

The Medical Roundup

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Premature Old Age Due To Smoking

Dr. Hardin Jones, of the University of California's Donner Laboratory at Berkeley, was recently reported as having said that smoking brings a shift toward old age abnormally early in life. The death rate and causes of death in smokers have been found to be about the same as those of much older non-smokers.

For a long time, I have maintained that research workers should be concerned not only with the tendency of cigarette smoking to produce lung cancer; they should remember that smoking commonly causes a severe bronchitis, with the well-known cigarette cough. Many a time I have seen a heavy smoker, when attacked by pneumonia, die in a day or two; his lungs just couldn't take it—they had been too badly injured by the smoke.

Back in the thirties, the world's great expert on longevity, Dr. Raymond Pearl, reported that heavy smokers tend to die earlier than do moderate smokers or non-smokers.

Spider Veins on the Thighs

Recently, some anesthetists have told me how they dread giving ether to a heavy smoker—his lungs do not always stand an anesthetic well.

I wish I could give a satisfactory answer to the thousands of women who want to know what they can do to get rid of what they call spider veins on the outsides of their thighs. Some of these women are so distressed by the sight of these veins that they hate to get into a bathing suit.

Fortunately, the small, slightly dilated veins do not cause the woman any discomfort, and they do not constitute a disease. I imagine that if a woman were determined to get rid of them, an expert with an electric needle could plug up the little holes in the tissues of the thigh out of which the blood comes. I have never seen it done, but I have heard physicians talking about the possibility of such an operation being performed. Perhaps the best and simplest thing the woman can do when she wants to get into a bathing suit is to cover up the spider veins with a waterproof preparation such as is used with great success to cover up "port-wine" birth marks. It should be obtainable at any drug store or beauty counter.

Often migraine headaches are hereditary. This and other information about sick headaches is contained in Dr. Alvarez' little booklet on the subject. You may obtain it by sending 25 cents and a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request for it to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept. MMT, Box 957, Des Moines 4, Iowa.

Results of Experiment On Road Are Presented

Salem — Results of an experimental section of road constructed near Rogue River eight years ago were presented to the state highway department's engineering laboratories this week in a special report prepared by the Cement Industry of Oregon.

Located on a quarter-mile section starting two miles north of Rogue River on the East Evans Creek rd., the experiment is one of the few of its kind in Oregon, according to Richard G. Montgomery, spokesman for the Cement Industry.

A process of treating the road base material with cement was utilized, Montgomery said, in an effort to solve what was then one of the worst trouble-spots in the Jackson county road system. Seepage from a nearby drainage ditch, combined with heavy logging traffic, had resulted in surface damage which required extensive yearly maintenance.

Base Material Removed
Paul Rynning, now retired, was county engineer when the new section was built. An eight-inch layer of existing base material was completely removed, mixed with water and cement, and returned to the road bed.

Montgomery said the project was completed in less than a day at a total cost of \$1,750, including equipment rental, materials and labor. A sealer coat was applied several days later, although traffic was allowed through as soon as the job was finished.

Virtually no maintenance has been required on the experimental road stretch since it was first opened, Montgomery pointed out.

Powell May Face House Questioning

Washington—UPI—Chairman Adam Clayton Powell probably will face sharp questioning next week when he appears before a House committee to press his request for \$897,000 to run his Education and Labor Committee.

Early speculation was that the House Administration Committee would not give the almost automatic approval committee chairmen usually receive when asking for operating funds.

Sources said Powell, under fire recently for his manner of handling the committee and his outside business interests, was resigned to a budget cut. His rockbottom figure for the two-year period was said to be about \$485,000.

National Guard Units Plan Muster Day Observance

Joining National Guardsmen from the Atlantic to Hawaii and from Alaska to Puerto Rico, the Medford Units are observing "Operation Muster 1963."

The month of February has been designated for this observance and many units have chosen George Washington's birthday as "Muster Day."

Maj. Charles A. Barkley of Salem, representing the adjutant general's office, will speak here at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, at the Medford Armory. His subject will be "The Role of the National Guard in a Civil Emergency."

Arrangements are being made by the officers and men of Batteries A and D, Second Automatic Weapons Battalion, 249th Artillery.

