FREE DENTAL X-RAYS

A highlight of Dental Health Week here in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County was free dental X-rays offered by the City-County dental health offices.

A mobile unit was stationed near the Health Dept. and a steady stream of youngsters took advantage of the free X-ray service.

Dr. H. C. Jamison, county dental health officer, is shown above with Katherine Santner, a student at Eastway Junior High School. Katherine was one of the local youngsters who took part.

Dental Health Week here has had several highlights, including essay and poster contests.

Tonight Dr. John T. Fulton will address the Charlotte Dental Society. He will discuss "Trends in Public Health Dentistry."

Dr. Fulton has been dental service advtser of the U. S. Children's Bureau for the past ten years.

World News Roundup

Veterans' Medical Care Abuse Reported

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Olin E. Teague (D-Tex) said today federal investigators have found "some very flagrant" abuse of the system of free Veteran Administration (VA) medical care for penniless veterans.

Teague, chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, received the report from the General Accounting Office (GAO). He said he is so concerned that he may make public the names of some of the veterans involved, as a means of reducing the abuses.

Among cases reported by the GAO in a sample survey:

1. A retired construction engineer having a net financial worth of $507,670 and an income of $21,719 a year got free VA hospitalization for 25 days.

2. A farmer with income of $3,000 a year and net worth of $128,033 also got VA hospital treatment for 25 days.

Both men were treated for illnesses not connected with war service and made sworn statements that they were unable to pay.

Present law requires the VA to provide free hospitalization for non-service-connected cases upon the veteran's own word that he can't afford the cost of private treatment.

More Work, Same Pay

NEW YORK (AP)—The official Soviet economic report for 1955 shows that Russia's workers toiled harder, produced more—and got almost exactly the same pay they received in 1954.

Soviet labor's prospects for 1956 aren't very pleasant either. Prices for Russia's most vital food—potatoes—are virtually certain to more than double during the year. Still more belt-tightening appears to be in order as the Kremlin drives the nation forward in new, immense strides to equip the nation by 1960 to make economic warfare on the West.

The average industrial worker produced 8 per cent more in 1954. The average construction worker did 10 per cent better.

While the total wage and salary bill of the U.S.S.R. rose about 3 per cent, the number of earners went up about the same—more than 2 per cent. Thus the average wage or salary, in money or in goods, remained in 1955 about the same as in 1954.

Red Air Danger Told

CINCINNATI (AP)—The Air Force has delivered perhaps its most sobering warning that Russian air development has reached the danger point, and that U. S. industry must emphasize research if it is to keep ahead of the potential enemy.

The notice came last night from Gen. Thomas D. White, vice chief of staff, in a talk before 500 guests at a dinner marking the unveiling of General Electric Co., plans to build near here a 20-million-dollar facility for the testing of supersonic airplane engines.

White accused the Russian Communists of having "lied, cheated and stolen their way through history."

And now, he said, the Reds have "almost closed the air power gap. In airplane after airplane they are approaching us in quality and surpassing us in quantity, and presently are beating us at our own game — production."

Wet Spots In U. S.

There were some wet spots in the East and South but generally fair weather appeared in prospect for most of the country today.

Main belts of precipitation were in Texas, the western Gulf Coast and in the Mid-Atlantic Coast states as far west as southern Lake Ontario.

Fresh falls of snow measured 3 inches at Lubbock, Tex.

Springlike weather was the outlook for wide areas in the eastern half of the nation except in New England. Temperatures were 14 degrees lower than 24 hours earlier at Rumford, Maine, which reported an early morning reading of 15.

Doctor Gets Through

WHITINGHAM, Vt. (AP)—A doctor early today tramped through snow up to three feet deep for a mile and a half to reach a family snowbound since last weekend in a farmhouse at the dead end of an old logging trail.

Nine persons, including four children, are snowbound in the rambling structure because the towns of Readsboro and Whitingham claim the logging trail does not come under their jurisdiction for plowing.

