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## Medical Theories Debunked

Some of the most interesting contentions to emerge from the medical world in some time were raised at a meeting of the western branch of the American Public Health association in Portland.

The Health Bulletin published by the Oregon state board of health, said in its June 7 issue that "Dozens of widely-accepted popular theories on health were refuted last week by leading authorities from the United States, Canada, Alaska and Hawaii, speaking before the 17th annual meeting of the western branch of the American Public Health association.

The article reads in part:

Three of the most common beliefs to fall by the wayside were the often-heard statements that "polio is worse now than it's ever been," "venereal disease is beaten," and "public health agencies are engaged in curing sick people." They just aren't true, according to the specialists.

In addition to giving the lie to many of the old theories, the public health experts took a cut at one of this year's most popular new statements, anti-histamines are a cure-all for the common cold." Unfortunately that proved false, too.

Drawing the sharpest criticism was the polio situation, which is widely believed to be steadily worsening each year. Dr. Gaylord Anderson, director of the University of Minnesota School of Public Health, said that publicity given to cases of the disease has now become so bad that health officers must face two outbreaks whenever an epidemic does occur, "one, an outbreak of polio and one, an outbreak of hysteria."

Stating flatly that "it is impossible to prove an increase" in polio, Dr. Anderson said that actually he feels there has been either no change or a decrease.

Dr. Anderson emphasized that today reporting of the disease is much more complete, and includes non-paralytic cases which were not included in earlier reports. He said that polio is probably as common as chickenpox or measles, "you've had it and I've had it"—but that only in a few cases does it manifest itself seriously.

Before meetings of both the venereal disease section and the general sessions, speakers repeatedly pointed out that venereal disease is not beaten, as has been generally believed since the advent of penicillin therapy. There are still about 13,000 deaths annually from syphilis.

Dr. Robert Dyar, chief of preventive medical services with the California state health department, asserted

that the record proves the "importance of continuing an aggressive public health program, case-finding and education, as well as utilization of newer methods of treatment, to meet the problem which still exists."

The fallacy that "public health agencies are engaged in curing sick people" was refuted by both Portland City Commissioner Fred Peterson and Dr. Arthur L. Ringle, 1949 president of the western branch, who pointed out that the objective of public health is to prevent illness before it starts.

Dr. Rodney R. Beard, professor of public health and preventive medicine at the Stanford University Medical school, laid low another theory when he asserted that "we just don't keep people on the job any better by giving anti-histamine than by giving sugar pills." He buttressed his argument by pointing to tests which showed 45 per cent of persons being given plain sugar pills without their knowledge claimed they felt better, and 62 per cent given anti-histamine claimed improvement.

## Two Teams Tied Again In League

### LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
Adrian Lions	3	1	.750
Tobler's Feed & Fuel Co.	3	1	.750
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Muir-Roberts, and Burningham	0	5	.000

In the only men's league game of the week, a tight pitcher's dual developed Thursday night, June 29 between Dale Moss of Muir-Roberts and Burningham and Lloyd Beutenbaugh of Tobler's Feed and Fuel.

Tobler's won the game 2 to 1 in a real thriller with the outcome in doubt until the final out. Lloyd Beutenbaugh allowed the produce boys only two hits in recording the win. Beutenbaugh also was Tobler's outstanding slugger with two hits to his credit.

In other games the same evening, Peterson Furniture company girls softball team won a 21 to 6 victory over the Nyssaettes girls team. M. I. A. men's softball team won over a Weiser softball team 4 to 3 in an exciting game.

Games for the coming week are as follows: Thursday night, July 6, under the lights, starting at 7:00, Tobler's versus Waggoner Motor company; 8:30 Farmers Daughters versus Nyssaettes and 10:00, Peterson Furniture company versus outside girls team; Tuesday night, July 11 under the lights, starting at 7:00, Satinettes versus Peterson, 8:30, Muir-Roberts and Burningham versus M. I. A. and 10:00, Waggoner Motor company versus an outside men's team and Thursday night, July 13, under the lights, starting at 7:00, Adrian versus Tobler's, 8:30, Farmers Daughters versus Petersons and 10:00, Satinettes versus an outside women's team.

