BANK OF BETHESDA OPENS BRANCH AT NIH

FIRST NIMH FILM SHOWN AT NIH

"Preface to A Life," the first motion picture produced by the National Institute of Mental Health, was shown twice on April 14 in Wilson Hall. It is being presented simultaneously in 48 States and 4 territories during Mental Health Week, April 23-29.

Dr. Ralph Kaufman, Chief Psychiatrist of Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York, was the principal psychiatric consultant.

The film depicts a series of episodes that illustrate how various relationships can affect personality.

NHI ADDS THREE MEDICAL SCIENTISTS

Appointment of three medical scientists to the Section on Kidney and Electrolytic Metabolism of the Research Branch of the National Heart Institute was recently announced by Surgeon General L. A. Scheele of the Public Health Service. The scientists are Drs. James O. Davis, Ernest Collove, and Thomas J. Kennedy, Jr.

The Section on Kidney and Electrolytic Metabolism is the third of five laboratory-clinical sections to (See NHI Scientists, Page 2)

MRS. LUKE I. WILSON MAKES FIRST DEPOSIT

The formal opening of banking facilities in the North Wing on the 3d floor of the Administration Building, NIH, was held Monday, April 10.

Among those present at the ceremonies near Wilson Hall was Mrs. Luke I. Wilson, who made the first deposit. In 1935 Mr. and Mrs. Wilson donated to the Public Health Service their 90-acre estate, now the permanent home of NIH.

Others who witnessed the opening of this branch of the Bank of Bethesda were Mr. B. M. Mulvihill, Chief of the Division of Deposits, U. S. Treasury Department; Mr. Edward Nussear, Deputy Commissioner of Accounts, U. S. Treasury Department; Mr. Raymond King, Assistant to the Chief of Deposits, U. S. Treasury Department; Mr. S. Walter Bogley, President of the Bank of Bethesda; and Dr. Norman Topping, Associate Director, Albert F. Siepert, Executive Officer, and other officials of the National Institutes of Health.

The branch bank has been authorized to issue U. S. Savings Bonds, travelers' checks, and to provide complete checking and deposit facilities, except loans and trusts. There is no charge for cashing checks issued by the Treasurer of the United States.

Arrangements have also been worked out to enable persons to open new accounts or utilize their present accounts at the Bank of Bethesda. Hours of service will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. (See Bank at NIH, Page 4)
New Leprosy Drug

Improvement in leprosy patients treated with a chemical agent, promacetin, was reported recently by PHS scientists at the U.S. Marine Hospital, Carville, La.

Promacetin, a sulfone closely related to promin, diason, and sulfepron, was given orally to 27 patients, some of them in advanced stages of the disease. Of 21 patients with clinically active lesions, 20 showed objective improvement.

At the end of a year's treatment, skin smears began to show an absence of leprosy bacilli, and many patients at that time showed an absence of bacilli in the mucous membrane. Promacetin was said to be well tolerated at prolonged oral administration of doses as high as 3 to 4 grams daily. During the first few weeks of treatment, erythrocyte count was depressed.

The patients suffered no acute toxic symptoms from the drug. Some had headache, drowsiness, or stomach distress.

The Carville scientists suggest that the drug be used in combination with other methods of treatment.

The promacetin studies were reported in PRR, February 17, 1950, by Dr. Frederick A. Johansen and others.

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Studies in Mycology

Under the direction of Dr. C. W. Emmons, the Mycology Unit of the Laboratory of Infectious Diseases, N.I.H., is studying human diseases caused by fungi. Fungus infections, or mycoses, include such superficial conditions as ringworm and athlete's foot, but the attention of this unit is directed almost entirely toward the more serious and often fatal systemic mycoses.

One of the studies carried on in the laboratory and field for several years is that of histoplasmosis, a disease of world-wide distribution. Histoplasmosis is highly fatal; but there is evidence, in the opinion of some investigators, that a mild form also occurs.

Field studies of benign nontuberculous pulmonary calcification, prevalent in certain geographic areas and believed by some investigators to be a manifestation of histoplasmosis, have been conducted in collaboration with Dr. B. J. Olson, head of the Tuberculosis Unit.

Histoplasma capsulatum, the fungus causing histoplasmosis, was previously known only in man and the dog. Dr. Emmons and his group have found naturally acquired histoplasmosis in the Norway rat, roof rat, mouse, spotted skunk, cat, opossum, and have isolated the fungus from soil.

It is believed that examination of rats and cats offers a method of determining the distribution of histoplasmosis more accurately than examination of the human population, in which proved cases are still rare and diagnosis is difficult or uncertain.

In an effort to devise a reliable serologic method of diagnosis for histoplasmosis and other mycoses, Drs. S. B. Salvin and G. A. Hottle have been preparing and evaluating fungus antigens. Dr. Salvin has developed culture media having certain advantages over those previously used to maintain in vitro the parasitic growth phase of H. capsulatum and other pathogenic fungi.

In 1942 Dr. Emmons discovered that the fungus Coccioidoides immitis, which causes the human disease coccidioidomycosis, occurs naturally in native rodents inhabiting desert areas in southwestern United States. An incidental result was the discovery of a fungus, haplosporangium parvum, which causes a previously unknown pulmonary mycosis in these animals.

