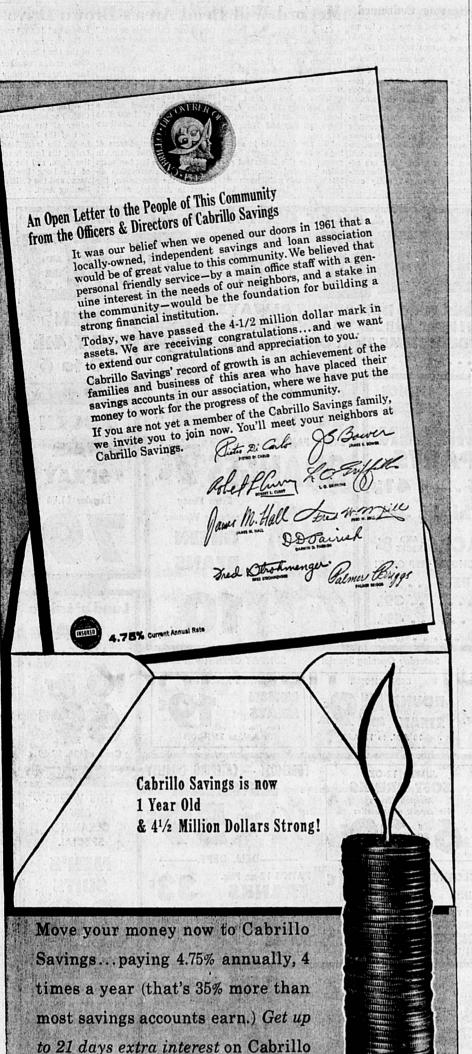
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## Syphilis Easy to Treat, **Remains Health Threat**

By K. H. SUTHERLAND, M.D. | both the amount and the im-

pact of VD education have les Los Angeles County Health Officer Health Officer For more than a decade syphilis has been one of the easiest diseases to diagnose and to treat, yet it presents as great a menace to health today as it ever did.

today as it ever did. Since 1957 the national rates in syphilis have generally tend-ed upward at all social and among teen-agers and young adults. This is a lamentable demonstration of the lag be-tween available knowledge and its effective application. 1960. Another factor of some sig-nificance in the spread of syph-ilis is the mobility of the pop-for a single patient to have "contacts" in several states. In addition, there is a constant its effective application. Many persons infected with

tween available knowledge and its effective application. It is presently estimated that some 60,000 new cases of infectious syphilis occur each year, of which only about 19-000 are reported to health of-ficials. As one infected individ-symptoms is therefore a health ual may start a synhilis enit. Ticials. As one infected individ-ual may start a syphilis epi-demic involving hundreds of people, the seriousness of these unreported cases is readi-ly apparent. This rise also represents an expensive failure with a future beloging the infection is a painless ore (chancre) that occurs at expensive failure with a future beloging to interest the point where the syphilis organized and the protection.

reckoning. It is presently cost-ing about 50 million dollars an nually just to care for the syphilitic insane in tax-support-This appears in from 10 to nually just to care for the syphiltic insane in tax-support-

nually just to care for the syphilitic insane in tax-support de mental institutions, while another six million goes for the care of the syphilitic blind. CALIFORNIA has a good ly populated states, but this source threat and headache may ample, 1960 disease statistics for the state show that the syphilitic case rate per 100,000 population for the 15-to-19-year age group was 266. The rate in New York State was 299, in Illinois 452, and in most os outhern states it was three or four times that of Califor ina. Urban centers are generally the focal points in the Yor year, 10 large cities with only 11.4 per cent of the nast fiscal disapser, cent of the cases of the body. This may real disapser, no some equality the focal points in the Yor year, 10 large cities with only 11.4 per cent of the cases of the body. This may real disapser, no some equality the focal points in the Yor year, 10 large cities with only 11.4 per cent of the cases of the body. This may real disapser, no some equality the focal points in the Yor year, 10 large cities with only 11.4 per cent of the cases of the body. This may real disapser, no some equality the focal points in the Yor year, 10 large cities with only 11.4 per cent of the cases of the body. This may real disapser, no some equality the focal points in the Yor year, 10 large cities with only 11.4 per cent of the cases of the body. This may real disapser, no some equality the focal points in the Yor year, 10 large cities with only 11.4 per cent of the cases of the body. This may real disapser, no some equality the focal points in the Yor year in the focal points in the type the focal poi

11.4 per cent of the nation's skin lesions, or some equally involved was unusual due to population nevertheless reported disastrous condition. ed 44.8 per cent of the cases of infectious syphilis. Since the current trend in the United geon general appointed a States is for people to concen-trate in metropolitan areas, the syphilis problem and suggest in this proportion for trate in metropolitan areas, the syphilis problem and suggest in this propertual fly in the intervention.

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problem may intensify with measures that would eventual-further urbanization. Is lead to the eradication of the disease in this country. A against a rapid vote tally, is AMONG the reasons for the report of the findings and re-increase in the number of commendations of this commit-cases of the disease is the cas-tee was completed by the end ing for re-election. Court judges who are stand-ing for re-election. now so often found in young gram is already well under people, which may, in part at way at all levels of govern-least, be due to the fact that ment.



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ballot count, there is another even more significant reason why, in my opinion, these posi-tions should not be listed unless they are contested.

THAT IS, THEY tend to create a feeling on the part of the electorate that the individual vote is not important. Many people do notvote for these of-fices because they know noth-ing of the incumbent judge or the candidates seeking Super-FOR INSTANCE on the rethe candidates seeking Superior Court office. This creates a general frame of reference for cent ballot, there were 47 Su-perior Court judges standing possibly not voting for other offices which may be more critical in terms of financial or political impact. Thus many times voters get in the habit of "skipping" over voting blocks and fail to use their franchise as effectively as pos-

ible This is to say nothing of trying to manage the physical task of voting on one of these huge ballots in a small booth. We will have a chance to rectify this situation in No-vember by annrowing a comvember, by approving a con-stitutional amendment providvember, by approving a con-stitutional amendment provid-stitutional amendment provid-ing that the names of the Su-perior Court judges may not appear on the ballot unless they have opposition. This is a step in the right direction and it is long over-due.

### Neesby Attends Chemist Meeting **To Examine Pain**

To Examine Pain Torben E. Neesby, Univer-sity of Calfornia School of Medicine student from Tor-rance, took part in the Eighth National Medicinal Chemistry Symposium of the American Chemical Society at the Uni-versity of Colorado. Three hundred and fifty chemists attended the three-day meeting took a close look at pain, its cause, its cure and new "electronic" ap-proaches to better drug de-sign.

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