

Speaking of YOUR HEALTH...

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Hopeful News in Medicine

SAVING life is never a casual undertaking. Often doctors put in amazing efforts in pooling work and learning, in the prayerful hope of sparing a single life.

Such a situation arose in the case of a patient who seemed to be dying of the relatively rare condition myasthenia gravis. This disease, associated with marked weakness of the muscles of the body, has been tackled for many years with only moderate success.

The single case that recovered from near fatality was that of a young girl at Loyola University Hospital in Maywood, Ill. A team of chemists, researchers, and physicians groped into deep recesses of knowledge and, fighting against time, came up with a drug that saved her life.

Oxtriphyline was used after all other drugs had failed. Dr. Robert Jacobs, a specialist in drugs that affect nerves and muscles, explored every chemical lead until he and his associates came up with this drug which seemed to be startlingly effective.

The patient was a 17-year-old who was barely able to move her eyes or speak and had lived in a respirator for almost a year. She is alive, able to walk, and has hopes of survival.

The gift to the doctors? A life saved.

Women's Liberation may greet with enthusiasm the fact that contraception by pill will soon be shared by men.

Dr. Dennis Lacy of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical School in London believes a chemical and hormone compound for men may soon be available to prevent pregnancy. The compound inhibits the production of sperm.

A series of studies are to be started soon based upon theoretical aspects of Dr. Lacy's findings. If they prove successful, the effects will be studied and restudied before being accepted as a long-range program for birth control.

There yet may be hope for converting to good sense those young people still not convinced that smoking marijuana is harmful.

Scientific literature reveals more and more evidence that this "non-addictive" drug carries with it tremendous potential harm. The severe neurotic and the potential psychotic who embarks on a regime of smoking marijuana may be doing inestimable harm to his entire destiny.

Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and, while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible and when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.

At The Library

Four Musicians To Perform On Children's Hour Saturday Morn

A string quartet will present a children's program, starting promptly at 9:30 a. m. Saturday morning, at the Transylvania County Library.

The program will feature selections of interest to children which will demonstrate the use of three of the major string instruments of the orchestra.

The four artists appearing from the Brevard Music Camp are:

Robert Prokes, first violinist
Miss Cindy Mancenelli, sec-

ond violinist

Miss Linda Hurd, viola
Rodney Farrar, cello

Friends of the Library Committee are again indebted to Mr. Hans Schmittau, first cellist of the Brevard Symphony Orchestra for making these arrangements.

The musicians will be at the library 30 minutes before program time to talk to the children as to the playing of the instruments.

Officials Of Winn-Dixie Predict Increase In Sales

Rotarians Hear Rev. Barnes

Brevard Rotarians heard Rev. Ernest Barnes speak on behalf of the Friends of the Library at this week's meeting in Gaither's Rhododendron room.

Rev. Barnes was presented by President John I. Anderson, who presided.

The speaker urged the Rotarians to see the series of films entitled "Civilisation" now being shown each Wednesday by the Friends of the Library.

There are two showings: one at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship hall of the Presbyterian church and the second each Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Seminar room of the Brevard College Library.

The public is most cordially invited to see one or all of the 13 films.

During the business session of the club, President Anderson appointed the following committee chairmen:

Gil Coan — Attendance
John Smart — Classification
Harry Hadel — Membership
Dr. Robert A. Davis and Gordon Sprott — Leadership Camp
Gene Baker — Rotary Information.

You can't have boating fun without boating safety, warns Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. Be sure to have proper safety and signalling equipment on your boat. Otherwise, your happy trip might come to a sad conclusion.

When you think of prescriptions, think of VARNER'S, adv.

Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc., operating 845 local-area and Southern supermarkets, today reported record sales and earnings during fiscal 1971 and forecast that both will advance again in fiscal 1972.

President Bert L. Thomas announced that sales totaled \$1,609,264,604, an increase of 13.4 per cent over the previous year. Earnings of \$2.60 per share, compared with \$2.18 last year, are indicated in preliminary unaudited figures.

"We are pleased that our people produced these fine results, especially during a year of economic uncertainty," Mr. Thomas said. "From present indications, progress should continue during fiscal 1972."

Forty new stores were opened during the fiscal year ended June 26.

Directors of the company, largest Southern-based retailer, in early July increased the monthly cash dividend rate on common stock from 14 to 14½ cents per share, which is equivalent to an annual rate of \$1.74 per share. It was the 28th consecutive year that dividends have been raised.

The number of shares of common stock and accumulating convertible Class B common stock outstanding on June 26 was 12,623,262 compared with 12,641,362 shares outstanding at the end of last year.

Cope Infant Buried Saturday

Jamie Sue Cope, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Cope of Rosman, died in a local hospital last Friday afternoon, August 6, 1971.

Surviving, in addition to the parents, are: two sisters, Katie and Shannon Cope, of the home; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ode Cope of Sylva; and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mackey of Innman, S. C.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday at the Ocre Hill Baptist Church Cemetery in Sylva.

Frank Moody Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Construction is one of the largest employers of skilled workers of any major industry group, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports. In 1970, about 1 out of every 4 skilled workers was employed in construction — approximately the same proportion as for all durable goods manufacturing.

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Openings Available At The Presbyterian Kindergarten

Several openings for students are still available for the coming term of the Weekday Kindergarten of the Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church. Classes for five-year old children will be held each week-day morning from 9:00 to 12:00 noon following the same schedule as the public schools. Children of age five whose fifth birthday falls prior to October 15th may be enrolled.

The Presbyterian Kindergarten has spacious rooms, excellent classroom equipment and a fenced-in outdoor playground equipped with safe, attractive equipment.

Officials issue the following statement:

"A week-day kindergarten helps children in many ways. They develop mentally by learning through experience at their own rate of speed in a happy, home-like environment under cheerful, well-trained guidance.

"They develop socially by learning to live together through play, to give and

take, to share their toys and working materials, as well as their first cooperative thoughts, with each other. And, it helps them develop emotionally by learning to accept change gracefully in our changing world today, thus establishing stability at an early age.

"Also, in a church-sponsored school, a Christian atmosphere will prevail wherein the child may develop spiritually but without sectarian or denominational emphasis of any sort. Children of all faiths are

welcome."
Mrs. Glenn C. Winston, a qualified teacher with public school experience, will be the teacher. Additional information may be obtained and registrations may be made by calling her at 883-2696 or the church office, 883-2488.

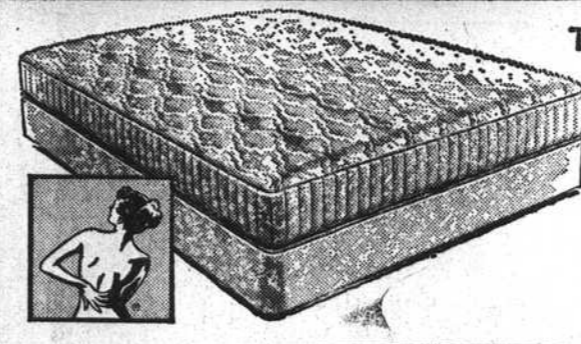
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