

Medical President Reveals Miracles Now Commonplace

Medical science in the United States has developed so rapidly in the past quarter century that medical "miracles" have become almost commonplace. Dr. Robert M. Bookmyer, president of the Oakland County Medical Society, said today.

"Surged by free enterprise, academic freedom and outstanding teamwork at the community and national levels, the people working in the medical care and public health field have achieved more progress in the past century than in all previous centuries added together," Dr. Bookmyer said.

"And," he added, "an overwhelming portion of this progress has been made in the past 25 years. Today medicine is forcing ahead at such an accelerated pace that it is on the threshold of conquering still other enemies that have menaced man's health throughout all time."

DR. BOOKMYER made his remarks in urging citizens throughout the city and county to join in the second observance of Community Health Week here Sunday through Oct. 24.

That week has been set aside to salute the dedicated members of the community's health team, to focus attention upon the outstanding medical and public health facilities existing here, to alert young people to the wide variety of rewarding opportunities in the medical and health field and to increase public awareness of medical progress.

The chief objectives of physicians and other members of the health team throughout the city, county and state is to provide the very best medical care possible and to see that it is available to all, Dr. Bookmyer said.

"WITH a continuing climate of academic and professional freedom, bolstered by the support of American people," Dr. Bookmyer said, "medicine probably will eradicate many of our communicable diseases before the end of this century."

Not too many years ago, Dr. Bookmyer pointed out, Europe was considered the world's center of medicine. But starting about the turn of the century, America entered what is now recognized as the golden age of medicine. Today, the student of medicine looks first to America where enormous strides have been, and are being made, in the field.

Many factors have contributed to this, Dr. Bookmyer said. Primarily, they are increased basic clinical research, expansion of public health facilities, the improvement of hospitals and other

Plan Seminars For Parents of Young Retarded

Fifteen parents who operate day care centers for severely-retarded children are taking a ten-week training seminar with the special education staff of Oakland Schools.

The course includes lectures on organizing and managing classrooms, teaching techniques and materials as well as background information on mental retardation and a survey of laws regarding the mentally retarded.

Speech, perceptual and psychological problems that beset retarded children will be discussed by specialists in these areas.

THE SEMINARS are under the direction of Dr. Paul F. Thoms, Oakland Schools director of special education, Harold J. Abrams and Donald A. Place, consultants for mentally handicapped.

Other staff members who will instruct parents are Dr. Gerald G. Freeman, Speech Clinic director, Dr. Leon P. Hall, coordinator of psychological services and Mrs. Jean Lukens, coordinator for the Perceptual Development Program.

Each parent is scheduled for a full day in-service class with Mrs. Mabel Bell, instructor in a room for trainable (Type B) children in Berkeley.

The classes meeting each Thursday through December 17. The parents enrolled operate day care centers in Pontiac, South Lyon, Waterford and Clarkston.



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medical care facilities, new drugs, surgical procedures, new diagnostic and screening techniques, the continuing and steady growth of protective voluntary health insurance programs and a high public awareness of good health practices.

CITING SPECIFIC examples of recent medical accomplishments, Dr. Bookmyer mentioned the discoveries which have controlled such once enormously destructive diseases as pneumonia, influenza, tuberculosis, and polio.

During the decade beginning in 1951 deaths from polio dropped 90 per cent; those of whooping cough 100 per cent; those of acute nephritis 62 per cent; and those of hypertensive heart disease 38 per cent, Dr. Bookmyer said.

From 1944 through today deaths from influenza have declined 93 per cent; those from tuberculosis 86 per cent; those from acute rheumatic fever 81 per cent; those from childbirth 86 per cent and those of appendicitis 81 per cent, Dr. Bookmyer added.

VW Specifies Improvements In '65 Model

The 1965 Volkswagen is being introduced as "the world's slowest fastback" by Paul Carriek of Bloomfield Hills, manager of Autohahn Motors Inc., 1765 S. Telegraph, Pontiac.

Improvements include more visibility, according to Carriek. "The VW features all passengers can now see better in all directions; all windows have been enlarged, a total of 15 per cent increase in glass area. You have to look twice to see the change from the outside, but the view from inside is great."

COMFORT IS another item which the VW is stressing, said Carriek.

