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It Ain't All Roses

(by George Long)

A Reader's Digest feature article, "The Medicines We Need — But Can't Have", deals with just one aspect of the story of how nearly twenty years of antagonistic congressional investigations and increasing layers of complex and evermore restrictive and costly regulation has resulted in a weakening of the ability of one major American industry to serve the public interest to the fullest extent of which it is capable. In a statement introducing the article, The Reader's Digest describes what it calls a "medical crisis" stemming from the lack in this country of new prescription medications — medications widely used abroad — to treat our most threatening diseases. It involves delays of many years in the introduction of new medical discoveries, as well as a sharp decline in the discovery and testing of new and needed drugs.

The present stifling regulation of the U. S. pharmaceutical industry by the federal FDA developed gradually and quite logically. Most of the modern drugs which have revolutionized the practice of medicine and added years to the life expectancy of people living in modern developed countries have been discovered and made available for broad scale use since the middle '30's — 90 percent of them between 1935 and 1965. As powerful new pharmaceutical products were developed to work in beneficial ways to influence the functioning of the human body to combat illness and disease, the potential for harm in the form of adverse reaction, as well as good effects, was increased.

In 1938, as the digest article reports, Congress passed legislation requiring proof of safety before U. S. pharmaceutical companies could market new medicines. Another major change came in 1962 when legislation was passed requiring that a new drug be proved effective as well as safe before it could be licensed and marketed. Under the requirements of this legislation, as well as the constant pressure of highly publicized congressional investigations carried on almost continuously since the early 1950's and antagonistic in their approach to practically every facet of the U. S. pharmaceutical industry, the FDA has progressively tightened its regulatory stranglehold over the industry's operations. The apparent goal of current FDA regulatory policy is zero risk, despite the fact that such a condition is unachievable. As Dr. Malcolm C. Todd, president-elect of the AMA has put it, "Even aspirin can be dangerous if misused. Complete drug safety is an impossible dream."

Pursuit of this dream is proving to be both costly and paralyzing. U. S. pharmaceutical companies last year spent \$728 million on research and development as opposed to \$212 million in 1960. Regardless of this increased investment in research, they are producing fewer marketable drugs than before. As the Reader's Digest points out, before 1960 a new drug, generally one among thousands tested, could be evaluated and marketed around two years at a cost of \$1 to \$2 million. Now the same process takes seven years or more and costs upwards of \$11 million. As a result, the United States has fallen from a position of world leadership in the introduction of new drug compounds to a position below that of many smaller nations.

Valuable new drugs available for the treatment of serious illnesses abroad are not available in America. The digest article cites many examples. Although hypertension and high blood pressure afflict 23 million Americans, there has not been a new general purpose anti-hypertension medicine introduced in this country since 1963. According to the Reader's Digest "From 1967 through 1971, five such drugs came into European medical practice." Some of these products help people who do not respond to other medi-

Be Careful of Small Portable Electric Heaters

Trying to keep extra warm during cold periods this winter may only make you colder. This may sound contradictory, but not to John Kohls, Stayton local manager for PP&L. Kohls warned that PP&L's capability of providing electric power during extreme cold weather could be severely jeopardized if customers operate the thousands of recently purchased portable electric heaters.

The utility randomly surveyed retail store outlets in several parts of its six state service area and found that sales of portable electric heaters have been astounding. "Many stores indicate they could sell more if they were available," Kohls said.

Utility distribution lines and transformers are not built to withstand the demand of portable heaters," Kohls said. "If thousands of customers in a locality use portable heaters to supplement their oil and gas heating, the end result would be overloaded distribution circuits and an eventual service interruption. Homes would be without electric service until the system could be restored," Kohls said.

Portable space heaters are heavy users of electrical energy consuming between 800 and 1650 watts. "Persons who choose to use portable heaters should guard against overloading electrical circuits. Blown fuses, overheated wiring and tripped circuit breakers can result from overloading circuits," Kohls said.

"Worse yet, portable heaters are highly inefficient. They are useful only for spot comfort heating for a short period of time when a person is near the heater, preferably in a small room which does not require much heating capacity for comfort," he said.

Kohls concluded by suggesting that space heaters not be used during peak power periods which normally occur between 8:00-10:00 in the morning hours and 5:00-7:00 in the evening.