Dr. James S. Shea of Bennington, two Bennington newsmen and a merchant hiked through the deep snow after word got out that two of h e children of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Benware were sick.

Japs To Get Food

TOKYO (AP)—The United States signed an agreement today to supply Japan with $65,800,000 worth of surplus U. S. agricultural products.

Under the pact — second signed between the two nations in seven months—Japan will pay in yen, but 75 per cent of the payment will be loaned back to Japan for economic development. The United States will spend the rest in Japan on American housing and other projects.

The commodities involved in the surplus purchase include $27,300,000 worth of wheat, $4,800,000 of barley, $6,400,000 of corn and other feed grains, $18,700,000 of cotton and $2,700,000 of tobacco.

Boxcars Join Airlift

LONDON (AP) — Giant U.S. Air Force Flying Boxcars joined in an emergency airlift today carrying food and fuel to villages snowbound in Europe's worst winter of the century.

The weather death toll soared to 210 in 11 days as a new Siberian cold wave turned a 2,500-mile front from the far north to Turkey and Italy into a deep freeze.

Icy east winds whipped up big seas in the English Channel. The seven-man crew of the 216-ton British coaster Conlea abandoned ship off the Channel Islands. One man died of exposure and a freighter picked up the rest.

TV Battle Is Set

NEW YORK (AP)—Jackie Gleason and Perry Como were all set for a big Saturday night television battle.

Gleason's CBS show, "The Honeymooners," is being switched from 8:30 p.m. EST to 8 p.m., beginning Feb. 18, the same time as the Como show on NBC. Como has been coming out ahead in some of the ratings lately.

To empty the 8-8:30 period, CBS is shifting the program, "Stage Show," to "The Honeymooners" time at present, 8:30-9.

The changes came after expressions of annoyance by the chunky comedian at what he termed "manufactured irritation" by CBS in the form of reports concerning program reshuffling.

Could Have Been Stopped

Coed Says Campus Riots 'Permitted'

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—A Negro coed, returning to Federal Court in a bid to gain readmittance to the University of Alabama, charged school officials could have halted campus rioting.

The action was one of two filed yesterday in the long legal battle of Autherine Lucy to attend classes at the university. Hearings on both petitions are scheduled Feb. 20, before U. S. District Judge Hobart Grooms.

Miss Lucy petitioned Grooms to compel university authorities to readmit her to classes, and in a companion action she seeks dormitory accommodations and the right to eat in the school's dining halls.

Miss Lucy charged that members of the board of trustees and dean of admissions William F. Adams "intentionally permitted . . . acts of unidentified persons in order to assimilate an air of riot and disorder and rebellion on the campus."

CALLED SUBTERFUGE

Such action, she said in her petition, was a "subterfuge for refusing to permit her to pursue courses at the university."

The 26-year - old Birmingham secretary is the first Negro enrolled at the 125-year-old state university. She was barred Monday from attending classes after riot ing crowds had stoned and egged her and school officials.

The trustees declared that she was excluded as a measure of safety. But Miss Lucy charged in the petition filed yesterday that she was excluded solely because she is a Negro, in defiance of an order issued by Grooms last July. It was on this order that Miss Lucy was admitted to the school.

She called the board's action "a cunning strategem" and said adequate police protection is available.

Miss Lucy is asking $1,000 damages in the dormitory suit, and also asks that dean of women Sarah Healy be compelled to assign her a dormitory room, and allow her to eat in university dining halls.

In the petition seeking readmittance to classes, she is seeking $2,000 damages. She also asks that Dr. O. C. Carmichael, university president, Adams and 10 trustees be held in contempt and that they be imprisoned if they do not permit her to resume classes.

Miss Lucy must attend at least two-thirds of her classes this semester to be eligible to take final examinations. That means that if a decision comes immediately after the hearing set for Feb. 29, she would have approximately three more weeks to get back into classes which started last Friday.