"Comfort in a VW brings to mind not only contoured bucket seats and lots of driver leg room, but such drivability features as small overall size, independent suspension and ease of steering. This year's VW is even more comfortable, faster warming and roomier."

The new VW has not forgotten safety and convenience, said Carriek.

"The new VW is new from front to back. The front hood handle is not stainless steel; the engine lid handle is a pushbutton type. Yet not one change was made just for the sake of change. That's our theory of evolution.

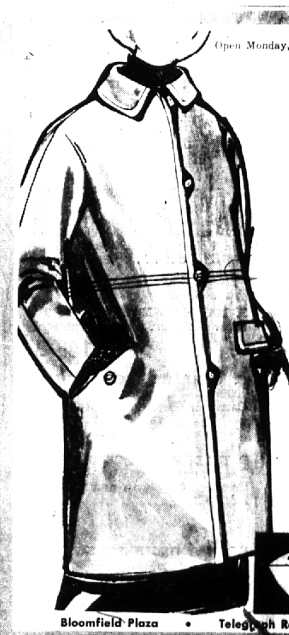
Carriek has invited residents to visit the showroom to see the 1965 Volkswagen.

Templin Committee Slates Testimonial

A testimonial dinner-dance for the Republican candidate for the Oakland County Prosecutor's office, Robert L. Templin will be held Monday, 6:30 p.m. in Southfield.

The affair is sponsored by the Templin for Prosecutor Committee. The event will be held at the Cultural Hall located at the southeast corner of Southfield Road and Northwestern Highway.

The dinner-dance is open to the public. Additional information may be obtained from Templin of Barry M. Grant, 315 N. Telegraph, Pontiac.



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Women for Johnson Host Director of Legal Chaperes

Abram Chayes, former chief legal officer of the Department of State under the Kennedy Administration, will be the guest of honor at an evening party on Saturday at Crestbrook, the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Kahn, 14 Mile Road, Franklin. Co-hosts of the evening are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barnard, 26580 Wellington Road, Franklin. Barnard is an appointee of Gov. Romney to the Olympic commission.

Chayes will speak in his capacity as program director of the National Lawyers Committee for Johnson-Humphrey under the local sponsorship of Women for the Johnson, co-chaired by Mrs. William T. Gossett and Mrs. Ben Mills of Bloomfield Hills.

The outlook for even longer, more productive lifespans is excitingly pleasant, Dr. Bookmyer added. With our present abundance of scientific knowledge and anticipated developments it is realistic to believe that babies born now in 1960 and 10 years more than those born as recently as 1937.

Chayes and his wife, Toni, will be weekend house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Barnard. Prior to his appointment to the Department of State, Chayes was professor of Law at Harvard.

In June, 1964, Chayes resigned his post with the Department of State to enter private practice.

Technologists Slate Medical Convention

Some 200 delegates, some from Birmingham, are expected to attend the convention of the Michigan Society of Medical Technologists which will be held at the Pick-Fort Shelby Hotel in Detroit, Oct. 16 and 17. The host society at this time is the Pontiac Society of Medical Technologists. Chairman of this event is Hazel Stoerck, MT (ASCP) of Berkeley.

The program Friday will feature scientific speakers on many aspects of medical technology. There will also be a speaker from the Ship HOPE project on Friday afternoon.

Saturday morning will have more scientific speakers. The convention will conclude with a general business meeting on Saturday afternoon.

Local Professor Reports on Society

Dr. Charles N. LeBeaux, 476 S. Cranbrook, will be one of the participants in a Community Planning Conference to be held at Wayne State University Alumni House Monday, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Dr. LeBeaux, professor of social work at Wayne State University, will present a "Social Impact Study." The program is one of a series to be held during WSU Week from Saturday to Oct. 24 focusing attention on the University's ability to serve the people of the state.

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General News

Every pattern of people, from savages to so-called highly civilized, in a variety of ways manage to take the lives of others... often outside of a "state of war." Perhaps you have critically shuddered when learning that some barbaric tribes caught and slaughtered (sometimes for the stew-pot) missionaries. "How beastly!" you may think. But how about what happens on our highways every year? Or murders... robberies, etc? (GRA)

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