

The Medical Roundup

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Hysteria

One of the most remarkable of human diseases is hysteria. It can have such a profound effect on a person's nervous system that it can abolish the sensation of pain, and it can abolish the gag reflex in the throat. In other words, in the case of a hysterical person a doctor can stick the handle of a spoon into the back of the woman's throat and she will not gag. She (usually the patient is a woman - at least in peace time) may develop paralysis, or she may get to whispering, or walking in some peculiar way, or she may bleed terribly, or she may suffer severe pains.

Often, as I used to say to my assistants, when a woman came in with some surprising disease, "It must be hysteria if only because it cannot be anything else." I remember a man who said he could not feel anything from the waist down. I knew it must be hysteria because he had no weakness of any muscles, and he had no trouble emptying his bladder or his bowel.

I remember seeing a hundred women whose abdomens were so large they looked as if they were seven months pregnant, and yet an X-ray examination showed that there was no extra gas in the abdomen. In each case the woman forced her abdomen forward by contracting muscles in her back.

Highly Nervous
In these conditions one usually learns that the woman has always been highly nervous or a bit odd or eccentric; and often one learns, perhaps from the family, that she is using her "disease" to punish someone, or she is hoping to get some accident insurance money. Always, when I see a woman with hysteria, I look around to see who is being inconvenienced or punished, and often I find such a person.

Usually, with a little persuasion, I can get a hysterical woman to start moving her supposedly paralyzed arm or leg, or I can get her to walk normally, or to stand up straight, or to stop whispering.

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School News

St. Mary's High School

By Mary Ann Carnegie, editor; Susie Lalendresse, Anne Depner, Sue Caperna, Mary Carol Leavens and Michelle Ely, reporters.

The senior class was to present an Apologetics panel today for the St. Mary's student body. Since the much publicized Ecumenical council is now in session in Rome, the seniors see how important it is to be able to defend the church and explain its dogmas and truths.

Apologetics is the science of presenting and proving cases of the Catholic church, while defending dogmas against objection. Several members of the senior class will present the program of seven theses, or truths, of the Catholic faith. This program will be opened to questions from the audience. Mike Stinson is the chairman of this event.

Brother Gilbert Burke of the Congregation of the Holy Cross from Los Angeles, Calif., visited the high school Monday, Oct. 22. He spoke to the juniors and seniors on religious vocations, stressing vocations to the brotherhood, during first and second periods.

Brother Gilbert spends six months of the year touring schools in seven of the western states. He is one in a series of speakers who will meet with St. Mary's students to discuss various vocations, as part of the guidance program.

Members of the Student Council met Monday, Oct. 22, to discuss changes in regulations and extended projects as well as other business. The dance admittance policy, which has been to let any St. Mary's student bring a date into a school function with his student body card, has been changed to the more

widely used pass system. In order to bring any out of school student to a St. Mary's dance an invitation must be obtained for that person at the office.

To promote a community spirit among the students and to thank the community for its help in the past, the council has proposed that St. Mary's undertake a community project. All members of Student Council are to be alert to the needs of the area in order to determine a definite project for the near future.

Senior pictures seem to be a rather important topic - especially to the seniors. The excitement is due mostly to the fact that representatives from three well known studios in Medford have talked to the graduating class about their respective offers for doing senior portraits.

Mrs. Phil Brainard from Brainard's studio, Carl Landis from Landis studio, and Dwayne Smith all reminded the students that if pictures are wanted before Christmas, they must be taken soon. The deadline for the annual proof is January.

Student body cards were passed to the students on Tuesday, Oct. 23, during the course of the school day. This year the student body cards were laminated. The process was done on the new Thermo Fax machine donated to the school at the beginning of the year by Charles Hill of Modern Office Supply.

Friday, Oct. 20, was the last chance for the junior class to purchase the 1964 class rings. Sister M. Elizabeth Jean, junior class advisor, took charge of the project. The rings are due to arrive within eight to ten weeks.

The regular unit meetings of the Sodality of Our Lady were held at noon Monday, Oct. 22, in the classrooms. The small unit or cell method of discussion has been used by the Sodality very successfully for a number of years. The recent survey in which each member of the Sodality was to participate, concerning the number and types of religious articles found in the home was discussed. Socialists were instructed to continue the survey through Oct. 29.

