

The Medical Roundup

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When Children Want To Smoke

Most of us would probably say that if a girl's mother smokes, she is far more likely to smoke, but according to a recent study made by Dr. Bernard J. Bergen, among 305 students in the 9th and 11th grades in Stamford, Conn., no relationship was found between the smoking habits of parents and children. Dr. Bergen thinks that in starting smoking, an adolescent is influenced by what his or her friends do. Some 14 per cent of the 9th graders and 22 per cent of the 11th graders were smoking at the time of the survey.

As I talked this over with an intelligent mother who smokes pretty steadily, she said one thing was certain—she could not scold her teenage daughter for smoking, and she could hardly exhort her not to smoke—if only because the girl might say, "All right, mother, why do you smoke so much? And if you smoke so steadily, why shouldn't I?"

Incidence of Deafness

I read that some 5,800,000 people in the United States have some degree of hearing loss, including 110,000 who are totally deaf. Statisticians of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., reported that 40 out of every 1,000 men have impaired hearing. This rate is one-third higher than that for women. The frequency of deafness rises with advancing years from 8 per thousand for persons under 25, to 30 per thousand at age 75 and over.

Child Afraid to Sleep Alone

Many mothers write to say that they have a highly nervous child who is much afraid to sleep in a room alone, or he is much afraid to sleep in the dark. The mother wants to know if she should get tough with him, or if she should be sympathetic and kind, and should perhaps let him sleep in a room with his brother or sister.

If only because as a child I suffered terribly from having to sleep alone in a big room, quite a distance from the rest of the family's bedrooms, I am very sympathetic to such children, and my advice is that by all means, be kind.

The first thing I would do with such a child is to get one of the tiny lights that can be put in an electrical outlet low

on the baseboard. With such a light, if the child wakens and gets frightened, he can look around and see that there is no one in the room. Once when one of my grand children became afraid of the dark, I made him happy by leaving a light on in the hall and leaving his door open into the hall.

Few people realize how many adults will not sleep in a room unless there is a little light on. What happens is that perhaps after some noise, the person wakes with the feeling that there is someone in the room. Naturally, then, by the time he has listened a while to satisfy himself that no one is present, he is wide awake, and may have much trouble going back to sleep. If at a glance he could have seen that no one was present, he might have gone back to sleep in a minute.

It probably is not wise to have your blood pressure measured too frequently. Dr. Alvarez' booklet, "High Blood Pressure," gives you this and other information about blood pressure. You may get your copy of the booklet 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.

DAV Chapter Has Officers Installed

Vaughn Beer was recently installed as commander of the local chapter of the Disabled American Veterans, but was unable to be present because of illness. Ira Canfield, the third commander of the chapter, represented Beer. J. F. Graham served as installing officer.

Lee Turner, state executive committeeman from Grants Pass, presented Canfield with a 25-year pin in recognition of his service to the chapter.

Officers installed to serve with Beer were George O. Martin, senior vice commander; Eino R. Hill, junior vice commander; Karl J. Knutson, treasurer; John A. Snyder, chaplain; and James Glenn, sergeant at arms.

Local executive committeemen are George Simmons, Trevell Turpin and Hill. Graham is adjutant and service officer, and Ed Branchfield is judge advocate.

The Grants Pass and Medford chapters will hold a joint picnic at TouVelle State park on Aug. 4.

Company Granted Permission To Park 'Courtesy' Vehicles

The airport committee of the Medford city council recommended Thursday night that Letz Rent-A-Car be granted permission to park two "courtesy cars" at the municipal airport, providing the vehicles—and all other such courtesy cars at the airport—are clearly marked.

The committee's recommendation was in response to a request from Bob Messer, agent for Letz, who had sought permission to park three of the courtesy vehicles at the airport.

Following acceptance of the group's report, the council voted 6 to 1 to grant Messer a temporary permit to park his cars at the airport, pending possible council action in ordinance form on the committee's proposals.

An earlier motion to grant a temporary permit to Messer, with the stipulation that he mark his vehicles immediately, failed by a 4 to 3 vote.

