

### The Medical Roundup

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#### Unidentified Body May Be KF Airman

BROOKINGS, Ore. (UPI)—A body believed to be that of an Air Force man stationed in Klamath Falls has washed up on the beach here.  
 S. Sgt. James Morelock, 30, drowned a week ago after a 14-foot boat overturned off the mouth of the Chetco River.

which had healed over when the person was young.

I got to thinking of all this when I read in the journal "MD" how the great German pathologist, Dr. Aschoff, once reported that when a colleague of his died suddenly at the age of 97, he (Aschoff) felt that at last he had found a case of "natural death from old age." But an autopsy revealed an acute lobar pneumonia; also a cancer of the thyroid gland (in the front of the neck) with numerous metastases (daughter-growths) which had scattered out through the body and also had remained "silent."

Many people may say, "But why didn't the man feel some pain with his pneumonia, or why didn't he cough, or why didn't he have a high fever, or why didn't he have to go to bed?" and the answer is that there is such a thing as a "walking pneumonia," just as 75 years ago there was a common disease called "walking typhoid." In 1932, for 10 days I traveled several thousand miles on trains from Mexico City to New York City, and then to my home in Rochester, Minn., with a patch of pneumonia in my lungs. I was able to keep attending medical meetings every day, in spite of a little fever and an occasional spell in which I felt decidedly weak in the knees. When I reached home, in spite of the pneumonia, I went right to work seeing patients.

The lesson taught me that if one wants to avoid death from cancer one must have a yearly examination with x-ray films made of the lungs and stomach and bowel; also a sigmoidoscopic examination of the lower end of the large bowel — with an electrically lighted tube.

There are several types of goiter about which readers frequently ask. To provide help, Dr. Alvarez has prepared a booklet called, "Thyroid Troubles and Goiters." You may obtain a copy of it by sending 25 cents and a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept. MMT, Box 957, Des Moines, Iowa 50304.

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#### Death From 'Old Age' Is Rare

Back through probably thousands of years, doctors have felt that certain old people died a natural death; perhaps because their bodies seemed just to have become worn out, or seemed to have ended up like the "one-hoss shay." But in the last 100 years, since we have been making autopsies on more and more people, we have found that it is not easy to find a person who appears to have died of simple old age.

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know that the poison coming from a highly toxic goiter can seriously injure the heart muscle and also the liver. Doubtless it injures other organs also.

In many cases, when the pathologist would say, "I don't know what this man died of," I would remark, "I wonder what you would have found if you had had permission from the patient's relatives to remove his brain and examine it." Many a man who dies silently during the night has had a stroke, and the big injury to his brain would have been found if the autopsy had been a complete one. Unfortunately, many persons refuse to give the pathologist permission to examine the brain of a relative who has died.

Surprised at Finding In many cases, at an autopsy on an elderly patient — one who appeared to have died of "old age" — I have been surprised to find perhaps a cancer or two, plus perhaps a flare-up of an old tuberculosis of the lungs,

#### They'll Do It Every Time



By Jimmy Hatlo

MOM DECIDES TO HIT THE HAY EARLIER THAN THE REST OF THE FAMILY... BUT FIRST SHE LEAVES THE KITCHEN SHIPSHAPE...

SO SHE'S FIRST UP NEXT MORN. OF COURSE, AND SAID KITCHEN LOOKS LIKE HURRICANE HANNAH HAD HIT...



### The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of a family disagreement presented to the Council. The Council deals with problems, major and minor, encountered by guidance counselors and social workers. Edited by Mrs. Alma Denny. (Copyright by General Features Corp.)

Mr. B. U. — He looks down his nose at my line of work. Gerald U. — I just have no interest in curlers and hairnets.

Mr. B. U. — I run a small notions shop on Broadway. When my son was unable to get a job he liked, I took him on as a salesman — but I'm losing customers on account of him. He's always chewing gum, guzzling soda pop, or blowing cigarette smoke around while answering questions, making change, or wrapping packages. And he lets everyone know he's only there "temporarily" to help me out. Help who out?

Gerald U. — That's no job for me. I'm a clarinetist and as soon as a friend of mine rounds up one more player, I'll be signed up for a dance band and go on tour. Surely Dad doesn't expect me to go all-out over hair spray, picture hooks, and safety pins. I'd go out of my mind there if I didn't have the radio going and my friends dropping in to keep me in touch with the world I belong in.

The Council: How myopic

### Bishop Appeals for Fertile Swan Eggs

WELLS, England (UPI)—The bishop of Wells issued an appeal Sunday for fertile swan eggs to bolster his flock of bell-ringing birds.

For centuries, a flock of white swans has inhabited the moat around the walled bishop's palace in this historic cathedral town.

But the flock, which rings a bell at feeding time, is in danger of dying out, Bishop Edward Henderson said.

"Unfortunately, the palace swans haven't laid any fertile eggs in recent years. I feel responsible for the continuation of the tradition so I hope someone will be able to help by sending me some eggs," he said.

PIGEON SHADES  
 INDIO, Calif. (UPI) — There was a storm of protests from ruffled bird lovers last week when they learned that city employees were trapping pigeons in cages atop downtown buildings.

After they claimed it was cruel to keep the birds penned up where the sun shone directly on them, shades were ordered put over the cages.

### Former U2 Pilot Bride Plan Visit

POUND, Va. (UPI)—Francis Gary Powers, the former spy pilot whose high-flying U2 was brought down deep in Russia in 1960, planned to bring his bride of two days to this mountain village today for a visit with his parents.

The former Central Intelligence Agency pilot, who became a central figure in a major cold war crisis, was married in Catlett, Va., Saturday to Mrs. Claudie Edwards Donney, 28, who also worked for the CIA.

It was the second marriage for both. Their earlier marriages ended in divorce.

Powers' parents did not attend the ceremony Saturday. His father, Oliver Powers, said they were not invited, but then added: "It was too far for me to drive."

"I've met the girl," the elder Powers said. "She's real nice and I'm very glad."

Powers was brought down May, 1960, 1,200 miles inside Russia. He was sentenced to 10 years in a Soviet prison but was released after 20 months in exchange for convicted Russian spy Rudolph Abel.

Powers, a test pilot with the Lockheed Aviation Corp. at Burbank, Calif., is expected to return to work next week, according to his father.

### Killer Gives Up To Florence Police

FLORENCE, Ore. (UPI)—William Worth, 49, of Olympia, Wash., got in touch with police here Sunday and informed them he had killed his wife.

Olympia police went to the family home and found Mirabel Worth, 49, dead with a rifle bullet wound in her chest. She had been shot from a distance of about four feet.

Worth told Olympia officers who arrived here that the couple had argued as she was getting ready to go out early Saturday. He said he didn't know where she was going.

He waived extradition and was returned to Olympia later in the day.

After the shooting, Worth said he got dressed and drove out of Olympia.

**Klamath Falls Man Is Electrocuted**  
 PINE BLUFF, Wyo. (UPI)—A Morrison-Knudsen company employe was electrocuted late Saturday while working at the construction site of a missile launch base near here. A company spokesman identified the victim as Michael E. Nolan, 20, of Klamath Falls, Ore.

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