



Seven - not going on eight

More than 2,000 children die each year of leukemia—cancer of the blood-forming tissues. Important findings in research laboratories helped extend this child's life—and the lives of other little victims—by many precious months. Research scientists now see evidence that a virus may cause leukemia and this might bring closer the development of a way to prevent the disease. Research will save children in the future. But research is expensive. Give some money. Please. It's for them.

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Family Council

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Lewis F. - She shouldn't leave my mother in charge of our son.

Hilda F. - Whatever happens would happen if I were in charge too.

Lewis F. - My mother, who is 63, has an apartment two blocks away from us and my wife thinks nothing of running off for hours at a time and leaving our 6-year-old son with her. Lately Jerry has taken a few bad spills while in her care and she dreads being asked to be responsible for him. Hilda is young and should stay home with our active little fellows.

Hilda F. - My husband talks as though I blame his mother for Jerry's bumps and bruises. Nothing could be further from my mind! At his age the child seems to collect bruises and scratches as easily as a table gathers dust - he winds up with band-aids at home, too. I've accepted the presidency of a Ladies' Auxiliary on my mother-in-law's assurance that she'd mind Jerry.

The Council - We won't come right out and accuse Jerry of deliberately cutting his finger on the soda-pop can or begging for splinters from sliding down the cellar door. But a Boston survey proves that of two children, facing the same hazards, the tense, unhappy child is more likely to be injured by them. In other words, a child who feels neglected or abandoned will seek an accident in order to force solicitude and attention from his parents, especially his mother. The findings are offered in a 25-cent "Accident Handbook," available from the Children's Hospital Medical Center. . . . Jerry's affinity for contusions and lacerations may be his painful way of saying, "Stay home, Ma!" It's worth a try, even if it means resigning from that demanding office. Whatever will reduce the stress in Jerry's life - whether it's from "desertion," rush or parental disagreements - will reduce the "accidental" bangs and bumps.

Portland May Get Legion Convention

Indianapolis, Ind. - (UPI) - The 1966 national convention of the American Legion will be held at Portland, Ore., if the national executive committee approves a convention commission recommendation.

The commission voted to award the convention to Portland and reject a bid from Indianapolis, site of the organization's national headquarters and never host to its convention.

School News

Jackson School

The students and teachers are working harder than usual. Only six weeks of school are left for this year, and many interesting things are on the calendar.

The April Frolic, which was an evening of fun for everyone and profitable for the PTA, was held recently.

The library tea for the student librarians and mothers was given recently.

Special guests were the mothers of the student librarians, Dr. L. B. Mayfield; Miss Phyllis Hockstetter, state department of education; Mrs. Irving Thompson, Jackson school PTA president; Mrs. Roy Martin, librarian at McLoughlin Junior High; Mrs. Robert Baccus, Mrs. Edward Bostwick, Mrs. Lawrence Crocker, Mrs. Dick Jewett, and Principal Bruce Metzger.

The tea for all elementary librarians and principals was held in the Jackson school library. This tea gave all elementary librarians an opportunity to visit with Miss Phyllis Hockstetter.

The three fourth grade classes are working on an operetta, "Cowboy on the Moon," which will be given May 16.

The fifth and sixth grade chorus is working on songs to be used at the annual Spring Festival.

All children are being weighed and measured the second time this school year. Most fifth and sixth grade students have grown about 1 1/2 inches in height and the average gain in weight is five pounds.

All bicycles have been "taped" with fluorescent tape as an added safety measure. The VFW and the safety council sponsored the project.

Student body elections will be held May 6. Candidates are now campaigning.