

Pregnant Woman's Emotions May 'Mark' Unborn Child

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NEW YORK (AP) — A pregnant woman's emotions may really "mark" her unborn baby, making the child neurotic, Dr. William S. Kroger of Chicago said today.

The infant may become predisposed to psychosomatic ailments, the complaints born of emotional upsets rather than actual physical trouble, he said.

This kind of effect is not the same as the old wives' tales that

if a woman is frightened by a spider, for example, her baby will have birthmarks. It is something different.

Kroger, gynecologist of the Chicago Medical School, was telling the American Medical Association convention of some psychosomatic aspects of gynecology and obstetrics.

Recently, he said, scientists have found that various effects from a mother's physical and emotional health can lastingly affect the growing embryo, or unborn baby.

"In other words, disturbing maternal emotions and behavior may produce a neurotic fetus (unborn baby) with a predisposition toward a wide variety of psychosomatic diseases," he said.

By present evidence, he said, the first few weeks or months of a baby's life are more important than any other period in shaping personality.

Some specialists, Kroger continued, think that bottle-feeding of a baby may lead to psychosomatic ailments, that breast feeding is better.

"I believe it makes little if any difference how or when a baby receives nutrition, as long as it is held and cuddled by a loving mother," he declared.

Other scientists, he added, have found that harmful emotions are more important than hormone upsets in producing spontaneous miscarriages or abortions in pregnant women.

Further, he said, the placid Oriental women rarely suffer nausea and vomiting during pregnancy. But when women of these same races become Westernized, they do suffer these troubles.

Emotions, he added, can also produce infertility or inability to conceive a child.

Woman Unhappy Being Rich Parrot's Keeper

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — "Jerry," a four-year-old parrot, is set for life thanks to a \$20,000 inheritance.

Luther A. Sawyer, 82, of Arlington, who died recently, left the money to his pet in a will filed in Middlesex Probate Court.

Under terms of the will, the parrot will be cared for by Sawyer's sister, Mrs. Vera Barnes, 73.

Mrs. Barnes said she is "not at all pleased" with the will, but will not contest it.

"It is too bad he could not have left the money for research for cancer or polio, something to aid suffering humanity," she declared.

All Military Chiefs Cor'irmed by Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower's choices for the nation's top military assignments have all been confirmed by the Senate, without opposition.

The Senate yesterday approved Adm. Arthur W. Radford to be chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, chief of staff of the Army; Adm. Robert B. Carney, chief of naval operations; and Gen. Nathan F. Twining, chief of staff of the Air Force.

Ike's Veterans' Cuts May Fail

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower's suggestion that funds for veterans' hospitalization be cut during the fiscal year starting July 1 has been rejected tentatively in the House Appropriations Committee.

Committee members said they have decided to recommend about seven million dollars more for this purpose than former President Truman had requested in his January budget message. The Truman request for approximately 550 million was scaled down about 28 million by Eisenhower.

The action is tentative. The decision of a subcommittee, it is subject to confirmation by the full committee next week.

Engineer Spares Trapped Women

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (AP) — A passenger train ground to a halt within inches of a wrecked automobile in which two women were imprisoned on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co. tracks here Wednesday.

Mrs. Louise T. Gifford, 27, and her passenger, Mrs. Dessie Driver, 30, were removed from the automobile wreckage with head cuts.

Investigators said the automobile went out of control on a steep incline, shot into the air and crashed on the tracks.

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New AMA Head Lashes 'Greedy, Godless' Doctors

NEW YORK (AP) — Members of the American Medical Association were called upon Tuesday night by their new president to rid the profession of a "small number of greedy and godless physicians" who violate ethical standards.

Wheat for Pakistan May Be Requested

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Eisenhower administration has decided to ask Congress to approve turning over a million tons of government wheat to drought-stricken Pakistan.

Diplomatic authorities said today President Eisenhower in a few days will probably recommend approval of a resolution authorizing this response to pleas for American assistance from the Pakistan government. The grain would come from stocks bought in price support operations.

Facing a severe food crisis this fall, with a prospective grain deficit estimated as high as 1½ million tons, Pakistan asked American help a month ago.

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Dr. Edward J. McCormick, of Toledo, O., in a speech following his installation, estimated the "small minority" of unethical physicians at 5 per cent of the nation's 214,000 doctors.

"We have established mediation committees in all 48 states to hear patient complaints and try to work out a solution," said the AMA president. "Here and now I call upon all county medical societies to continue to expel from our ranks those who are unethical, dishonest and unfair."

McCormick also termed the past year one of "exceptional progress" in the medical profession and listed advances in the treatment of infantile paralysis as outstanding, together with new surgical methods in operations on the lungs, brain, heart and stomach.

He predicted that doctors will devote much time in the future to the prevention of disease instead of having to concentrate on cures.

Also singled out for mention in his summary of medical progress were construction during the past three years of new medical schools costing nearly a quarter of a billion dollars, and the fact that there is now a doctor for every 730 persons in the U.S. population, the best ratio in the world.

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