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## FDA Develops Method To Detect Food Poison

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration has announced a new means of detecting staphylococcal poisoning in food. The agency said it is a major step forward and will for the first time permit the identification in food of the specific staphylococcal tiliin specific staphylococcal toxin which is responsible for most of the food poisoning outbreaks in the United States.

The method, developed over the past 15 years, will save health officials from dependence upon often vague epidemiological evidence during food poisoning outbreaks and the use of expensive animals in tests which are often unreliable. FDA said the method is scientifically accurate and will ease the job of tracking down the sources of food poisoning.

It was reported by Ezra P. Casman, Ph. D., and Reginald W. Bennett, M. S., of FDA's Division of Microbiology, to the 81st annual meeting of the American Public Health Association at Kansas City, Mo., Method Explained.

The new test employs a serological method. Minute quantities of staphylococcal poison in food are detected through use of its antibody, a neutralizing agent developed in the blood of an infected animal.

Food poisoning caused by the staphylococci toxin is generally not fatal to the normal, healthy individual. It may last for only several hours, but is extremely uncomfortable and incapacitating. It is different from the seldom found but often fatal

type of food poisoning caused by various botulinus organisms which produce toxins when oxygen is lacking.

For years, methods of tracing the causes of food poisoning have called for isolating the bacteria from the suspected food and demonstrating their toxicity by feeding monkeys or injection into cats. These tests however, are not always reliable because the animals vary in susceptibility to the toxins. The tests are time consuming.

FDA's research for a reliable method of detecting the causes of food poisoning began in 1947 with a long range program which only recently has been completed.

## Lesson Given In Decorations

PROSPECT — A demonstration of Christmas decorations which may be made from greenery and dried materials was given at a recent meeting of the Prospect Lady Lions.

Mrs. Archie McKillop and Mrs. Everett Shaffer gave the demonstration. The meeting was held at the Community hall with Mrs. Ralph Goode, Mrs. Joseph Josephson, Mrs. Lowell Ash and Mrs. Harry Goode serving the dinner.

Plans for the Christmas bazaar were discussed. It will be held the first part of December.

The executive board meeting will be Friday, November 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. David Greenfield.



A committee of four women has been hard at work for the past several weeks on the invitation list for the dinner-dance which Snowmen will give Saturday, November 23, at Rogue Valley Country club. The event will celebrate the 30th anniversary of organization, and the committee did a great deal of research in finding the present addresses of former members. Pictured during a committee session are (left to right) Mrs. Wayne Martell, in charge of the invitations for current members; Mrs. Larry Schade, Mrs. Edmund L. Simmons, who worked on the former list; Mrs. Arthur Ekeron, reservations chairman and secretary-treasurer of the Snowmen. Reservations close tonight.

## Snowmen Plan Party

One of the large social events of the coming week end will be a dinner-dance at Rogue Valley Country Club given by the Snowmen in celebration of the group's 30th anniversary of organization. About 150 are expected to attend the event, set for Saturday, November 23.

Past presidents of the organization will be honored at the event, and during the evening will take part in a skit. An orchestra will play for dancing.

A reunion hour is planned from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and a buffet dinner will be served. Past and present Snowmen and their guests have been invited to attend.

Miss Betty Ramsey, general chairman in charge of arrangements, is being assisted by a committee. Mrs. Arthur Ekeron is reservation chairman; reservations are to be made no later than tonight by calling the Rogue Ski shop, dial 772-8047, or Mrs. Ekerson at 773-7271.

## Founding of Society Celebrated by Chapter

Epsilon Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma Society, celebrated the 21st anniversary of founding at the last meeting.

Miss Edith Bork, former faculty member at Southern Oregon College, founder of Alpha Rho State Chapter and organizer of Epsilon Chapter, was one of the guests at the meeting.

Mrs. Keith Woodward, Grants Pass, presided during the business meeting which was held in the Girls Community Club in Medford. Mrs. John A. Fountain, chairman of the research committee, and Dr. Dorothy Stolp were in charge of the program, "Changing Patterns."

