perfectly well until a silent gallstone was discovered. Then, we put the poor woman on a rigid diet that she does not need any more than she needs an extra thumb. Just this week I have seen two women who, formerly always well, are now utterly miserable—trying to live on a fat-free diet for which I can see absolutely no reason.

Black Stools
Occasionally, I see a patient who for years has had trouble with a stomach ulcer, and now he tells me that for a few days he has black, tar-like stools, that perhaps were somewhat loose. Perhaps during this time he has felt weak in the knees and a bit nauseated. If he was having any pain from his ulcer, the day he got the black stool he promptly lost that pain and was comfortable.

What happened? He bled from his stomach or duodenum, and the blood became digested. That's why, by the time it reached the rectum, it was black.

In other cases, in which there is no history of an ulcer, the cause for the black stools may be a puzzle, and occasionally, no one ever knows why they were blackish. Usually the explanation is that the person ate some food, such as spinach or beets which darkened the stools. The other day I read an article about a doctor who went into a hospital with stools so black that he felt sure he must have been bleeding from his stomach or duodenum. But when the laboratory people tested his stools for what is called "occult blood" and found none, they knew there had been no bleeding. Then the doctor remembered that the day before, he had gone a binge of drinking grape juice. That was the cause of his dark stools. Many people get dark-looking stools because they are taking a lot of iron for an anemia.

Jacksonian Epilepsy
People ask what is Jacksonian epilepsy. It is a variety of the disease in which the convulsive seizure starts in one small part of the body, such as the fingers of one hand, or the lips. Then it spreads to other parts. Sometimes, at the start, the head and eyes will turn to one side. If I had this type of epilepsy, I would want to see an able neurologist and perhaps an able brain surgeon to see if they thought it would pay me to have my skull opened and the surface of the brain looked at. There would be the possibility of finding a small area of diseased brain which could be removed. Then I might be well.

What Happens When Doctors Are Treated Shabbily?
When a government is too unfair to physicians, they become unhappy and lose heart;

many emigrate, and the medical schools lack students because too few young men care to be doctors. They prefer to become engineers or lawyers. I read now that because in the last two years 2054 much-needed physicians have fled from East Germany, the Communists have now had to promise to leave doctors alone to do their work.

Sometimes early detection and treatment can save a victim of mental disease much suffering and insure a quicker recovery. To know about the symptoms of and treatments for mental diseases read the booklet, "When Mental Illness Strikes a Family," by Dr. Alvarez. It 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 987, Des Moines 4, Iowa.

STARTED DEATH FIRE

New York—UPI—A 6-year-old boy's playing with matches was blamed today for an apartment fire which killed his younger brother and sister for whom he was baby sitting. Police said Theodore Gist admitted he was playing with matches while he was left alone with Ronald, 3, and Annette, 2, as their parents visited friends nearby Thursday night.



FACES TAX CLAIM—Ralph "Bottles" Capone, 59, brother of the late Al Capone, Chicago prohibition era crime leader, has been served with a subpoena in a 33-year-old income tax claim case. Internal Revenue agents ordered him to appear on May 22 to show whether he has properties that can be used to satisfy a government claim for \$217,716.75 in taxes, penalties and interest for 1926-28. (UPI Telephoto)

PLAN SINGAPORE HILTON

Singapore—UPI—A Singapore business men's group plans to cooperate with the Hilton Hotel company to build a hotel here. The group said the \$2 million, 15-story hotel would be called the Singapore Hilton. Plans call for 400 rooms, a swimming pool, nightclub, boating facilities and a bar and restaurant on every floor. The group said the project would be financed entirely by local capital.

81 Institutions To Take Part in Model UN Session at UO

Eugene—Representatives from 81 colleges and universities throughout the western states will be on the University of Oregon campus April 12 to 15 to take part in one of the largest student gatherings to be held in Eugene—the 11th session of the Model United Nations.

More than 1,000 students are expected for the event which will feature as keynote speaker the president of the 1961 General Assembly of the United Nations, Frederick H. Boland.

