

Electric Finger Finds Needle in Heart of Woman

First Time in History of Medicine That Feat Was Possible.

NEW YORK.—Removal of a two-and-a-half-inch sewing needle from the ventricle of a woman's heart, the first case in medical history, and use of an electronic finger which made the feat possible, was reported to the New York Surgical society.

The needle was completely embedded in the wall of the left ventricle, one of the two chambers which pump blood into the arteries. The operation lasted more than two hours, during which the heart continued its work uninterrupted.

Like Human Finger.

The woman, who used the needle in an attempt at suicide while mentally deranged, is now well. Her name was not made public. The operation was reported by Dr. Alexander E. W. Ada, New York city.

The electronic finger is surfaced with stainless steel. The dimensions are those of a human finger, except that it is longer. A cord connects it to a meter whose dials show the presence of any metal near the finger tip.

Before the operation, the finger was pointed at the woman's chest. It came to rest at a location slightly different from the one indicated by X-rays as the surgeon's best entry.

All through the operation the electronic finger from time to time guided the surgeon. After the sac inclosing the heart had been opened and the heart was bared, the finger showed that the needle was in the back of the pulsating organ.

Might Mean Death.

Now the electronic device reached its most critical job. The lie of the needle had to be located exactly. A hair to left or right might result in failure, for the heart wall would have to be cut and sewed up again and two cuts could not be contemplated.

The finger moved back and forth ever so slightly, guided by the surgeon, the dials indicating a line directly under which the steel should lie. Dr. Ada inserted a probe into the heart wall. He pressed gently, then exclaimed:

"I can feel the needle."

The incision was half an inch deep in the heart itself.

28,000 Die of Hunger, Cold in Nazi Prison

ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT. — Beatings, torture, and death from cold and hunger are the lot of Russian prisoners in German hands, five Red army soldiers who escaped said. They are at a British camp in the desert near here.

Pvt. Valentin Sizakim, formerly an electrician in Moscow and then an anti-tank gunner, was captured in February, 1942, near Chernikov. He said Russian prisoners were selected like cattle for heavy labor squads. In one camp 28,000 Russians died of cold and hunger, he said. At another camp the daily death rate was 150. Women and children were imprisoned and treated the same as soldiers, he said.

Sizakim and thousands of others were shipped to the Ruhr and employed at heavy manual labor. They received only a small portion of bread and two bowls of soup daily. Many died, and all lost much weight. They were worked 11 hours a day and were beaten and tortured for the slightest reasons.

Prisoner Goes for Help When His Captors Crash

BATH, N. Y. — Two Chemung county deputy sheriffs were returning with a prisoner from Buffalo when their car crashed into a tree on the Buffalo-Bath highway.

The prisoner, Thomas Dowd, of Elmira, N. Y., held on a Children's court charge, rushed to a nearby farmhouse to summon help for the injured officers and waited until authorities arrived.

The deputies, Gordon Brinthaup of Elmira and Roy Hazen of Bath, were dead when an ambulance arrived. Dowd escaped injury.

Germans Use Music to Soothe Savage Shoppers

LISBON.—Music is being mobilized in Germany's food shops, markets and department stores to soothe the buying public irritated by the acute shortage of consumer goods.

The Ostdeutscher Beobachter of Posen, discussing the use of music in war factories to counteract afternoon fatigue, said a similar practice had been extended to soften the harsh atmosphere of empty shelves confronting customers and clerks in retail shops.

Child Did 'Dirty Work' In Stolen Check Case

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—"It's bad enough to steal another man's bread and butter," Federal Judge Harry E. Kalodner told Blago Di Minto, 22, "but to have a child do your dirty work calls for a prison sentence." Then he imposed a year and a day sentence on Di Minto, who pleaded guilty to stealing a \$28 pay check, forging an endorsement and having his 14-year-old sister-in-law cash it at a grocery store.

TOWN AND FARM IN WARTIME

Reminders

Meats, Fats — Red stamps A8 through Z8, good indefinitely.

Processed Foods—Blue stamps A8 through Z8, and A5, good indefinitely.

Sugar—Sugar stamps 30, 31 and 32 each good for five pounds indefinitely. Sugar stamp 40, good for five pounds of canning sugar through February, next year.

Gasoline—In 17 East Coast States, A-10 coupons, good through August 8. In States outside the East Coast area, A-12 coupons, good through September 21.

Fuel Oil—Period 4 and 5 coupons, good through September 30. New Period 1 coupons for the 1944-45 heating year may be used now.

Shoes—Airplane stamps 1 and 2, good indefinitely.

Procedure for Selling Used Cars

Newly established ceiling prices for used passenger cars and certificates of transfer required on all completed sales may be obtained from local War Price and Rationing Boards or car dealers, the Office of Price Administration announces.

Prices vary by three geographical zones. After July 10 any seller and the buyer of a used car must jointly fill out a transfer certificate giving the applicable maximum price, the actual selling price and other details of the sale. The purchaser then files the completed certificate with his local War Price and Rationing Board.

