

Dennis the Menace



"I WISH YOU'D QUIT LOOKIN' FOR SHARKS, JOEY! YOU'RE STARTIN' TO MAKE ME NERVOUS!"

The Medical Roundup

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A Hiatus Hernia at 77

A 77-year-old man writes to say that sometimes he has a little pain in his chest. X-ray studies have shown that if he lies down and strains hard, an inch of the top of his stomach will slip up alongside of his gullet. It will do this in thousands of people who were born with a larger than normal opening in the midriff where the gullet goes through. Almost all of these people lived all their lives without being bothered by their little peculiarity, and they never even knew of it. Why they should now be operated on for it I do not know.

The old man who writes me says his surgeon insists on performing the big and dangerous operation - required to tighten the hole; but he, the patient, does not want the operation, and wonders what I think about it. He says his good old family doctor is much against the idea. In the first place, the family doctor is not sure that the "hernia" is producing the occasional slight pain the man has in his chest; second, the pain is easily bearable; and third, the operation could easily be followed by a fatal result.

I am all in favor of the advice given by the old doctor; I agree heartily with him. As he says, in his long lifetime he has seen many an operation performed to remove some little defect which wasn't causing symptoms; also there was no certainty that after the surgery the patient would be any better off. I always admire greatly the eminent surgeons like Dr. Isidor Ravdin or Dr. John Cline or Dr. Norman Miller, who will get up in a big meeting, and say "Let's cut down on the amount of operating that is of questionable urgency."

Many Girls Sad I get many sad letters from girls in high school who say that they are much distressed with constant teasing because of a squinting eye, or drooping upper eyelids, or an ugly or overly large nose, or flaring ears, or a mouse or Andy Gump type of lower jaw, or breasts that are much too small or much too large.

These youngsters tell me that they are very unhappy and highly desirous of having the defect corrected by a plastic surgeon, but their family only jeers at the idea, or they say "you have no money," and this is a most unkind thing for them to do. If I had a child with some facial deformity, I would have it corrected as quickly as possible, even if I had to work overtime every day in order to get the money.

I wish I could talk to the parents of these young people to convince them that it is tremendously important psychologically to have a defect corrected. Women with an ugly defect have told me that because their overly religious fathers refused to let them have the much needed operation, they grew up unloved, unmarried, bitter, and angry with the whole world. The women's lives were ruined, and made most unhappy because of the parents' lack of understanding, sympathy, kindness, and good sense.

One difficulty, of course, is that plastic surgery usually costs money, but I have known some kindly surgeons

who would charge a youngster little for a much-needed operation.

What I say to all of these youngsters who write me is, "Do not let your family talk you out of it, or jeer you out of it. Work hard, evenings if necessary; save all you can, and then try to find a kindly plastic surgeon who will correct the defect."

Although every patient would not be able to have it, there is an operation for Parkinson's disease and Dr. Alvarez tells you about it in his new booklet, "Parkinson's Disease or 'Shaking Palsy.'" To obtain it, send 25 cents and a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept. MMT, The Register and Tribune Syndicate, Box 957, Des Moines 4, Iowa.

Mailing Mistake May Cost Job for Ceylonese Envoy

United Nations, N.Y. - (UPI) - A secretarial slip-up in handling diplomatic mail may have wrecked the Ceylonese ambassador's chances of winning the 1962-63 presidency of the General Assembly.

The document, intended for Ceylon's Foreign Ministry as inside information on United Nations affairs, was sent by mistake to eight foreign embassies in Ottawa, the sources said.

Touring South America Malalasekera currently is touring South America to promote his candidacy. He was not available for comment on the situation.

The errant diplomatic secretary telephoned Canadian officials and asked that the documents be returned unopened to New York. But copies were made, diplomatic sources said.

Activity Starts in Huckleberry City; Roads Said Good

Huckleberry city started to bustle with activity during the week as the huckleberry crop started to ripen, according to the weekly recreation report from Rogue River National forest officials.

Roads throughout most of the forest are in good condition, but motorists and other recreationists using the forest have been asked to use fire with care since the fire danger is again high.

The recreation report by district: Applegate district: All roads are in excellent condition, but the last two weeks of hot, dry weather has made the heavily-used roads dusty.

All trails, except the Sturgis Fork trail, are open. Logging is in progress below Bigelow Cabins and the trail has been obliterated through the unit, but will be restored as soon as logging is completed.

All campgrounds are open and receiving heavy use. Many lost items have been turned into the Ranger Station; they can be claimed with proper identification.

No reports have been received on fishing. The station is open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., seven days a week, and any information regarding a specific road or trail can be obtained at the station.

Ashland district: Stream fishing in the Dead Indian area is reported good. Fish lake was stocked with legal size fish recently.

Construction work on the highway in the vicinity of the Mt. Ashland Loop road and Mt. Ashland itself are still fresh and inviting for a scenic outing. The public is welcome to visit the district's two lookouts. Both are manned seven days a week.

Robinson Butte lookout is accessible by road, just two miles off the Big Elk rd. The view from this lookout includes Fish lake, Mt. McLoughlin, Brown Mountain, and the canyons of the North and South Forks of Little

Butte creek. Wagner Butte lookout is accessible by a one hour trail hike. Directions for getting to Wagner Butte may be obtained from the Forest Service office in Ashland (telephone 482-3333). The new lookout building was airlifted to Wagner Butte by helicopter last year.

The view from Wagner Butte is majestic and well worth the hike to the mountain top. The Ashland Watershed, the Siskiyou Mountains, Bear Creek Valley, Table Rocks and the Cascade Range are all spread before the viewer in a sweeping panorama.

Berry pickers have been moderately successful in the vicinity of Robinson Butte and the North Fork campground.

Butte Falls district: Huckleberries are starting to ripen at the higher elevations. Both Blue Rock and Rustler Peaks should have good picking if the scattered patches having berries can be located.

Most of the district campgrounds have received new entrance signs. Road work has started on Whiskey Springs, Fourbit and Snowshoe campgrounds. The new facilities at Fourbit and Snowshoe campgrounds will be ready for the hunting season this fall.

The district office at Butte Falls is open weekends from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and directions to the various recreation facilities can be obtained. Maps of the district also are available.

All district roads are dry and in good condition. Heavy logging traffic may be encountered on the Lodgepole road week days.

Prospect district: Temperatures have been 80 to 90 degrees during the day with cool evenings. Fishing continuing to be good in the upper branches of the Rogue due to recent rains. Good catches of 8 to 10-inch rainbows in the

mornings to evenings on files have been reported. Huckleberries are now ripe in Huckleberry Gap and should be plentiful for the next two weeks. All roads to the huckleberry patches are open and in good condition.

Union Creek district: There is a hint of fall in the air and the leaves on the vine maple and dogwood are just beginning to color.

All campgrounds, roads and trails are open except there are broken bridges over wet areas on the River trail. There is danger of horses breaking legs if ridden on this trail. The trail is posted "Closed" where the danger exists.

The days are warm and sunny but the nights are cool this time of the year. Huckleberry city is bustling with activity as the huckleberry crop is beginning to ripen. The huckleberries are plentiful this year and larger than usual due to the mid-August rain. There are ripe blackberries in the clearcuts. There is heavy logging traffic on the Mill Creek rd. approach to Huckleberry city. The Grouse Creek rd. is safer.

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