

## Seize Teen-age Burglars Here At Gunpoint

Police Find Pockets Bulging With Variety of Loot

Three teen-age boys, pockets bulging, were taken to the "cleaners" early today while they were in the act of cleaning out the Shortridge Cleaners, 3363 N. Pennsylvania St.

The youths — two 16-year-olds and another 18 — were caught prowling in the cleaning establishment by two squads of police led by Sgt. John Kestler.

Pointing his service revolver at the youths, Sgt. Kestler shrilled an order for them to "stand where you are."

A search of the boys' pockets amazed the officers. They had collected:

A bottle of rum, 11 candy bars, two auto lights, four books of gas coupons, two pairs of gloves, a flashlight, three pipes, sun glasses, two rolls of adhesive tape, two pliers, six wrenches, nine screwdrivers, a hammer, a roll of pennies, and "assorted small change."

**Adult Breaking In**

The youths admitted breaking into the establishment through a transom and also confessed to breaking into the Jack and Jill Beauty Shop, 3361 N. Pennsylvania St., earlier.

The two youngest boys were turned over to Juvenile Aid Division authorities. Police held the 15-year-old youth on a vagrancy charge.

Although they surrendered meekly to police when apprehended, the boys put on an act of bravado at police headquarters.

Said one: "Damn clever these coppers."

## Scientists Again Try To Solve Cattle Malady

BALTIMORE, Apr. 6 (UPI) — A group of scientists met for the second time at Johns Hopkins University today in an effort to find a cure for a mysterious new disease attacking cattle herds in the United States.

The unnamed malady, designated only as the "X-disease in cattle," was reported most prevalent in Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Texas. The disease, first noted by Cornell scientists in 1941, apparently has been spreading to other parts of the country.

Dr. A. M. Lee of the Department of Agriculture said about 60 per cent of the animals infected by the disease died and that those which survived were found to be sterile.

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## Health Insurance Has Phenomenal Growth On Voluntary Basis

**Pay-in-Advance Plans Meet Wide Acceptance Despite Shortcomings**

By CHARLES T. LUCY, Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Apr. 6—Just about everyone agrees the U. S. should have a system of prepaid hospital and medical care insurance so that serious illness does not mean disaster to so many American families.

The question is: Shall this system be compulsory and run by government, or voluntary, run by private nonprofit organizations?

Dr. Paul R. Hawley, who as a major general was chief surgeon of the European theater in World War II, and who now is director of the Blue-Cross-Blue Shield plans for voluntary pay-in-advance hospital and medical care, opposes government doing the job. But he says:

"If we don't do a good job in a reasonable time we haven't a gripe in the world if they put through a compulsory government medical care plan. If we don't do a good job we cannot in good conscience come back to the American people and try to make a case for ourselves."

So what have the voluntary plans done so far?

Blue Cross, selling pay-in-advance hospital care, is organized in 85 different groups serving 45 states. Blue Shield, selling pre-paid medical care, is organized in 58 groups serving 40 states. There are other pay-in-advance plans not affiliated with Blue Shield.

**35 Million Members**

As of Jan. 1, Blue Cross had almost 33 million members and Blue Shield more than 14 million. There is some dual enrollment, people insured for both hospital and medical care — covering about seven million. Blue Cross grew by 12.5 per cent last year. Blue Shield, much newer, jumped 43 per cent.

Blue Cross plans vary, but the average would cover hospital board, room, nursing care, use of operating room, routine laboratory service, medications and dressings and use of delivery room. Most plans cover special diets, emergency room accident care, metabolism tests, X-ray and other diagnosis. The average Blue Cross plan provides 30 days' care plus 90 additional; days' care at 50 per cent coverage on most services.

**Limit Maternity Care**

Most plans exclude hospital admission solely for diagnosis, cures, blood transfusions, ambulance service or services of physicians and surgeons or private nurses. Maternity care, available after 10 months' participation, is limited to 10 days.

Better Blue Cross plans provide care for 70 to 120 days; poorer ones may limit hospital care to 21 days and restrict other benefits.

Most Blue Shield medical care plans limit coverage to treatment

### Big Business

Voluntary organizations such as this are big business — in just four years it has paid all claims and saved \$2 million in a surplus fund. Not long ago it signed up 6000 lithographers in a single contract, not unusual.

In New York also is still another type of voluntary medical care plan, called the Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York—HIP. It offers comprehensive care, including home and office visits, but is not affiliated with Blue Shield and is opposed by many leaders of organized medicine because it fosters group practice by doctors.

That is, it is built on panels of 25 doctors each, with all panels including general practitioners and specialists. Subscribers must go to doctors within the panel — and organized medicine doesn't like this either.