How To Be Warm Next Winter

You can make scarce fuel go further next winter by preparing your home for winter now, be you owner or merely a lease-holder, the Federal Housing Administration says. An FHA Title 1 loan will enable you to borrow enough to pay for both materials and workmanship needed to insulate your home, to repair your heating plant, to install storm windows—up to as much as \$2,500. You can borrow enough for any or all of these things without down payment, without security and with three years in which to pay, FHA says. Get best prices on jobs you want done, then get your local dealer or contractor to tell you where you can get an FHA Title 1 loan to cover the entire bill.

Some Foods Again Rationed

The OPA has restored rationing to best cuts of lamb in order to get better distribution among consumers, and it has restored point values to certain types of cheese and canned asparagus, peas and tomatoes, which were unrationed for two weeks because of large stocks on hand.

OPA Names New Ceiling Prices

Ceiling prices have been established by the OPA on watermelons, alfalfa hay, sweet peppers and hot-house cucumbers, none of which had been under nationwide retail price control. Retail watermelon prices should decline substantially from last summer's figures. Alfalfa producers' per ton ceiling prices range from \$19 to \$26.50. Ceilings on sweet peppers and hot-house cucumbers represent reductions at retail. OPA also has set maximum prices for the 1944 crop of red and black raspberries, dewberries and blackberries.

Jeeps for Farm Use

The Army jeep promises greater usefulness as an auxiliary work implement on a large farm than for general work on the average farm, according to indications reported by Domestic Commerce, official publication of the Department of Commerce. Tests have been made on jeeps at the Tillage Machinery Laboratory, Auburn, Ala., and in connection with Pennsylvania State College. Perhaps half a million jeeps have been manufactured and more will continue to be made until the war ends.

Round-up

OPA announces that: Retail ceiling prices recently established on certain farm tractor tires include: \$52.85 for 9-24 10 ply rear; \$35 for 7.50-10 8 ply front; and \$9.55 for 4.00-12 4 ply front—The stock of 30,000 new cars yet remaining in the U. S. July 1 was the equivalent of a three day's normal supply, and 7,000 have been allocated for July rationing—"T" gasoline coupons marked "2nd qtr.," issued as special rations and which do not expire until after June 30, may be exchanged for third quarter "T" coupons.

WPB says: Two-tone shoes with other than leather soles may be made beginning September 1—Shortage of workers, and not material or machines, is holding up production of farm radio batteries, but production is expected to be improved by fall—Full responsibility for rationing and distributing new trucks, truck tractors, trailers and other commercial vehicles to essential users has been transferred to the Office of Defense Transportation—The linen toweling and sheeting situations continue to grow tighter—Dry cleaners report urgent need of wire garment hangers because paperboard hangers have proved costly and impracticable.

WFA says: Farmers and dairies may now purchase new milk cans for handling milk and milk products without purchase certificates—Government reserves of canned fish from the 1944 pack have been increased because of increased war requirements.

Before DDT, the new insecticide, may be recommended for general use for agricultural purposes many more tests must be completed as to its effects on insects, plants and higher

animals, the Department of Agriculture says—Despite shoe-rationing, the American people have bought an average of 3.2 pairs of rationed and unrationed shoes annually, more than consumers in any other country, the Department of Commerce reports.

RECORD PRODUCTION SEEN FOR OAT AND WHEAT CROPS

In the June crop report just released the Crop Reporting Service of the N. C. Department of Agriculture declared that all crops, especially truck crops, were in need of rain on June 1. Wheat and oat crops are excellent.

According to the release, the dry, hot weather has sharply curtailed

the production of commercial early Irish potatoes and snap beans, and has damaged other truck crops. Tobacco farmers, it said, have had considerable difficulty getting plants to live.

"The tobacco stand appears to be about average, but growth is irregular and very slow at the present time. On the other hand, weather conditions have been highly favorable for maturing splendid crops of wheat, oats and barley," said Crop Reporter J. J. Morgan. He added that cotton is up to a good stand, is "making very satisfactory progress."

BURGESS CLUB MEETS

The Burgess Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. Tommie Mathews Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by the vice president and "Hail Club Women Crowned Through

Service" was sung, followed by the Collect.

The roll was called and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Announcements were made by Miss Maness.

Mrs. Sidney Layden, Mrs. Josiah Proctor and Mrs. J. B. Perry were appointed to investigate transportation to the club picnic and give report at the July meeting.

Mrs. R. G. McCracken gave "Does and Don'ts" in canning with pressure canner. New canning bulletins were distributed.

Miss Maness gave a very interesting demonstration on Laundering short cuts and exhibited labor saving gadgets.

Mrs. Mathews conducted an interesting contest with Mrs. J. B. Perry winning the prize.

Those present were Mrs. Sidney Layden, Mrs. Charles Ward, Sr., Mrs. J. B. Basnight, Mrs. H. S. Davenport, Mrs. J. B. Perry, Mrs. Josiah Proctor, Mrs. Tommie Mathews, Mrs. R. G. McCracken, Mrs. Arthur Copeland, Mrs. Irwin Whedbee, Miss Francis Maness and two visitors, Mrs. Watt Winslow, Jr., and Mrs. R. Lyons.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Matt Doorly Versus the Tomato

Matt Doorly's skin broke out in a rash last week. He finally admitted to Doc Hollister he'd eaten twelve tomatoes in a row just the day before.

