

Lions Hear Speaker Extol Advances In Pharmaceutical Research, Service

The lives of two million Americans have been saved by the sulfa and antibiotic drugs in the last 20 years, a spokesman for the pharmaceutical industry told the Nyssa Lion club recently.

The speaker, Jake Chambers of American Cyanamid company's Lederle laboratories, said new drugs save both lives and dollars. As an example, he cited the present day treatment of pneumonia.

"With today's antibiotics deaths from pneumonia are rare," he explained, "and the average cost of treating the illness is less than \$100 compared with about \$1000 dollars prior to antibiotics."

He also pointed out that in many cases drugs even avert the need for surgery. "Antibiotics have virtually eliminated mastoiditis, the painful ear infection which only a few years ago almost invariably resulted in surgery and sometimes in loss of hearing."

To develop new drugs, the speaker said, the drug industry spends millions of dollars on research. In 1958 industry research expenditures amounted to \$170 million and last year research spending reached \$194 million.

"No other industry spends such a big part of its income on research," the speaker said. "This is 9 percent of sales compared with 2 percent for industry in general." He pointed out that the United States now leads the world in new drug development, largely as a result of pharmaceutical industry research.

He illustrated by saying that last year the industry worked with 114,600 different compounds and that probably less than 40 of these will ever become useful drugs.

Despite rising research and other costs, he said that "the price of drugs and prescriptions has risen only 21.4 percent over the past 12 years. This compares with a 23.7 percent increase for the cost of living generally. In fact, the price trend of major new drugs such as antibiotics and hormones has been generally downward."

The factors which enter into the price of a prescription drug, he said, are research, quality control, distribution, administrative costs and losses on rarely used but essential drugs and unsold drugs that are returned by the pharmacist. "And if the remarkable progress in new life-saving drugs is to continue," he added, "there must be profits to support the research that produces them."

Chambers said newer drugs have been an important factor in increased life expectancy which is about 70 years today in the United States, compared with 49 years in 1900.

An unusual aspect of added life, he said, has been the decrease in the number of orphans.

"Orphan children today are rare," he declared. "A generation ago there were at least 800,000 orphans with both parents dead. Today there are fewer than 90,000 in a population much larger."

The speaker paid tribute to the skill and knowledge of today's pharmacists and cited their key role in the efficient distribution of drugs to the public.

Studies Chinese



Airman Third Class Ernest W. Lawrence of the Nu Acres community has been stationed at the United States Air Force detachment at Yale university where he has been studying the Chinese language. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kimmes.

Nyssa Farm Youth Receives Ag Award

David L. Moore has been announced winner of the 1961 DeKalb agricultural accomplishment award given to outstanding seniors. To receive this award, he excelled in scholarship, leadership and farm program activities during his four years in high school. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Moore of route 2, Nyssa.

Moore will graduate from Nyssa high school with the class of 1961, has been chapter president and secretary of FFA, and has been active in church work, basketball and football. His farm program consisted of raising dairy cows and heifers.

After graduation he plans to enter Weber college in Plain City, Utah. Moore is the sixth DeKalb agricultural award winner from Nyssa high school.

Nyssa Girls Chosen For Mortar Board

Two Nyssa girls, Annabel Arai and Barbara McPartland, were honored May 2 at a Willamette university convocation when they were "tapped" for membership in Mortar Board, one of the highest honors a college girl may win.

Mortar Board is a national honorary for senior women and membership is based on scholarship, leadership and character. Each year outstanding junior girls in colleges and universities are considered for membership and of these only a small percentage is elected.

At the Tuesday convocation, present members in academic dress formed a procession through the audience, stopping by each girl to be honored and presented her with a rose to signify that she had been selected for membership. Only 12 girls were so honored at Willamette.

Two roses were given to Miss Arai to announce that she had been elected president of the Willamette chapter for next year, and Miss McPartland was told that she had been chosen new vice president.

BUSY HANDS 4-H CLUB MEETS AT WILSON HOME

Christine Wilson, Nancy Bock and Cheryl Wilson, members of the Busy Hands 4-H club, took part recently in a practice demonstration given by Miss Jan Gumprecht, county extension agent, at the high school home economics room.

A meeting was held recently at the home of Cheryl Wilson. Those present were Mrs. Harold Wilson, leader; Miss Frances Cleaver, junior leader; Christine Wilson, Nancy Bock and Cheryl Wilson.