Open house will be held at the Medford Armory Feb. 24. It will be directed by Capt. Charles E. Henry and First Lt. Levi G. Monroe.

"This is an old tradition," Maj. Gen. Donald W. McGowan, stated in referring to Operation Muster, "but one which has special meaning in this year," the chief of the National Guard bureau continued.

Muster day dates back to an early colonial practice when it was the custom to hold an annual muster of the militia, usually on the village green. It was for the purpose of holding a roll call which would disclose the number of able-bodied men available to bear arms in the event of an emergency.

"Today, just as in those early colonial days, it is extremely important for the country and every community to know exactly which men can be counted on in the event of an emergency," Gen. McGowan said.

"Only today it isn't enough just to stand up and be counted. In order to be effective a man must be trained in the military skills he would have to use in a time of crisis and he must know how to employ these skills as a member of a trained team. He can get such training as a member of the National Guard."

Fort Madison, Ia. — UPI — A statistic-minded employee has figured out that if the more than 100 million fountain pens manufactured by the Sheaffer Pen company since its founding 50 years ago were placed end to end they'd reach from the main plant in Fort Madison to San Francisco, across the Pacific to Hawaii, and then to within three miles of the firm's factory in Melbourne, Australia.

Court Records
MEDFORD MUNICIPAL COURT
James Allen Harris, violation of basic rule, \$25.
Glen Frank Bailey, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Ronald Wilmer Weidman, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10.
Walter Sterling Johnson, violation of basic rule, \$25.
Mary Louise Graham, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Elastic Virginia Taplett, no operator's license, \$5 suspended.
Jerry Lee Jarman, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Jack Ray Bounds, violation of basic rule, \$10 (failure to stop at traffic signal, \$10).
Shelia Gwynne, Justice, improper lane usage, \$10.
Anthony Ralph Warchol, disobeyed stop sign, \$5.
Lillian Evelyn Bingham, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Kenneth Ray Acheson, violation of basic rule, \$5.
Dorothy Elizabeth Lawton, violation of basic rule, \$15.
Howard James Wood, violation of basic rule, \$5.
Willie Deanne Jones, expired vehicle license, \$5 suspended.
Robert Ralph Marble, improper lane usage, \$5.
Marlow Garfield Holt, violation of basic rule, \$15.
Edyth Rhea Bohner, improper left turn, \$10.
Arlene Marie Biswell, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Ronald Arthur Nelson, violation of basic rule, \$25.



HELP FOR BRIDE — Wilbur T. Curtis, 87, helps his bride, the former Mrs. Clara Bush, 86, with her garter during their wedding reception in Warwick, R.I. They were childhood sweethearts 70 years ago when schoolmates in Providence, R.I. (UPI)

SOC 'Man of Year' Presented at Event

Ashland — "Man of the Year" on the Southern Oregon college campus is Dr. Arthur S. Taylor, professor of history, who was awarded a plaque at the annual Hallelujah Festival and Free Barbecue in Britt Student center this week.

Dr. Taylor has been on the

SOC faculty since its founding in 1926.
John D. Morrow, Medford, president of Theta Delta Phi, men's scholastic fraternity which sponsored the event, made the presentation before some 100 students and fellow faculty members.

Speakers for the event were Dr. Elliot MacCracken, chairman of the science-mathematics division, and Dr. E. C. McGill, assistant to the president. Dr. MacCracken outlined the history of the organization for which Dr. Taylor served as a founder and charter member, and Dr. McGill spoke on colleges of the future.

Last year's "Man of the Year" was Dr. Wayne W. Wells, professor emeritus of science, also a founder and charter member of Theta Delta Phi. Dr. Wells retired in 1957.

Fraternity Rushing Dates Are Noted

Eugene — Fraternity and sorority rushing at the University of Oregon in the 1963 fall term will be held prior to the fall term registration, the university has announced. In previous years rushing has overlapped the registration period.

New Student and Orientation Week will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, and continue through Saturday, Sept. 28. Students desiring to arrive on campus before the opening of New Student Week may be housed at university dormitories for an additional fee.

Beginning dates for rushing will be set by the Panhellenic Council and the Interfraternity Council, but not in advance of Friday, Sept. 20. All rushing activities will be concluded by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24.

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