

TB-The Unnecessary Disease

With all the modern miracle drugs and advanced medical research available today, why did some 16,000 people die of tuberculosis last year and why are there about 400,000 who have the active disease with nearly 10,000 new cases expected next year?

Perhaps the answer lies in ignorance of the facts, or maybe it can be found in the people themselves who just don't take advantage of the facilities offered them. The more logical answer seems to be the second one, for there is certainly no lack of information to be had.

Through local, state, and National Tuberculosis Associations mobile x-ray units, informative pamphlets, and detection clinics are made possible. With the help of these it is possible to detect and, therefore, stop the spread of this unnecessary disease, caused by the tubercle bacillus germ, before it reaches the complicated stage.

Let us take a closer look into why it should be called the unnecessary disease. First there are relatively simple and inexpensive methods of detection, the most prevalent of which are (1) a tuberculin test, which shows if there have ever been TB germs in the body, and (2) a chest x-ray, which can show if the germs have done any damage.

In alliance with the germs is the person who carelessly neglects to cover his mouth when he coughs or sneezes. It wouldn't take much effort to use a handkerchief when needed, and by doing so you would protect other people.

Probably one of the most important ways to aid in making this disease extinct is through the local TB Christmas Seal sale. Proceeds from these sales are used to develop new methods of treatment, to make possible the mobile units, and to provide for care and rehabilitation.

If every citizen in this land of plenty takes active part in the detection of TB and clean-up campaigns and in the important Christmas Seal sale, tuberculosis, the unnecessary disease, eventually will be eliminated from the major ranks of death caused by disease.

S-D: - Stone Dead or Safe Driving

Stone dead or safe driving, which did S-D day mean then and the days ahead when safety and survival move together against danger and death on the highways?

Teen-agers sometimes think that the "S" in S-D day means scratch-off or step-on-it, and not safe and sensible. If young drivers would take heed of the special emphasis put on safe-driving and the accident which killed James Dean, all America will enjoy the "Sunny drive" instead of that "survival ride".

Holding two hands on the steering wheel and sitting in the driver's seat does not mean a person is driving. Driving a car is controlling it, and no car is being controlled which tends to cause accidents.

Driving is made up of knowing right and wrong on the road, having a good mind, a healthy body and knowing how to use both to the best advantage and keeping the auto in repair and good running condition.

Adults are reckless but teen-agers have a larger record in the eyes of the law. Those at the wheel and the pedestrians must work together to promote safety-everyday.

Make Safe Driving with a Sane Drive a Sensational Delight this Christmas.

Dear Santa,

Bring Happiness To This World

Hopes for fantastic ideas, tangible gifts for personal pleasure, and happiness for the world are some of the teen-agers Christmas wishes, which range from the sublime to the ridiculous as the following letter will indicate.

Dear Santa,

I've been a good school-spirited student this year and have tried to help my school whenever and however I can. Therefore, I feel justified in asking for a few gifts this season.

To start with, please bring me a more cheerful personality, some good sense, a few new ideas for my brain, and enough "A's" to last me through college. I would love to have a reindeer too, so I can ride through the sky.

If you see your way, please bring me a new convertible and a good looking person to date. The next items on my list are a set of luggage and some new clothes which I need. I don't mean to be selfish, but I guess human nature is that way.

Other things I want are not really for me but for others who deserve them. My mother and father come to mind first, so please leave them all the things they need, for I'll never be able to repay them for their generosity. For all of God's children, I ask for one thing - peace!

Also, dear Santa, please remember all little children this Christmas and help them to learn through the years that it is better to give than receive, as I'm trying to do.

Your devoted friends,
Students at RMSHS

P. S. Please bring safety to those traveling during the holidays and the days to come.

Words Produce Faculty Profile

A bald head you note at a glance . . . He always offers a second chance . . . Mr. Atkins is an intelligent man . . . His work follows a definite plan.

Willing to offer help if she may . . . Especially in a Roman sort of way . . . Miss Louise Parker leaves all worries behind . . . She is sweet, pleasing and kind.

Small and cute with short black hair . . . To everyone she's always fair . . . Miss Boice shows her friendliness when she catches your eye . . . In drawing and painting she rates very high.

We see a man with an intelligent face . . . With speech on his mind he walks at a pace . . . Mr. Graham wears a big smile whenever he passes . . . And does a good job with all of his classes.

With Shakespeare's quotation he's really a whiz . . . Bet he could pass any test, puzzle or quiz . . . Mr. Johnson, our superintendent, is friend to all; . . . And he's always ready to answer a call.

True Spirit Of Christmas



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N. O. Jazz, Not Extinct!

'To The Scales'

Back again after only three short weeks is your young reporter who will devote this month's column to a nearly extinct form of music, New Orleans jazz.

Out of the beginnings in the parades, rice fields, and funerals of the Mississippi delta came this new style of music which went into the honky-tonks of the Crescent City in 1897.

Many Greats in N. O.

There were many great players in New Orleans and several more grew up there; but since I am closer to the trumpet than any other instrument for many reasons (the main one is that I attempt to play one), I consider he cornet players to be the best.

Many consider Louis Armstrong to be the top New Orleans jazz player of all time, but this isn't so chiefly because the great Satchmo was only seventeen years old when the War Department closed Storyville, the home of the bands. After it was closed, Louis took off for Chicago and later New York to play with King Oliver. Later still he played in his own band where he established his famous reputation of today.

King Oliver, Best Musician

Now back to King Oliver mentioned above. I consider him to be the best cornetist, if not musician, to ever come out of New Orleans. To give an example of his lung power and audacity, there was an establishment in N. O. called Pete Lala's Cafe, where played (about 1911) a cornetist, Freddie Keppard.

About a block down the street, Manuel Perez, another great, was

firmly entrenched. Now this was the set-up in which Oliver made his tremendous demonstration. He stood on a corner across the street from Lala's Cafe and blew out the blues as they had never been played before. A week later, Joe Oliver was sitting in Pete Lala's Cafe occupying the place that Keppard had seven days before.

Six Instruments In Jazz Band

To dwell on Oliver so long was unintentional because there are so many more great players on the cornet and also many more on the six other instruments in the proper jazz band, (clarinet, trombone, guitar, bass, drums, and piano). On the other hand, one interested in jazz cannot learn enough about the King's contribution to jazz and in turn, jazz - America's own original contribution to world culture.

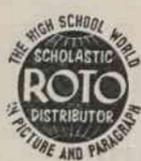
Help Fight TB



Buy Christmas Seals

Above you find the 1955 Christmas Seals, which no doubt you have already seen since they were mailed to families all over the nation around Thanksgiving.

These seals with the little girl and/or boy are not only decorative for a Christmas card or a package, but they are also a gentle reminder to the public that the fight against tuberculosis is still needed and is everybody's problem.



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