

Ask the Doctor



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REASSURE CHILD BEFORE SURGERY

Q—My ten-year-old son is going to have major surgery. Please give me some advice on how best to prepare him psychologically for this experience.

A—Children know a great deal more than most people give them credit for. And they can be remarkably precocious about medical matters. If you ever listened in on a group of youngsters discussing their respective operations, you'd probably be amazed at the sophistication of today's youth.

SO—IF YOUR child needs an operation, don't sell his intellect short. Don't try to sell an alert youngster that he's going for a nice ride on a pretty white cart, that he won't feel a thing, that there will be ice cream waiting for him when he wakes up.

From watching television, he probably knows as much about the inside of an operating room as his parents. He knows that a face mask is a face mask, and nobody can tell him it's a space helmet. He isn't likely to believe the nurse who murmurs, "Now, this won't hurt a bit."

If, however, a child is adequately prepared in advance, it won't be half the ordeal you both feared it would be. Most children over the age of three are prepared to accept frank, truthful explanations of the need for surgery and only slightly-varnished descriptions of exactly what will happen to them when they get to the hospital.

WHEN YOU PREPARE your child for the sights, sounds and smells of a hospital; when you tell him frankly that he would probably need injections that will hurt a little, but not for long; when you reassure him on a point that children seem to fear—that the operation will not start before he is fully asleep—your foresight will pay big dividends in the operating room.

Administration of the anesthetic will be smoother, surgery will be safer, recovery more rapid. And the courage of your child no doubt will amaze you.

Happenings

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ordinance aimed against "doorbell salesmen" who operate without licenses and dodge even the sales tax.

Organization of a community orchestra will be attempted as the next step in Birmingham's work-relief-in-education program financed by federal funds. It was announced yesterday by Mrs. William McCallum, general supervisor. The director, at least for the present, will be Manley Tyson, well known in amateur musical circles here who has volunteered his services in organizing the group.

In observance of National Defense Week, Feb. 12 to 22, the Oakland County Chapter of the Reserve Officers Association has arranged for a public meeting to be held at the Community House at 8 p.m. Monday, open to all reserve officers of the army, navy and marine corps, and to civilians, both men and women.

15 YEARS AGO

Feb. 10, 1949

The Ferndale jinx still held true as the Maples were tripped by their age-old rivals 41-38 Friday night on the Rallapitters' home court. The game split league honors for first place among Birmingham, Port Huron and Ferndale. Both of Birmingham's league defeats have been registered by Ferndale, and both times the margin has been a slim three points. In the first tilt between the two teams, the Rallapitters squeezed by the Maples, 36-33.

As the result of a study of cross-town Oakland traffic during night-

Cite Max Fisher For City Service

The Fred M. Butzel Memorial Award—for distinguished community service in the Detroit area—has been presented to Max M. Fisher, 27751 Fairway Hills Drive, Bloomfield Hills.

Fisher, 54, was honored at the annual meeting of the Jewish Welfare Federation where he is completing his fifth term as president of the group.

His many activities include the Allied Jewish Campaign, where he will take over the duties of national chairman this fall; United Foundation vice president; chairman of the 1961 Torch Drive; director of the Detroit Metropolitan Building Fund; vice president of Sinai Hospital; the Greater Detroit Hospital Council and the board of governors of Hebrew Union College.

time hours, the city will request the state highway department to place the Oakland-Hunter signals blinker operation from 1 to 6 a.m. The survey, taken by Birmingham police as the result of a recent petition of some 50 residents in the neighborhood who complained that stopping and starting cars disturbed their sleep, showed only an average of three cars an hour.

City Attorney Forbes S. Haucall will appear in Judge H. Russell Holland's circuit court in Pontiac next Monday at 11 a.m. to defend the city commissioner's action in passing an assessment district for the road oiling of portions of Pilgrim and Suffield avenues, and to halt the issuance of a temporary injunction to prevent the city from collecting assessments on the project.

As a public service The Eccentric prints the following table which shows residents' average state general sales tax payments in relation to annual income. The table, supplied by the Internal Revenue Service office in Pontiac, is published as a result of numerous requests from local residents wishing this assistance in determining their 1963 income tax.

