

The Medical Roundup

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Language Disorders In Children

Dr. Hollie E. McHugh, director of the study of hearing and language disorders in the Montreal Children's Hospital, has written the best study I have seen on this subject. The most important point which Dr. McHugh brings out is that 42 per cent of the many children with speech disorders who were studied, were found to have more than one handicap. For instance, in half of them the main reason learning to talk was a problem was due to defective hearing. In 29 per cent, there was an injury to the brain; in 13 per cent, there was a mental slowing up, and in 8 per cent there was some severe emotional disturbance and perhaps even an early schizophrenia.

It would be a wonderful thing if every child—especially with multiple handicaps—could have at least one good check-up in a great medical center by a group of specialists. It would be difficult for any one single man to make

all of the several examinations that must be made before one can say with certainty why a child is not learning to talk.

Free Cancer Tests
I read that the Cancer Cytology Foundation of America, with central offices at 115 East 69th st., New York 21, N.Y., is making tests like the Papanicolaou tests—in which the cells found in the mucus that comes away from the womb are stained and studied by an expert. Many physicians now can mail their material to the Foundation's laboratories and get back a report. Each free test must be accompanied by a signed note from a qualified physician or osteopath stating that the patient is deservng of the free service.

As these Foundation people say, if every woman, especially over 30 or 40 years of age, would have this test made every year, there would be almost no deaths from cancer of the cervix. Unfortunately, now only 10 per cent of the women in the United States are receiving the test.

Independence Voters Approve School Work

Independence, Ore. — (UPI) — Voters have approved a \$580,000 bond issue for construction of an eight-room elementary school on the eastern edge of Monmouth, new classrooms at the Henry Hill junior high school in Independence, and additions to Central High School.

Employees Petition For Dr. Pickering

Beaverton, Ore. — (UPI) — More than 100 employees of the Oregon Primate Research Center near here have petitioned Gov. Mark Hatfield to retain Dr. Donald Pickering as director.

Pickering resigned last Saturday in a dispute with Oregon Medical School Dean W. E. Baird. The resignation was accepted immediately.

Pickering, in his letter of resignation, said he would remain on as principal investigator and senior consultant at the center.

Timber Sales Show Buyer Confidence

Eugene — (UPI) — A review of timber sales in the Willamette National Forest indicates the confidence of buyers in the wood products markets, according to the park supervisor.

David R. Gibney said that on the average winning bids are 50 per cent above the appraised value. He added that during the period of July 1 through July 31 of last year, 50 out of 54 sales were above the appraised value.

Gibney said the forest intends to step up timber sales during the ensuing months in order to sell blowdown from the Columbus Day storm.

Legislators To Get Reply Opportunity

Portland — (UPI) — Members of the state legislature will be given an opportunity to reply to Gov. Mark Hatfield's twice monthly television program, but only if the principle of fairness arises.



Small Worlds Around Us

By LYNN M. WATKINS
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Nature Provides Effortless Winterizing for Creatures

Without any conscious effort or thought on their part, all God's creatures, by a wise provision of Nature, are prepared for the advent of winter. None of them has to waste a precious minute of life in getting ready. It is all taken care of for them.

Some of those which are the more fortunate escape the cold by migrating to a warmer climate. Some mammals migrate, not because they must escape the cold, but because of a food shortage. Others journey because of the press of numbers.

Any bird whose main diet consists of insects would be in a pretty bad spot if it remained in an area where all the insects were frozen or unobtainable. The birds with the physical equipment necessary to dig insects from trees or logs, such as most members of the woodpecker family, brave the winter woods and the winter winds. They even get by in sub-zero temperatures.

They have also made a few plans; they know where there is a cavity in a tree . . . where

they can stay during wild, blustery nights or when the day is drenched with sleet and rain. They adjust themselves to chilly conditions and allow other birds to migrate to some distant spot where the air is warm and the sun is bright.

Not Forgotten

Those small creatures with four feet who must walk in the snowy woods and fields have not been forgotten, either, by a thoughtful Nature. Their fur grows thick and heavy. Some even change their color to be less conspicuous against a snow covered backdrop.

Those creatures who just can't stand the thought of walking in the snow with bare feet, and couldn't find food, anyway, after the frost has killed plants on which they prefer to feed, retire to a deep nest in a burrow and sleep so soundly they never even hear the cold wind whistling in the bare trees. Such a creature is the woodchuck. He will stay underground until February, at least.

The chipmunk knew there would be many days when he wouldn't want to gad about in the cold, so he laid in a goodly supply of food for just such a contingency. He didn't save for a rainy day, but he did provide for a series of cold ones.

The frogs, warned by the cooling water of the pond, didn't wait for the ice to form on the surface. They knew where the mud was deep and warm. They would not be able to breathe while they were down there, but they

Eagle Point School Board Asks Funds

The Eagle Point school board has asked the Jackson county court for an additional allocation of O and C timber receipt funds per Jackson county school census child. An additional \$15 per census child over the present \$10 allocation would be used to offset bond and interest funds in school districts so the state would not withhold equalization payments to districts, the board stated.

It also would give the districts' taxpayers some relief, according to the letter read in county court Wednesday.

The county court took the letter under advisement.

Corvallis — (UPI) — C. H. Woodcock, a former mayor of Corvallis and prominent banker for nearly 40 years, died here Wednesday after an illness of several weeks.

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APR. 22	2 Romantic	32 Time	61 And
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APR. 25	5 Hunch	35 As	64 Makes
APR. 26	6 In	36 Surden	65 Critical
APR. 27	7 Money	37 Family	66 To
APR. 28	8 Papers	38 No	67 Decisions
MAY 1	9 Wardrobe	39 Post	68 Let
MAY 2	10 And	40 And	69 People
MAY 3	11 Household	41 People	70 Personal
MAY 4	12 Don't	42 Your	71 You
MAY 5	13 Don't	43 Assistance	72 Remarks
MAY 6	14 Gain	44 Enter	73 Endeavor
MAY 7	15 Excitement	45 Writing	74 A
MAY 8	16 Warning	46 Items	75 Know
MAY 9	17 Avoid	47 Well	76 For
MAY 10	18 Excellent	48 To	77 Charm
MAY 11	19 Your	49 Needless	78 Leadership
MAY 12	20 Causes	50 Look	79 Your
MAY 13	21 Argue	51 Your	80 Disasteful
MAY 14	22 About	52 Attention	81 Desires
MAY 15	23 Or	53 Advertising	82 And
MAY 16	24 Affection	54 A	83 Needs
MAY 17	25 Pay	55 Changes	84 Happy
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MAY 19	27 Brain	57 To	86 Subjects
MAY 20	28 Through	58 Music	87 Favored
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