### Enrollees 165,000

HIP is doing pretty well too. It has been operating only a couple years and has 165,000 members, and recently signed up 6000 painters.

Still another type of group medical care service outside government compulsion is the Union Health Center operated by David Dubinsky's International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union in an impressive skyscraper clinic in New York City.

This clinic, now supervised by Dr. Lee Price, grew out of a campaign to clean up garment industry sweatshop conditions and has contributed tremendously to the health of industry employees. Last year 510,000 services were given 65,000 individuals. Originally it was financed by fixed worker contributions; today the base of financing is the fund provided by employers under collective bargaining agreements. It provides medical service up to \$30 a year for all union members, and beyond that extremely low service fees are charged.

### Shortcomings Listed

What are the shortcomings of Blue Cross-Blue Shield voluntary plans?

Well, nobody has turned up a cure for carelessness or improvidence, and under voluntary health insurance some who need it most give it the "manana treatment" — something to do tomorrow.

Another weakness of voluntary schemes is that they're not open to individuals. They must be actuarially sound as are insurance companies — income must bear a relationship to benefits or they can't stay in business. Statistically they know they can accept groups — but not individuals.

Voluntary plans generally are limited to income groups — often \$5000 is the top. Yet high hospital and doctor fees may mean hardship to people earning much more than this. Doctors have opposed covering higher income citizens because they are the ones who — outside the pay-in-advance plans — can be charged higher individual fees.

Directors of the voluntary plans acknowledge a number of weaknesses. But the figures show they've had phenomenal public acceptance in recent years. People like to pay-in-advance for illness care. And men like Dr. Hawley are setting out to cure the flaws.

**Tomorrow: America needs more doctors.**

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## Spelling Bee Winners at Brookside, Fairview



Winners in The Times Spelling Bee who will represent the Brookside Community Center in the semi-finals downtown next month are Mary Duffy (left) and Mary Lou Pohlan. Both are students at St. Phillips Neri. The boys are Richard Clutter and John Kraft, both of School 15. The pronouncer is Don Hudson.



Some of The Times Spelling Bee contestants at Fairview Presbyterian Church last night were (left to right): Jo Ann Myers, Joan Maha, Jim Donadio, Tommy Takayoshi, all of St. Thomas Aquinas; Janice Waterman, School 86; Jerry Jordan, School 43. At the table are Mrs. Ralph Clark, a judge, and Mrs. L. V. Brown, pronouncer.

## Spelling Bees Scheduled Tonight at Four Centers

Grammar School Pupils Still Can Sign Up; Further Eliminations Due Week of Apr. 18

By ART WRIGHT

Grammar school pupils seeking the Indianapolis championship title and a free trip to Washington will spell tonight at four centers in The Times Spelling Bee.

Pupils who did not send in an entry blank still can sign up tonight at the center listed for their school.

Here is the schedule of the contests which will start at 7:30 p. m.:

Northwestern Community Center, 2400 Northwestern Ave. — Schools 23, 36, 42, 63, 87.

Park Dept. Headquarters, 101 E. 27th St. — Schools 27, 29, 32, 45, 7th Day Adventist.

Lockefield Community Center, 700 Locke St. — Schools 4, 17, 24, 40, St. Bridget's.

St. Paul's Methodist Church, 1001 Eugene St. — Schools 41, 44, 45, Holy Angels.

Those who survive tonight's first preliminary will return to their centers the week of Apr. 18 at which time the field will be narrowed to two contestants who will take part in the semi-finals the first week of May at the World War Memorial.

**Will Represent City**

The Indianapolis Champion, who could be a student of a Marion county school, will go to Washington the last week in May to represent this city in the National Spelling Bee. County schools are holding their own contests in their schools now.

Results of last night's preliminary spelldowns follow:

Brookside Community Center — Mary Lou Pohlan, 13, St. Phillips Neri; Mary Duffy, 13, St. Phillips Neri.

Southside Community Center — Emilie Gray, 13, St. Patrick's, Fairview Presbyterian Church.

Jo Ann Myers, 13, St. Thomas Aquinas; Janet Katz, 13, School 86; Joan Maha, 12, St. Thomas Aquinas; Karin Swanson, 13, School 86; Linda Silver, 12, School 86; Tommy Takayoshi, 13, St. Thomas Aquinas; Bill Holland, 14, St. Thomas Aquinas; Jerry Albrecht, 13, St. Thomas Aquinas; Jimmy Donadio, 13, St. Thomas Aquinas; Daniel Moran, 13, St. Thomas Aquinas; Lou Anne Baker, 14, St. Thomas Aquinas; Betty Speropoulos, 13, School 86; Sandra Shafner, 13, School 86; Janice Waterman, 13, School 86; Jerry Jordan, 13, School 43.

