



THE DOCTOR'S MAILBAG Near Normal Life Awaits Epileptics

By W. G. BRANDSTADT, M.D., Written for Newspaper Enterprise Assn. Q—Our family doctor says that our son has epilepsy. What can we do to help him if he starts to have a seizure? How will this disease affect his education, occupation, and marriage?

Many an epileptic has a mixture of mild attacks and severe attacks. If you massage him during a mild attack he would not be exhausted on awakening. Why not get him to a specialist and see if the attacks cannot be prevented?

Q—I am 22 years old and until two years ago I had fainting spells. The doctor now gives me anticonvulsant drugs which keep me from having these spells. Since I have lost out on my schooling I would like to know of a place where I could go to complete my education.

Dr. Terry said that this is the recommendation of the Surgeon General's Special Advisory Committee on Oral Poliovaccine which concluded its fifth meeting this year on Dec. 18, and that he has accepted the committee's recommendations.

Q—Our 7-year-old daughter has passed out completely for a few seconds on two occasions. The doctor says she has petit mal epilepsy. He says it is not a bad case but I feel like someone had hit me with a club. Please tell me all you can about this disease.

Every effort must be made to bring his attacks under control before trying to plan his future. If modern treatment succeeds in controlling his attacks he should be able to lead a normal life as regards his schooling, his work, and marriage.

A—There is an excellent chance that your daughter's epilepsy can be completely controlled because the petit mal (mild) attacks are much easier to treat successfully than are the grand mal or severe attacks. If her attacks are properly controlled and she carries out your doctor's instructions, she should function as any normal child.

The committee stressed that special attention be given to children because they comprise the population group "in whom the danger of naturally occurring poliomyelitis is greatest and who serve as the natural source of poliomyelitis infection in the community."

Q—Is it dangerous to stop a grand mal epileptic seizure with massage before it runs its full course? I have a friend who has these spells and if I massage him before they get going strong he comes out of it more alert than if it goes on its full course which leaves him stiff and blue and exhausted.

At the business session, conducted by the retiring president, Mrs. George Nelson, new board members and council officers for 1963 were elected.

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Polio Shot Campaigns Supported

Communities planning immunization campaigns against poliomyelitis are urged to move ahead, using all three types of Sabin oral vaccine with particular emphasis on children and young adults, Surgeon General Luther L. Terry of the Public Health Service announced recently.

New Officers Selected At Camp Fire Banquet

The annual dinner and meeting of the Klamath Council Camp Fire Girls, held Jan. 15 in the Wilma Hotel, was attended by 60 persons.

Ochiho Jury Hears Rifle Testimony

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Family Flees Burning Home

PORTLAND (UPI) — A mother and her five children escaped Thursday night from their blazing two-story frame home in southeast Portland.



CAMPFIRE HEADS — Highlighting the recent annual meeting of the Klamath Council Campfire Girls was the election of new council officers. Pictured from left are Mrs. Ron Phair, secretary; Harvey Denham, first vice president; Mrs. Guy Barker, president and Robert Kennedy, second vice president.

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Murder, Assault Trials Set In Judge Vandenberg's Court

Jerry Richard Haines, 24, entered a plea of not guilty to the first degree murder of his wife, Christine, in circuit court Friday, in one of 10 criminal matters brought before Judge David R. Vandenberg.

The jurist set 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 18, as the time for the trial of Haines, who shot his expectant wife of twins with a bullet fired from a .22 caliber pistol during an incident at Mrs. Haines' home, 3863 Clinton Street, last Dec. 17.

After Mrs. Haines was struck by the bullet, she called an ambulance and was taken to the Klamath Valley Hospital where she died four hours later. Haines fled from the scene of the shooting but surrendered to state police at a Poe Valley tavern late the same day.

Judge Vandenberg also set the dates for the trials of two men who are in custody on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon as the result of two other shootings.

One of the two is Royal Jones, 37, accused of wounding his wife three times with bullets discharged from a .22 caliber pistol Dec. 18, and the other is Melvin Leon Barkley, 42, who shot his nephew James Thomas once in the stomach and again in the hip with bullets fired from a .25 caliber automatic, Nov. 13.

Jones' trial is slated for Feb. 11 while Barkley's trial date is March 6.

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