

Health Topics

By Dr. F. Budd Schooley

PARALYSIS AGITANS

Paralysis agitans is a chronic progressive disease of the central nervous system, and is characterized by the gradual onset of tremor, muscular rigidity and weakness, giving rise to a peculiar attitude, gait and facial expression. It is essentially a disease of middle age, and is more frequent in males than in females. Statistical reports show the disease to be more prevalent in the Anglo-Saxon race, it is rare among Negroes.

Heredity may be a predisposing factor in many cases. The incidence is about twice as high in men as in women. Depressing emotions, injuries and physical exhaustion may precede the development of tremor. It may develop after encephalitis, syphilis and other infectious diseases. The shock and fright of bursting of shells and bomb explosions are important factors during war periods. Encephalitis or brain fever is frequently followed by Paralysis agitans, and has been observed in persons of all ages.

The disease usually develops gradually and insidiously. General lassitude, headache, rheumatic pains, clumsy actions, and muscular and nerve fatigue may precede the symptoms of tremor and rigidity. The tremor is slight in the beginning and increases with the progress of the disease.

The first symptom may be a fine rhythmical tremor of the hands or fingers, which is slight and inconstant at first, but soon becomes permanent and persists during rest. It is confined most frequently to the upper and lower extremities but the head, jaw and tongue may become involved. Irritability, anxiety and depression may occur. The attitude, facial expression, gait and slowness of voluntary movements are due to muscle rigidity. The facial muscles lose their emotional response and the face looks as though it were covered with a mask. Mental failure with loss of memory may occur as the disease progresses. The course of the illness is gradual and relentlessly progressive. It may last from ten to thirty years. Apoplexy or cerebral hemorrhage may be a complication.

Mental excitement and physical strain should be avoided. Measures should be taken to improve the general health. Although there is no known curative remedy, much can be done to relieve distress and make the individual more comfortable.

SAFETY VALVE . . .

Release The COs

Harris Hill Road
Trucksville, Penna.
November 11, 1946

The Editor
The Dallas Post
Dear Sir:

The only requirement for the reading of this letter written on Armistice Day, 1946, is the courage to face facts and the ability to keep in mind that another war would mean the end of everything—the end of you and the end of me.

It is the rankest sort of hypocrisy for Americans to decry the persecution and oppression practiced by foreign rulers (the imprisonment of Archbishop Stepinac in Yugoslavia, for example) while our Government continues to keep over a thousand war objectors in prison and refuses to restore civil rights to many more.

Since the end of the recent war, amnesty (full pardon) has been granted political prisoners by the Government of Brazil, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, India, Greece and Great Britain. Even Russia has freed, "all war-time offenders with three years or less and reduced sentences of all other political prisoners." Moreover, General MacArthur in Japan and our Military Government in Germany have granted a general amnesty for violators in those countries.

Meanwhile, here in "the land of the free" we continue the persecution of thousands of sincere Christians whose only crime was their refusal to go out in the name of freedom and commit assassination, arson and theft; whose only crime was their refusal to participate in what is now rapidly being recognized as a senseless and futile war (all wars are senseless and futile); whose only crime was their refusal to participate in a war which was climaxed by the dropping of an atomic bomb without warning on Hiroshima, with the resultant mass murder of 80,000 human beings, and at a time when according to high U.S. military authorities there was no necessity for such barbarism.

The U.S.A. has no moral right to keep conscientious objectors (COs) in prison with the blot of Hiroshima upon American history. No one who has read John Hersey's masterful reporting in his book, "Hiroshima," can be in doubt as to the magnitude of the atrocity committed there, and repeated a week later at Nagasaki. It brings to mind an observation someone made in reference to the recent trials at Nuremberg: "Wasn't it convenient that all the war-crimes happened to be on the losing side?"

Nor can the crime of Hiroshima be excused by pointing to Pearl Harbor, since to do so would place the U.S.A. on the same level as "Heaven Japan," and as every one knows, "Christian America" is inhabited by "a kind and friendly people" who would never stoop to the level of the atrocity which the Japs perpetrated at Pearl Harbor. The plain unadorned truth, however, is that we have "out-Japaned" the Japanese; we have not only violated Christ's commandment and returned evil for evil but we have done it on a scale of one hundred thousand to one!

