

tate, if necessary). Like castration, female hormones seem to slow down the growth of cancer cells. Drs. Charles Cornell Herger and Hans Richard Sauer recently reported in the *American Journal of Surgery* that 30% of their patients getting stilbestrol (a female sex hormone) "responded with regression or softening of the prostate."

The castration argument is not over. Many doctors are castration zealots. Others, like Dr. Kretschmer, are dead set against it. Drs. Herger and Sauer take the middle ground: they do not invariably castrate all prostatic-cancer patients, but recommend castration 1) for patients who do not respond to female sex hormones, 2) to prolong and ease the lives of men whose cancers have become widespread.

Paint Eaters

If your child is slow with building blocks, but quick on tantrums, he may be a lead eater. Many a parent knows that baby should not be given toys glorified with lead paint. But not all parents realize that children thwarted in this respect may start chewing lead paint off windowsills and other places. (Parents make a mistake when they carefully repaint cribs with lead-containing paint.) And not many doctors realize that one consequence of the plumbic passion in children may be stupidity. Last week doctors and parents learned the worst from an article in the *American Journal of Diseases of Children*, by Dr. Randolph Kunhardt Byers and the late Elizabeth Evans Lord, Ph.D., of Boston.

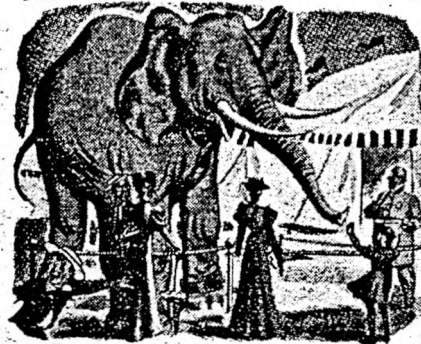
Years ago Dr. Lord had a hunch that there was more to lead poisoning than anemia, constipation, paralysis, loss of appetite, nervous disorders and deposits of lead in the long bones and along the gums. She noticed that some lead-poisoned babies differed psychologically from normal babies, patiently traced the effects in the school careers of 20 children, of whom 18 had been paint eaters.

All but one child, Dr. Lord discovered, were school failures. Only five had normal I.Q.s, and four of the five were so erratic that they could not learn easily. Most of the other children were so stupid (I.Q. 69 to 96) and ill-behaved that they had to repeat classes, attend special classes or even give up school entirely. One little girl bit people just to see them bleed, and was expelled from school for dancing on the desks and the piano.

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132 Hours of Love



Q. Famed elephant "Jumbo" weighed as much as a modern locomotive. Fact or fiction?

A. Fiction. Giant Mallet locomotives, 87 times as heavy as Barnum's mammoth elephant, now speed vital materials over the Northern Pacific Railway.

A. Fact. A lot of American news now comes from sugar growers last year shipped 1 million tons via Northern Pacific.



Q. Paper on which news is made from imported rags.

A. Fiction. Newsprint wood pulp. More than 700,000 tons yearly via Northern Pacific wrap a 5-foot strip around the globe.



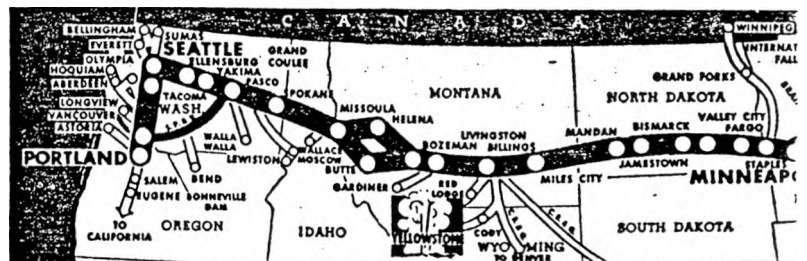
Q. Grand Coulee Dam power could boil 48 billion eggs a day. Fact or fiction?

A. Fact. Power from Coulee, Bonneville and other dams served by Northern Pacific is building a vast new industrial empire in the Pacific Northwest.



Q. There's a parade of Northwest "Main Street" trains.

A. Fact. A parade of trains is being held over Northern Pacific Main Street of the Northwest more of the Northwest.



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