**Groups Baptized—**  
Nine persons were baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints last week. Four of them, converts of the Nyssa missionaries, were baptized Friday evening in the new site font in the tabernacle on Alberta avenue. The services were

## Capital Building Miniature Coming

Nyssa residents will have an opportunity to see a model of the capitol group of buildings, as proposed for the State of Oregon in Salem, beginning July 24, when the miniature goes on display in the window of the Gate City Journal office.

The 1949 legislative assembly created the capitol planning commission to make and adopt a long-range plan of development of the capitol area in the city of Salem. The purpose of the plan is to enhance and preserve the beauty and dignity of the capitol area and permanently to secure such area from commercial and industrial encroachment.

Preliminary plans as developed by the capitol planning commission are shown on the model to be displayed here and includes an area lying to the north of, and facing, the state capitol.

To give citizens of Oregon an opportunity to see the scale model of the buildings and surrounding area, the Oregon Newspaper Publishers association, of which this newspaper is a member, is sponsoring a statewide tour of the model, which will be on display here for a week.

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conducted under the direction of Mission President L. Richard Grigg of Vale. The five others were baptized at the regular stake service Saturday evening under the direction of President Blacker of Ontario.

### Hunting Rules To Be Set—

The annual public hearing on hunting regulations will be held by the Oregon state game commission at 10 a. m. July 14 in the commission's Portland headquarters at 1634 S. W. Alder street. All persons and organizations interested in regulations pertaining to seasons, bag limits and other phases of hunting game birds and animals are invited to attend, but for accuracy of the records, Charles Lockwood, state game director, requests that all important facts and statements be submitted in writing.

### Returns From School—

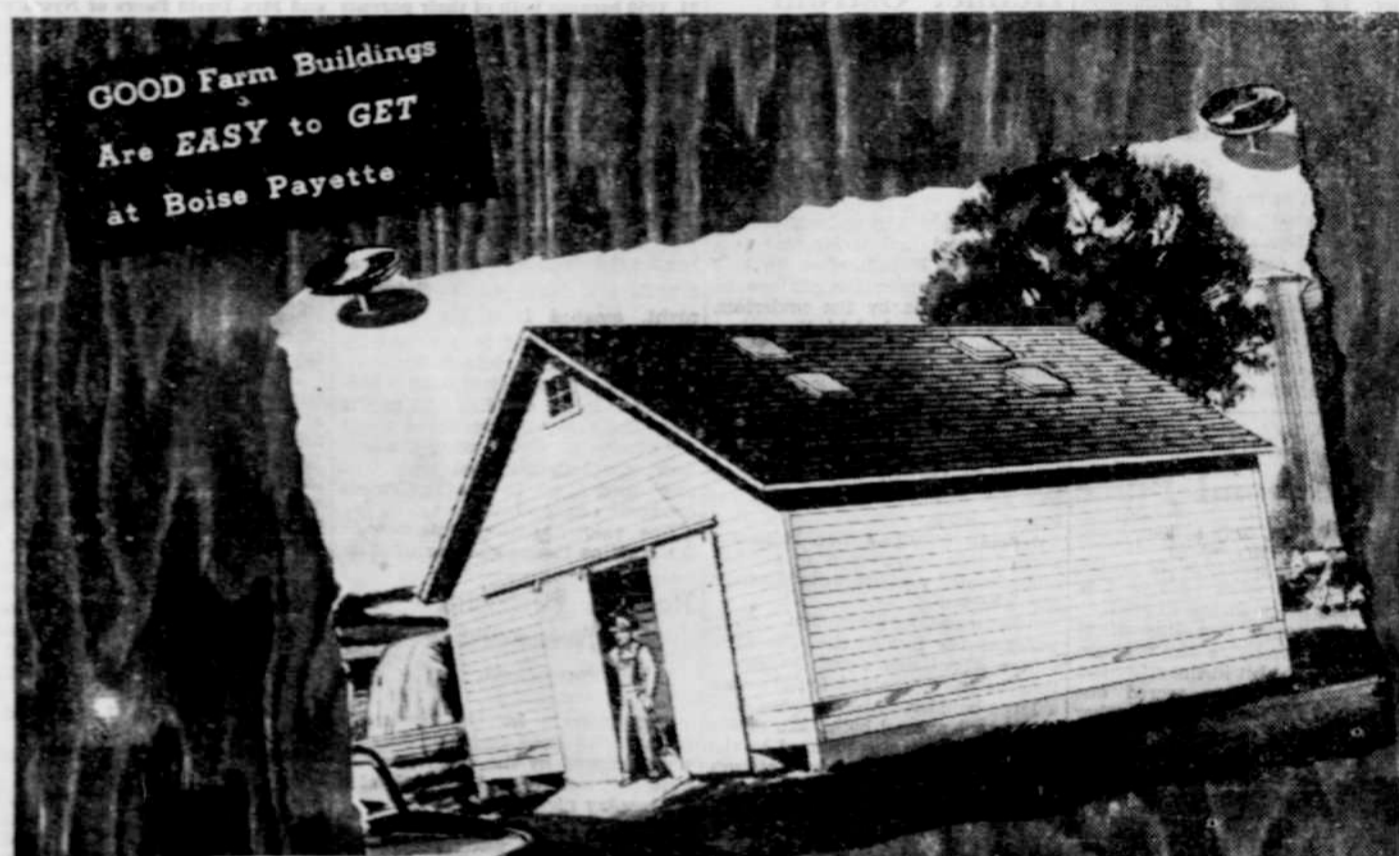
Miss Dorothy Dillon returned Wednesday evening from Redondo Beach, California, where she had been attending school.

