

Incidence of Rheumatic Fever Shows Downward Trend - Gilbert

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Rheumatic fever is a recurrent disease that is largely preventable. It may attack anyone but occurs more frequently from 6 to 12 than at any other age.

The appearance of the disorder is rare during infancy, and first attacks of the illness are uncommon after 25. The damage to the heart that may occur in cases of rheumatic fever, particularly when the attacks are repetitive, is the

real problem of the disease. The actual cause of rheumatic fever is yet to be discovered, but it follows repeated upper respiratory infections caused by certain strains of streptococcal bacteria in from 2 to 5 per cent of the total number of these untreated infections that occur.

FOR REASONS not wholly determined, both the number of cases of rheumatic fever and the mortality are declining. Figures from Los Angeles

County, for the time being at least, seem to confirm this fact. Five cases have been reported in this area since the first of the year as against 9 for the same period in 1960.

Streptococcal respiratory infection frequently appears as a sore throat of sudden occurrence. Headache is common and temperature is generally elevated. Abdominal pain and nausea are common in children, but are less so in adults.

SWOLLEN GLANDS, usually quite tender, may appear at the angle of the jaw, and a scarlatin rash may sometimes

be evident. Children may also develop inflammation of the middle ear or acute sinusitis.

But streptococcal throat infections, which so often seem to precede rheumatic fever, may sometimes be so inconsequential that they pass unnoticed. In fact, one hazard to persons who are susceptible to rheumatic fever is that about 50 per cent of all streptococcal infections do not have overt symptoms, yet a recurrence of rheumatic fever in these individuals may follow even the mildest strep infection.

MIGRATORY joint pains are

able to recurrences of rheumatic fever. The inflammation generally moves from joint to joint, staying in one place about 8 to 10 days.

An individual with a previous history of rheumatic fever is never entirely immune to recurrence of the disease, and each recurrence may add to the heart damage already done. Subsequent attacks occur in as many as 50 per cent of cases when preventive drug therapy is not continued for at least 4 or 5 years after the initial attack. Most deaths from rheumatic heart disease, especially those in children and young adults, are directly trace-

able to recurrences of rheumatic fever.

NOT TOO MANY years ago, in the middle nineteen-thirties to be more exact, physicians did not have any effective drugs with which to combat streptococcal infections. The patient who developed rheumatic fever as an aftermath of strep infection often became a more or less permanent invalid owing to cumulative heart damage.

At the present time, antibiotic treatment of such infections in the first stages of illness prevents the occurrence of most cases of rheumatic fever. Moreover, this modern drug therapy lessens the severity and shortens the course of a rheumatic

White Heads Area Backers Of Poulson

Albert G. White, who resides at 20726 S. Main St., has been selected to head the Harbor Area Arriba Poulson Committee, to seek the re-election of Norris Poulson as mayor of Los Angeles next month.

White, a building contractor, is a member of the Torrance Kiwanis and Gomez Palacios clubs.

Armed Forces

James T. Durand, aviation machinist's mate third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Durand of 5506 Towers St., is serving aboard the icebreaker USS Staten Island which is returning to the Antarctic in a last minute attempt to recover a fuel storage tanker adrift in the Ross Sea.

Originally bound for Valparaiso, Chile, after six weeks exploration in the South Polar region as part of Operation Deep Freeze in 1961, the icebreaker was diverted from its itinerary by Rear Admiral David N. Tyree, USN, commander of the Antarctica naval support forces.

The tanker is one of two which were torn loose from their moorings by bad weather at the McMurdo Sound Naval Air Facility while carrying 200,000 gallons of aviation gasoline to be used for next season's air operation.

The Staten Island, according to Adm. Tyree, is scheduled to arrive at McMurdo on March 21. The tanker, now adrift to a point two miles north of the air facility, will be under constant helicopter surveillance until the icebreaker arrives.

The polar continent has been in complete isolation since March 12 when normal ship operations were halted for the winter.

