

# The Medical Roundup

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## Child Who Plays Hokey

While reading many studies on the medical aspects of juvenile criminology, I have been much impressed with the finding that so many of the young criminals are more or less illiterate. They can read a little if they have to, but few can read for pleasure, and so they never think of reading a book or an informative article in a journal.

Why can't they read? Because early in their lives, they played hokey so often that they failed in many of their studies, and perhaps left school in the seventh grade. As a result, when these kids grew up, they could not find a job, and because they could not make any money with a job, they had to get it by stealing. And because many were about as inefficient at stealing as they would be in working for an employer, they were always getting caught, and being sent to a reform school or a prison.

Obviously, parents should make every possible effort to get their children to see that when they play hokey, they can be preparing themselves for a most unhappy life — and perhaps a tragic life — in one prison after another.

Now I find something that I had not thought of — and this is that according to a recent survey made by the Swedish Temperance Education Board, out of 1,190 persons under the age of 25 years who were arrested for drunkenness, 63 per

cent had had only a primary school education. Interesting, also, is the fact that of these alcoholic youths, 38 per cent had no interests. In fact, for 35 per cent of them, alcohol was their dominating interest. Some 47 per cent had already had at least one clash with the law. These alcoholic lads were not much interested in sports, and that was unfortunate.

## Boeck's Sarcoid

Several people write me every month asking me what is Boeck's Sarcoid and what can one do for it. Here is a letter from a woman who says that suddenly when she was 71, the thing hit her. She promptly lost more than 50 pounds. For quite a while, her good doctors had great difficulty making a diagnosis. They found an enlarged heart and a sinus infection, a "lazy liver," some arthritis, and some bronchitis, but that did not tell them what was wrong.

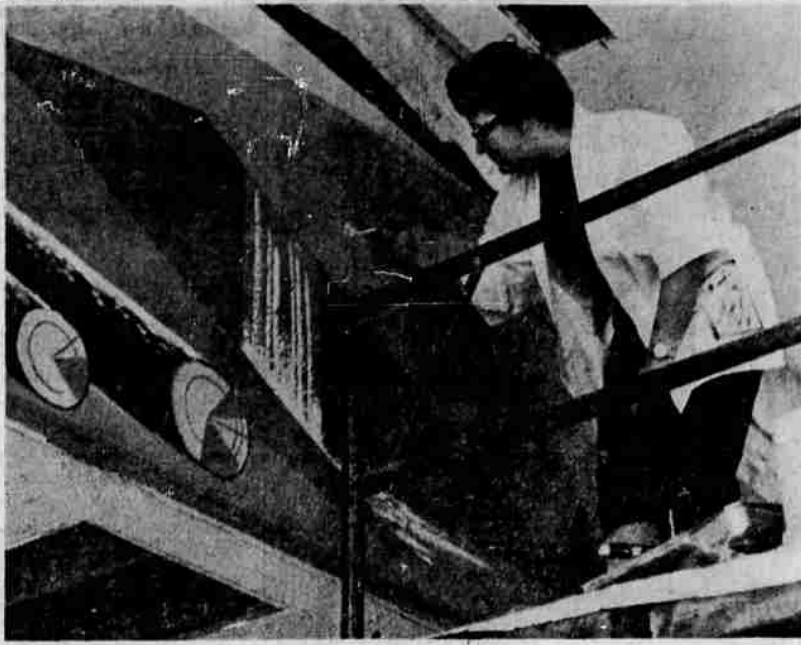
Then some nodules appeared in her groins, and one just above her collar bone. Wisely, the doctors took some of these nodules out, and had them examined under the microscope by an expert pathologist (physician who specializes in studying diseased tissue). All the pathologist could say was that there was no tuberculosis or cancer. Perhaps he was not sufficiently impressed by the presence of little areas that looked like tubercles, but were not typical of tuberculosis.

Apparently, later, someone made the diagnosis of sarcoid from an examination of more glands removed. The lady still has much pain in her joints, her back, her shoulders and her knees. She is getting stronger and is gaining back some of her weight, and so she probably will be like a goodly percentage of these people who get well. Often, the powerful reparative powers of the body go to work. It is much that way with tuberculosis.

Even before we got the several drugs that now help so much, hundreds of thousands of people with tuberculosis got well just with rest and good food.