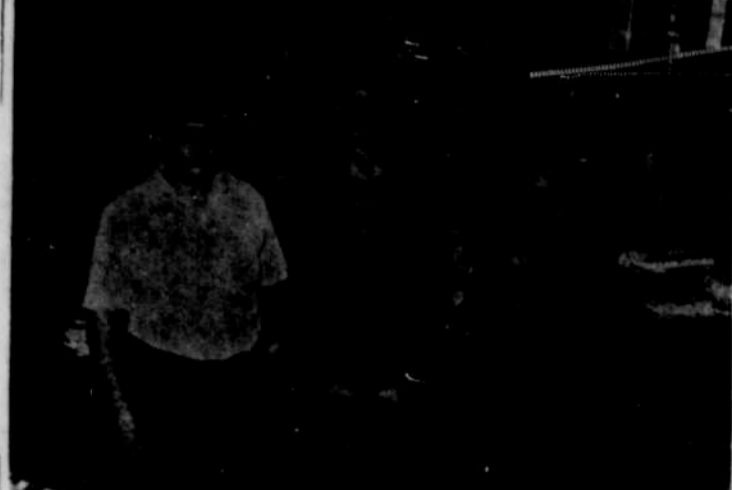
Detroit Dam - Weather

	Max.	Min.	Elev.	Pcp.
Nov. 28	50	34	1476.56	0.41
Nov. 29	52	34	1477.83	2.75
Nov. 30	41	36	1478.31	0.29
Dec. 1	47	36	1477.35	0.16
Dec. 2	43	38	1475.92	0.36
Dec. 3	43	37	1473.98	0.04
Dec. 4	47	37	1471.75	0.12
Total Pcp. for Week				4.13

cations. In 1968, doctors in Italy began using a new antibiotic to treat tuberculosis. After 50 countries had adopted the drug, it became available in the United States in 1971. As the digest observes, "It is impossible to estimate what the delay meant for the 119,000 American TB victims under treatment during this time, or for the 17,000 who died of TB." One study has indicated that there are 80 medications, approved for prescription in Great Britain between 1962 and 1971, which are not available in the U. S., including "... several drugs that British physicians rate better than currently available here." Appalling as it may seem, it is apparently true that if penicillin were being tested in the U. S. today it would probably be scrapped.

The Reader's Digest article concludes that it is time we "... admitted that in seeking to be 'totally safe' from drugs we have in fact weakened our defenses against disease." In a broader context, isn't it time to adopt policies that encourage the successful operation of private enterprise in the United States rather than policies which make the assumption that there is something wrong with the nation's major business and industrial institutions, so they must therefore be penalized and blocked at every turn? Certainly other nations do not seek to cripple the performance of their economic systems; and, in many areas, they are catching up with, or have surpassed, the U. S. because of this. It is past time for our legislators, our regulators, our citizen protest groups and others to consider the impact of their disruption of the nation's productive enterprise.

Cake Decorating Winners



Cub scouts taking honors in the cake decorating —parent-cub—were Oren Hampton, Steve Fuller and Kurt Syverson.—Enterprise Photo



Happy Winners
 Pictured are Kevin Snider, sweepstakes winner in the cake contest, and Patrick Krecklow, Brent Fadenrecht and Jeff Harrison, first, second and third place winners in the cub only category.—Enterprise photo

Kindergarten To Hold Program Wednesday, Dec. 12

Wednesday, Dec. 12, is the date for the annual Christmas program of the Gates-Mill City Kindergarten at the old Gates High School at 7:30 p.m. Parents and families of the students, friends and interested public are invited to attend. Following the program, Santa will make his visit, and refreshments will be served. On Thursday, Dec. 13, the students will have their Christmas party. The kindergarten will be dismissed for Christmas vacation on Friday, Dec. 21.

Movie To Be Shown This Sat., Dec. 8

The Mill City Junior Woman's Club will be sponsoring the movie "Pinocchio" this Saturday, Dec. 8, at the high school auditorium. Cartoons will also be featured. This is a live action adaptation of the classic fairy tale of Pinocchio. The doors will open at 7:00 with the movie to begin at 7:30 p.m. Winners of the recycling poster contest may use their tickets for this movie.

One Car Accident Happens Wednesday

IDANHA — Idanha Rural Fire District ambulance was called to the scene of a one car accident about five miles East of Idanha about 12:30 p.m. Wednesday of last week. Upon their arrival, it was discovered that a passing motorist had picked up the unidentified lone occupant of the car. Witnesses said the victim had to be taken out through the back window of the vehicle after it had smashed into an embankment. He reportedly was taken to Santiam Memorial Hospital, Stayton. Extent of his injuries was not learned.

If the number following your name on The Enterprise label reads 12-73 it's time to send a check for renewal.