APPEASEMENT CHARGED

In her petition, she said her suspension was "to appease persons having no connection with the university. . . ."

The Weather

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
WEATHER BUREAU
CHARLOTTE, N. C.
(CHARLOTTE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT)
February 10, 1956

SOUTH CAROLINA: Partly cloudy and slightly cooler today; mostly cloudy and not much temperature change tonight; rain beginning late tonight; Saturday, cloudy and cool with occasional rain.

NORTH CAROLINA: Cloudy with considerable fog this morning becoming partly cloudy this afternoon; high in 50s west and 60s east portion; considerable cloudiness and cool tonight with occasional rain likely southwest portion; low 38 to 43 north and 43 to 48 south portion; Saturday, occasional rain and slightly cooler becoming partly cloudy west portion in afternoon.

Moonrose today 6:15 a. m.; moonset today 3:21 p. m.

Table of temperatures for the 24 hours ending at 12:30 p. m. today:

1:30 p. m.	57	1:30 a. m.	40
2:30 p. m.	59	2:30 a. m.	40
3:30 p. m.	61	3:30 a. m.	40
4:30 p. m.	60	4:30 a. m.	40
5:30 p. m.	59	5:30 a. m.	41
6:30 p. m.	57	6:30 a. m.	41
7:30 p. m.	53	7:30 a. m.	43
8:30 p. m.	51	8:30 a. m.	43
9:30 p. m.	50	9:30 a. m.	47
10:30 p. m.	54	10:30 a. m.	57
11:30 p. m.	53	11:30 a. m.	62
12:30 a. m.	52	12:30 p. m.	64

RELATIVE HUMIDITY
12:30 p. m.—50 per cent.

WIND
12:30 p. m.—ENE-14.

SEA LEVEL PRESSURE
12:30 p. m.—29.96 inches.

TEMPERATURE SUMMARY
Highest yesterday—61.
Lowest this morning—43.
Average yesterday—51.
Normal yesterday—44.
Excess for month—27.
Deficiency for year—12.
Highest on record this date 76 in 1938.
Lowest on record this date 8 in 1934.

PRECIPITATION SUMMARY
Total for 24 hours ending at 7:30 a. m. Trace.
Total for month—2.62.
Normal for month—3.56.
Excess for month—1.54.
Deficiency for year—.96.

TIDES AT MYRTLE BEACH
TOMORROW
High 7:06 a. m.; 7:17 p. m.
Low 12:48 a. m.; 1:19 p. m.

FORECAST FOR HATTERAS TO JACKSONVILLE: Gentle to moderate variable winds mostly northerly today and tonight. Mostly cloudy in north portion with a few showers in the south portion.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR N. C. S. C. AND GA.: In N. C. temperatures will average three to five degrees below normal with only small day to day changes. Precipitation will average one half to three-quarters inch and will occur Friday and Saturday and again about Monday and Wednesday. In S. C. and Ga., Rainfall will average one to one and a half inches over most sections and occurring at the beginning of the period and again Monday or Tuesday. Temperatures will run above normal with daily highs in the 50s and

Methodist Women To Attend Course

Local members of the Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service will attend a special course, An Introduction to Five Spiritual Classics, during the annual training school for Christian workers at First Methodist Church.

The sessions will be held daily Monday through Friday from 9:30 until 11:20 a.m. Instructor will be Mrs. J. Dale Stentz of Concord, former conference secretary of spiritual life and president of the Salisbury district WSCS.

Blood Donors

Among the 39 persons who donated blood Tuesday at the Charlotte Regional Blood Center, 508 E. Morehead St., were the following:

Jerry Rushy, Wade Haywood, Richard A Cermak, W. D. Sherford, Mrs. C. M. Burgess, Miss Betty Blackburn, James T. Hudson, Jr., J. Gulledge Orr, L. L. Dulin, Chas. E. Rogers, Oscar W. Davis, Bennie Barcelit, Hugh Helms, C. E. Salzer, Gary Helms, C. A. Hough, Charles R. Lutz, R. Mitchell Moore, Mrs. J. E. Mical, Walden Whitsett, Robert J. Covington, Geo. W. Pressly Jr., James R. Croom, Buster M. Hicks, Mrs. Thos. Watkins, Elizabeth Cross, Frank Jackson, Robert L. Green, A. M. Doolittle Jr., Donald E. Mills, DeWitt T. Kay Jr., Wm. T. Puckett, John W. Elkins, Warren O. Beaty, R. L. Rainwater.

