

Unscrupulous Sales Practices Bring Grief to Buyers

Charles Mortensen, secretary of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, this week warned residents of unknown sales persons who may contact them.

Mortensen said that, currently, many people are being contacted through telephone calls by sales people.

"The unpleasant weather brings the salesmen," Mortensen said. "You do not know these sales people, often you do not know the company or product they represent. There is no way to protect yourself other than 'investigate before you invest.'"

"As the weather improves, the door-to-door salesmen will become active again. The same protection holds true."

MORTENSEN pointed out that there are many companies which are well-known and are perfectly legitimate.

"These established firms have to suffer to a certain degree because of the tactics of the unscrupulous companies."

"In Birmingham every door-to-door salesman is required to obtain a city license. Do not hesitate to ask to see this and if it cannot be produced, do not hesitate to report the sales person to the police or the Chamber of Commerce."

Fire Damages in City Are \$150 in January

Although the Birmingham fire department responded to two general alarms in January, fire losses were at the extremely low figure of \$150.

Both generals were automatic alarms, sounded when fire engines in the heavily concentrated business area. One blast was in the Harold Turner garage the other in the Birmingham theater building.

Other calls received included 12 for fires and fire investigations; 17 for gas investigation and 2 first aid calls.

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PETER L. HERSHEY, son of Dr. and Mrs. Lynn N. Hershey, 5125 Franklin road, Franklin, has successfully completed the pre-flight phase of his pilot training at Lockland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He was graduated from the 210th Pre-Flight Training Group February 7 in Lockland ceremonies.

Textile-Ceramic Show at Cranbrook To Open Feb. 14

Leading designers and artists from all parts of the country will be represented in the fourth biennial exhibition of textiles and ceramics opening Saturday, Feb. 14 and running daily from 2 to 5 p.m., except Mondays. The display will remain through March 15 at the Museum of Cranbrook Academy of Art.

Since many commercially produced fabrics are now designed by the foremost hand-weavers, a few points of distinction are being shown this year for the first time. And in line with a policy of broadening the range of textile work covered by the Biennials, only 13 of the 40 artists represented this year were shown in the previous exhibition.

MUSEUM purchases from the show include silk screen prints by Lucienne Day, Alexander Girard and Peter Hare, as well as a ceramic sculpture by John Carter and a stoneware platter by Ruth Karpis and a stoneware storage jar by Peter H. Voulkos.

Among the textile designers in the exhibition are Trude Guerzanger, George Nelson, Ben Rose, Andro Testa, Evelyn Hill and Boris Kroll.

The ceramic exhibition, made up of ceramic sculpture and decorative vessels of various types, will include work by Adolf Ostroff, Gerdand Otto Natler, Edwin and Mary Scheier and Alexander Archipenko.

Commission Requested To Close Two Streets

The request of the Birmingham Estates Association for the closing of Rugby and Cambridge roads, north of Buckhorn, has been referred to the Birmingham Plan board by city commissioners.

In presenting the request, association officers said the commission had twice gone on record stating that this section of Rugby was merely a private drive for two adjoining properties.

Commissioner Frank Rixing asked a check of records, saying he doubted this statement.

It's nice to receive, unexpectedly, a letter or even a brief note from some old friend? Likewise, of course, that old friend, would surely be pleased to hear from you, too. So, to receive a nice note, why not assure it by sending one yourself?

The Birmingham Eccentric

Science Benefits Lepers, Says Dr. Ormond

The following is the continuation of the letter from Dr. John K. Ormond to the Rev. W. Glen Harris, Ph.D., pastor of Birmingham's First Presbyterian church, in which Dr. Ormond reveals more of his impressions of India.

He tells of the treatment of lepers, highlights on some of the hospitals and somewhat details information on the hospital where he will train doctors in his own special field, leprology.

Dr. and Mrs. Ormond of 1169 N. Woodward, have been at Miraj, India, since fall and will remain there for three years of missionary service. In addition to his medical duties, Dr. Ormond will preach in some of the smaller churches of the area.

His work is being supervised by the Board of Foreign Missions for the U.S.A. Presbyterian church. The local Presbyterian organization is paying the salary of the Birmingham physician.

