

MARINETTE, Wis.—The Nucleus, a Biology Club at the local High School, in its lighter moments, sponsors a school dance, candy sale and a terrapin derby (turtle race to you). Considerable experimental work is being done with soilless gardens and earthworm culture. The plants and aquaria in the classroom are attended; and insects are mounted and preserved. Club members also study fresh water biology and take numerous field trips for experimental material. This group is sponsored by E. Gertrude Wagner, biology teacher.

ASHTABULA, Ohio—Before a candidate can be accepted for membership in the Park Science Club at Park Junior High School, the individual must submit a scientific project for approval. Projects thus submitted are used as the basis for future programs of the club. Maintaining the school's decorations, scrapbooks and exhibits, are important duties of the members. In addition, trips to local industrial plants and field trips are made. Further to encourage an interest in science, assembly programs are contemplated and apparatus for use in the science classroom will be made. The club is sponsored by Richard G. West, science teacher.

PERU, N. Y.—The North Pole Science Center Fair will be held at Peru Central School on Saturday, April 18. One of the features will be a model airplane contest; another is a Nutrition essay contest. Science demonstrations and exhibits will play an outstanding role; many commercial and non-competitive exhibits also will be displayed.

The Peru Science Center is very active. The science teachers of the Northeastern Zone of the State of New York are sponsoring a weekly science broadcast entitled "Modern Alchemists", featured on station WMFF. Science club members desirous of furnishing materials for this program should communicate with Merton Bromley, Director of the Peru Science Center, Peru Central School.

Club members who would like to furnish programs which can be recorded for use on station WRUL should make arrangements with the New York office of Science Service where recording facilities have been installed.

(N.B. Peru is not the farthest north for members affiliated with Science Clubs of America. There are several clubs in Alaska.)

Clubs are invited to become affiliated with SCA for a nominal \$2 for 20 members or less. You can become an associate of SCA for 25 cents. Address: Science Clubs of America, 1719 N St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

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MEDICINE

Swallowed False Teeth Found Three Years Later

HALF a lower set of false teeth lost three years ago by a Detroit dental patient was found recently—in the patient's stomach. According to a report in the *Journal of the American Dental Association*, (March) the patient was even more surprised than surgeons who removed the teeth.

He told physicians he had dropped his lower set of false teeth three years ago, breaking it into two pieces. He had picked up the pieces, fitted them together, and put them back in his mouth. Sometime later he noticed one section was missing, but he never thought he had swallowed it.

Pain from an infected appendix brought him to the hospital where the missing teeth were discovered by X-ray and removed by surgery. The patient recovered. His teeth were covered with

a "peculiar ebony-like coating. All jagged and sharp edges had been rounded off by this coating and the crevices filled in," the Journal report by Dr. David F. Heron, Detroit dentist, states.

"Whether this (coating) was an attempt on the part of the body to cover the sharp edges by a method such as is used by the oyster in forming a pearl or merely the result of the action of hydrochloric acid on the vulcanite of the denture-base is speculative," Dr. Heron adds.

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Sending Medical Supplies To Polish Refugees

A SHIPMENT of 322 tons of medical supplies, blankets and clothing from the American Red Cross stockpile at Cairo, Egypt, is on its way to Polish refugees in northern Iran, Red Cross officials have just announced.

The stockpile consists of material on a relief ship originally intended for Greece. The ship did not reach that country before its fall to the Nazis, so

was diverted to Cairo, and the material has been held there by the Red Cross for other uses, such as the relief of the refugees in Iran.

These refugees, largely aged people, women and children, travelled thousands of miles and suffered great hardships. About two-thirds of them arrived suffering diseases due to malnutrition, lack of clothing and shelter. American Red Cross headquarters in Washington have been informed by a Polish Red Cross organization in northern Iran which requested supplies from the American Red Cross.

Exactly what medical supplies are on their way to Iran is not yet known at Red Cross headquarters. The original stockpile included anesthetics, such as chloroform and ether, iodine and antiseptics, quinine, sulfa drugs and aspirin. It is believed that blankets made up a large part of the shipment.

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