Belmont Heart Drive Leaders Announced

BELMONT — Leaders in Belmont's Heart Fund drive here have been named by Mrs. M. N. Hall, community chairman.

Heads of committees are Mrs. George W. Stowe Jr., fund drive; Mrs. R. D. Hall, special gifts; Sid Cauble, treasurer; and Mrs. C. Howard Allison, publicity. Mrs. J. B. Lail, Mrs. David Frye, Mrs. Preston Taylor, Mrs. R. C. Coppedge, Mrs. E. J. Burns, and Mrs. William C. Ratchford are captains.

Patients Hit For Requests

DURHAM (AP)—A medical school professor says many patients request their physicians to give them certain antibiotics when other drugs would bem ore effective.

Dr. Monroe J. Romansky, associate professor of medicine at the George Washington University School of Medicine, spoke during the closing session here yesterday of the 13th annual Medical and Surgical Symposium of Watts Hospital.

He said that a tendency to overuse or misuse newly discovered antibiotic drugs is hurting some patients' chances of aid from them.

He said that sensitivity of individuals to these antibiotics is very prevalent and allergies from them can be serious.

Other speakers were Dr. George B. Fergusen of McPherson Hospital here, and Dr. Robert W. Johnson Jr., professor emeritus of orthopedic surgery at Johns Hopkins Medical School.

Minister Resigns Post

Cecil D. Rathel has resigned his post as minister of education at St. John's Baptist Church effective March 1.

Mr. Rathel has accepted a similar post at the Central Baptist Church in Miami, Fla. He has been at St. John's Church since February, 1952.

He was elected vice president of the North Carolina State Education Director Conference this year. Mr. and Mrs. Rathel are natives of Florida and he is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Seminary.

Stripper Freed In Shooting

DALLAS—(AP)—Night club stripper Candy Barr was freed yesterday after her estranged husband declined to prosecute her for shooting him in the midriff with a rifle Jan. 27.

Toy B. Phillips Jr., 35, testified that when he beat on his wife's apartment door "I was so tight I fell against the wall. I remember a gun cracking. I said, 'You have shot me' and she said 'You shouldn't have come here.'"

Justice of the Peace freed Miss Barr without bond and said he would refer the case to a grand jury. She had been under $10,000 bond on an assault to murder charge.

All Miss Barr, her blonde hair done in a pony tail, had to say was "no" in reply to a question whether she expected to go back to her estranged husband.

KILLS SELF TO CHECK NEW LIFE

SHAWNEE, Okla. (AP)—A newspaper carrier boy shot himself to death because, he said in a note, he wanted to investigate the theory of reincarnation.

Dick Swink, 19, was found dead in his pickup truck. By him was a note saying:

"They say that curiosity kills a cat. Well, I'm a cat and I'm very curious. I am curious about this Bridey Murphy story so I am going to investigate the theory in person. Swink."

The Bridey Murphy story is a book dealing with reincarnation.

The youth's mother is Mrs. William Wright, Harko, Ill.

Final Planetarium Shows Tomorrow

The final introductory planetarium showing at the Children's Nature Museum tomorrow will be conducted by Mrs. Luther Kelly at 11 a.m., and 4 p.m. It is advisable to make reservations.

The planetarium will be closed the rest of this month in preparation for the spring show.

The film, "Your Eye," will be shown at 10:30 a.m. and at 3:30 p.m. and also on Sunday at 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.

