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Hospital insurance

It is gratifying to note, on the authority both of the Federal Minister and of Premier A. W. Matheson, that agreement has been reached on the P.E.I. Hospital Insurance plan...

A Broadening Concept

Queen Elizabeth's visit is doing much to clarify, in the minds of our American neighbors, the meaning of the British Commonwealth as distinct from the old-fashioned notions of "colonialism"...

Hard On The Taxpayers

A 102-page document showing the extent to which the taxpaying public has been required to subsidize individual sponsored television shows over CBC has caused quite a stir in Parliament...

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sponsor willing to pay the best price; also that when a particular program is not able to obtain sponsorship that will defray the full production costs, it should be examined by the CBC...

It does not appear that any attention whatever was paid to these recommendations. Indeed, it appears that the trouble all along has not been too much "political interference" with CBC management...

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Fails To Take His Own Advice

By Herman N. Banderson, M.D. "DO AS I SAY, not as I do." That's the advice a good many physicians should pass on to their patients. For I'm sorry to report, the average doctor doesn't maintain the same standards of medical care that he recommends for his patients.

DISCOURAGING RESULTS

The medical publication, Patterns of Disease, made a survey recently of the health habits of 9,366 doctors throughout the country. The results are very discouraging, to say the least. Less than half of these doctors had physical examinations within the past year and a half. Another 20 per cent conceded that they hadn't had one in more than four years.

PUTS OFF TREATMENT

Moreover, the average doctor tends to put off treatment just as many of you do. One in every four physicians in the study who had hypertension put off treatment for two years or more. About 14 per cent of those with peptic ulcers waited five years or more before doing much about it. If you have read many of my columns over the years you will probably recall that one of my pet projects has been to try to get persons to see their doctors the minute they notice any of the seven danger signals of cancer.

WAITED THREE MONTHS

Certainly you would expect a doctor to be aware of the signs and aware of the dangers of delaying a cancer diagnosis. Yet 31 per cent of the physicians surveyed waited three months or more before seeking medical help. That is just about the same length of delay for a similar group of the general public. Even worse, some seven per cent of the doctors waited five years or more before requesting treatment. Other studies indicate that doctors often delay at least as long - and sometimes longer - than their patients before seeking treatment.

SAME CONVICTIONS

Despite their medical knowledge, it seems that doctors are influenced by the same convictions and attitudes as their patients. The average physician is in good health when he begins practice. Somewhere along the line he forgets his own advice. And his health suffers. So the next time you see your doctor for your annual checkup, ask him when he had his last examination. QUESTION AND ANSWER Mrs. Q. W.: Could you tell me what causes pinworms in children nine and twelve years of age? Answer: Pinworms are transmitted from person to person by toilet seat, bed clothes and fungi transmission of the eggs of the parasite. The entire family should be examined and all who harbor the worm should be treated at the same time to prevent reinfection of the children.

The Poets Corner

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Today, our consecrated Sovereign's hands Unlock a gateway to the mid-most heart Of vastnesses of hardly-travelled lands And waters scarcely plotted on a chart.

This, as our Queen, she opensto mankind; One of the greatest givings ever made. The world may use this water-way to find The lives and deaths that wait the unafraid.

The lives and deaths that should create and crown A Queenship like a star among the snows, Bright-bannered with the flowers of renown, The Lily and the Thistle and the Rose. And over these, the Maple that shall place A glory on the autumn of our Race.

John Masfield, from the Times, London

NOTES BY THE WAY

David Williams, eminent British dermatologist, has completed a long study of treatments for baldness. His conclusion is simple: if your hair is falling out, there is nothing you can do about it. -London Evening Standard

The Age Old Story

The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.

OUR YESTERDAYS

Resolutions authorizing the paving of portions of several streets, in order to provide work for the unemployed, were passed at the monthly meeting of the City Council last evening. His Worship Mayor Kennedy was in the chair. Councillor Reardon stated that the contract with the Warren Paving Company had been completed and that the work provided would assist the unemployed.

TEN YEARS AGO

Premier Joseph Smallwood of Newfoundland will open the Provincial Exhibition and Livestock Show here next month, it was announced yesterday by Mr. H.J. Kennedy, president of the Charlottetown Driving Park and Exhibition Association. Premier

MAXIMS

We cannot have happiness until we forget to seek for it.

Smallwood, who is at present visiting the province, stated he would be happy to take part in the opening ceremony.

An ice house, owned by Mrs. Daniel MacGregor, Montague, was completely destroyed by fire of unknown origin last night. The fire was discovered by Mr. Bruce MacPhee, who ran to MacKinnon's Mill a short distance away to obtain help. The Montague Fire Department arrived in a short time but the building was too far gone to save it.

