

Bootlegging Topic Of Local Meeting

The "significant increase in bootlegging in the United States," was emphasized by Pete Beyer, of the National Distillers Products company, when he recently spoke before a meeting of the Senior Golf association at the Rogue Valley Country club.

"Bootlegging and Taxation" was the subject of Beyer's talk, and he listed the losses to the government resulting from the increases in bootlegging, which he maintained are proportionate to increases in taxes on whiskey.

Beyer went on to examine the present price structure in Oregon and showed where on one brand of whiskey, as an example, it was necessary to absorb the last 15 cents in price to maintain a position in the market. The brand of which he spoke has enjoyed a fine position in the market for many years, he said.

Lumber Being Loaded For Puerto Rico

Cons Bay - (UPI) - The Japanese freighter Taian Maru arrived here Wednesday to load lumber cargo for Puerto Rico under a new amendment to the Jones Act.

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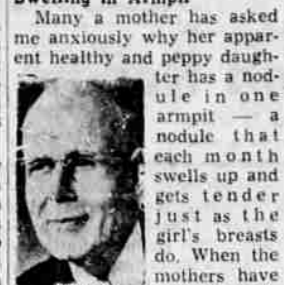
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The Medical Roundup

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Swelling in Armpit



Many a mother has asked me anxiously why her apparent healthy and peppy daughter has a nodule in one armpit — a nodule that each month swells up and gets tender just as the girl's breasts do. When the mothers have gone for medical advice, some doctors hinted at cancer, while some thought of a beginning infectious mononucleosis (a disease usually of young persons in which there is fever, great fatigue, enlarged nodes in the armpit and neck and groin and disability for several months) and some scared the family by talking of Hodgkin's disease (a cancer-like disease of young people).

Actually, in these types of cases the girl is much too young for ordinary cancer, and if she had infectious mononucleosis she would feel miserable, she would be ill, certain diagnostic changes could easily be found in her blood and many lymph nodes (glands) would be enlarged, not only in her armpit but in her neck and groins. Similarly, if she had Hodgkin's disease, many nodes would be enlarged; an x-ray film of her chest would probably show big nodes and a blood test — the red blood sedimentation rate ("sed rate") — would "be up," showing the presence of a serious disease.

I should say that usually when for some time an active girl has one swelling in her armpit which gets sore for a few days each month, the diagnosis is obvious: she has an extra bit of breast tissue there.

I should say that never in my life did I see a cancer form in such a situation, so I doubt if a woman with such a condition should worry about this possibility.

Treatment of Cancer

An article by Dr. Gilbert

H. Fletcher of Houston, Tex., discusses the Cobalt-60 unit, sometimes called a "bomb" because the radioactive cobalt is enclosed in a big metal barrel-like case hanging from a strong metal stand. Cobalt supplies much of the same type of healing radiation given off by radium.

This simple apparatus (bomb) has proven to be so useful and so easily kept in good running order that there are now some 1,200 cobalt units in use. Today, to a large extent, the cobalt radiation has taken the place of the old radium emanation. The new type of treatment is particularly helpful in cases of cancer in the space back of the nose and throat. It also is very helpful in getting rid of distressing symptoms such as the pain of cancer. Often its use prolongs life, and in many cases it cures.

Another type of so-called super-voltage treatment is given with x-ray machines which can now generate energies up to 25 million volts. Other types of machines generate 35 million volts. Fifty years ago, a good x-ray machine produced perhaps 50 thousand volts of energy. As Dr. Fletcher says, 80 per cent of the cancer patients he and his associates treat are now given super-voltage x-ray treatment. It has greatly improved the results obtained in cases of cancer in the back of the throat, the urinary bladder and the neck of the womb.

A great advantage of using super-voltage machines is that with them the skin tolerates a much larger dose of the rays, and a larger dose of the rays is what we need to kill off the cancer cells. In the early days of radiation treatment, the expert could not kill all of the cells in a cancer deep in the body because if he were to use a big enough dose he would burn the skin. It was this burning of the skin that many years ago gave x-rays a bad name. Today burning is rare.