President Boland, Ireland's representative to the United Nations, will spend April 12 in Eugene. During the day he will meet the press, radio and television representatives, have a student interview, and at 8 p.m. Wednesday he will address the MUN General Assembly plenary session in McArthur Court.

Oregon Senator Wayne L. Morse also will be a special guest for the MUN session. Senator Morse, former Congressional representative to the United Nations, will introduce President Boland Wednesday night.

On Tuesday, Senator Morse will speak at an all-campus assembly at 1 p.m. in the Erb Memorial Union. That evening he will address the Alumni Banquet of the MUN.

The 11th session of the MUN opens on Wednesday with registration, a reception and dinner for delegates, and the first plenary session. Caucus sessions are planned for Wednesday night following Boland's address.

On Thursday and Friday the delegates meet in committees, councils, and commission sessions. During these meetings the business and resolutions will be handled in preparation for the Saturday GA plenary sessions, which will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, and from 1:30 to 5 p.m. A banquet at 6:30 p.m. Saturday will conclude the MUN.

Each of the delegations from the several universities and colleges will represent a UN member national. These delegations will attempt to base their activities on their country's policies and actions in the UN.

Several hundred Oregon students will be involved in the MUN with some seven committees and the security council under leadership of UO students.

Paul Ward, Eugene, graduate student in political science, heads up the planning for the MUN and will act as secretary-general during the sessions. Mary Alden, sophomore in sociology from Albany, is head of the all conference services. Assistant secretary-general is Gary Sala, senior in journalism from Portland. Eric Carlson, junior in political science from Eugene, will be physical facilities supervisor.

G. L. Best, political science instructor, and Herman Cohen, associate professor of speech, are faculty advisors.

Swede Tells Need For Stronger UN

San Francisco—UPI—Prime Minister Tage Erlander of Sweden Thursday night called for a stronger United Nations. "We must do what we can to strengthen the United Nations," he said. "I hope the attacks (on the UN) will not succeed, especially for the sake of the small nations."

Erlander arrived in San Francisco after a four-hour stopover in Salt Lake City.

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School News

Hedrick Junior High

Edited by Sarah Madden, Steve Root, Pam Neff, and Tom Ginn

Easter services for Hedrick students were held Friday afternoon in the Eastwood Baptist church. Members of the seventh grade chorus sang for the service.

In the show case next to the office are designs of symmetry and solid structures made by the seventh and eighth grade students in Miss Katherine Fonkin's art classes.

Nine-weeks test was scheduled March 27 to 31, which completed the third quarter. On Wednesday, April 5, report cards were distributed.

The combined Medford public school bands presented the Spring Band Festival recently in the Hedrick auditorium. The Hedrick junior varsity band, directed by Steve Whipple, played Olavdot's "Hall of Fame March" and "Fortuna" by McCaughey. Played by the varsity band were "His Honor March," by Fillmore, and Beethoven's "Egmont Overture."

The California Oregon Power company made available to Hedrick colored posters on kite safety and a set of safety rules relating to various precautions that should be taken by all kite-

flyers in the approaching kitesailing season. It was stressed that kites be flown only in open fields, and that Copco be called immediately in case of a kite becoming entangled in a power line.

Claude Haggard of Copco gave an assembly recently on closed heart massage. Haggard said that there were 117 different ways of giving artificial respiration, but that the best was mouth to mouth breathing.

Hedrick's band will take part in the Pear Blossom Parade Saturday, April 8. Theme of the parade this year is "Pears in Fantasyland." Units will assemble at the Library park. Awards will be announced by the judges at Hawthorne park.

A bulletin last week urged all those interested to get their parade entries in as soon as possible.

STEADIES NERVES
Calcium exerts a steadying influence on the nerves.

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for their big part in the Savings Bond Program

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ings nest egg to the influence of their wives. Many a boy and girl wouldn't have a full Savings Stamp book, but for mom. And many a Bond would not be sold, but for the army of women volunteers who put their strength behind the Savings Bond Program.

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A Message from our First Lady:
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Honorary Chairman, National Women's Advisory Committee for Savings Bonds



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