By DR. JOHN K. ORMOND

The Leprosarium staged a welcome party for us. Their "band", a group of the more able bodied with bells and fire-crackers, went through evolutions.

Then some hymns were sung in Maharathi and one short song of welcome to the Ormonds, in English, which had evidently been painfully rehearsed.

After it was over I had to respond, the director translating. I made a poor job of it for I had not expected it and the sight of those 200 tragic derelicts, rejected and in many cases driven out by their friends, along with the ceremonies, had moved me too much.

Whether one is High or Low Church, Liberal or Fundamental, skeptic, agnostic or atheist, one can have only praise and humble admiration for those fundamental evangelists who are devoting themselves to these poor rejected outcasts, teaching them a religion that makes them feel that they are not completely hopeless.

THESE LEPERS are in all stages of the disease and nearly all benefit from modern treatment. Some so much that they can return to active life. But many are hopelessly crippled and some are blind.

I saw one, a Brahmin and a master of science, who had been so ashamed and frightened when the first signs appeared that he hid the disease from his friends until he had lost some fingers and was otherwise crippled.

He then retired from society for a time and finally came to this place where he is receiving the treatment which would have helped him tremendously earlier. It is benefiting him some, now.

This place, Miraj, is one of three Christian medical schools in India. The other two are Vellore, which is supported by about 40 missions and is the best school in India.

THE OTHER, Ludhiana, is in the north and India, to visit it later. I understand that it is undergoing some changes at present. Miraj has been a school for many years, turning out about 25 leprologists in medicine each year.

In India there have been two grades of medical education—one resulting in the degree of Bachelor of Medicine, corresponding to our M.D., the other in the degree of Licentiate and representing less preparation and training.

THE LICENTIATES were, however, a useful group in present-day India. Recently the government ruled that all schools turning out Licentiates should upgrade or cease to function.

FOR MIRAJ to upgrade would require new buildings, new departments and increased personnel, for which the money is not available. They have ceased taking in students and when the men who are here finish this will no longer be a medical school.

THE HOSPITAL is large and has a good reputation. It is hoped that it will again attract residents who may wish training in the specialties. And that is where I come in.

This will be the first department of urology in India and it is hoped that I can train one man to carry on after I leave and possibly two or three others who may wish to go out in practice.

HOWEVER, there is still hope that means may be found to upgrade and it does seem a shame to close a school when altogether there are only 17 schools in India compared with about 60 in the U. S.

My professional equipment, which I sent out through "Church World Service" under the Indo-American agreement, is held up in storage in Bombay due to a misunderstanding as to the interpretation of the act.

They have been there since August, but it looks now as if they might be released by the first of February.

In the meantime I am marking time, for a urologist without his equipment is like a car without a motor.

I am getting itchy to get to work. I may take a trip to the other two Christian schools to become acquainted and incidentally to visit Agni, Delhi, Lucknow and other places of interest, during this cool season.

AS I SAID, this hospital is large and has a good reputation but by our standards it is undermanned. The chief surgeon is an able Indian who graduated from this school and then took further work at Vellore, qualifying as a bachelor of medicine.

There are two American general surgeons who do surgery, gynecology and obstetrics. One of them also takes care of eye, nose and throat cases.

THE ORTHOPEDIST is a young man trained in Cleveland and is at present at language school.

And there is me. And I won't have time to be sent to language school but will have to pick up enough to ask simple questions.

THESE ARE two Indians, Indians, and very able men. One of them takes care of the pediatrics, also. In addition, there is a group of resident internes and students. There is a nursing school and a group of male nurses as well.

Two operating rooms is not large but is surprisingly efficiently run by a superior male nurse. I have done little in it as yet, though on one afternoon I took out a prostate, a large bladder stone and did one hysterectomy in a surprisingly short time.

There is quite a good laboratory and I found bank. Doctors must have 100 mg and receive 100 faps per cent. Ward patients pay 20 old private room patients 40 rupees (india transference).

THEY HAVE SEEN no hepatitis but have seen malaria transmitted. If the Kahn test of the donor is positive, penicillin is injected into the bottle and in 22 hours it is safe to use. No bad results of this policy have been seen.