To the charge that COs are dishonest cowards, not worthy of any consideration, it is only necessary to glance at the record. It will be seen that pacifists lost no opportunity throughout the twenties and thirties to condemn America's selfish isolationism. They were loud in their condemnation of the one mistake which contributed more than anything else to the rise of the aggressors—the most stupid document ever conceived by the mind of man: The infamous Treaty of Versailles! Furthermore, the COs alone of all Christians were the only group who had the courage to stick to their ideals when war came and the going got tough. Only COs can truthfully say: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith." (2 Tim. 4:7).

Since all authorities agree that another war would wreck civilization and perhaps end all human life, it is time for the churches, both Catholic and Protestant, to render a clear-cut decision regarding their stand on the war issue. May Christians support and uphold the current military preparations—the manufacture of atomic bombs, radio-active gases, military conscription, et al—when their use in another war would mean universal destruction? Dare a Christian support the way of the sword in this age of terribly destructive weapons? Has not the time arrived when all Christians must become war objectors? What is your answer—Oh members of the Clergy? Why have you all been so silent? Is it because your answer would be in support of the state instead of God, as has always been your policy?

Americans should condemn persecution and oppression wherever it may exist, but first they should start at home—should put their own house in order. Last Christmas the President granted amnesty to several thousand ex-convicts who served in the armed forces. Every citizen should write to him as well as to Attorney General Clark urging amnesty this Christmas for all objectors to war and conscription. Only then will our hands be clean and our conscience clear to condemn others in foreign lands. The time is now!

Sincerely yours,
Franklin D. Marrow

More About Does

Who is the friend of the deer—the sportsman, landowner or the farmer? The sportsman naturally thinks of the deer as something to hunt and plans far in advance hoping that deer will be plentiful so that he will bring home the venison.

A trip in the outdoors; a day or two away from routine work; getting ready to go; talks and visits with old friends etc. These are some of the things that give the sportsman the hunting fever, so the hunting party is on. Some will be disappointed. Others will enjoy themselves even though they are not successful.

Anyway, to start the whole thing off there must be deer in the woods to fulfill that period of watchful waiting and expectation of some thing good to come your way. So that day passes by, hit or miss, enjoyment or disappointment, this is the lot of the sportsman.

The land owner is the fellow who owns a few or a thousand acres. Do they want the deer shot off or do they enjoy the feeling of knowing that they have given the deer a chance to live and multiply thereby making wild life more abundant.

The farmer is the one who tills the soil, feeds a lot of deer and rarely exercises his legal right to kill deer that do him damage. He disapproves illegal hunting. He sees deer every day and he shoots dogs that run or kill deer. Some of his crops are damaged by deer. He kills less game than the average hunter. Sometimes hunters tear down his fences, shoot his livestock or steal his crops. On top of all this does the farmer ask any one to pass laws to kill does?

Mr. Sportsman what do you think?
G. H. S.
Mooretown

School Bus Bids

Dear Editor:

It seems to me that the Dallas Township School Directors are a little bit afraid to let the public know how they transact their business. That's why they don't publish accounts of their meetings in your weekly paper.

November 4 they had a meeting, I understand, and let bids out for a new bus and there were only two bids due to the fact that notice for bids was published only once and that was three weeks ahead of time.

Nobody will ever know what the bids were until it leaks out but anybody could have guessed six weeks ago who would get the contract.

Publicity on these meetings would help to create confidence in the work of the school board rather than harm it, it seems to me.

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Celebrates Birthday

Many friends dropped in to help Mrs. Fred Parry of Pioneer avenue celebrate her birthday last Friday. Mrs. Parry has been ill for several weeks and not able to get out among her friends.

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STILL ON HIS FIRST LESSON



"The Totem Pole"

By M. William Denison
President, Capitol News Service

The shape of things to come in Pennsylvania during the next four years is a political enigma.

Governor Martin, who last Tuesday lambasted Senator Joseph F. Guffy, his Democratic opponent, by a flopping 600,000-odd votes, will gradually fade out of the picture in Pennsylvania politics and as Pennsylvania's new U. S. Senator, will take his place within the clouded sphere of National politics.

His successor to the helm of the Ship of State, Governor-elect James H. Duff, currently Pennsylvania's able Attorney General, is a man radically different from Governor Martin in many respects. This difference, ironically enough, may lead to trouble for Jim Duff.

