

The Medical Roundup

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Keloids

Many a woman writes to say that, one day she got a cut on her arm, or a doctor removed a wart, and now she has an unsightly, raised, red lump where the cut was—in other words, a keloid. A plastic surgeon tells me that before he does any remodeling work on a person, he first makes a little cut in some usually-hidden place—perhaps the abdomen—to see if the person is a keloid-maker. If so, he refuses to operate.

It does not do any good to cut out a keloid because one only gets another one. The last patient with keloids I took to a skin specialist got an excellent result with the help of some radiation. As I remember, he was treated with radium. Previous treatments with ointments had done no good.

Arthritis Can Involve Voice Box

At the recent meeting of the American Rheumatism Association, Drs. Harry Blumstock, George E. Ehrlich, and Richard H. Freyberg reported the interesting fact that, in quite a few cases of rheumatoid arthritis, the little bony joints (cricoarytenoids) around the voice box are involved, and as a result a number of the persons complain of hoarseness.

Some even have difficulty in breathing; a few have a high-pitched, noisy type of breathing, and a few have difficulty in swallowing, or a feeling of fullness in the throat on swallowing or breathing. These patients only rarely complain of pain in the joint that is involved. The voice box is on the front of the neck. In some cases, an operation on the little joint can help.

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Central Point Boy Wins Poster Event

Larry Vaterlain, route 1, box 333AA, Central Point, was judged first place winner in the district safety poster contest sponsored by the Talisman lodge of Knights of Pythias.

The winning poster will be entered in the state contest sponsored by the Pythian lodge, and the state winner will be entered in a national contest to be held by the Supreme lodge in August in Chicago.

Jolene Greene, 443 South First st., Central Point, received second place, and Janet Hobbs, 143 Bush st., Central Point, was third place winner. All are art pupils of Warren Holbrook, art director of Crater High school.

Charles Lasher and Don Lacey were in charge of the local contest.

Widespread Heating Noted in Orchards

Orchard heating in the Rogue valley started a little before midnight Sunday, was pretty general about 2 a.m., and continued to about 6 a.m., County Horticultural Agent Clifford B. Cordy said.

"I doubt if there was any damage since the colder orchards were protected with heaters," Cordy said. One orchard reported a low of 26 degrees, he said, adding that the necessary temperature was hard to hold.

Cordy estimated about six hours of heating Sunday night and Monday. This made the fifth day of orchard heating so far this season and the third night when there was any amount of smoke. The number of days of heating so far is behind the usual number, he said.



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