THREATENING PHONE CALLS REPORTED BY NEGRO MAID

A Wendover Lane housewife told police today that her Negro maid's life was threatened by telephone yesterday while alone at her home.

The woman told officers that her maid was called twice by a man who first asked her what she thought "about Negroes and whites going to school together."

When the maid answered that she knew nothing about such a question, the man hung up.

About 20 minutes later the same voice called again and told the maid that he was coming to the house to kill her.

County Police are investigating the threat.

Another Fog Might Cover City Tomorrow

Another fog might roll the city in a thick blanket of gray tomorrow morning, but nothing like a repeat performance of this morning's pea soup weather is expected.

Weather Bureau observers said, "More fog is likely, but ceiling should be well above airport operating minimums."

Today's fog, seeping in about 2 p.m., threw a hammerlock on the local field until 8:30 this morning. It was almost as thick as last week's fog and made travel hazardous for motorists and pedestrians alike.

Tonight's fog should precede a light rain, expected to begin falling in the morning. The temperature should drop to a 43-degree low, which oddly enough was the lowest reading here this morning.

Warm weather is forecast for the weekend. A high of 67 or 68 is seen for today, and tomorrow may be just as balmy. As a matter of fact temperatures should average a few degrees above normal through Wednesday of next week.

Beneficiary Is Located

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. —(AP)— A New York life insurance company couldn't find the beneficiary of a 48-year-old policy, so it appealed to the Arkansas Gazette here for help.

A Gazette reporter made one call and found the only surviving child of the policyholder.

Mrs. Mary Catherine Brown, who died 16 years ago, allowed the policy to lapse in 1908. However, she paid enough premiums to give the policy a "paid up" value of $326 when it matured last November. The Home Life Insurance Co., mailed two registered letters to Mrs. Brown's last known address. Each was returned when the current resident, Mrs. J. W. Mitchell, told the postman that Mrs. Brown was dead.

The reporter also started this search at Mrs. Mitchell's home. Mrs. Brown was Mrs. Mitchell's mother.

BEATY

Continued from Second Front

Mr. Beaty was first sent to the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., but because of illness in the form of a stomach disorder he was transferred to the hospital at Springfield.

Federal probation officer C. R. Hutchison said he has approved the parole and Judge Wilson Warlick, who tried the case, said he has also answered the Board of Paroles telling them he has no objection to the parole.

Mr. Beaty has paid the the $20,000 fine in the case plus the $6,707.76 court costs, but the approximately $200,000 tax claim on which the case was brought is still pending in the U. S. Tax Court.

Interest in the case apparently remains at a high level, despite the fact that it first came to court over two years ago. A spokesman in Washington said that the Board of Paroles has received a growing number of inquiries on its status.

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tary confinement and many newspaper and magazine articles were written about him as the Germans tried to show how ferocious the Americans were.

Upon his return from military service, Mr. Williams became associated with the Besser concern and has remained there until the present.

Mr. Williams will devote his full time to the Civil Defense assignment, but will retain his position as officer with the Besser company.

Mr. Williams is married to the former Miss Jean Zeaman, also of Charlotte .

(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin—Walters)

"THE CURIOUS SAVAGE" will be given tonight and Saturday by the Myers Park High School Limelighters at Myers Park Elementary School auditorium. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Shown rehearsing are, left to right, Nancy Gilley as Florence, Joanna Risdon as Fairy Mae, and Sally Greene as Mrs. Savage.

ADVERTISING

Continued from Second Front

public relations of the Liberty National Life Insurance Co. of Birmingham, Ala., will be the principal speaker at the banquet tomorrow night. He will speak on "The American Scene."

Another speakers at the meeting will be Thompson Greenwood, executive secretary of North Carolina Merchants Association in Raleigh.

PTA Notes

STERLING

Sterling High School PTA met last night at the school. A panel discussion on "Live and Let Live," the school safety contest, was held. Plans were made to make safety a community affair. Members of the panel were Miss Annie Mae Givens, Roosevelt Neal, Mrs. Odessa Freeman, Robert Foust and two senior high students, Ruby Nell Foust and Ruthie Mae Neal.