The airport committee also recommended to the council that leases which are currently being negotiated between the city and Aviation Service and Rogue Flying Service to operate at the airport have a clause included to permit the firms to sell aircraft radios and parts.

In other action, the council voted to:

—Amend the "pinball ordinance" to provide for the possibility of reinstatement of a suspended operator's license, and to substitute the word "metal" in the ordinance in place of "steel."

—Dedicate an alley in Block 2, Park addition.

—Authorize and approve plans and specifications for the paving of 11th st. from Willamette to Ashland sts.

—Approve plans and specifications for paving Dakota st. from Chestnut st. to Columbus ave.

—Approve plans and specifications and call for bids for the demolition of the Federal and the Hansen and Field buildings in connection with the off-street vehicle parking district.

—Call for public hearings Aug. 1 on paving projects on 11th st. and Dakota ave., and installation of a water main on 10th st.

—Call for bids on projects to widen Jackson st. and pave Siskiyou Blvd.

—Set Aug. 1 as the date for public hearings on requests for zone changes on properties located on Franquette st. north of Earhart st.; on the south side of Barnett rd. immediately east of Bear creek; at 1925 Crestbrook rd.; on the southeast corner of McAndrews rd. and Biddle rd.; and between old Biddle rd. and the realigned Biddle rd. at the Crater Lake highway interchange.

—Grant a variance to Texaco Oil company to erect a 15-foot high sign at Crater Lake highway and Biddle rd.

—Grant a variance to Richfield Oil company to erect a 21-foot, 6-inch sign on Crater Lake highway near Bear creek.

—Grant home occupations at 1511 Johnston st. and 1925 Crestbrook rd.

—Grant permission to City Manager Robert Duff, permission was granted by the council for the construction of extra width driveways for a Texaco service station at Bid-

die rd. and Crater Lake highway; for a Richfield service station at Crater Lake highway and the Bear Creek bridge; and for a Signal Oil service station at South Riverside ave. and Barnett rd.

Duff also reported to the council that Yellow Cab company had voluntarily lowered its rates for trips between the municipal airport and the city. The old rate was \$1.50 for one passenger and \$1.25 for each passenger more than one. The new rate is the same for one passenger, but the fare was reduced to \$1 for each passenger more than

one.

The council voted 4 to 3 to install a street light at Chestnut and Winchester sts. at a monthly cost of \$2.40.

Two matters not on the agenda were passed by the group following a vote to waive the council rule. Off-Street Motor Parking district No. 1 fund was established. A disbursement to R. A. Heintz of \$18,359.32 was approved, and an emergency was declared, permitting part of the sum to be drawn from the city's emergency fund.

At the conclusion of the agenda items, Mayor James

Dunlevy recognized William Doernbach, 143 Mace rd., who had expressed a desire to address the council.

Doernbach alluded to the recently concluded Heintz Construction company suit against the city, which was settled out for court for \$21,650, less about \$3,200 which the firm owed the city.

He said he had read the some 900 pages of the trial transcript and was surprised the city had settled out of court since, in his opinion, Doernbach said, "the city seemed to be ahead."

However, he said that

made certain changes in the 1958 sanitary sewer contract for the Kenwood-Grandview, Laurelhurst additions, which had cost the residents of those areas "a lot of money."

Duff said that the city's changes in grade and alignment during the project had saved the district "over \$50,000."

"We can show this by the record," he said, and he offered to let Doernbach see the records "anytime" to prove his point.

The 50-minute meeting was presided over by Mayor James Dunlevy. All councilmen were present except Robert Baccus. The next regular meeting of the council is scheduled Aug. 1.

He charged the city had

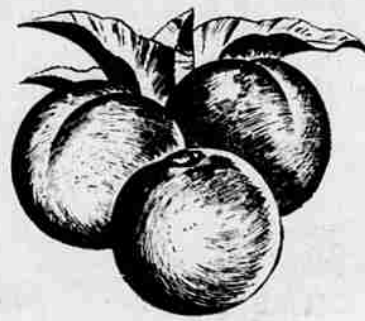
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