



TRANSPORTATION — Robert Griffith, (right) Cave Junction, an employee of the bureau of land management in Alaska, is shown with Wallace Fixsen, on one of their many trips during the winter to 300 Indian and Eskimo villages in the Fairbanks district of BLM. District manager is Ross A. Youngblood, formerly with the BLM Medford office. During the winter, BLM personnel contact the villages as a part of the presuppression and fire control education program, and train village fire fighters. The two foresters show a film on fire protection and tentatively signed up an emergency fire fighting crew in each village. Transportation used is by airplane. Shown is a Cessna 180 which is equipped with both wheels and skis. The skis are raised and lowered by a hydraulic mechanism by the pilot. The district has six Cessnas, two Gruman Goose float planes, and a DC3.

Thousands Ill as Massive Influenza Outbreak Spreads

By United Press International
A massive outbreak of influenza covered 29 states today and kept thousands of students and workers home in bed.
The U.S. Public Health Service (H.S.) said the danger of Asian flu is expected to wane by the middle of next month but many areas in the eastern half of the nation reported rising sickness rates.

The Communicable Disease Center at Atlanta said Asian flu has been positively identified in 16 states. Other forms of influenza and kindred ailments felled residents of 13 other states.
Nearly 4,000 new cases of flu were reported in nine Alabama counties Tuesday, putting the state total well over 10,000. Health authorities said the outbreak shows

no sign of reaching a peak. The current cold wave is expected to push Alabama's flu total still higher.
Schools Remain Closed
Schools in three Kentucky counties remained closed today. State health officials Tuesday reported a 20th death attributed to the flu and said previously unaffected areas are now reporting outbreaks, indicating the peak may not have been reached.
The Tennessee health department reported nearly 8,000 new flu cases for the week ending Feb. 23, a jump of nearly 400 per cent over the previous week. More than

19,200 persons have been stricken with influenza in Tennessee this year. Most of the new cases were in the western part of the state.
A leading medical spokesman said Tuesday the Los Angeles area may escape the flu outbreak because a 1960 epidemic may have immunized enough persons to prevent another siege. But Dr. Clayton G. Looell, dean of the University of Southern California

School of Medicine and a member of the National Commission on Influenza, said Los Angeles is not yet out of danger.
The PHS said that states reporting Asian flu included North Carolina, Maryland, Delaware, Kansas, Illinois, Georgia, South Carolina, New York, Massachusetts, Ohio, Minnesota, Michigan, New Jersey, Connecticut and Iowa.
Other states reporting "flu-like" virus outbreaks were Vermont, Maine, Kentucky, West Virginia, Indiana, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Alabama, Pennsylvania, Texas and Mississippi.

Annual City Police Auction Is Slated

The annual Medford police auction, to dispose of unclaimed and abandoned personal property, will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 8, in the department's storage building at the Medford municipal airport.
Items to be sold include 16

automobiles, 20 bicycles and parts, set of golf clubs, miscellaneous automobile parts and accessories, small tools, toys, sports goods and other miscellaneous items.
Items may be inspected by the public prior to the auction.

Quotes From the News

By United Press International
Washington—Rep. Thomas B. Curtis (R-Mo.) one of several congressmen angered by Rep. Adam Clayton Powell's suggestion that nepotism and nightclubbing were typical behavior for members of the House:
"The entire reputation of Congress is at stake. It has been lowered because of these statements. It is the responsibility of the leadership to do something about it."

New York—Patrolman James Marra, who was accompanied by astronaut John Glenn on a night patrol tour through some of the city's worst sections:
"It was some thrill seeing that guy... He was more interested in kids than in having kicks like other people who once in a while try to ride the radio cars."

Chicago—Malcom X, second-in-command of the Black Muslims, speaking to the faithful:
"The only hell you know is the one you found in Christian America. It is a hell created by white devils... The white man wants you to surrender to him. You're a chump. You can't protect your women. The white man wants your women."