The National Honor Society inducted four new members into its ranks at a school assembly held on Thursday. Seniors Laura Batzer, Jim Calhoun, Pete Naumes and Mike Stinson were presented with membership cards by NHS President Charlotte Sokolowski for their achievements in scholarship, leadership, character, and service to the school.

Short speeches on each of these important requirements for membership were given by NHS members Mike Latendresse, Mary Ann Carnegie, Jerry Vakoc and Sarah Robinson.

Edward Fitzpatrick, teacher of speech and drama at Southern Oregon college, was the guest speaker for the induction. He stressed the importance of Christian leadership in today's world and the duty of the NHS to spread enthusiasm for study among all the students of St. Mary's.

The world's largest printer is the U.S. Government Printing Office in Washington, which operates 160 presses on 32½ acres of floor space.

Almost 45 per cent of the nickel used by the free world in 1961 - about 225 million pounds - was consumed in the United States.



NAMED IN INDICTMENT - Frank Mancinelli, Gerald A. Perna and Joseph Mattia, are shown at the Federal Building in Newark, N. J., where they are among 13 defendants named in a Federal indictment for an alleged conspiracy to counterfeit between \$2 and \$3 million worth of 5 per cent debenture bonds of General Motors Acceptance Corp. (UPI)



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PRESIDENT INTERVIEWED—James McNaughton Hester 38 (center), newly installed president of New York university, was confronted by two teen-agers at his office recently. The two youths, who are preparing to enter college, are Jon Robbins (left) and Diane Hamallian. (UPI)

Young College President Is Questioned By Teen-Agers

By GERALD S. SNYDER
United Press International
New York—UPI—A part 16-year-old girl, college-bound, sat attentively in the office of the college president.

"What about parents?" she asked. "What can they do?"

Next to her sat a boy, 17, also college-bound.

4-H NEWS

Central Point Spare Ribs
The Central Point Spare Ribs 4-H club held its first meeting in the home of Mrs. Frink.

The club elected Judy Wilson, president; Louise Herzog, vice president; Judy Frink, secretary; David Wilson, treasurer; Donald Herzog, reporter; Linda Wilson, sergeant-at-arms; and Janet Barber, flag salute leader.

Name selected for this half of the Central Point Swine club for the year were selected.

Donald Herzog, Reporter.

Kandy Kids

The organizational meeting of the Kandy Kids 4-H club was called to order by Carol Foote, president. Under new business a discussion was held on the new program for the year.

We also elected new officers. They are Donna Bailey, president; Shirley Roach, vice president; Darlene Thompson, secretary, and Carol Foote, reporter.

A meeting date was set for the second Wednesday of each month. As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Don Bradshaw.

Carol Foote, Reporter.

Spoon and Needles

The Spoon and Needles 4-H club met Oct. 25 at the home of Mrs. Harry Humphrey.

The meeting was called to order by President Judy Wieskamp. Demonstrations of setting the table were given by Lucie and Linda Norris. A demonstration of measuring liquids and dry ingredients was given by Michele Paradois and Rhonda Rothboeck.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Fred Norris on Nov. 8.

Terri Woodcock, Reporter.

"What about the 'average' student?" he asked.

Diane Hamallian of New York's Washington Irving High school and six-foot-two Jon Robbins of Peter Stuyvesant High were asking some of the questions on the minds of the 1,550,000 teen-agers now preparing to enter the nation's colleges.

The two students were confronting an ex-Marine named James McNaughton Hester, 38, who Thursday was formally inaugurated as president of New York university. He is the youngest man ever to head this country's largest (43,000 students) private institution of higher learning.

Diane and Jon, seniors in city high schools, accompanied a UPI reporter to Hester's office for an interview with the just installed president (who actually took over 10 months ago as the 11th chief executive of 130-year-old NYU).

Encouragement Needed

Addressing himself to Diane and Jon, on the role of parents, Hester said: "Encouragement is what parents need to give most. They can help their children to select. And that's the important thing."

"Our society is institutionally college educated today. Employers, who may not have college degrees themselves, are becoming more and more concerned with the kind of school attended the honors attained and subjects taken."

"What's more, more professional and business people are requiring an advanced degree. The Bachelor's degree is about what a high school certificate was 30 or 40 years ago."

In those days, Hester himself delivered newspapers and sold magazines as a youth at Woodrow Wilson High school in Long Beach, N.Y. "Father believed that young men should earn their own spending money," he said. "One year I did dish washing and another I was a salesman in a clothing store."

"As for the average student," he said, "We look at the whole high school record—not just the math scores."