Patients with cancer should know that no type of radiation is of value in those cases in which the cancer is not sensitive to radiation (the cancer cells are not killed by rays). Also, patients with a cancer that has come back after radiation will probably not tolerate more radiation. Such treatment would bring only more trouble, perhaps severe.

In his booklet, "What We Know About Cancer," Dr. Alvarez lists the 19 danger signals older persons must not ignore. You may obtain a copy of this booklet by sending 25 cents and a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept. MMT, Box 957, Des Moines 4, Iowa.

Newby on Tour With Committee

State Sen. L. W. Newby (R-Jackson) is on tour this week end with other members of the joint Ways and Means committee of the Oregon legislature, who are visiting state institutions.

The group went to Pendleton Thursday and stopped at The Dalles to inspect the Mid Columbia home.

The legislators were to inspect the Eastern Oregon hospital at Pendleton today.

It is customary for the Ways and Means committee to inspect all state institutions during each legislative session.

Senator Newby pointed out that it is helpful when reviewing the budgets to have first hand information of the programs offered and knowledge of the condition of the physical plants involved.

Redden Introduces Court Legislation

Legislation which he expects to assist courts in clearing dockets and expediting justice in open and shut debt actions, has been introduced at this session of the legislature by Representative James A. Redden (D-Jackson).

Redden said the measure would provide authority to Oregon courts to enter summary judgments in actions to recover upon a debt or liquidated demand, and cover actions to enforce or foreclose liens.

Under the proposed law unmeritorious actions or dilatory defenses to meritorious actions could be ruled upon by the courts upon motion of either party, substantiated by affidavit, Redden said.

Crater Lake, Ore. - (UPI) - Crater lake, the deepest lake in the United States, has a measured depth of 1,932 feet.

DEFEAT SHORTS BILL

Concord, N.H. - (UPI) - The State House of Representatives Thursday defeated a bill to ban wearing "short shorts" in New Hampshire. The bill was defeated after

its 75-year-old sponsor, Rep. Peter Charland, promised to donate \$1,000 to charity if a colleague could prove his charge that Charland himself wore "short shorts" at home.

Richland, Wash. - (UPI) - Work is virtually at a standstill on the \$183-million new production reactor at the Hanford atomic plant as union construction workers observed picket lines posted by the Iron Workers Union.

New York - (UPI) - Chrysler Corp. has reported a spectacular rebound in 1962 earnings on the best fourth quarter performance in history and said it will ask shareholders to approve splitting the common stock 2 for 1.

RADIATOR STOLEN

Birmingham, Ala. - (UPI) - Mrs. Vernon C. Palmer pulled her smoking car into a service station Thursday and learned its radiator had been stolen.

TO VISIT WASHINGTON

Washington - (UPI) - Laotian King Sri Savang Vithana and Prime Minister Souvanna Phouma will visit Washington Feb. 29 as guests of President Kennedy.

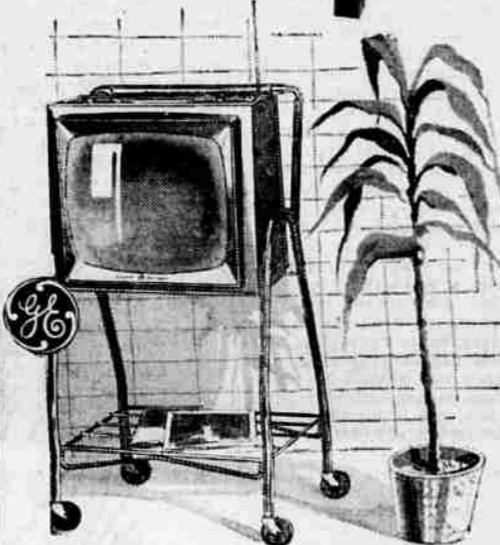
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