A raw vegetable relish plate was demonstrated by Nancy Bock and Cheryl Wilson.

Carl Roth Receives Electronic Award

Carl Roth of Carl's TV service, 706 North Third street, recently received a letter notifying him that he had qualified as an electronic technician under a program conducted nation-wide by Howard W. Sams and company of Indianapolis.

The firm is the industry's testing and servicing agency which annually examines and analyzes radio, TV and other electrical equipment for more than 300 manufacturers.

To qualify Roth had to meet six basic requirements, including possession of adequate testing equipment, service data library, quick and a satisfactory repair

YOUNG ORGAN STUDENTS PLAY IN BOISE PROGRAMS

Linda and Robert Corfield of Nyssa, Ashley Poust, Jr., of Payette and Vicki Symes of Fruitland were young organ students appearing May 7 in a program at Boise Children's home. Pamela Bybee of Nyssa, Julienne Wisdom and Margie Iseri of Ontario and Poust performed May 9 before the Boise Hammond organ society. They are all pupils of Mrs. Grant Jones.

work at fair prices and character endorsement by three local references.

Roth said the code of ethics was quite strict regarding service, charges and unethical advertising.

Scouts Given Awards At District Camporee

Malheur county Boy Scouts and leaders participated in a district camporee May 5 and 6 at Big Bend park near Adrian.

According to Sid Tate of Payette, area executive, ribbons were given in two groups, one in competitive skills and one for campsite inspection.

Placing first in competitive skills was troop 425 of Ontario. Vale troop 453 was second and Ontario 492, third.

Honors for campsite inspection went to troop 452, Vale; 419, Nyssa.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reeves left Saturday evening for a two-week visit in Kansas and Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bond and Terry of Vale were Saturday evening visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walt Looney.

KINDERGARTEN CLASS RIDES TRAIN TO CALDWELL

Eighteen members of Mrs. Lloyd Tobler's kindergarten class accompanied by her went to Caldwell by train May 12. The group was met at the depot by Mrs. Bill Wahlert who transported them by car to the Caldwell park.

The children had a picnic lunch and spent the afternoon playing in the park, after which they returned home with Mrs. Wahlert. Graduation for the class will be held May 19.

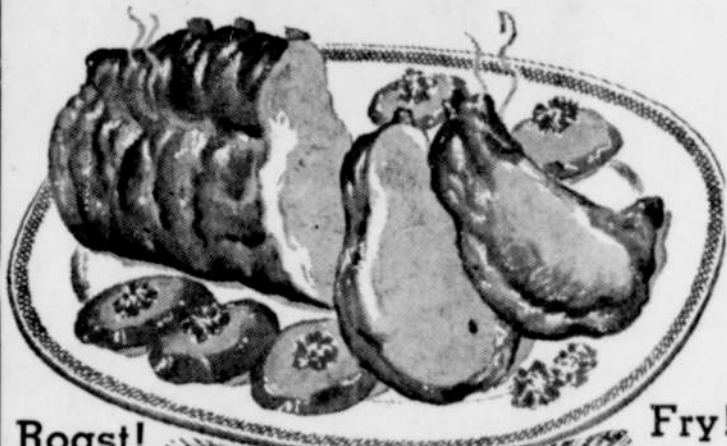
TROOP 81 PLANS BIKE TRIP

Girl Scout troop 81 met May 10 at the Episcopal church. Plans for a bicycle trip to Taylor's grove were discussed.

—Donna Mae Conner, Reporter

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Teacher Learns a Lesson

Fuzzy Goodwin may hold a half-dozen important positions around town—chairman of the school board included—but he's still the same modest fellow that I grew up with.

At the last PTA meeting, Fuzzy made a point of getting together with some new teachers. One of them, a lady with some strong ideas about education claimed that none of the others had gone to the right college—hers.

"Well, Miss, that isn't so bad," Fuzzy told her. "One of our board members didn't even

go to high school, let alone college." "No! Who?" she said. "Me," he said.

From where I sit, some of us want people to be carbon copies of ourselves. But that just isn't the American way. Our heritage of freedom implies the right to be different, even in little things—like your choice of tea or coffee and my preference of a glass of beer. I say "be yourself" and no "studying up" to be like each other.

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