There is a great deal of T. B.—tubercular glands, peritonitis, meningitis, etc. Very little renal T. B. has been diagnosed but this may be from lack of attention. Diabetes, rheumatism, and that new thing, gonorrhea, cause marked improvement in all types.

Gonorrhea of the esophagus is more common than of the stomach. This may have some relation to the fact that they eat every day. Indian curries are something to remember and to avoid—unless the curry is much diluted or modified. Then it is good.

LEISURE is not seen but no shadow in the lung is called T. B. there may be some.

I have seen some unusual things—Madura foot (arthritis), elephantiasis in a leg in Bombay; a large frontal tumor; all stages of leprosy; a little 12-year-old wife whose husband had cut off her nose because he ran away from a leaser; another 14-year-old whose husband had drenched her with benzene and set fire to her. A husband apparently has absolute control of his wife and probably nothing will be done.

I saw a paragraph in the paper about a man who cut off the nose of his wife last year and this year gouged out her eye. This seemed to be considered a bit drastic and was noticed in the papers.

TRAVEL IN India is something. For long trips air is best.

There are three rail gauges and to get to where we took the crack Deccan Queen to Poona and then changed to the meter gauge. A first or second class car has two upper and two lower bunks, no mattress or coverlet. All travelers carry bedding or quilts.

The cars are comfortable but have no privacy. On one trip I shared a compartment with an Indian woman, his wife, a nurse and four little children.

It's best to carry a supply of boiled water though the tea is safe. Eat nothing raw and as little of the cooked food as possible. The Indian food looks attractive; much of it is very hot and any may harbor amoebae. I understand the time on the train tracks still serve safe food.

THE INDIAN porter wears a red blouse and turban and looks like a pirate but is really very gentle and courteous. I'll never forget our amusement as our train slowed to a stop in the Poona depot, to see

those ranks of pirates who had been sitting on their heels on the platform, rise as one man and charge the side of the train, crawling through the windows of the moving cars and grabbing the baggage.

They pile unbelievable loads on their heads and expect three or four annas per piece of luggage. The habit of carrying loads on the head gives men and women a peculiar carriage and stride.

(Dr. Ormond's letter concludes next week with some of his general impressions on variety of garbs, on auto driving conditions, and several other aspects of life in India.)

SECTION 4

Thursday, February 12, 1953

Korean Veteran To Gain Discharge

1. Richard E. Kent, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Kent, 465 Armitage, left for Korea, Monday, Feb. 2, en route from the Army.

2. Kent has been with the "Legation" Command of the Eighth Army in Korea and also served as defense attorney for the group.

A graduate of Cornell University, he attended the University of Michigan before entering the service in September, 1951. He went to Korea in August of 1952.

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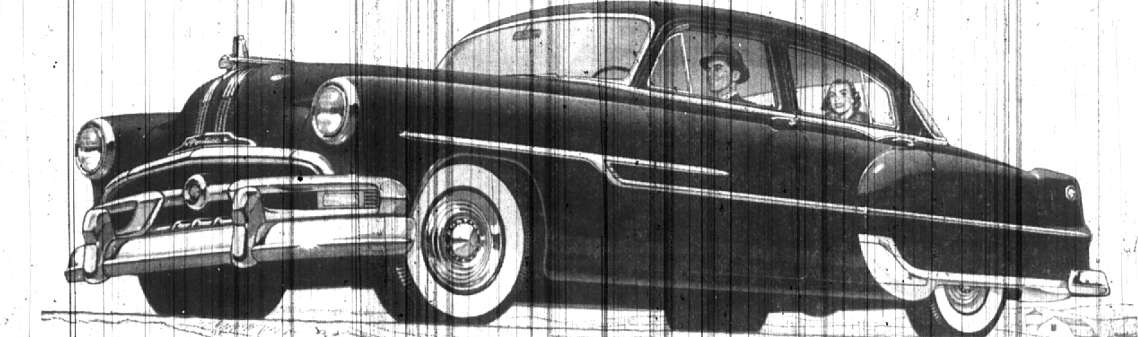


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