Mr. Barnhardt Mr. McCraw

Two Named In 'Y' Drive

Appointment of William H. Barnhardt and Carl G. McCraw as vice chairmen of the Advance Gifts Division in the YMCA New Building Fund campaign for $2,000,000 was announced today by James J. Harris, Division chairman.

Each will be in charge of nine teams of workers which will solicit subscriptions, in the form of pledges, from prominent individuals, businesses and industries, in advance of the general canvass which will come in the spring.

Mr. Barnhardt is president, treasurer and a director in the following firms: Barnhardt Brothers, Barnhardt Elastic Corp., and American Textile Corp., all of Charlotte; Tryon Processing Co. and Moss-Foy Textile Co., of Tryon. Other Charlotte business firms with which he is actively identified are: The Cotswold Shopping Center, Providence Corp., Commercial National Bank, Home Finance Group, Standard Bonded Warehouse Co., Chadbourn Hosiery Mills, Home Finance Group, Southeastern Factors Corp.

'Y' DIRECTOR

A former president of the Charlotte YMCA, Mr. Barnhardt is now a director. A member of the Queens College Board of Trustees and Executive Committee, he was the recipient of the college's Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award in 1953. He has also received the Silver Beaver and Silver Antelope awards from the Boy Scouts. Other organizations with which he is active are the Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Historical Foundation of Montreat, United Community Service and Johnson C. Smith University.

Mr. McCraw, president of the Union National Bank, is a director of the YMCA, and a deacon in the First Baptist Church. His business interests include membership on the boards of directors of Cole Manufacturing Co., Piedmont Electronics Inc. and the Charlotte Observer.

Mr. McCraw is a graduate of the American Institute of Banking. He also attended Rutgers University at New Brunswick, N. J. He has been chairman of various Red Cross, Community Chest and college fund-raising campaigns.

The campaign general chairman is Edwin L. Jones Sr.

Kutcher Appeal Is Set Today

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The U.S. Court of Appeals called for arguments today on whether James Kutcher, legless World War II veteran, was wrongfully fired from a government job as disloyal.

Kutcher's present appeal is his second to the court since he was fired in 1948 as a Veterans Administration clerk in Newark, N. J.

Through Atty. Joseph L. Rauh, Kutcher contends the sole basis of his discharge was his membership in the Socialist Workers Party, which is on the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations. It was on that ground that the court first set aside his dismissal. The court said other factors also must be considered in determining loyalty.

The government argues, on the other hand, that the procedures followed in the case were lawful and in conformity with the federal employes' loyalty program in effect at the time. It says Kutcher was properly dismissed a second time in April, 1953 after another hearing.

Kutcher, who last both his legs to enemy mortar fire in Italy, figured in the news recently when his $320-a-month disability compensation was withdrawn temporarily.

DAR WON'T GET ANY OF HIS TAXES

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — One Louisville businessman wasn't about to pay his federal excise tax to the Daughters of the American Revolution.

His near-revolt started yesterday when he called the Internal Revenue Service and was told to pay his tax to "the chief of the DAR."

It wasn't that he had anything against the patriotic organization, but the possibility of a secret subsidy bothered him so much he called Internal Revenue back. Now he feels better.

Internal Revenue explained "DAR" stands for delinquent accounts and returns.

Both Reuben Vigils Witnessed Slaying

DENVER —(AP)— Two district court witnesses testified identically yesterday about details of a barroom slaying. That wasn't surprising. The witnesses were Reuben Vigil, 25, and Reuben Vigil, 20. They're not related.

Man Held For Embezzling

NEW YORK—(AP)—The FBI has arrested the treasurer of a credit union for subway employes and charged him with embezzling $145,000 during a 13-year period.