Eurovision, which now links 16 television services in 12 different countries, recently celebrated its fifth birthday. If Canada were included in the linkup with this multilingual audience, programs such as "Cannonball" and "Fighting Words" would probably have a limited future, but the country's ballet companies should find things humming. -Ottawa Citizen

General repairs have been begun on the old infirmary, from which the patients have been recently removed to their new quarters. The sewerage system will receive attention and wooden floors in the bathrooms will be replaced with tile. Together with this a considerable amount of exterior repairs will also be carried out.

Money may not bring happiness but it enables one to be miserable in a better neighborhood. -Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Canada is loaded down with pork. If they'd put a viable piece of it in every tin of "pork-and-beans" the surplus would disappear immediately. -Calgary Alberta

The minister of justice in Lower Saxony was disturbed by the number of prisoners breaking out of jail. Upon investigation he learned that a key from a box of sardines could open all the doors in his prisons. He has ordered that \$15,000 be spent for more efficient locks. -Cologne Bunchau

Those bearskin helmets may once have roamed the bush near Timmins. But they, like the bearskins of the British Guards regiments, are made by Hobsons Limited in England.

If there is sufficient public interest, this trial ceremonial will be repeated in subsequent years. Enthusiastic tourist reaction and even interest among Ottawans, make this seem for sure. Why even the freshly laundered Marine Corps Sergeant on duty at the U.S. Embassy comes out to watch his smarter brothers-in-arms.

On the basis of what is known, Russia appears to have soared ahead of the United States in an effort to put man into space.

Much remains unknown, but the fact that Russia has heaved a two-ton container into space and recovered, unharmed, its live cargo of two dogs and a rabbit seems to pose man close to the fringe of space. In any case it casts a shadow over the American accomplishment of firing, and retrieving, two small monkeys.

Until the Russians elect to tell the world more about their latest shot into space no one can draw a firm comparison with the American effort.

But there is a strong scientific opinion in London that the Russians are well ahead at the moment.

One of the biggest unanswered questions is how high Russia's latest space vehicle has gone. The official statement says only that it reached a "great height."

But because of all the scientific information the Russians claim to have received, some British scientists suggest the rocket went up at least 300 miles. This would equal the height attained by the American monkey-carrying Jupiter rocket.

Scientists in recent years have taken the temperature of whales, measured the blood pressure of giraffes, induced ulcers in monkeys, and ground up thousands of fireflies to find out how they light.

They have passed days counting the feathers on birds, traveled half way around the world to look at the stars, and spent thousands of dollars carefully cultivating the molds that infest old bread.

The odd pursuits are part of one of the most profitable enterprises mankind has undertaken: basic research. In contrast to applied research, basic research is done for its own sake, without thought of immediate practical benefits. Over the years, however the "useless" knowledge has proved almost fabulously useful.

"Basic science," President Eisenhower said recently, "is the essential underpinning of applied research and development. It represents the frontier where exploration and discovery begin."

The President said that today only 30,000 scientists - less than a

one-fiftieth of one per cent of the United States population - are engaged in basic research. He noted that educators and scientists have warned that this effort must be stepped up if the nation is to move forward on the broadest scientific front.

Basic research is profitable because useful knowledge comes from the most unexpected sources. Hundreds of years ago, no one dreamed that the little creatures visible with a microscope could cause diseases. Basic research showed this to be true, and modern research has developed antibiotics to control many of them.

Nylon clothing is traced to basic research in chemistry. Basic research in genetics made possible the hybrid corn that yielded more than \$2 billion worth of additional crops during the war years alone.

Television, electric lights, plastics, the Salk vaccine, artificial satellites, and countless other products are the progeny of basic research, and these may be only the beginning of what will come. Some day, scientists hope basic research in the behavioral sciences - psychology, sociology, and anthropology - may help eliminate such scourges as crime and war.

LED TO TELEPHONE

Scientists cannot begin to guess all the uses that may be made of what they learn about the world, but they do know that, over and over again, tremendous benefits have come from apparently useless knowledge. The curiosity of generations of scientists investigating electricity and sound made it possible for Dr. Alexander Graham Bell to invent the telephone.

Sometimes applied research unexpectedly turns the tables on basic research. About 25 years ago a radio engineer working for the Bell Telephone Laboratories was trying to find the cause of a peculiar static on transatlantic radio-telephone messages. Methodically, the engineer, Karl Jansky, eliminated one possible cause after another. Finally, in 1933, he reported that the source lay about 26,000 light years away at the center of the Milky Way, the disk-shaped galaxy which includes the sun and billions of other stars. Thus a new field - radio astronomy - was opened for basic research by an odd feedback from an industry it made possible.

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