**B. Y. U. Students Speak—**  
H. Grant Evans left Wednesday to resume his studies at Brigham Young university in Provo, Utah.

While here he was guest speaker at a meeting of the L. D. S. missionary class and also appeared as vocalist in several stake events.

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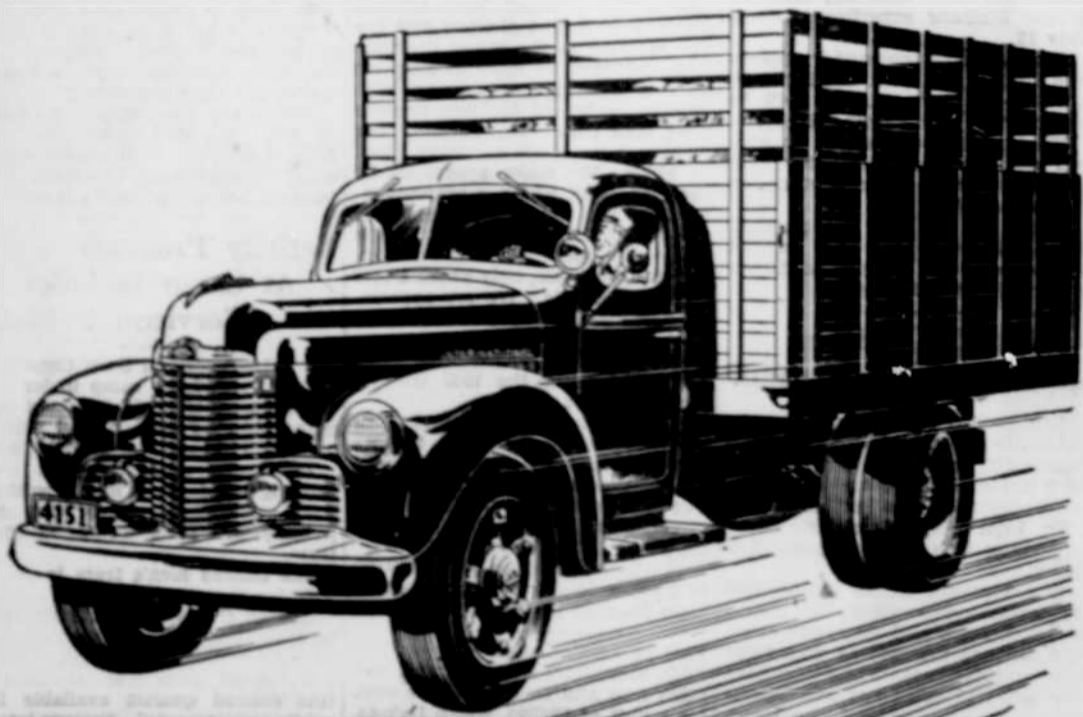
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