"Shucks," said Doc. "That's all that's the matter with you. That kind of eating would turn anybody red."

So now Matt has not only cut out all tomatoes for himself. He's forbidden his family to eat tomatoes. And won't even have them in the house. Says tomatoes are anti-social and ought to be prohibited by law.

Funny how some people rush off to extremes like that. They take a wholesome thing and overdo it till it disagrees with them—or maybe find they don't happen to like it—and then they want it banned for everybody.

From where I sit, folks ought to realize there's a middle ground in everything—a middle ground of moderation on the one hand... and tolerance for our neighbors on the other.

Joe Marsh

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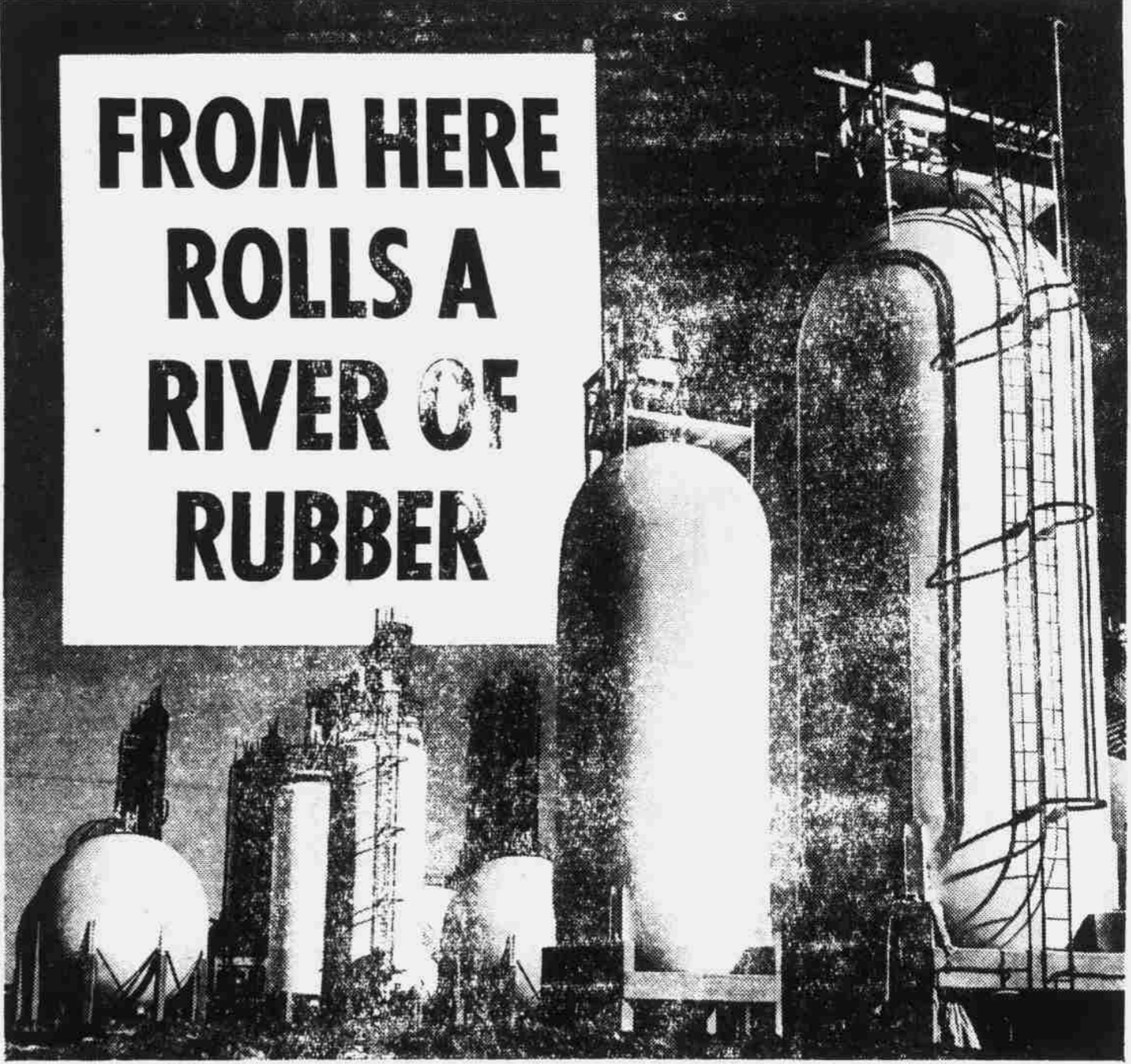
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FROM HERE ROLLS A RIVER OF RUBBER

These odd-shaped storage tanks are part of the new plant operated by Sinclair Rubber Inc. for the Government.

TODAY the oil industry is busy making components for synthetic rubber to meet America's wartime needs. The modern plant pictured above, operated by Sinclair Rubber Inc. for the Government without charge, makes butadiene. From storage tanks pictured above butadiene flows to a compounding plant where, mixed with styrene, it becomes synthetic rubber—with a bounce.

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