"I wonder if any really

TOO MUCH COMPANY

Nottingham, England—UPI—Mrs. Evelyn May testified that she took her parents along on her honeymoon. She was granted a divorce Monday on grounds of desertion.

qualified student can't get into college today if he has the desire and is not burdened by enormous family expenses. The opportunity really exists. Some students are so highly motivated that they can even accomplish more on a part-time basis.

"The full impact of the predicted emergency (doubling of the student population by 1970) is not being felt. There are still many good colleges which can take more than are seeking admission."

Young Robbins, who said later that he was "surprised" at Hester's youth, asked about the real value of a college degree.

"A man walks into an office," Robbins said, "I'm a college graduate," he says. But the degree may not have anything to do with the job he's applying for."

Mental Discipline

Replied Hester: "The substantial merit of a college education is to give students four years of mental discipline—to develop their powers of reason and logic and equip them in a general way for all kinds of work."

Still a relatively small proportion of the population has a college degree and this diploma's value as "a mark of achievement," he maintained, is as good as ever.

"Most people, Hester said, 'Suffer from the fallacy that people go to college to learn how to do a job. That's not the primary reason why they go. We are trying to produce intellectual men and women by exposing them to as much information as possible."

He said colleges will have to limit the number of electives and formal requirements to emphasize the trend to earlier specialization — "But without doing away with all the 'frills' as the Russians have tried."

College is "not for everyone and never will be," he said, and he cautioned that "the future of private colleges and universities is in jeopardy because of mounting costs and effects of taxation."

Hester is not the youngest man to head a major American university. Robert Hutchings was 30 when he became president of the University of Chicago; the Rev. Theodore Hesburgh of Notre Dame was 35.

"Youth is a symptom of our times," Hester explains, "You might say I'm a recipient of the climate."

Halloween Events Listed For Area Youths Tonight

A window painting contest, a costume parade and a teenage dance are the Halloween activities planned for Medford youngsters today by the Moose lodge and the city park and recreation department.

The events are part of the groups' annual "Youth Honor day" program, which is designed to discourage juvenile vandalism and mischievous acts on Halloween.

Youngsters planning to march in the parade should gather in the library park in costume at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon. The parade route will be east on Eighth st. to Fir st., north on Fir st. to Main st., and west on Main st. to the park.

Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes at the conclusion of the parade.

Window Judging
Judging on the window painting contest will take place late this afternoon. Some 42 Medford youngsters registered for the event.

The teen-age dance is scheduled from 7:30 to 10:30 o'clock tonight at the Medford Armory. There will be no admittance charge, but students attending will be asked to sign the "Youth Honor day" pledge card at the door.

The dance is for students in the ninth grade through senior high school. Music will be provided by the "The Fresco's." Free cider, donuts and door prizes will be furnished by the Moose lodge.

Also scheduled tonight is a Junior high dance at the Medford YMCA from 7 to 10 o'clock. A mystery guest and other attractions are included in the evening's program. A charge will be made.

House Republicans To Caucus Nov. 10

Salem — UPI — Republican members of the Oregon house will caucus here Saturday, Nov. 10, four days after the general election.

They will elect either a house speaker or a minority leader, depending upon whether they win control of the lower chamber at the election.

The present minority leader is Rep. F. F. Montgomery (R-Eugene).

The Democrats controlled the 1961 House 31-29.

Boy Injured in Fall From Bicycle

A 13-year-old Medford boy was taken to Rogue Valley hospital with possible head injuries after he took a spill while riding his bicycle yesterday afternoon, according to Medford city police.

Hurt was Harold Earl Christian, 1135 Lozier lane. Hospital officials today said his condition was good.

The accident occurred about 2:13 p.m. on Mistletoe st. between Main and Eighth sts. The youth was thrown from his bicycle, according to police reports, when another youngster, 13, apparently inadvertently caused a garden rake to become entangled in the spokes of the wheel as Christian was riding past.

Gold Hill House Fire Extinguished

Gold Hill — Volunteer firemen extinguished a fire at the home of Mrs. Melba Boham, 804 Sixth ave., Monday night.

Firemen responded to a 10:05 p.m. alarm. Bedding and a mattress on an upstairs bed were damaged when an electric blanket apparently shorted.

The fire was believed to have been smoldering for some time before smoke was discovered by Mrs. Boham. Earlier in the evening her two sons had turned on the blanket and had then left the room, she said.

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