## Glandular Fever

I get many requests for information about the glandular fever which commonly affects young people. A number of the glands in the sides of the neck, the arm-pits and the groins swell, and often the patients feel miserable and below par for a few months. Because certain changes ap-



**PAINTS MURAL**—Miss Georgialene Coble, National bank's new North Medford branch Portland artist, is painting a mural of scenes quarters. The bank, located at Ohio and common to the Medford area at the U. S. Court sts., is expected to be completed soon.

## Moves in Cycles

# West Makes Notes on Internal Meaning of Jazz for Festival

By DICK WEST

Washington —UPI— We had here last week an internal jazz festival sponsored by the



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that I have felt qualified to participate in.

I offer my services not as a musician but as a long-time student of jazz trends and directions, some knowledge of which is essential to the development of a well-rounded personality.

Many people have said to me that they like jazz but it makes them nervous. The rea-

son is that they lack the background to appreciate its nuances and finer points.

As my contribution to the festival, I have prepared some notes on the inner meaning of jazz in the hope that it will help create a broader base of understanding, people-to-people-wise.

In order to grasp what is happening in the jazz world, it must first be understood that jazz moves in cycles, as opposed, for example, to the stock market, which moves in circles.

Each jazz cycle lasts until the musicians begin to suspect that other people are enjoying what they are playing. Then they move on to another cycle.

There is nothing more distressing to a jazz musician than the thought that someone, other than himself, enjoys what he is playing.

So now we have formless jazz, and thus far it has succeeded admirably in curtailing enjoyment.

Some authorities believe that if the current cycle ever becomes enjoyable, jazz will have no place left to hide. That would be a pity for I have forgotten how to waltz.

## HIGHWAY ACCIDENTS

New York —UPI— Statisticians report there are six times as many highway accidents at 35 miles an hour than at 65 mph. But the injury rate at 65 is twice that of 35.

# Bank Building To Have Mural Of Valley Scenes

An artist's touch is being added to U.S. National bank's new North Medford branch quarters now nearing completion on the corner of Ohio and Court sts., reports Dwight Houghton, branch manager.

Actually, a colorful mural which is six feet high and 40 feet long, is more of an impact than a "touch." When completed, a montage of scenes common to the Medford area will be depicted in greens, grays, blues, black and white.

Adding this flavor to the North Medford branch is Miss Georgialene Coble, well known Portland artist. She has painted murals for a number of U. S. National branches, and has been engaged in commercial work for other Portland establishments.

Miss Coble is a graduate of Parson's School of Design in New York, and has attended both University of Oregon and University of Minnesota.

She is a former designer for Bonwit Teller, New York, and has been head designer for Simplicity Patterns. Among other accomplishments, she decorated the children's area at the 1961 Oregon State Fair and also has done some interior decorating work.

Houghton said construction of permanent quarters for the branch is proceeding on schedule, and that an announcement will be made soon on the opening date and various activities in connection with this.

# City Officials To State Conference

Two Medford city police officers and two employees of the city public works department left Medford Monday afternoon to attend a state motor vehicle department conference in Salem.

Journeying to Salem for the meet were Chief of Police Charles P. Champlin and Lt. Rolfe P. Pean, department service officer, together with John Compagnoni, assistant city traffic engineer, and Mrs. Jinx Reeves, public works department office manager.

Chief Champlin is slated to participate in a panel discussion Wednesday on the subject of how traffic records can assist in efforts at traffic enforcement.

The two-day conference will conclude Wednesday.

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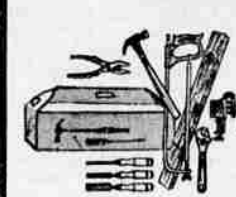


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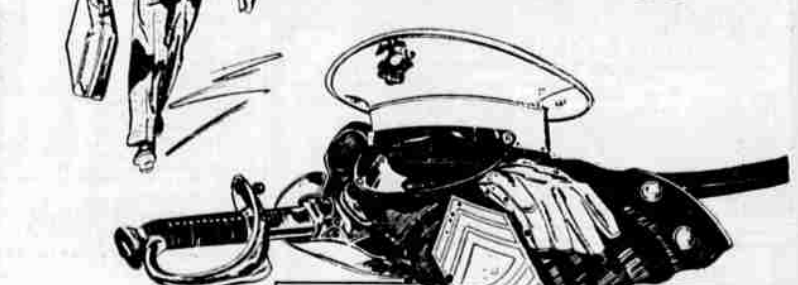
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