

PRAYER FOR TODAY

God, we praise Thee for the artistry of Mother Nature, who paints the earth a gorgeous green in the spring, clothes it with golden grain in summer, and tints it with a glorious array of color in the sunset of the year.

—Alfred N. Savres, Lancaster, Pa., professor emeritus, The Lancaster Theological Seminary

EDITORIALS

New Specialist?

Remember the "good old family doctor"? You're showing your age if you do, for there aren't many left.

One who remembers, and laments, is a doctor himself. The general practitioner, writes Leon H. Dembo, M.D., in "Cleveland Physician," the bulletin of the Cleveland Academy of Medicine, is rapidly becoming the forgotten man of medicine.

The GP was the kind, sympathetic, conscientious medic who sat at a patient's bedside, asked a few questions, used his eyes, ears, hands and brain, and invariably came up with a correct diagnosis, idealizes Dembo.

His treatment was simple but effective. He knew nothing of pretense or synthetic bedside manner. He made house calls any time of the day or night and never was too busy to have a short chat with the family. He was, in brief, a doctor, friend, father-confessor and adviser.

He didn't need a dozen laboratory tests to make a diagnosis, and when he sent a patient to the hospital, "you can bet your Aunt Nellie's pajamas that the patient was seriously ill." In those days, when the specialist was called in, the patient most likely had one foot inside the Pearly Gates.

Years ago, a doctor had 25 to 30 years of general practice behind him before he became a specialist, says Dembo. Today, medical graduates take a year of internship, one or two years of residency in some special field and emerge as specialists.

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Even the specialists are split into subgroups, so that we have pediatric allergists, pediatric neurologists, cardiac surgeons, vascular surgeons, etc., etc.

We're not far from the point, thinks Dembo, when there will be "dextral" eye specialists who treat only diseases of the right eye and "sinistral" ophthalmologist who take care of left eyes. Or orthopedists who specialize in fractures of the arms, others who limits themselves to fractures of the legs.

The doctor exaggerates, of course, to make a point. No one would want to give up the medical advances of the past 50 years in exchange for a return of the "good old family doctor," no matter how kind, sympathetic and willing to be put-upon he was.

What will happen to the family doctor? asks Dembo. Either he'll become as extinct as the dodo bird or remain in business, as a cartoon in a recent medical publication suggested.

It showed a specialist at the bedside of a patient. The caption read: "I and my-other consultants would like your permission to call in a general practitioner."

Who knows?—general practice may be the seeming specialty.

Opinions Of The People

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

Victor Riesel's article in today's Times-Herald is very interesting to me, and should be read by all Americans. Walter Reuther and his I.A.M. are striking for something that has been within the grasp of all Americans for the past 25 years.

In 1932 we entered into a period of depression, a period of abundance that could not be distributed to our wives without the aid of huge federal expenditures. In 1932 F. D. Roosevelt endorsed himself to the people with his alphabetical mixture of abbreviations.

Our problems are faced with so many serious problems that require committees, commissions and other study groups that by this time they are well confused and lost up with a bill no one is satisfied with.

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The New Idol

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In Tuesday's editorial there was an advice being given to those in bondage.

The eighth step And from dependency back again to bondage, we are last again breathing the same old air.

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93RD YEAR—No. 50 VALLEJO, CALIF.—MARE ISLAND—HO.

New Troops Council Sent To Area Councils For Combat Zoning Plea

Area residents turned out in force at a regular city council meeting in city hall last night to request a successful vote for the creation of four commercial zoning of four residential lots on the south side of Tennessee Street between the railroad and California Streets.

Russell F. Pat O'Hara, Jr. the applicant, said the council would not consider the existing zoning on the four parcels to make way for construction of a building which would house a time-shares, real estate and general insurance offices. A planned unit development permit was required.

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HULME THIRD, WINS WORLD DRIVING TITLE

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Jimmy Clark of Scotland became the first three-time winner of the Grand Prix de Mexico Sunday, but Lewis Hulme of Great Britain won the driving championship for the first time.

Jack Brabham of Australia, Hulme's employer, came in second and ranked a behind in Hulme's triumphantly strolling around a second place.

Lewis Wins Boat Race

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Veteran crew member Ed Lewis won the 1965 Boat Race Sunday, his fourth victory in the 46-mile Long Beach to San Francisco offshore power boat race.

Lewis piloted the 35-foot Marlin "Mama Lou II" powered by two 400-horsepower Pratt and Whitney gas turbine engines. He won both legs of the race, from Long Beach to Merry Bay Saturday and then to San Francisco Sunday. His time was 9 hours, 25 minutes, nearly two hours better than the winning time last year.

Finishing second over all was John Stenberg of St. Cloud, Fla., leading offshore driver in the 1964 race. He finished in 11 hours, 15 minutes, nearly two hours better than the winning time last year.

Coming in third was Bill Cooper of Malibu Beach, Calif., who finished in 12 hours, 15 minutes, nearly two hours better than the winning time last year.

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