Riley Community Center — Anetta Chandler, 13, School 47; Phyllis Young, 13, School 47.

## Blood Victim, 4, Slips Into Coma

Child Has Fought For Life 3 Years

Times Staff Service

ELWOOD, Apr. 6—Four-year-old Harold Eugene Nelson, who for almost three years has battled for his life against the rare Hans Christian Schuller disease, slipped into a coma today.

His parents who have never given up hoping that Harold might recover from the "incurable" blood disease, said they had resigned themselves to "waiting and praying."

Harold was sent home from his February trip to Mayo's because he was not strong enough to continue treatment. Last week his condition suddenly became critical and he was rushed to an Anderson hospital for two blood transfusions.

He failed to rally and he was returned to his home.

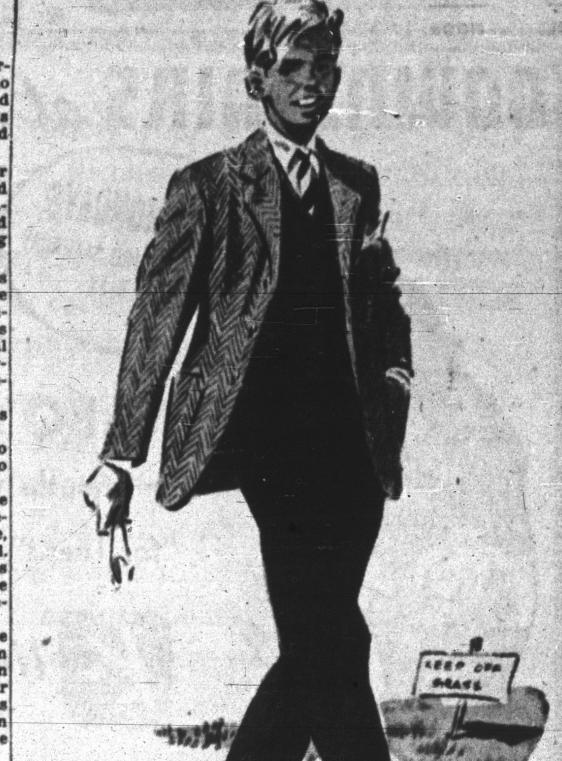
His parents said he was too critical to be taken back to Mayo's.

Harold was stricken by the rare disease, which attacks and destroys the marrow of the bone, when he was 18 months old. Many times since then doctors have despaired for his life, but the tiny tot has made amazing comebacks.

His treatments at Mayo's were financed by contributions from persons all over the state when his parents finally exhausted their own savings last year. He was on his 14th trip to Mayo's in February when he suffered the setback.

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## Dr. McCulloch, Physician To Hoosier 'Greats,' Dies

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gory in Indianapolis for more than half a century.

Won Croix de Guerre

Leaving one of the largest medical practices in Indianapolis, Dr. McCulloch enlisted as a captain in the Army six weeks after the first World War began. After 18 months service as a medical officer in France, Dr. McCulloch was decorated with the Croix de Guerre for evacuating a hospital under fire during the Argonne offensive.

He was commander of the famous Base Hospital No. 32, known as the Lilly Base Hospital, from Indianapolis.

Discharged with Lt. Colonel in 1920, Dr. McCulloch returned to Indianapolis to become a leader in veterans affairs. He served many years as treasurer of the \$5 million American Legion endowment fund for soldiers' widows and orphans.

Ran for Governor

A staunch Democrat throughout the years, Dr. McCulloch ran for Governor of Indiana in 1920 and 1924. After his second defeat, he centered his attention on his medical practice and work as a medical consultant for the State Life Insurance Co.

He remained active in politics and was the Indiana Democratic Party's interim state chairman in 1936.

Dr. McCulloch became one of Indiana's leading physicians working his way through the machine shop of the Atlas Engine Works, the Emerich Furniture Co. and an Indianapolis office.

He came to Indianapolis in 1888 when his father became pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church and was graduated from the former Indianapolis High School.

A leader in civic affairs in Indianapolis, Dr. McCulloch served on the board of park commissioners during the administration of former Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan, and on the board of safety under the late Mayor John W. Kern.

Other public offices held by Dr. McCulloch included the chairmanship of the Indiana WPA and chairmanship of the Indiana Citizens Committee to Uphold Good Government.

He was also a member of the board of directors of the Michigan-Indiana Federal Home Loan Bank District, member of the executive committee of the James Whitcomb Riley Memorial Association, and member of the board of the Marion County Tuberculosis Hospital at Sunnyvale.