Awards Presented At Pack Meeting

Warren Goffin, cubmaster, presided at the Cub Scout Pack meeting last Wednesday night, Nov. 28, at the Scout Cabin. Joe Curtis, awards chairman, presented awards to the following boys: Bobcats—Kevin Poole, Brent Fadenrecht, Mike Davidson, Leslie Urban, Mike Walling, Kevin Snider, Pat Hastings, Bobby Hernisen, Bud Jones, Darren Wentz, James Cook, and Steven Goodell. One year pin—Steve Fuller, Kurt Syverson, Roy Lee Baker, Pat Krecklow, Steve Blaylock, David Bibler, Mike Stewart, Scott Baughman, Evan Blain, Tim Carpenter, Paul Lewis, Jerry Long and Stanley Waleczak. Two year pin — Brian Mumey, Naturalist — Oren Hampton, Don Zynda, Alan Gibson, Jeff Harrison and Tom Carr. Sportsman—Oren Hampton, Don Zynda, Alan Gibson and Jeff Harrison. Denner Bar — Roy Lee Baker, Kevin Poole, Evan Blain and Tim Carpenter. Assistant Denner Bar — Steve Fuller, Brent Fadenrecht, Scott Baughman and James Cook.

School Milk Price Lowered To 5 Cents

It was announced this week that the school milk prices have been lowered from nine to five cents a pint effective Monday, Dec. 3. Last week Congress reinstated the school milk program, enabling the lower cost. At the beginning of the school year, the milk price was six cents and was then raised to nine cents a pint.

Electrical Wires Short Out; Causes Smoke Damage

DETROIT — Some smoke damage to the main disconnect panel occurred here Sunday evening about 6:35 p.m. when electrical wires shorted together on top of the Pat Lyon trailer house on Clester Rd. The lines were not Consumer Power owned. The incident, however, caused blue arch flashes and lights to flicker. Idanha Rural Fire Protection District was called to the scene but their services were not needed.

Senior Citizen Day Set At Grade School

An open invitation is extended to senior citizens in the community to visit "Christmas Hall" in the Mill City Elementary School on Dec. 14 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Each classroom door will be decorated in a Christmas theme. Senior citizens may choose the three most outstanding doors by marking ballots which will be given them when they arrive. Classroom visitations are also encouraged at this time. Coffee and cookies will be served. It is hoped that many senior citizens will take a few minutes to enjoy the Christmas spirit of the boys and girls at the school.

Santiam Wins First Home Tilt of Season

The Santiam Wolverines took an early lead Tuesday night and went on to easily defeat Amity 57-27 in their season opening basketball game. Frank Bryant led the winners with 14 points. Rick Marcum had 10 for the losers to lead their point-making. The score was 33-10 at halftime for Santiam. Amity (27) — McKee 6, Stevens 4, Compton 1, Marcum 10, Lee 4, Kline 2. Santiam (37) — Plotts 8, Bryant 14, M. DeMain 9, Davidson 4, G. DeMain 10, Rose 4, More 1, M. Morgan 5, Wright 2. Halftime score — Santiam 33-10. Total fouls: Amity 17, Santiam 15. Fouled out: Brandon. JV score — Santiam 41-34.

Booster Club Sets Ham Dinner For Jan.

The Santiam Booster Club met Tuesday evening following the Amity-Santiam basketball game to decide on a new pitching machine. Discussion was held on the annual ham dinner which is set for Jan. 24. All proceeds from the dinner will go to the canyon scholarship fund. It was also announced the club still has booster jackets and seat cushions for sale. The next meeting will be January 4.

Second Largest Enrollment in OSU's History

Nearly 13,000 of the 15,517 students enrolled at OSU this fall are from Oregon, including 1134 from Marion County. Forty-eight of the 50 states are represented in the student body and more than 600 students are attending OSU from 61 foreign countries. This year's enrollment is the second largest in history, surpassed only by the 15,542 total of 1971. A breakdown of Marion County shows: Salem, 803; Silverton, 77; Woodburn, 54; Stayton, 35; Aurora, 27; Turner, 22; Mt. Angel, 20; Aumsville, 18; Gervais, 16; Mill City, 15; Sublimity, 14; Jefferson, 13; Hubbard, 5; St. Paul, 4; Brooks and Scotts Mills, 3 each; Marion, 2; Donald, Gates, Mehama, 1 each.

Citizens Asked To Attend Council Meeting Tuesday

The city recorder announced this week that the council will be holding an informative session and discussion Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the city hall on the proposed city sewer system. Wayne Taylor of Clark and Groff Engineers, Russell Fetrow of the DEQ and a representative from the Council of Governments will be present to speak and answer any questions residents may have on the sewer system. Citizens are urged to attend the session and acquaint themselves with the proposed sewer project.