Chemotherapeutic studies are being conducted on a limited scale, in an effort to find effective treatment for mycoses for which no specific therapy is available.
DR. TERRY TO HEAD NIH CLINICAL SECTION

Dr. Luther L. Terry, Chief of the Medical Service, U. S. Marine Hospital, Baltimore, has been appointed head of the new Clinical Section on General Medicine and Experimental Therapeutics of the National Heart Institute.

At the outset, the section will function as a clinic in the Baltimore U. S. Marine Hospital, where approximately 60 beds will be devoted to the program. The section will form a nucleus for the NIH Clinical Center, now under construction.

Dr. Terry received his M.D. degree from Tulane University, New Orleans.

Prior to joining the PHS in 1942, Dr. Terry was associated with the Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, and later the University of Texas. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine and holds a faculty appointment at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

DR. CARTER LECTURES

Dr. Jerry Carter, clinical psychologist in the Community Services Branch of the National Institute of Mental Health, presented a series of four lectures on "Psychology in the Field of Community Mental Health" April 10 and 11 at the University of Tennessee.

Dr. Carter is also the author of an article on this subject in the April issue of Journal of Clinical Psychology.

MEDICAL OFFICER EXAM

An examination for Medical Officer (Specialist), $7600 to $10,000 a year, GS 13-15, is announced by the U. S. Civil Service Commission. Thirty-one fields of medicine are listed.

For full particulars, write for Examining Circular EC-24, U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C.

No written examination is required and there is no closing date.

STUDY SECTION MEETINGS

The following Study Section meetings are listed for the convenience of NIH people who wish to arrange visits with members while they are here. Unless otherwise indicated, the meetings will be held at NIH.


Note: This list will be continued in the next issue of the NIH Record.

Have You Read--?


A wide variety of chemicals is produced by the metabolic activity of fungi. This important aspect of mycology is emphasized, and facts long known in such fields as plant pathology are interpreted in terms of current concepts of biochemistry.

Chapters on mold metabolism discuss the production of lactic and citric acids, alcohol, carbohydrates, penicillin, and other substances. Historical developments and industrial applications of mycology are explored.

Calendar of Events

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Mr. May, Chief, BMB, NIH; Mr. Officer, Assistant Chief, BMB, NIH; and the carpenters who built the NIH bank facilities. Standing, left to right: Martin Dittes, George Bonhag, C. W. May, and R. F. Officer. Kneeling, left to right: Windsor Day, Benjamin Barnhart, Marion Cooley, Eugene Stone, Herbert Layton, David Mauch, George Epperson, Sidney Kershner, and Rufus Brown.

BANK AT NIH Cont’d

The Treasury Department authorized the permanent banking facility because of the growing importance of NIH and as a service to the large number of NIH employees, since banking facilities were not easily available.

REGISTER CARS NOW

For parking privileges at NIH, all cars from D.C. and Virginia must register after April 15. Get your registration blanks from the guard office, Bldg. 1 or T-6.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The photograph of Dr. Leonard A. Scheele, Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, and group, reproduced in the April 10 NIH Record, page 3, was kindly provided by the Washington Post.

INTERN PROGRAM OPEN

The U. S. Civil Service Commission is making plans for the Second Junior Management Intern Program.

If you think you have administrative or executive abilities, you may become a candidate. But you must qualify in one of the four minimum requirements: (1) a full 4-year course in an accredited college or university, (2) two years of successful progressive experience in the Federal Government, (3) a combination of 1 and 2, and (4) eligibility in the Junior Management Assistant Examination. In addition, you must be in grade GS-7 or below and have Civil Service status or probational appointment.

If you have an interest and have given evidence of initiative, personal integrity, leadership ability, good health, and other qualities fitting you for management work, you may be the person for the job.

PHS OFFICERS’ WIVES GIVE BENEFIT TEA

A benefit tea was given by the Officers’ Wives Club of the USPHS on April 15 at Wilson Hall.

Proceeds will go to the NIH Clinical Center project and to the Boys Club of Metropolitan Police. Hostesses included Mrs. W. C. Dres-ssen, chairman, Mrs. G. Robert Coatney, Mrs. Frederick W. Kratz, Mrs. William T. Wright, Jr., Mrs. Kaarlo W. Nasi, Mrs. Robert M. Stephan, Mrs. Harold M. Graning and Mrs. Ervol R. Coffey.

A style show by Jelleff’s department store and a musical program were interesting features of the tea.

ART SCHOOL AT BETHESDA

Instruction in art is now being offered by the Arts Center of Bethesda, Honeywell Street, Opposite Greenwich Forest.

Classes for adults are held Monday and Tuesday from 8 to 10 p.m. Classes for children are held Saturday morning. For information call OLiver 9799.

GROUP HOSPITALIZATION

Payments for Group Hospitalization are due the first payday of each month. Payment through the mail should not be made in advance of the regular collection period.

Payments may be made on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons following payday, from 1 to 3 p.m. Group treasurers are: Robert Bruce, Bldg. 1, Room 7; Mrs. Ruth Knapp, Bldg. 1, Room 113; Mrs. Dorothy Amos, Bldg. 1, Room 113; Mrs. Ruth Blocher, Bldg. T-6, Room 1124; and Mrs. Cecelia Schuster, Bldg. T-6, Room 2102.

SHUTTLE BUS IS NO TAXI

Shuttle service between NIH and FSA is being abused by riders who are using this service for their personal affairs.

Personnel having official business either in the FSA or nearby agencies are thus deprived of transportation.

If this condition continues, steps will be taken to stop the abuse, NIH officials point out.

Don’t misuse a good thing.

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