Airman First Class Richard H. DeLung, son of Mrs. Ardith L. Patton of Torrance, and husband of the former Miss Mavis Kennedy, of Beaulieu, Cal., successfully completed a course in Understanding American Government I through the United States Armed Forces Institute, Madison, Wis., on March 7. Airman DeLung is stationed at the 576th SMS, Box 6305, Vandenberg AFB. He is continuing his education while in Service through the voluntary world-wide educa-

tion program for members of the Armed Forces. Airman DeLung is one of more than 297,000 Servicemen now enrolled with the United States Armed Forces Institute in correspondence and group study courses. More than 200 intermediate, high school, college, and vocational-technical courses are currently being offered by USAFI.

Ralph A. Ramsey, aviation machinist's mate first class, USN, son of Mrs. Carl D. Ramsey, of 2262 W. 231st St., is serving at the Point Arguello Naval Missile Facility, Lompoc.

The facility, managed by the Navy for the Department of Defense, is the main launching and tracking site for the Pacific Ocean Missile Range.

The 20,000-acre facility was the scene of the first successful launching of the Samos II observation satellite, Jan. 31. The Samos satellite program is designed to improve capabilities in making observations of space, the atmosphere and the nature of the globe.

Airman Exams Offered Here Wednesday

Airman Qualifying Examinations will be administered to applicants for entry into the United States Air Force next Wednesday at the Air Force Recruiting Office, 1319 1/2 Sartori Ave., according to M/Sgt. James P. LeFevre of the U.S. Air Force Recruiting Service in Torrance.

Young men and women who desire to take these tests should contact Sgt. LeFevre for pre-processing and scheduling. AGE tests are administered to determine the fields the applicant is eligible to train for including electronics, jet engine mechanics, air traffic control, weather forecasting, and many other occupational specialties which will prepare the individual for a worthwhile military or civilian career.

As Sgt. LeFevre says, "It takes nothing but a little time and interest to find out if an applicant is qualified. There is no obligation."

Interested persons, both applicants and parents alike, can contact Sgt. LeFevre by phoning FAirfax 8-1404 or visiting the USAF Recruiting Office, 1319 1/2 Sartori Ave.

Births

TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

WILKINSON - Mr. and Mrs. William J., 1062 1/2 W. 222nd St., a son, Michael Patrick, March 14.

JONES - Mr. and Mrs. Dale, 1515 W. 204th St., a daughter, Cheryl Lynn, March 14.

HASKELL - Mr. and Mrs. Richard C., 1605 Elm Ave., a son, Glenn Gordon, March 15.

RIC-KAMP - Mr. and Mrs. Charles, 1601 W. 202nd St., a son, Ronald Patrick, March 15.

HAYATIAN - Mr. and Mrs. Allan A., 2427 Pennsylvania Ave., a daughter, Tina Alan, March 18.

BERHAY - Mr. and Mrs. James E., 19417 Denora Ave., a son, David Jordan, March 19.

PAIDLE - Mr. and Mrs. Robert L., 2529 Anglin Way, a son, Robert Lawrence, March 19.

Public Notice

TH 131 NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the MONETA WATER COMPANY will be held at the office of the Company, Monday, the 3rd day of April, 1961, at one p.m., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

L. F. STEPHENSON Secretary

S-T-Mar. 19, 21, 26, 30; Apr. 2, 1961.

TH 152 NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Library Furnishings and Equipment Notice is hereby given that the City of Torrance will receive sealed quotations for the following furnishings and equipment:

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TH 154 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held before the Torrance City Council at 10 P.M. April 4, 1961, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California, at the following matter:

CASE NO. 870 Petition of Norma L. Meyers, 3529 W. 157th Street for a Variance and Conditional Permit to construct a duplex and 12 unit apartment building on the property described as the Northernly 500 feet of Lot 21, La Fresa Tract situated at the Southernly terminus of Hermosa Street, between 172nd Street and 174th Street in Land Use Zone A-1.



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