History Given

Miss Bork, now residing in Willamette Manor, Portland, gave a summary of the founding of the Oregon State Chapter in 1941. Miss Florence Allan, Miss Bertha Stephens, and Miss Delie M. Whisenant were charter members of the society. In November, 1942, Epsilon Chapter was organized in Jackson and Josephine Counties.

Delta Kappa Gamma was first organized in Austin, Texas, in 1929, by Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, who was interested in the recognition of women educators. At the time of organization there were 17 chapters in Texas.

Delta Kappa Gamma is now an international society with a membership of 84,880 members. Women educators are the only people eligible for membership. Thirty-seven chapters have been organized in Oregon during the past thirty-four years.

Past Officers Report

Past presidents attending gave outstanding events which occurred while they were in office. Reporting were Miss Whisenant, Medford; Miss Allen, SOC, Ashland; Miss Jennie Calhoun, Grants Pass; Mrs. S.

## 'His' Wardrobe Used For 'Her' Inspiration

By PATRICIA MCCORMACK NEW YORK (UPI)—There's something from the boys as well as something for the boys in collections of spring clothes for milady.

Pace-setting designers, showing their newest togs in New York during the last several weeks, have:

—Advanced body accenting silhouettes, featuring daringly plunging necklines for evening wear. The boys — professional girl watchers, that is — can only be expected to hoot about this.

—Gone to "his" wardrobe for inspiration of many daytime suits and costumes. From the male fashion rack they have adapted pin and chalk striped menswear materials, trouser pockets for skirts, barrel cuffs for dresses and blouses, the ascot and the vest.

To Posie Patch

But that's not all. They've also gone to the posie patch for inspiration when making the clothes which will be in the stores in January.

Many dresses were floral printed from neckline to hem. The prints, many an abstract

type highlighted by rainbow colors, included takeoffs on daisies, peonies, snapdragons and every fragrant bloom seen in spring flower show.

And for the woman who likes to get where she's going incognito — the hoodnik look's "in" especially for evening.

In many collections the billowy chiffon evening dresses came with stoles worn over the head, scarf style, clutched at the chin. Models wearing the cover-ups often had their coiffures covered. Ditto for neck and part of the chin.

The woman of mystery look taking over for formal spring evenings hit a high in Fernando Sarm's collection. The European count turned American citizen, turned seventh avenue ready-to-wear manufacturer, showed a group of long formalis with sweeping skirts — plus the headcovering which cloaked the model.

Many Hoods

Typical of this look in the collection was a gown in warp printed silk in blue, pink and mauve tones. Evening cloaks, over fullskirted chiffon dresses, also came in the warp prints

with both attached and detachable hoods.

Highlights of other collections:

—Mollie Parnis (caps) leaned into black with white accents and white with black accents. Sample: A white lean bean coat with black tuxedo front — over a black sheath. A major silhouette with this designer is the long coat over its harmonizing dress.

—Townley (caps) hit the fashion bounce with more flounce to the ounce. Designer Donald Brooks had dresses on day and evening dresses. Silhouettes for daytime ranged from the modified sheath to body - accenting types with raised and dropped waistlines.

—PAULINE TRIGERE used her traditional bias cut and knack for seaming to shape slim dresses to the figure without squeezing. Almost all day dresses in wool were sleeveless.

—MATTY TALMACK a d - vanced the elongated torso look in day dresses. The tunic theme carried into evening.

Former Residents Visit Hornbrook

HORN BROOK—Over night guests Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dwan Hamner were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Collier, Cave Junction, Ore. En route home from a short vacation in Reno, Mr. and Mrs. Collier made another brief stop-over, calling on other friends here. Mr. Collier was an inspector at the local quarantine station before being transferred to the Redwood station five years ago.

## Hornbrook Women Plan Annual Event

HORN BROOK—The Christian Women's Community Fellowship of the local Methodist church met Thursday at the home of Mrs. Bertha Bradley. In the absence of the president, the meeting was conducted by the vice president, Mrs. Mary Taggart.

Plans were made for the annual all-community Christmas party which will be held December 12 at the church. The event will begin with a potluck dinner at 12:30 p.m., followed by a program and gift exchange. All women of the area are invited to attend, and to bring an inexpensive gift to exchange.