RESIDENTS' AVERAGE STATE GENERAL SALES TAX PAYMENTS

| Income as shown on line 9, page 1, Form 1040 | Single person | 2 persons | 3 persons | 4 persons | 5 persons | 6 or more persons |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
| Under \$1,000 | \$19 | \$24 | \$36 | \$53 | \$55 | \$57 |
| \$1,000 under \$1,500 | 37 | 44 | 49 | 53 | 55 | 57 |
| \$1,500 under \$2,000 | 45 | 55 | 60 | 64 | 68 | 71 |
| \$2,000 under \$2,500 | 52 | 67 | 75 | 79 | 84 | 86 |
| \$2,500 under \$3,000 | 60 | 77 | 85 | 91 | 96 | 99 |
| \$3,000 under \$3,500 | 69 | 88 | 96 | 104 | 109 | 112 |
| \$3,500 under \$4,000 | 79 | 97 | 107 | 119 | 124 | 127 |
| \$4,000 under \$4,500 | 87 | 111 | 119 | 133 | 139 | 143 |
| \$4,500 under \$5,000 | 96 | 121 | 132 | 147 | 153 | 159 |
| \$5,000 under \$5,500 | 104 | 133 | 144 | 161 | 169 | 175 |
| \$5,500 under \$6,000 | 112 | 144 | 156 | 173 | 184 | 187 |
| \$6,000 under \$6,500 | 121 | 157 | 168 | 187 | 197 | 201 |
| \$6,500 under \$7,000 | 132 | 167 | 180 | 199 | 212 | 216 |
| \$7,000 under \$7,500 | 140 | 176 | 192 | 212 | 226 | 231 |
| \$7,500 under \$8,000 | 148 | 188 | 203 | 223 | 236 | 243 |
| \$8,000 under \$8,500 | 157 | 199 | 213 | 233 | 248 | 256 |
| \$8,500 under \$9,000 | 168 | 208 | 224 | 244 | 261 | 268 |
| \$9,000 under \$9,500 | 177 | 217 | 235 | 255 | 273 | 280 |
| \$9,500 under \$10,000 | 185 | 227 | 245 | 267 | 284 | 292 |
| \$10,000 under \$11,000 | 196 | 241 | 260 | 281 | 300 | 308 |
| \$11,000 under \$12,000 | 213 | 259 | 279 | 300 | 320 | 332 |
| \$12,000 under \$13,000 | 228 | 277 | 296 | 320 | 340 | 349 |
| \$13,000 under \$14,000 | 245 | 293 | 313 | 336 | 356 | 369 |
| \$14,000 under \$15,000 | 261 | 309 | 327 | 352 | 373 | 385 |
| \$15,000 under \$16,000 | 275 | 323 | 341 | 365 | 388 | 401 |
| \$16,000 under \$17,000 | 291 | 336 | 352 | 379 | 403 | 416 |
| \$17,000 under \$18,000 | 305 | 348 | 364 | 389 | 416 | 431 |
| \$18,000 under \$19,000 | 320 | 360 | 375 | 403 | 427 | 439 |
| \$19,000 under \$20,000 | 336 | 372 | 385 | 411 | 437 | 447 |

B'ham Nurse Off to Brazil To Open Clinic

A Birmingham nurse who organized and supervised the pediatrics department at William Beaumont Hospital has left the area to set up a similar clinic in the "alagados," or slums, of Salvador, Brazil.

Mrs. Bonita Krause, 1270 Pierce, has volunteered to spend two months in South America to organize a pediatrics clinic and also train a nurse so that work will continue after she leaves.

THE CLINIC will be part of a small hospital that is now a shelter for homeless boys and the sick and dying aged.

Mrs. Krause worked for six years, beginning in 1955, at Beaumont Hospital, leaving to volunteer her services for the World Medical Relief program in Detroit.

Two B'ham Women Volunteer for UCS

Two Bloomfield Hills women were newly-elected to posts on the women's committee of the United Community Services during the organization's 29th annual luncheon at Masonic Temple.

Mrs. John Blanchard, 680 Lone Pine Road, will serve as financial secretary, while Mrs. Lawrence King, 102 Endicott, will act as assistant corresponding secretary for the organization.

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