

**"WHO'S WHO" OF QUACKS URGED FOR PROTECTION OF DEAFENED**

Keeping accurate records of the medical quacks who are exploiting the hard of hearing is advocated by Dr. Harold Rypins, Secretary of the New York State Board of Medical Examiners.

Gathering information about the training - or lack of training - and about the activities of medical quacks is not difficult, he pointed out at the Minneapolis meeting of the American Federation of Organizations for the Hard of Hearing. The annual directory of the American Medical Association gives a short account of the education of every practitioner of medicine in the country, together with his licensure, and medical associations and societies, departments of health, and boards of medical examiners readily give information to a cooperating agency.

Dr. Rypins urged that the hard of hearing protect themselves against charlatans by inquiring into the status of a physician before submitting to treatment. He also advocated that the individual who is losing his hearing should learn some of the basic facts about deafness and about his own condition, so that he can avoid incompetent treatment and, so that he can cooperate intelligently with a specialist in saving as much of his hearing as possible.

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**VEGETABLE DIET SHORTENS RATS' LIVES**

The vegetarians' idea that meat eaters are destined for an early grave receives little support from conclusions of Professor James R. Slonaker, Stanford University physiologist. After experimenting with rats for eight years, Professor Slonaker applies his findings to humans and declares that meat is essential if the human race is to continue.

White rats, under Professor Slonaker's care, reacted very definitely to vegetable and protein diets. The restricted, or vegetable, diet, caused a shortening of the span of life -- 33 per cent. in the males, and 40 per cent. in the females. Soon after meat was withdrawn from their diet, males lost 35 per cent. of their weight, females from 25 to 28 per cent. By the third generation, power of reproduction was wholly lost in the non-meat-eaters.

"This indicates", said Professor Slonaker, "that there is something lacking in vegetable food which is furnished by the supplementary animal protein. This may be due to additional protein in a form more readily utilized by the animal, or the particular protein may act as a stimulus, causing all cells of the body to become more active and thus making possible a greater and more complete use of the vegetable foods consumed."

Professor Slonaker claims that if man were subjected to the same treatment accorded his rats for a lifetime, results would generally be the same.

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Discovery of a tract of public land in the State of Wisconsin, which the Government did not know it owned, was recently made by surveyors of the U.S. General Land Office.

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