One of the differences is "political acumen"—or the ability to handle any situation that arises with the proper degree of finesse. Governor Martin, an old hand at the game, has learned his art fairly well by now—as his 600,000 majority ably bears out.

Governor-elect Duff, whose home is in Carnegie, is a blunt, outspoken and forthright man, normally not given to platitudes and it is doubtful if he will take the time and trouble to smooth out little ripples that appear on the political waters from time to time. So far it simply has not been his nature. So far his political office-holdings have not demanded this type of leadership.

As Attorney General his sharp, direct and clear-cut mannerisms were in order and none can deny that he handled the legal affairs of the Commonwealth with splendid dispatch and thoroughness. But the Governorship cannot be handled in the same way. It is too big. It demands more diplomacy than forthrightness. That is why the shape of things to come in Pennsylvania is a political enigma.

One of the main points on which GOP leaders harped during the past campaign was "Jim Duff you've got to come down to earth." By that they meant forget the terminology of legal phrases during the campaign and stick to common, everyday usages of the English language. That is what he will have to continue to do throughout his tenure of office as Governor. Complicated utterances were in order in his job as Attorney General—but not as Governor.

It should be remembered that Duff was a compromise candidate. He was not the out-and-out candidate of the party or party leaders. Months ago when the selection of a candidate was the primary concern of Republicans, the various factions of the Republican Party each had their candidate. For the sake of party harmony, the name of James H. Duff was advanced as a compromise candidate—by none other than Governor Martin. And that is why today a truly professional politician is not the Governor-elect.

When the Legislature convenes in January, he will have the backing of a politically-favorable Legislature ruled by Republicans but even this can create a breach and rupture if the Governor does not

Mr. and Mrs. Brobst To Entertain Tonight

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brobst will entertain at a party this evening. Guests will include Mr. and Mrs. William Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Roth, Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown, Miss Phyllis Elston, Wendell Jones, the host and hostess.

Eastern Star Banquet

Dallas Chapter of Eastern Star is holding a banquet in honor of its Worthy Matron Monday night, November 18, at 6:30 at the Irem Temple Country Club. Reservations taken by Mrs. Florence Malckemes, Trucksville, and Mrs. Charlotte Mathers, Trucksville. Reservation will close Saturday, November 16. Friends are invited.

The area of the state of New York is 49,170 square miles.



Senta Johns Has Ten Lovely Babies

Senta, beautiful German short-haired pointer owned by Mr. and Mrs. Dick Johns of Hill View Farm, is the proud mother of ten lovely baby dogs, six boys and four girls. The puppies, now five weeks old have all been sold except one pair that the Johns are thinking of keeping themselves.

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This week being Book Week should be a good time for those who have not visited the library to come and see what it is like and to take out a book. There are books for every taste, old and young. On display are new books for children. A few interesting new ones are: "Road to Alaska," "The Kid Came Back," "The First Woman Doctor," "The Youngest Wac Comes Home," book of games for home, school and playground, "Red House Hill," "The Colesbury Party Book," "Pictures to Grow Up With," "The Burma Road," "The Land We Live On," "Pueblo Playmates," "The Book For Cowboys," and many others.

Library hours are: Tuesday, 2-6; Thursday, 2-9; Friday, 6-9; Saturday, 10-6. Please observe these hours as the librarian has a great deal of work to do which cannot be done when the library is open.

Poet's Corner

"GOD'S MAGIC"

God took His paintbrush
And painted a dream.
As He caught the laughter
In a little stream.

He painted a land of magic
With hues of fall,
And captured towering beauty
In mountains tall.

Then at our feet He placed
The grassy sod,
While over head a sky of blue
Reflecting God.

—Florence Adams Smith,
Kingston, Pa.

Annual Institute Of Local W. C. T. U.

The Ninth Annual Institute of the Dallas and Shavertown W. C. T. U. will be held on November 19th, in the Dallas Methodist Church.

Mrs. Thomas Bryant, the County President, and other county officers will be guest speakers.

The public is invited to both morning and afternoon sessions, the morning sessions starting at 11 A. M. and the afternoon session at 2 P. M.

Lunch will be served at 12:30. All desiring lunch must make reservations by Friday, the 15th. Reservation are being taken by Mrs. William Higgins.

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