

# The Medical Roundup

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### Some Treatments Helpful For Only Certain Illness

It is said that people so cling to a little hope that, commonly, in their eagerness to find a cure for their loved one, they fail to read carefully an article that interests them. For instance, recently I told of two very rare diseases of infants, in which there is a chemical defect which, if allowed to persist, usually will destroy much of the child's brain. As I said, if the needed diet is not started at birth, later, when the child is mentally retarded, nothing can be done.

I am now getting a flood of letters from unhappy people. My heart goes out to them because they tell me of their child who is perhaps 10 or 15 or 18 years old, and is in a school for the mentally retarded. They want me quickly to send them the diet for the defect I described. I am sad because I have to tell these poor people that I know of nothing that can now be done for their child, except to teach him as much as he can learn.

Similarly, because I have told here of things that a surgeon sometimes can do for a man who has recently had a series of peculiar little strokes, many people write asking where they can take their old father, who had his single stroke perhaps five years ago, and perhaps is still paralyzed and a bit childish. Obviously, such a man has had part of his brain destroyed, and no one can build it back again.

### Flood of Letters

A while ago, I told of the wonderful improvement in hearing that comes to many people who have a "stapes" operation for a conduction type of deafness, with disease in their middle ear. Perhaps I did not emphasize the point sufficiently, but now I am getting a flood of letters from people who say they went to a good ear specialist to get the operation.

After making some tests, the doctor said, "Your trouble is a nerve type of deafness for which there is no operation and no medicine. Often then, not even a hearing aid will help." Some of these people tell me their ear man said, "Try to learn lip-reading. That could help you."

But still people go on hoping, and so they write asking me to refer them to another ear man who will cure a nerve deafness, or will operate for it, or will find them a good hearing aid. I do not blame these people because they haven't, in their mind's eye, the picture of the external ear, the middle ear, the inner ear, and the nerve that runs from the inner ear to the brain.

Without such a picture, and without knowledge of how the complicated hearing mechanism works, it is very hard for them to understand why one man can be cured with an operation, and another man can't be helped by anything.

Ask him about this and he may say that all his life he has been having "hypomanic days" when he is merry and talkative and very friendly. On these days, his mind runs so fast and so well that he can perhaps dash off a magazine article plus one or two poems. In a group of people, he may be very amusing, making up puns and limericks. On another day, his friends will wonder what is wrong with him because he is so silent and slowed-up.

Usually, when one finds a person of this type one soon learns that one or two of his relatives suffered from a more definite depression; perhaps one learns that some relative had one or two bad spells of depression in his or her life. Usually, a cyclothymic person needs no treatment because he maintains good self-control in both his manic and his depressed spells. Many such people whom I have

known as patients never knew what had been wrong with them, until I showed them the significance of their overly-wide swings of temperament.

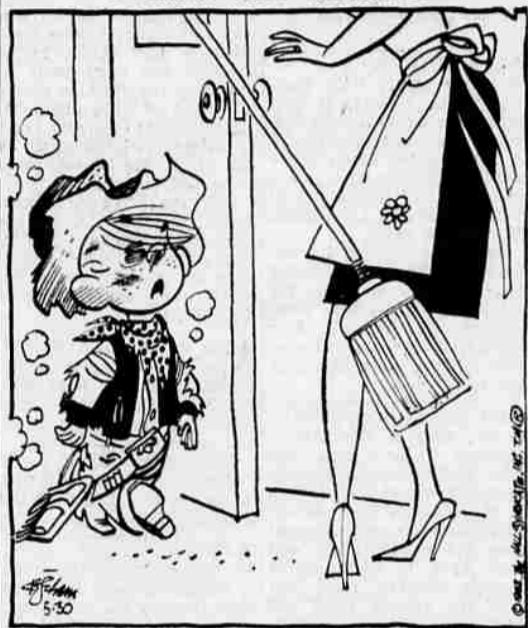
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### They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



### Dennis the Menace



WHAT COULD YA EXPECT? I WAS THE BAD GUY!

## Chance at Higher Education Should Be Given Seniors

All high school graduates who can go to college and can benefit by higher education should be given that opportunity. William E. Ruck, chairman of the Medford High School scholarship committee said Tuesday in a luncheon address before the Medford Rotary club.

Speaking at the Rogue Valley Country club, Ruck told of the new programs of scholarships, grants and loans which are making it possible for many more to secure advanced education than was possible a few years ago.

With many new jobs calling for young men and women with specialized training and expanded educational background, the need for financial assistance is often urgent.

**Program's Philosophy**

The philosophy behind the scholarship program is primary responsibility on the part of the student's family, the speaker emphasized. Scholarship money should always be supplemental to family ability to pay.

The scholarship committee here utilizes the services of a Los Angeles organization that determines, by electronic computer, the basis of financial aid after analyzing confidential family financial statements and other pertinent data. Regular progress reports are provided to those individuals, firms and organizations sponsoring scholars, Ruck said.

In the 1962 class here 81 students will receive grants and loans enabling them to attend schools and colleges from Alaska to New York. The scholarships include advanced education from Harvard and Wellesley in OTI and the Eugene Beauty school.

Ruck is senior boys counselor and instructor in social studies at Medford High school, and his civic and fraternal activities include membership on Medford's planning commission and past exalted ruler of Medford Lodge, BPOE.

Congress, fourth district, \$1,121.

Charles E. Gilbert of Portland, Democrat U. S. Senate nomination, \$2,169.

Norman O. Nilsen of Portland, Democrat for renomination as state labor commissioner, \$191.

Charles O. Porter, Eugene, Democrat for Congress, fourth district, \$5,517.

**Duncan's Expenses**  
Robert B. Duncan, Medford, Democrat for Congress, fourth district, \$3,989.

Robert W. Straub, Eugene, Democrat for Congress, fourth district, \$3,825.

Robert Chandler, Bend Republican for Congress, second district \$96.

Harold Livingston, Corvallis, Republican for U. S. Senate \$2,383.

Walter Norblad, Stayton, Republican for Congress, first district, none.

William McAllister, Salem, for Supreme Court justice, \$19.

Patrick Flynn of Eugene, for Democratic nomination to

## Thornton Political Campaign Expenses Listed as \$3,079

Salem - (UP) - The Thornton for governor committee spent only \$3,079 in its successful drive to get Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton nominated for governor in the May 18 primary, according to a campaign expense report on file here.

The committee also said it had about \$4 left over.

Thornton reported personal expenses of \$2,000, setting his total campaign costs at just over \$5,000.

Thornton's closest rival for the Democratic nomination, State Sen. Walter J. Pearson of Portland, spent \$10,825, and the committee that won

renomination for GOP Gov. Mark Hatfield spent \$13,877 - although \$3,300 of that was charged off to the November campaign coming up.

**Deadline Monday**

Expense reports of campaign committees were due in the state elections division by law at 5 p.m. (PST) Monday. Candidates have until next week to get their personal expense reports in.

Other filings included: Carl Fisher of Eugene, for the Republican nomination for Congress, fourth district, \$6,609.

Patrick Flynn of Eugene, for Democratic nomination to

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