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Business Education Said Not Sharing Money for Research

Ashland—Business education is not sharing to any significant degree the tremendous grants of money earmarked for research by the federal government, is the contention of an article by Dr. E. C. McGill, assistant to the president, Southern Oregon college, which appears in the latest issue of Forum, a publication of the National Business Education Association.
Entitled "A Director of Academic Affairs Views the Need for Research in Business Education," the article discusses the need for research monies through the advancement of five basic points:
1. There should be thorough research in the area of interfield concepts to determine the relationships of business and economic education to the other fields of study.
2. Business education must

critically reexamine the business skills in relation to time for learning, relation of practice materials to the total knowledge in business and economics in particular, the total world of knowledge in general, and the application of appropriate methods for instruction to induce high achievement standards.
3. Investigation into the adaptation of business and economic materials to the ability level of the learner needs to be emphasized.
4. Analysis of the applications of new devices, media, and techniques in education to business education is needed.
5. Research in the preceding and other areas will relate to the cost of education per student as the financial problems of education are increasingly pressing.

Woman Cited After Morning Accident

Helen Doris Steed, of 835 1/2 Pennsylvania ave., Medford, was cited by Medford police this morning for driving while vision was obstructed after the vehicle she was operating was involved in an accident.

According to police, driver of the other car was Doris Adelle Knapp, of 1066 Sunset ave. The accident occurred about 7 o'clock at the intersection of Fourth st. and Oakdale ave.
Medford police also investigated a two-vehicle accident Tuesday morning at the intersection of East Main and Central ave. Cited for driving the wrong way on one way street was Frank Harrison Vochatzer, 75, of route 2, box 228E, Medford. Driver of the other vehicle involved was Arnold Eugene Hironymous, 43, of 1010 Southwest J st., Grants Pass.

ACTOR TREATED
Los Angeles—(UPI)—Actor-dancer Gene Kelly Saturday underwent treatment for a slipped disc.

Pancreas Gland Held Possible Culprit In Blood Clotting

By DELOS SMITH
UPI Science Editor
New York—(UPI)—Suspicious scientific fingers now point to the pancreas gland as the possible culprit in the tragic course of chemical events which cause blood to clot and cling to the linings of arteries. It has throttled many a life.

The clots block the flow of blood. Heart attacks and "strokes" are the result. And it is chemically mysterious. Body chemistry has chemicals which should prevent it from ever happening.
Something diverts the chemistry into this abnormal course. So far no biochemist has found it. But due to no lack of trying. They'd all delight in finding it. The discovery eventually could make human lives longer.
Drs. D. A. Hill and Jean E. Wilkinson were the pancreas-pointers. That gland produces the enzyme, elastase. Enzymes activate chemical processes. Elastase's chemical role is to dissolve elastin, which is the protein substance that keeps elastic tissues elastic. Without a chemical check such as elastase, elastin could go too far and liquify tissues.

Short Duration
The known chemical activity of elastase is of very short duration. The scientists produced circumstantial evidence to show spent elastase can get spotted around in the linings of arteries and there take on a second chemical life.
This is to take an unbalancing part in the chemistry of blood-clotting which normally is one of beautiful balance. There are substances in it which encourage clotting and substances which discourage it. In the arteries they cancel one another out.
Drs. Hill and Wilkinson argued from results with test-tube experiments that supposedly chemically spent elastase lodged in an artery lining can get the clotting chemistry to going in the blood. They made their arguments in the technical journal "Nature."
It's true that elastase has never been identified in blood plasma and therefore you can wonder how it gets to artery linings to exercise a "systemic activity," they said.
But if you put purified elastase into experimental animals you get "systemic activity" every time. This indicates it is absorbed through the intestinal linings. Anyway, they added, techniques for finding plasma constituents are not yet so refined they couldn't miss tiny amounts of elastase.
Can Be Injured
An extremely tiny amount would be enough in any artery lining. And, this, they said, would account for the puzzling fact that clotted arteries usually appear quite healthy except in the one spot where the clot formed.
They reminded other scientists that the purely physical state of an artery lining did not seem to predispose it for clot-formation. Artery linings can be cut into by surgeons but clots do not form at the sites of injury or surgery. Therefore, the predisposing factor must be chemical, they reasoned.
Although blood clotting chemistry is extremely complicated, elastase is now considered to be a participant in it. Be that as it may, they added, you can prove in test tubes that it will shorten the clotting time of blood. It appears to enter the chemistry in its first phases and to hurry it along.

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