## Two Travelers Return Home From Hawaii

Unlike the proverbial mail carrier who walks the rounds on his vacation, Miss JoAnn Robertson, secretary in the Medford Police Department and back with an armful of leis, didn't visit the police department during her stay in Honolulu.

Miss Robertson and Miss Carol Hubbard of the Social Security office, returned Monday morning from a vacation which started Halloween night when they sailed on the Matsonia from San Francisco for Honolulu. They arrived in Hawaii November 5 and left there for their return to Medford last Sunday midnight, taking the United Air Lines flight home.

The two young women started planning the vacation last January. They made their reservations in May and in October their "dream came true." While on the Islands they made their home in an apartment on Waikiki Beach where housing was arranged through mutual girl friends.

They rented a jeep and visited the various famous spots on Oahu Island and later on the island of Kauai, particularly the plantation where South Pacific was filmed.

Both came back with grass skirts, orchids and leis for their fellow workers and memories which will make work easier, even on the foggiest days, they say.

## Architect Talks For Meeting Of Local Gardeners

"Japanese Gardens" was his subject when the landscape architect, Dale Coverstone, talked to the Howard Garden Club at the home of Mrs. L. C. McCay.

Mr. Coverstone says the Japanese never crowd their gardens. Though very small, the gardens seem spacious and natural, he added. To achieve this effect, they use water in many ways, small pools or man-made streams, only two or three kinds of shrubs and many rocks in all sizes from boulders to gravel, and almost always, functional stepping stones, leading away to an entrance, a gate or a nook.

Gravel is laid on hard turf; grass or flowers are seldom used. Japanese maple, flowering cherry, Siberian iris, ferns and bamboo are some of the shrubs used. Nothing is used that might cause litter or clutter, and gardens should be original, never copied, the speaker said. Mr. Coverstone tells of much rounded river - washed gravel, used brick and rough lumber being used in Western Japanese-type gardens.

Mrs. G. G. Stag presented an arrangement of bronze chrysanthemums and dried catalpa bean pods.

Mrs. Henry Friesen was a guest of the club and Mrs. Ralph E. Merritt was co-hostess. Next meeting will be a noon potluck dinner and gift exchange to be held at the home of Mrs. James A. Wicker.

## Instructor Explains Roll Of Science

ASHLAND — "The layman must recognize the fact that science plays a dominant role in today's society," declared Dr. James R. Dawson when he addressed members of the Ashland branch, American Association of University Women, last week in Britt lounge, Southern Oregon College.

The opening study on the year's program was presented by the associate professor of biology at SOC and was based upon the need for more scientific education at all levels and the layman's responsibility in bridging the gap between trained scientists and the general public. He pointed to the rapid changes taking place in fields that affect the daily life of everyone.

Household appliances, consumer products, communications and transportation are but a few of the new areas of scientific advance.

The second in the study lectures will be presented December 11 by Dr. Russell Davis, assistant professor of science, whose subject will be "Bats Homing."

## Ashland Woman To Be Speaker

"International Affairs" will be the topic for a meeting of Women of Unity, Friday, November 22, at 11 a.m. in the Unity church, Holy and Haven streets.

Mrs. Edgar N. Terrill, Talent, president, will conduct a business session. The Rev. Katharine Bosworth, minister, will give the devotionals.

A luncheon will be served at 12 noon. Hostesses will be Mrs. Thomas Lowe, Mrs. Ralph R. Weiss, Mrs. Gilbert Betancourt and Mrs. Erna Dyke.

At 1 p.m. Mrs. Roy Nye, Ashland, guest speaker, will talk on "The Effect Other Countries Have on Us."

Mrs. Martel Peters, Ashland, will sing two numbers. She will be accompanied by William Johnston, Medford.

This is a non-sectarian group, and any woman interested is invited to attend.

## Orchid Slides To Be Shown

Slides taken of the Rob McLellan orchids in San Francisco will be shown at a meeting of the Rogue Valley Orchid Society Friday, November 22. It will be held at the Red Cross Chapter House, 60 Hawthorne Avenue, at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. McLellan is a widely known orchid grower.

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