

Tooth Decay Lessening Would Be Dirt Cheap

(Editor's Note: This is the last in a series of three articles explaining fluoride supplementation of public water supplies to help prevent tooth decay.)

By DAVE UNDERHILL

There are more pleasant ways to spend an hour than reclining in a dentist's chair while decay is drilled from one's upper and lower.

There are less expensive means of decreasing tooth decay, and fluoride supplementation of public water supplies seems to be the answer.

The American Dental Society quotes figures of four to 14 per person per year as an average price range.

State Death Toll at Five

By The Associated Press

Oregon's weekend accidental death toll stood at five today and two other persons were missing and feared drowned.

Burns claimed the lives of two. One was crushed, one died in a highway smashup and one in a logging accident.

Wilma Arlene Rosier, 13, Garden Home, was crushed to death at Gearhart Sunday when a tree hit a log on which she was standing. The log rolled, throwing her underneath.

Arthur Connor, 53, Aurora, was burned to death early yesterday when his truck tipped over and caught fire 18 miles east of Salem. One passenger suffered non-critical injuries. Two others escaped.

Diana Weston, 22 months old, was killed Saturday in a traffic smashup at Eugene. She was a passenger in a car driven by her father.

Lester Schoonover, 35, Eugene, died Saturday in a Cottage Grove hospital following a logging accident.

Martin Raabe, Exeter, Calif., burned a week ago while riding the rods of a freight train, died in a Eugene hospital Saturday.

Charles Hendrickson, about 40, and James Sprague, 24, both of Coos Bay, were feared drowned in a boat accident on Coos Bay yesterday. They were seen in the water shortly after their boat overturned. Later the boat washed ashore on a sand spit.



By JEAN OWENS

Re-in-ca club members have been reaching far and wide with their new voice transmitter. KU's high school amateur station has reached many of the states and Alaska.

Membership of the Re-in-ca club consists of those students who are interested in radio construction and experimental sets. Promoting these interests, membership is open to all radio class students.

A new novice class license will give more students a chance to get on the air. The exam for this license consists of taking five word a minute in code and answering 20 questions.

Reaching as far south as Florida, the most northerly contact yet made by the station, whose number is W7OVAM, is Alaska.

Recently the fifth period International Relations League talked over our radio station to a St. Louis housewife.

The I.R.L. is a discussion group which discusses politics and questions brought up at the United Nations.

The league is a class in itself, with Paul Deller as advisor and teacher.

The chess club will hold its regular meeting this evening. This will be the first instructional meeting of the year.

Chess tournaments will begin soon and all of the members will participate in the contest.

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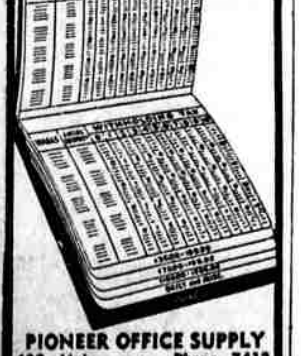
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As an example, let's take what approximate cost of fluoridation would be for Klamath Falls and the suburban area for a two year period following installation of necessary machinery.

Construction of a dustproof building and installation of the machinery to start things off has been figured at \$2000.

For the system proposed here about 50 pounds of sodium silico fluoride, per day, at 11 cents per pound, is considered enough to provide the safe one in 1.3 parts per million of water solution.

Thus the first year's minimum costs would total \$2000 installation plus about \$2380. Figuring 24,000 persons in Klamath Falls proper and the suburbs, the average cost per capita the first year would be about 18.2 cents.

During the second and ensuing years, figuring a fairly constant price on sodium silico fluoride, the average cost per person would drop to approximately 9.9 cents.

Cheap, isn't it?

NATURAL AID

An added attractive feature of fluoride supplementation of water is this. It is not an improvement on nature, but rather an aid to a natural condition.

Fluoride in some degree is present in a great number of localities throughout the country.

Where fluoride is added to the water supply to aid the natural supply in prevention of tooth decay, no taste or odor can be detected in the water. There has been no evidence that fluoridated water has any effect on products of bakeries, breweries, soft drink plants and dairies.

Fears of some that fluoridated water might harm their lawns, flowers and potted plants or kill their goldfish proved groundless.

These arguments were answered in the case of fluoridation when benefits in cutting the decay rate among children and no ill effects were reported in each community which adopted the practice.

That brings us down to the problem of how to get the process started in this area?

PROCEDURE

The Oregon state board of health has set down a definite procedure to obtain permission for instituting fluoridation.

1. Submission to the board of health of a recent mineral analysis of the water supply at this time.

2. Written approval of the local health officer for fluoridation of the public water supply. It is recommended that such approval by the local medical and dental societies be submitted also.

3. Evidence of popular demand. This may take the form of resolutions by service clubs, parent-teacher associations, straw vote or methods of indicating positive popular demand.

4. The name and qualifications of the person or persons who are to be in charge of the application of the fluoride compounds and responsible for making the chemical tests which are required.

The third point, popular demand, seems to be the greatest need in Klamath Falls at this time.

If enough people, well informed about the subject, make known to public officials that they want fluoridation of our water supply for prevention of tooth decay, they might get it.

FRISCO APPROVES

People of San Francisco have apparently voiced sentiment for the project.

The proposition of whether or not San Francisco's water supply should be fluoridated is soon to be put on a popular vote.

Perhaps that is what people of Klamath Falls will have to do to get fluoridation of the water supply in this area!

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Help There Little Late

LONG BEACH, Calif., (AP)—"I'm too tired—goodbye," whispered Wilbur Cooper, 44.

Then he released his grip on his overturned skiff and slid into the depths of the Pacific.

His son Irving, 20, and a friend, Robert Oseid, 20, also clinging to the boat watched helplessly.

A short time later, a passing cabin cruiser spotted the two young men and pulled them aboard, two hours after their boat upset offshore.

A coast guard cutter searched the area but failed to find Cooper's body.

Oregon Riders Win in National

SAN FRANCISCO, (AP)—Oregon cowboys placed in several events in the grand national rodeo which closed here yesterday.

Saturday Bill Harvey, Lakeview, placed first in the wild horse stampee. Ross Dollard, Lakeview, was third in the saddle bronc riding contest.

Yesterday Sonny Tureman, John Day, was first in the bareback bronc riding contest.

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The Maipu, built recently in a Dutch shipyard for the Argentine dam, with a cargo of frozen meat, government rice, coffee and grain, and the passenger complement.

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