

Gen. Dear, Army Surgeon, Succumbs In Washington

Brig. Gen. William Richard Dear, U. S. A. (Ret.), 72, distinguished Army surgeon and hospital executive, who had a summer home in Highlands died September 7 in Walter Reed Army Hospital, Wash., D. C., after an extended illness.

He began his military career as a pioneer medical officer at army outposts in China and the Philippines. During World War I, he returned to the United States to command Army base hospitals at Camps Lee and Wadsworth. While at Camp Lee, he invented the first heated food cart for the serving of food from a central

kitchen to hospital wards, often a mile distant. It was later adopted by the Army for use in all of its hospitals throughout the world, and known as the "Food Cart—Dear Type."

After World War I, he was assigned to Germany as assistant to the Chief Surgeon, American Expeditionary Forces, and from 1921 to 1923, in Kazan, Russia, as Medical and Sanitary Director of the American Relief Association where he directed relief and public health work for the Hoover Relief Mission.

Between wars, General Dear served in the Office of the Army

Surgeon General, Washington, D. C., and in 1927, was assigned to the University of Pennsylvania for five years as assistant professor of military science and tactics and head of the Reserve Officer's training course unit in the Medical School. During this period, he also commanded the R. O. T. C. summer camp of the Army Medical Field Service School at Carlisle, Pa., attended by hundreds of medical students in eastern colleges preparing to enter the Army upon graduation.

From 1932 until outbreak of World War II, he was surgeon at various army posts in the United States, including Fort Benning, Ga., where, in 1940, he was responsible for introduction into the army of a dust respirator later used by all mechanized troops.

In April, 1941, following his promotion to brigadier general, he

was placed in charge of the medical Replacement Training Center at Camp Lee, Va. The following year, he took the center to Camp Pickett, Va., where he commanded 18,000 troops. In 1943, Gen. Dear became commanding general of Northampton General Hospital, Tuscaloosa, Ala., where he remained until his retirement in 1946. Among his awards are the Army Commendation Ribbon and Legion of Merit.

General Dear was born in Hamilton, Va., in December, 1883, the son of John William and Mary (Rogers) Dear, and a descendant of a long line of military ancestors. Familiarly known as Dick Dear in his early Washington school days, he attended old Central High School, where he distinguished himself as one of the outstanding track stars of the period. At 17, he won the U. S. Interscholastic track champion-

ship at Princeton. He was the first school boy to run the 100-yard dash in ten seconds, and his track record at Central for both the 100 and 220-yard dash stood for more than 40 years. In the 1930's, Central High School awarded him its Alumni Achievement Award for Distinction.

Also an outstanding track star at the University of Pennsylvania, he was graduated from its medical school in 1906, after which he returned to Washington to intern at Central Dispensary and Emergency Hospital. In 1908, he was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Army Medical Corps and the following year was graduated with honors from the Army Medical School. In 1931, the University of Pennsylvania awarded him a graduate degree as Doctor of Public Health.

He was a member of Alpha Mu Pi Omega medical fraternity,



NATURE'S TOOTHBRUSH — Citrus fruits in the daily diet serve as "detergent" or cleansing foods, say officials of the American Dental Association.

In fact, dentists describe whole peeled oranges as "nature's toothbrush." In addition to the nutritious values, chewing fresh fruits and vegetables helps rid teeth of foods that form destructive acids when they cannot be brushed or washed immediately after eating. Among the cleansing foods are oranges, grapefruit, apples, and uncooked vegetables.

The rich vitamin and mineral content of fresh fruits and vegetables is important to teeth and gums from childhood on through life.

They help form sound, healthy teeth, bones and tissues and help keep us healthy. Access to fresh fruits will help prevent overeating of sticky, sweet snacks between meals.

COFFEE SHERBET — When the mercury hovers in the nineties and humidity becomes a major

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Greta Tibbets Dear; a son, Lt. Col. H. B. Dear, Army Medical Corps, on duty as assistant U. S. Military Attache to Brazil; a daughter, Mrs. Gordon C. Dewey; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held September 11, 2 p. m. in Walter Reed Memorial Chapel. Burial followed at 3 in Arlington National Cemetery.

topic of conversation, only the coolest, most delicate desserts appeal to the palate. Try sunny Italy's Coffee Sherbet so quick and easy to prepare.

Use 2 measuring cups hot demitasse coffee, half cup granulated sugar, two teaspoons vanilla, and whipped cream. Dissolve sugar in the hot coffee. (You may use more or less sugar, according to taste.) Cool. Pour mixture into refrigerator tray and let freeze until almost hard. Beat well, return to refrigerator tray and let freeze until sherbet consistency. Turn into sherbet glasses and top with whipped cream. Serve with crisp, freshly baked lemon wafers to four people.

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Q. Are conditions favorable for raising beef cattle in North Carolina?

A. Conditions make North Carolina an ideal state for growing beef cattle. The mild climate and heavy rainfall gives good grazing and economical feed production. Very little housing is required. Land and labor are available, and farmers are increasing their knowledge of livestock production. Markets for beef cattle are being improved.

Q. How can I get an even stand of grass on my lawn?

A. Divide the seed equally and sow two ways at right angles to each other to be assured of uniform distribution. Thoroughly harrow or rake the seeds into the soil about one-eighth to one-fourth inch deep. Make sure they are covered uniformly. If planted too deep, the germination will be poor and the stand unsatisfactory. If a roller is available, roll the soil after seeding. A mulch of straw left on the soil will be helpful.

Q. What must dairy cows be fed in the winter?

A. Successful winter feeding means imitating early summer conditions as near as possible. The dairy cow is by nature a roughage consuming animal. She does her best when supplied with plenty of roughage. In winter this roughage should be a legume hay and a succulent feed. The better the quality, the more of the required nutrients will be received from the roughage and the smaller the amount of grain that will be needed.

More chickens, eggs, and turkeys will be marketed this summer than in the summer of 1955, reports the USDA.

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