

The Medical Roundup

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Gluing Tissues Together



Some interesting experiments recently have been conducted, which show that in the future, surgeons in the operating room can glue cut tissues together, instead of sewing them together. The seams are tight and strong.

The new type of glue, made of one or more synthetic resins, does no harm to the tissues, and the "seam" will hold for at least 8 weeks. If the glue can be done faster than sewing, or if it will work well in repairing of holes in small arteries, it may soon be the method of choice.

The glue can be particularly helpful in sticking together fragile tissues such as are found in the eye, or in tiny blood vessels.

Dangerous Bleeding
Recently, some 242 people with the so-called hemorrhagic (or "bleeding") diseases, were studied by Dr. Kenneth M. Brinkhouse of the University of North Carolina; he wrote an article on the several diseases in which persons bleed heavily and perhaps dangerously.

Most of the patients studied had difficulties with the clotting of their blood — either with the original hemophilia, or with the "Christmas disease" or the Willebrand's disease—both of which resemble hemophilia, and can be distinguished from it only by an expert.

The blood specialists still have much to learn about why some people bleed dangerously and what is wrong with their blood. The process of the clotting of blood, and the stoppage of bleeding is a most complicated affair, and at least 12 factors in our blood, that have to do with the process, have been identified.

Among the 242 patients that Dr. Brinkhouse studied, some 23 had so-called "platelet disorders" — diseases in which the myriads of tiny particles (platelets) in the blood which help in clotting, have largely disappeared.

There were four patients with what is called "telangiectasia," or "Osler-Weber-Rendu's disease." With this malady one finds, scattered over the mucous membrane (lining) of the nose, throat, gullet and stomach, little tufts of tiny blood vessels which, from time to time, can break, and thus give rise to severe bleeding.

Sometimes an expert, with an electric needle, can destroy

a number of the little tufts that are in the nose and throat, and even down in the gullet, and this will greatly lessen the person's tendency to bleeding.

Dr. Brinkhouse said that often severe bleeding can be brought under control with repeated transfusions of blood, or of plasma (the fluid part of the blood). In recent years, potent and concentrated preparations of a substance in human blood which will relieve hemophilia have been made. They work beautifully, but they are very expensive.

There are similar preparations made from animal blood (from hogs) which will quickly help a hemophilic patient; the only trouble with them is that within a week the patient is likely to become sensitized to the material, and then he cannot safely use it any more.

Several years ago it was estimated that in this country there were 3,000 or 4,000 bleeders. Now the number may be more nearly 40,000 or 100,000. Some of these people feel that they must not bring into the world boys who have a 50-50 chance of living out a life of worry and suffering and terrible expense; but others say, "I have suffered; I have had the guts to take it; so why shouldn't my sons take it?"

Athlete's Foot
Many people wonder if they could avoid getting athlete's foot by keeping out of gymnasium showers, or showers that are used before and after swimming in a pool. Several experts who have studied this problem have decided that the disease cannot be prevented by trying to keep the floors of public showers sterile, as perhaps with ultra-violet rays. The experts say that the best thing that a person can do, after the bath, to dry his feet well, particularly between the toes. The fungus that causes "athlete's foot" does not grow well unless moisture is present.

One often-overlooked disease which people should understand is the gradual aging caused by little strokes. Dr. Alvarez has prepared a small 25-cent booklet on the subject which you may order 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.

VFW PROTESTS
Washington — The Veterans of Foreign Wars protested Sunday against any move by the United States to restore normal relations with Communist Hungary.

Plans to Organize 40 Club in Area Are Announced

Plans for organization here of a 40 Club were announced yesterday by Paul J. Peck, formerly of Lansing, Mich., where he watched the successful operation of such a club in 1959.

Purpose of the organization, Peck said, is to help find jobs for men and women over the age of 40 but under 62 when they can start drawing Social Security benefits.

There are many persons in this category who would rather have odd jobs than relief, Peck stated. He listed among the possibilities for work civic improvement projects, such as planting of vacant lots.

The need for a clearing house with telephone and other facilities to speed contacts regarding jobs will be satisfied by the organization, Peck explained. He said the organization would charge each member a 25-cent book-keeping fee each month.

Prepared to Handle
The distribution of handbills for merchants and other business people, he said, is a project that the organization will be well prepared to handle.

Peck was employed by the Jefferson Sentinel Shopping News here from Aug. 10 until Dec. 3 and learned about distribution in Medford, he explained. He added that he could get a complete list of Medford home addresses and knew the streets well. In distributing handbills, he contended, the organization could charge two cents a copy and pay each member one cent a copy, enabling a person to make at least \$5 a day.

Peck asks that anyone interested in joining or supporting the organization, for which he sees a great need, get in touch with him at 130 West Main st., the Lake hotel. He prefers that the interested person write to him, he said.

Astronomer Predicts Landing on the Moon
Salt Lake City — An astronomer believes the moon and the planet Mars are the two bodies in the solar system most likely to be reached by man.

Dr. Armand N. Spitz predicted during a lecture, man might reach the moon in this decade, but said it was unlikely. He said a landing on Mars could be made about 10 years after that.

BIBLE STEALING OFF
French Lick, Ind. — (UPI) — Members of the Gideon Society did not know today whether or to be encouraged or dismayed. Hotel housekeeper Mrs. Hazel McIntosh reported during the week end that Bible stealing has fallen off "a lot" lately.

GP Report Shows Increase of 2 1/2% During the 1950's

Grants Pass — A municipal progress report now being distributed by the city of Grants Pass shows that the city's population increased at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent during the 1950's.

It is expected to jump to approximately 5 per cent a year during the 1960's, depending upon annexation of the urbanized area adjacent to the city limits.

Annexation is expected to add an additional 2,500 people by 1970, while normal growth will account for an increase of 3,500 people.

During the 10-year period between 1952 and 1962, the

report shows there were 29 separate boundary changes in the city limits of Grants Pass. The annexations added 367 acres and almost 1,000 people.

Between 1950 and 1963 the total mileage of city streets increased from 44 miles to 58 miles, representing a 32 per cent increase. During this same period, the status of the streets changed from 73 per cent unimproved to 70 per cent improved with high grade surface.

Other municipal developments have included completely modernized traffic, water, sewer and drainage systems. The period also was marked

by city-county cooperation in joint endeavors, bringing about many notable improvements in services and facilities. An outstanding result of this cooperation is the 45-acre Caveman Industrial Park, which sparked a whole new industry, electronics, in this

area. Another is the Josephine County Library, with the highest per capita circulation of any county in the state.

Responsible for much of the area's orderly growth is a city-county planning department, established in 1960 following three years of joint city-county

planning under contract with the bureau of municipal research at the University of Oregon.

The financial position of the city of Grants Pass is described in the report as "extremely sound." Assessed value of property has increased at a considerably faster rate than total property taxes during recent years.

It is expected that when the Josephine county reappraisal program is completed and permanent ratio is maintained at 25 per cent, the city's tax rate will probably be stabilized at approximately 15 or 16 mills.

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