

# Health Officer Tells Mononucleosis Dangers

Since its first description in 1885, not much has been learned about infectious mononucleosis. The etiology or cause of the disease is still obscure, but it is generally thought that a virus or some other filterable agent is the infective organism, Roy O. Gilbert, M.D., County Health Officer, said.

The malady has been reported in individuals that range in age from seven months to 70 years, although the greatest number of cases appear in those persons who are between 10 and 35 years old, he added.

It is current medical opinion that the disease is transmitted through the nose and throat discharges of infected persons or by oral contact. This is not known with certainty however. Neither is it known how long the patient is infectious to others.

Epidemic outbreaks of infectious mononucleosis are usually reported by schools, colleges, and the various institutions that house children and young adults, a fact that makes the term "kissing disease" more understandable.

Outside of such places, the illness was thought to be

limited to the isolated case or cases. However, it is now medical opinion that the disease occurs more frequently than case reports would indicate.

In all types there is an increase in the mononuclear cells of the blood, and this gives the disease its name.

The danger of infectious mononucleosis lies in the nature of the complications that may occur. Some of these complications include meningococcal meningitis, infectious hepatitis, and rupture of the spleen, the doctor noted.

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of the skill. He uses the audio-visual equipment to aid students to learn to break words apart and understand their components.

## Reading Teaches Reading to Torrance Youngsters

"Parents, would it frighten you to know that your child would never be able to read or spell past a fifth grade level?"

Such is the question of Charles Reading, local administrator for the American Institute of Reading for the Torrance-Palos Verdes area, who believes that "any child can be taught to read."

He continued that in one high school alone, "23% of the students did not read over a fifth grade level and at the same time, in a mid-western university, 20% of the freshman class read at or below an eighth grade level."

To help solve the problem, Reading, in connection with the institute, teaches through a system started by Benjamin Neiden, director of the institute, where phonetics are taught to the potential reader.

Reading mentioned that there are several causes of poor reading. One includes the theory that children mature at different ages, and if they are not mature enough to grasp the instruction during the first four years of

their schooling, they may lose out.

Also, he stated, many educators feel the method of teaching is at fault. Using sight-reading methods, he added, students cannot see how a word is built.

Through the method sponsored by the institute, students are given the tools to break down any word they may see to find its components and understand its structure and meaning.

### GREEN TRIP

A Labor Day week-end rail excursion to the evergreen area and big timber country of northern California will be sponsored by the Pacific Railway Society, Inc., Sept. 2 to 5.

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The event is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the center in Sea-Aire Park, 22730 Lupine Dr. The park staff is cooperating in staging the reception.

Activities of hundreds of youngsters at the center and park will be epitomized at the event.

For instance, the center has had an Austrian theme this summer which will be exemplified by child-made crafts, puppets and costumes.

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