

PAY MILLIONS EACH YEAR TO U. S. HEALERS

Amount Equal to 12 Per
Cent of Amount Paid to
M. D.'s for Care.

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WASHINGTON, May 3.—Persons seeking treatment outside of the recognized group of doctors of medicine, pay \$125,000,000 annually to osteopaths, chiropractors, naturopaths and allied healers, and Christian Science and new thought practitioners, according to a report to the committee on the cost of medical care. This committee is headed by Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, United States secretary of the interior.

The report, prepared by Louis S. Reed, shows that this \$125,000,000, 12 per cent of the amount spent on the 142,000 doctors of medicine, is paid to 36,150 other practitioners.

Present legislation designed to protect the public from unqualified practitioners is not accomplishing its purpose," the report says. "Although it maintains high standards for doctors of medicine, it sanctions the existence on a lower plane of qualifications of thousands of poorly trained practitioners.

The use of any therapeutic measures by untrained or poorly trained individuals, unable to diagnose disease and unaware of their limitations, is unsound, dangerous and wasteful, no matter how sound those measures may be."

Dr. Reed estimates the people of the United States annually spend \$42,000,000 for the services of the nation's 7,500 osteopaths; \$63,000,000 on 16,000 chiropractors; \$10,000,000 on 2,500 naturopaths and allied groups, and another \$1,000,000 on the 10,000 Christian Science and New Thought healers.

In explaining the prevalence of healing cults, he says:

The idea of healing the sick, and being a 'doctor,' with all that the title entails, is very attractive.

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MAN INJURED IN ACCIDENT DIES

Death Raises Traffic Toll to
37 for Year.

Injuries incurred in an auto-truck crash Saturday at Sixty-third street and Keystone avenue caused the death Monday night of William V. Marshall, 46, of 2714 North Gale street.

Marshall's death raised Marion county's traffic toll to thirty-seven for the year.

The accident occurred as a small truck which Marshall was driving collided with an auto driven by Ed Caldwell, 66, of R. R. 13, Box 329, causing the truck to overturn. Marshall suffered a fractured skull and severe body injuries. He died in the Robert Long hospital.

Marshall's son Harold, of R. R. 1, Carmel, Ind., a passenger in his

father's truck, escaped with minor bruises.

Caldwell, arrested following the accident on a charge of failing to give right of way, was to be slated today on a technical charge of involuntary manslaughter.

Healing cults, therefore, provide a short cut for those who lack time, money or mental capacity to attain the qualifications demanded of the medical profession."

Discussing public patronage of healing cults, Reed gave these reasons:

"1. Inattention by some medical practitioners to minor illnesses and to ailments of the mind.

"2. Doctors can not cure all diseases, and those who have failed to obtain help from regular doctors feel that little is lost by trying the 'irregulars.'

"3. Many people still are basically superstitious about disease and health. They regard medicine neither as science nor art, but as magic.

"4. Many patients are unaware of the limitations of the healing cult practitioners whom they consult, since they do not understand the meaning of titles of the various practitioners indiscriminately called 'doctor.'

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