Federal agents last night took into custody 54-year-old Cyril Marshall at his Bronx home. The FBI entered the case since a credit union is federally chartered.

Marshall, employed as a subway car inspector for the past 31 years, earned $4,500 yearly plus $1,000 a year as treasurer of the credit union—a post he assumed in 1938.

In 1943, authorities said, Marshall started dipping into the assets of the Employ (employes, IRT —Interborough Rapid Transit.)

He also is accused of improperly using $7,000 in credit union funds to pay off a loan from another credit union.

The FBI said Marshall owns two summer homes in Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

The agency said the alleged embezzlement was uncovered by federal credit examiners.

Credit unions are associations usually formed by employes of the same company to pool their savings and provide loans to members. Some of the income from interest on the loans is distributed to members in proportion to their savings in the credit union.

The officers of such associations are bonded by law.

If convicted, Marshall would face a possible maximum of five years in prison and a $5,000 fine.

'TINY' COWAN HAS TROUBLES AT HOSPITAL

OZARK, Ala. —(AP)— W. D. (Tiny) Cowan, who isn't tiny at 741 pounds, is having his difficulties at the hospital again.

The six - foot circus man underwent an appendectomy last October. The incision ruptured Wednesday, so a truck was commandeered to get him to a hospital because of inadequate ambulance accommodations. He was loaded aboard with the aid of policemen and sheriff's deputies.

Tiny wouldn't fit on the operating table, so he was rolled into the operating room aboard a regulation hospital bed — part of him protruding over the sides.

After minor surgery, the 22-year-old native of Belwood, Pa., is recovering.

Lower Grocery Prices To Offset Other Hikes

By SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK —(AP)— The price of coffee is on the rise. The cost of coal is going up in the spring.

Men face the chance of paying more for their clothing in the fall. Bottlers of soft drinks and beer will pay more for the glass containers soon.

The oil industry debates the wisdom of a hike in crude oil prices which could be reflected in petroleum product prices later on.

ONE BRIGHT SPOT

But these samples of "creeping inflation" today have one especially bright offset. Meat prices are being cut at retail. Chances are good that next month will see lower prices on several other food items, even if the relief is mostly seasonal. And there's hope that the five-cent candy bar may get back a little of its former size.

Coffee roasters have listed higher wholesale prices twice in a week. They cite the recent sharp rises in the price of green coffee beans, especially from Central America and Colombia. They say the crops there have been damaged by too much rain of late. Earlier, frosts in Brazil were blamed for a tightening up of the formerly loose supply situation.

Bituminous coal prices are expected to go up April 1. Operators say it will be due to higher wages and increases in their other expenses. Price hikes in various areas will range from 15 to 50 cents a ton. This will bring them back to about where they were in 1948. After that a recession in the coal industry brought a series of price cuts. The mine workers will have an 80 cents a day wage hike April 1 under the existing contract.

Men's clothing prices seem likely to rise in the fall by at least five per cent. Wool prices have turned up. The textile workers union is negotiating for pay increases at the mills. Makers of men's and boys' wear expect to start talking wage increases soon with the amalgamated clothing workers. Fabric prices have already started up and suits and overcoats are expected to follow.

Bottlers look for a price hike on bottles of around five per cent in the next few weeks. Higher labor, material and freight costs are cited.

The oil industry is pretty well split over the question of a hike in crude oil prices. Rising costs of drilling for oil and of pumping and delivering it are pointed out as one reason. The recent general increase in wage scales in the industry have added fuel to the debate.

DISPUTE RAGES

The question is complicated by the dispute over the importation of crude oil from the Middle East and Latin America. Higher prices for domestic crude might tempt importers to bring in more foreign oil.

There is also strong competition in the industry which from time to time has brought on regional price wars among gasoline service stations. But the pressure for higher prices at the crude oil level seems to be rising.

On the bright side for the consumer is the big rush of livestock to market at present. This has tumbled retail meat prices in many cases. And the season for stepped up production of milk and early fruits and vegetable lies just ahead.