

Prenatal Care Causes Drop In Infant, Maternal Deaths

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Continued emphasis on good prenatal care brought about another drop in the number of infant and maternal deaths during the past year but infant immaturity and congenital malformations remained among the top 10 killers in Michigan during the period.

State Health Commissioner Albert E. Heustis noted diseases of the heart remained the leading cause of death in Michigan. Various heart ailments accounted for approximately two-thirds of the increase in deaths from the previous year. Provisional reports compiled by the health department's statistics division showed the total number of deaths from all causes increased from 67,118 in 1961 to 69,743 last year. Heart disease accounted for 1,722 of the increase in deaths.

HEUSTIS NOTED there were no changes in the ranking of the 10 leading causes of death. It showed slight increases, except congenital malformations which ranked eighth and infant immaturity, ninth-ranked. Deaths from all causes showed a decline of 293 from 1961.

Other leading causes, behind the 27,000 heart disease deaths, were cancer, strokes, accidents, pneumonia and influenza, diabetes, arteriosclerosis, malformations, immaturity and cirrhosis of the liver.

BLOWING ITS own horn for taking hold of a good idea is the position where the Michigan Press Association finds itself. Early this year Pierre Salinger, Presidential news secretary, noted at the association's annual meeting that usually foreign newsmen see only New York and Washington, D.C., because there is no effort made to show them other parts of the country.

Latching onto this idea, MPA

members joined in an effort with John W. Crawford of the Michigan State University division of mass communications to make one attempt to disprove Salinger's observation.

THE RESULT was a recent visit to Michigan by three United Nations correspondents: Dr. Sabina Leitzmann of Frankfurt, Germany; George E. Eninful of the Ghana News Agency; and Vladimir Bogachev of the Russian news agency, TASS.

The trio spent two days on the MSU campus at East Lansing where they spoke to journalism classes and held a press conference.

Then the three split up for a single day's visit. Leitzmann went to Selawasing as guest of the Selawasing Blade-Crescent; Eninful went to Vicksburg to be entertained by Meredith Clark, publisher of the Vicksburg Commercial; and Bogachev traveled to Whitehall with Louis J. Berman, an MSU staff member and publisher of the Whitehall Forum.

Cornell Graduate Wins Ford Grant

A Birmingham man has been awarded an educational grant by the Ford Motor Co. fund for study at Cornell University. Philip E. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Brown, 1321 Yorkshire, is one of 249 scholarship winners who studied under the program during the past academic year.

The Ford fund was set up in 1951 for children of employees. The scholarship consists of a \$500 annual grant to the school attended by each winner.

SINCE the program began, 154 schools have received grants totaling \$967,250. This year \$66,750 was awarded to 72 colleges and universities.

Brown received a bachelor of arts degree at Cornell June 10.

LEADERSHIP, consistency, patience, understanding and perception are attributes needed in one variety of people. It may well be that you fall into this category.

According to Dr. Troy Stearns of the Michigan State University college of education, every parent needs a good quantity of these attributes as well as other characteristics.

"Parents must set a good example for children to follow and then be patient as the child attempts, in his own way, to follow this example," he said.

THE PROBLEMS of being a parent are great and as varied as they are numerous, contend Dr. Stearns and his colleague, Dr. James Crowner. Both children and adults must face their anxieties with clear heads and not search for answers in psychology books, Dr. Crowner said.

"We are fast becoming a nation of amateur psychologists, eager to throw Freudian searchlights on our children, our friends and our children," he said.

A parent's duty in this age of anxiety is one of leadership, the two MSU spokesmen agree.

"The best-adjusted children learn from parents who are quick to accept personal responsibility for their own circumstances and who set about solving their problems in a mature, rational, logical manner," said Crowner.

Mrs. William Breech Drops Divorce Suit

A divorce action filed by Mrs. Marjorie Breech against her husband, William H. Breech, has been dismissed by Oakland County Circuit Judge Clark J. Adams.

Mrs. Breech filed the action Feb. 25, but attorneys said this week that the couple, who live in West Bloomfield Township, have been reconciled.

Breech is the son of Ernest R. Breech, retired board chairman of the Ford Motor Co.

This & That

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To the west of our route were the Lebanon Mountains, with what are named Anti-Lebanon to the eastward; between them, for an average distance of perhaps 20 miles, is the 100-mile long fertile valley where most of Lebanon's wheat, cotton, alfalfa, olives and other products are grown.

We encountered many shepherds, some with great flocks of meandering sheep, others trying to keep together black goats. Beef cattle, as we in North America know them, are rarely seen.

FOR MUCH OF the way through Lebanon the mountains were snow-capped, though most of it melts before the summer is over. From several places on the mountains come the famous Cedars of Lebanon, often mentioned in the Bible. Some of them were used by King Solomon in his Temple.

Since our stay in Lebanon was in the southern part, I cannot describe some of its more picturesque northern areas; but, from what I read and was told, it contains much that is beautiful to behold... and its weather is the lightest most of the year, with January and February averaging a comfortable 67 degrees.

Syria's Damascus, claimed "as the oldest continually inhabited city in the world," has a population close to 400,000 of the mixture of Greeks, Romans and Arabs.

It was while on his way to Damascus to capture and imprison early Christians that Saul of Tarsus was blinded, when he was converted to Christianity. In the house of Ananias, to which Paul was divinely directed, his sight was restored. The tourist may enter the Franciscan chapel where Ananias is reputed to have lived. One also may see the place in the wall of Damascus where Paul was secretly lowered so that he might escape his Roman and Jewish persecutors.

IN DAMASCUS one may enter

the famous Omkayad Mosque, erected in 705 A.D., in which is located the tomb of St. John the Baptist. (Note: I erroneously placed St. John's tomb in the Mosque of Mohammed Ali, in Cairo, in my first article on Egypt, two weeks ago.)

A most interesting sight is that of the Damascus Bazaar. It is that a lengthy arcade, containing scores and scores of narrow shops that sell everything imaginable. It exists in an environment of what Americans might call "a state of utter confusion of goods and a babel of voices."

Damascus, of course, containing many interesting historic buildings, monuments, mosques and the habitation of its population are beyond description. One must visit it in order to get even a brief view of it... not forgetting the fact that it goes back nearly 2,000 years B.C.

While Syria has its fertile val-

Sales Training Agency Head Will Speak

Teaching the teachers will be the assignment given to Geward A. Florez, president and board chairman of Florez Inc., a Detroit sales manpower development agency, when he addresses a seminar for school administrators at the Muskegon center of Western Michigan University tomorrow.

His topic will be "Communication, Administration, and the Community."

FLOREZ, who lives at 452 Thetford Lane, Bloomfield Hills, is a member of the advisory board for school administrators at the Muskegon center of Western Michigan University and a lecturer on sales personnel development at Oakland University. Speakers at late seminars during June and July will include Dr. William J. Emerson, Oakland County superintendent of schools.

leys where grains and other foodstuffs are grown, by and large it is a land of barren limestone outcroppings, and as in so much of the Middle East, a large proportion of its people are very poor. Too, Syria now is in the throes of trying to set up a stable government, while at the same time Egypt's President Nasser is bent on merging all Arabian peoples into one conglomerate type of nation.

(Next week we'll continue into Jordan—the land that witnessed most of the evangelistic activities of Jesus Christ during those three brief years of his Messianic mission to mankind.)

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