Revised Mill City Maps Available

A revision of the city maps of eleven Oregon communities has just been completed by the state highway division in cooperation with the federal highway administration, it was announced by F. B. Klabe, administrator of highways and state highway engineer. The communities affected are Bandon, Brownsville, Canyon City, Cascade Locks, Estacada, Lyons, Merrill, Metolius, Mill City, Monmouth and Prineville. These maps are drawn to a scale of 800 feet to the inch and are plotted on a 17-inch by 19 inch sheet. They sell for 30 cents per sheet. Reductions of these sheets to size 8 1/2 inch by 11-inch, at a scale of 1,000 feet to the inch, are available at 10 cents per sheet. The cost of a map of a particular city may be determined by multiplying the number of sheets indicated for that city by either 30 cents or 10 cents, depending on the size of the map desired. All the communities listed are single sheet maps. These maps may be purchased by writing to the Photocopy and Map Distribution Unit, Room 17, State Highway Bldg., Salem, Ore. 97310. Checks should be made payable to the Oregon State Highway Division.

October Shows Linn County Building Permits Increase

Building permits were up in Linn County in October 1973, compared to October 1972, the U. of O. Bureau of Business Research has reported. In October 1973, the total was \$2,315,800 compared to \$492,130 in the same month last year. Building permits from 148 identical reporting centers in Oregon totalled \$82,144,945 in October 1973. This was 34.6% higher than the total in October 1972. The state total in October 1973, included \$28,166,096 for 1,533 new dwelling units; \$27,878,721 for new nonresidential construction; and \$26,100,128 for additions, alterations and repairs to existing structures. For the same month last year, the \$61,012,964 total of permits was composed of \$38,742,082 for 2,604 new dwelling units, \$15,184,131 for new nonresidential construction; and \$7,086,771 for additions, alterations, and repairs to existing structures.

Tole Paintings To Be On Display At Gates

GATES — There will be an open house on Tuesday, Dec. 11, 1:00 p.m. at the Gates Community Center of the many different Tole Paintings the members of the tole class have finished during this twelve week course. Everyone is welcome to come and look at the display and talk to members of the class or to the instructor, Doris Rogers. Coffee and dessert will be served. A new class of tole painting offered by Chemeketa Community College for beginning and experienced tole painters will begin in late January. The class will again be held on Tuesdays from 11:00-2:00 at the Gates Community Center.

Wolverines Chop Down Loggers

The Santiam Wolverines began their 1973 basketball season by defeating Jefferson 29-21 in their game in the Tri-River Conference Jamboree held at Regis Saturday, Dec. 1. The jamboree consisted of three games, which were two quarters each. The leading scorers for Santiam were Frank Bryant with ten points, and David Plotts with seven. Roger Davidson and Matt DeMain led Santiam in rebounding. Coach Sanders said that the strong point of Santiam's play was the poise they showed in running their offense. The weaknesses of Santiam's game was their defense, fouling too much, and not taking opening shots. Two Santiam players fouled out, Roger Davidson and Gary DeMain. Rebounding was also a weakness of Santiam, as they were out rebounded by the much taller Jefferson team.

JV Basketball Team Opens Season Against Amity

The Santiam Wolverines JV basketball team will open their 1973-74 season here on Dec. 4, against Amity. The team consists of ten players. They are Jack Loftin and Jim Cline, juniors; David Etzel, Rick Lady, Mike Morgan, Maurie Richards, and Jim Wright, sophomores; Don More and Jerry Paysano; freshmen. The starting team, announced by Coach Snider, is David Etzel, center; Rick Lady and Mike Morgan, forwards; Jim Wright, Maurie Richards and Jim Cline will alternate at the two guard positions. Jim Wright and Mike Morgan will also play on the varsity team and will be available for only limited action on the JV team. Coach Snider will stress defense this season, trying to hold opposing teams to 45 or less points a game. One weakness of this years team will be their lack of height in the forwards. Coach Snider said that these short forwards will have to be very aggressive to compete with the taller players of the other teams for the rebounds. On offense this year, the JV's will run a ball control type of offense which will help Santiam to stay in the games. The stronger teams in the Tri-River Conference should be the Regis Rams and the Salem Academy Crusaders. JFK could also be tough, if they come up with a strong freshman team.

Christmas Programs Scheduled by Schools

The Mill City Elementary School Christmas program will be Tuesday evening, Dec. 18, at 8:00 p.m. at the Santiam High School Auditorium. Grades one through eight will present a vocal program. On Dec. 19, Wednesday evening, the advanced elementary band, the Santiam High School Band and Chorus will present their program under the direction of Spencer Hillesland.

Large Crowd Attends Bingo Party At Fellowship Hall

Approximately 30 senior citizens attended the November 28 bingo party at the Fellowship Hall of the Presbyterian Church. Hosting the affair were Jr. Woman's Club members Mrs. Don Brewster, Mrs. Barry Drake and Mrs. Terry Morris. Arath Brusasco won the blackout prize which was a cake decorated by Sharon Crook. Door prizes donated by Western Auto and Mill City Pharmacy were won by Jessie Healey and Rilla Schaffer. A special Christmas party is being planned with the date to be announced later.