

The Medical Roundup

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A Lonely Person with a Severe Arthritis

It is sad that severe arthritis - especially when it attacks someone who is old and poor and living alone in one or two rooms - is a disease that is very hard to treat. Faced with a problem like this, a conscientious physician feels helpless; he knows there is so little he can do.

I have here a letter which tears at my heart. It is from a widow of 60 who says she lives alone and doesn't know which way to turn. She has become crippled with a collapsed spine which causes much pain; also she has several stiff and painful joints. She gets terrible spasms in her legs.

She has her small social security check each month, and a little widow's pension, and she is proud of the fact that, so far, she has been able to pay her bills. Sometimes she is in so much pain that she can't get to the bathroom or she can't get to the kitchen. Naturally, often she cannot get to the market to buy food. She is becoming almost suicidal in her anxiety over the future. What on earth is going to happen to her if she gets a little worse so that she never can get out of bed? Unfortunately, she has no insurance that will enable her to go to a hospital, and that is where she probably now belongs, or soon will belong. Only in a hospital can she get the physiotherapy which might help her.

She has become very resentful because doctors are reluctant to come to see her, and some just won't come. She has developed a feeling of bitterness against them. I can sympathize with her, but I can sympathize also with the doctors. They hate to make a call when there is so little that they can do with just a prescription. There are no strong pain-relievers easily

available which will not produce habituation like that to morphine, and there is no drug which can be counted on to cure the arthritis of the aged. Cortisone and cortisone-like drugs will help in cases of the rheumatoid, deforming arthritis, but they do not cure, and they must be given with care and watchfulness.

If I were able to drop in and see the woman, I do not know what I could do to help her, unless perhaps she lived in a city in which there is a fine nursing service or a fine group of hospital people.

I could ask them to see her. Perhaps an expert on arthritis, an orthopedist and physiotherapist would drive out every so often to try to help. But these kind people can hardly help a person who is alone, because they work largely by training some relative to take good care of the patient.

Obviously, if the woman could go into a hospital, more could be done for her. Perhaps, after a while, she could get out of bed with less pain. She could go to a dining room for her meals, she could bathe herself, and take full care of herself. Perhaps in the hospital, a pain-relieving drug could be given at night, together with a strong barbiturate so that she could get needed sleep and rest.

Senate Approves Funds for Bombers

Washington - (UPI) - The Senate disregarded the advice of two presidents Monday and voted to authorize \$525 million to purchase more long-range bombers for the Strategic Air Command.

It took the action in passing a \$12.5 billion measure to authorize more ships, planes and missiles. The bill, approved by voice vote, now goes to the House.

The action on manned bombers was contrary to the recommendations of President Kennedy and former President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Neither had sought the bombing funds.

4-H Club News

Experimenters

The Experimenters 4-H club held a meeting May 6 at the home of Mrs. Duggan, our leader. The meeting was called to order by our president, Marianne Goodwin. We welcomed a new member into the club, Peppi Clark.

We discussed 4-H summer school with those who are going. They include Doreen Duggan, Roy Duggan, and Margaret Goodwin.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held June 3 at the home of Mrs. Duggan.

Margaret Goodwin, Reporter

Eagle Point Ranchers

The Eagle Point Ranchers 4-H club held a recent meeting in the Eagle Point agricultural building.

Roll call was answered by naming parts of the sheep. There were 20 members and four visitors present.

Reports were given by Kay Stephenson, history of Short-horn; Lugeta Stephenson, Holstein cows; Nancy Carroll, foot rot; Brenen Wilson, Charolais cows; and Graham Wilson, different breeds of sheep.

On May 7 our rabbit members were guests of Sam Thumblers 4-H club. It was held in Phoenix. Their leader, Sam James, instructed us on how to show our rabbits. He also told us about some diseases of rabbits and proper feeding.

After the meeting was adjourned, we had a movie on entomology, 4-H clubs and a film strip on sheep judging.

Susan Harper, Reporter

Bunny Hoppers

Members of the Eastside Bunny Hoppers 4-H club held their last meeting at 5342 Gebhard rd. Marsha Bever, junior leader, gave a demonstration on how to show and judge rabbits. Mrs. Bever explained the records and story sheets in our project books.

We discussed plans to give a demonstration and rabbit dinner for the Agate Home Extension unit early in June. Marsha and Richard Bever gave a skit used in the Friendship follies for Central Point Grange recently.

Richard Bever, Reporter

Daffy Dills

The Daffy Dills 4-H club had their meeting at the home of Mrs. Anhorn recently. Elaine Young called the meeting to order, and James An-

horn led the flag salutes. John Felscher is a new member. Mrs. Anhorn told of her trip to the "Parade of Gardens" in Gresham, reading a poem, "My Garden," from one of the gardens.

We discussed our trip to the coast which we are planning May 20. Judy Frink read an invitation to Phoenix flower show and one in Grants Pass. We mentioned about growing our sweet potatoes for a flower show in June. James showed his seed flat of test tomatoes.

Danny Hill gave us some tips on garden safety. Carolyn Sidener made an arrangement of iris. Refreshments were served by Elaine.

Cathy Anhorn, Reporter

Antelope Sewing, Cooking

The last meeting of the Antelope Sewing and Cooking 4-H club was held at the home of Elaine and Gloria Meyer.

In cooking, roll was answered with a recipe using fruits or vegetables. The cooking club sold hot dogs and cake at the Antelope Livestock club tour. Georgia Hubbard, Judy Hill and Jennifer Nevin got the hot dogs for the tour. The first year girls baked brownies and the rest of the club baked sheet cakes. The tour was Saturday.

On June 11 there will be a picnic at Woolfolk's lake. We will go to church at the Brownsboro church. The 4-H girls families are invited.

On June 28 there will be the preface. Donna Geren will make arrangements for getting the home economics room at the Eagle Point High school.

In sewing, roll was answered

Supreme Court Backs Vermont in Parochial Funds

Washington - (UPI) - The Supreme Court Monday let stand a decision prohibiting a Vermont school district from paying tuition for children attending Roman Catholic high schools.

The high tribunal did so by declining to hear an appeal from a state Supreme Court decision. The Vermont action was taken in a brief unsigned order by the U.S. Supreme Court. The tribunal did not go into its reasoning.

The action was expected to figure in the controversy over President Kennedy's aid-to-education program which is now being considered by Congress. Kennedy has declared that in his opinion the federal government cannot provide funds for nonpublic schools.

The Vermont Supreme Court ruled that the tuition payments for Catholic students were an unconstitutional participation by the state in religious matters.

FOURTH OFFICIAL VISIT
 Ottawa - (UPI) - President Kennedy is the fourth U. S. President to officially visit Canada, the others being Dwight D. Eisenhower, Harry S. Truman and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

ed with an occasion and what you would wear to it.

The mother's tea was held May 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Paul-ette Anderson's home.

Elaine Meyer, Reporter

Grange News

Phoenix Grange

The regular meeting of Phoenix Grange recently opened with Master Lloyd Lacy presiding.

Roscoe Roberts, county deputy of Roxy Ann Grange, was escorted to the master's station.

A new member, D. A. Penrod was initiated with the first and second degrees by Roberts.

Charles Johnson reported about 20 to 25 per cent frost damage to some fruit. He suggested some types of spraying be done at this time. Charles Hockersmith stated the current rains as being beneficial to grain crops.

Hockersmith reviewed the history of how stock and feed were moved over the country. He also included the first types of harvesting machinery and its use.

An insurance report by Roberts included auto insurance refunds and that future

refunds will be improved due to a state sharing system. Also mentioned were the low rates for young drivers and fire insurance on dwellings and contents.

Mrs. Johnson gave a reading titled, "What Matters," during the literary program. Vaughn Quackenbush talked on roses, their care and a history of their beginning. He stated they were one of the oldest flowers and described how they had been developed through to the hybrid teas of today. The Peace Rose, considered one of the most popular, had its start in France and was introduced in this country without the originator's knowledge. Several sprays for various purposes were mentioned, and he suggested summer pruning to improve air circulation through the bush.

In honor of Mother's Day corsages were given to the

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Magazine Writers Won't Give Up Literary Tries To Explain Texas

By DICK WEST

Washington - (UPI) - Every so often some magazine writer will dip his quill in liquid superlatives, anoint himself with the oil of omniscience and undertake to explain Texas.

Explaining Texas, has, in fact, become a sort of obsession among the periodical literati. They look upon it the way mountain climbers used to regard Mt. Everest.

All of their efforts are, of course, foredoomed. If the hu-

man brain were capable of explaining Texas, mankind long ago would have unlocked the deepest mysteries of the universe.

Nevertheless, magazine writers have to do something to keep themselves in tweed jackets and as long as the challenge is there, I really can't blame them for having a go at it.

The latest scribe to take the plunge is John Bainbridge, author of a series of articles that have been appearing for the past month or so in the New Yorker magazine.

N. Y. Holds Record
 New York writers, by the way, probably hold the national record for the number

of attempts to explain Texas. It even surpasses the number of attempts by Texas writers to explain New York.

Bainbridge propounds the interesting thesis that traits of character and behavior patterns which other countries regard as peculiarly American are magnified or intensified in Texas.

Are Americans as a whole excessively patriotic, prideful, and clamorous for a fast buck, while at the same time exceedingly generous, friendly and respectful of womanhood?

If so, says Bainbridge, Texans are that way, too, only more so. Texas has become, in his phrase, "the super-American state."

This runs counter to the concept advanced by previous explainers, who took the tack that Texas was "extra-American," or a thing apart from the rest of the United States. Being an old Texan myself, I have always tended toward the latter view, possibly because I was indoctrinated into this line of thinking by my early environment.

"There is something different about being a Texan," my mater used to say, her eyes transfixed by a daguerrotype of the Alamo that hung above the fireplace.

I remember asking her once what it was that was different about us.

"Well, for one thing," she said, "we don't live in Oklahoma." After reading Bainbridge's articles, I am now inclined to think the "super-America" theory may be more valid. But this explanation also leaves me with something less than a sense of fulfillment.

Eventually, perhaps, some writer will be transported into the realm of the occult and thus find himself able to explain the inexplicable.

Such a breakthrough could be a boon to all humanity. It could mean that people everywhere would be spared from hearing any more Texas jokes.

JACKIE'S FAVORITES

Ottawa - (UPI) - Art and horses, two of Jacqueline Kennedy's favorite interests, play a major role in the separate itinerary drawn up for the President's wife. Wednesday Mrs. Kennedy will visit the National Art Gallery and see an abbreviated version of the famous Royal Canadian Mounted Police musical ride.



LOOKING FOR HANDOUT - "I'm hungry," Christopher, a three-month-old African lion cub seems to be telling Mrs. Vada Stovall, wife of Phil Stovall, head keeper at the Portland zoo, as he interrupts her reading. The picture was taken just before Christopher was returned to the zoo because he was getting too rough. The Stovalls had raised him for the last two months since his mother abandoned him. (UPI Telephoto)