

Disability Fund Now Depleted

Epilepsy: What Is Most Needed Is Understanding

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California workers face a potential 62 per cent increase in the tax they will pay this year for Unemployment Compensation Disability Insurance, according to J. Richard Glade, executive vice president of the Unemployment Insurance Assn.

Glade, whose association comprises commercial and industrial firms and trade associations, said action by the Assembly Ways and Means Committee which recently voted this tax increase, would affect the pay checks of nearly 5 million California workers.

The tax increase, designed to bolster the now insolvent UCD Fund, would be imposed on every wage earner in California covered by the Unemployment Insurance Code, he stated.

"In 1964 the maximum tax withheld from the pay of each employee was \$51.00, 1.8 per cent of the first \$5,100 in wages earned. Under the new tax bill, wage earners would pay \$82.50 or 1.1 per cent of the first \$7,500 in wages earned on an increased UCD tax bite of 62 per cent," Glade explained.

Proponents of the tax increase include Albert B. Tieburg, director of the Department of Employment, and the AFL-CIO, Teamsters and other union leaders.

Opposing the increase are both Democratic and Republican members of the legislature, who are attempting to have certain tax-saving proposals such as closing loopholes and eliminating abuses in the program considered. Action of this nature would minimize any tax increase. Glade urged wage earners' Fund

One of the most misunderstood of the very prevalent

Aquarium Gets Close Attention

Oceanography and biology students at South High School have established a small aquarium in their classroom. The aquarium is used for the observation and study of various forms of marine life.

Living specimens now inhabiting the aquarium include numerous fish and invertebrates, and students are anxiously awaiting the hatching of a shark egg case collected by Scott Horton, an eighth grade biology student. Donald Chan, a student in the oceanography class, has collected several species of local "tide pool" fishes. The instructor, Hubert Buettgenbach, has provided squid eggs collected on a recent skin diving trip to Catalina Island. The class is observing the eggs.

To maintain the diverse marine forms and observe their behavior, students keep a careful eye on the aquarium's temperature, salinity, and oxygen controls.

to let their state representatives know they are fed-up with "taxing the willing workers" to provide funds for the "won't work" and "professional claimants" who drain the Unemployment Insurance Fund as well as the UCD

health disorders in our midst today is epilepsy. Many misconceptions exist about the ability of the epileptic to live a productive life as a normal human being in everyday society and often epilepsy sufferers are the victims of a cruel social stigma.

Epilepsy is a neurological disorder usually characterized by some type of seizure. It is often likened to a temporary electrical storm of the brain. It is not considered hereditary, although the tendency or pre-disposition may be found in certain types of epilepsy.

EPILEPSY does not cause insanity or feeble-mindedness. The intelligence of persons with epilepsy parallels that of the general population.

Actually epilepsy may arise from a variety of causes: brain damage of any kind, such as concussion from accidents, prenatal or birth injuries, the after-effects of lack of oxygen at or before birth; infectious illness, tumors, or bodily disorders. In addition there are other causes of unknown origin.

The disease can strike anyone at any time. It is no respecter of age, sex or race. However, the greatest number of patients are afflicted in infancy, with about three-fourths of all patients developing their symptoms before the age of 20. It is estimated by the Los Angeles County Epilepsy Society that there are over 70,000 persons in this county afflicted with this condition; national estimates place the figure at some 2,000,000 for the country as a whole.

DISPITE THESE figures, the outlook in epilepsy is not

nearly so bleak as it once was. Although the term "cure" is not used, complete or almost complete control can be obtained in half, and partial control in another 30 per cent, of patients receiving proper medical diagnosis and treatment. The unfortunate matter is that only about one in every five people with epilepsy is receiving such care.

It has been found that when epilepsy is under medical supervision and control, most patients are able to attend school in regular classes, participate in most physical activities, get and hold jobs, marry and have children and in general fit into everyday social life situations.

LOCAL EPILEPSY societies offer special assistance to the epileptic and his family through information and referral services as to sources of medical, social, psychological and vocational aid; family counseling by qualified social workers; consultative services to professional agencies, schools and employers; social club activities for patients; and dissemination of public information.

On a national level, research into the still unknown factors of the cause and control of this problem receives high priority, with somewhat over five million dollars annually being channeled into special studies by the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness.

Persons wishing a leaflet on epilepsy, or other information about programs and services available to the epileptic may write or telephone the Los Angeles County Epilepsy Society, 1904 W. 48th St., Los Angeles 62, AX 5-1111.

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There's great beauty in open face sandwiches for tea time. Making them gives opportunity for riotous imagination and great variation.

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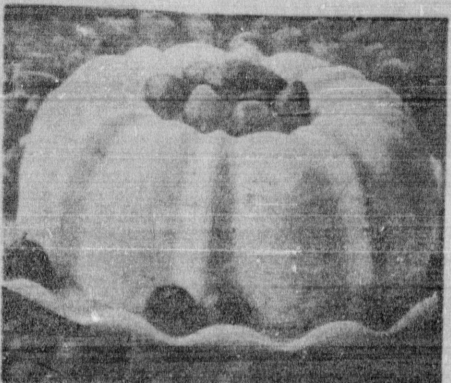
Trim these slices and cut into squares or rectangles. Arrange fruit in neat rows and brush it with melted

Top with apricot halves and brush with melted apricot jam.

Spread bread with orange marmalade and top with sliced bananas. Glaze bananas with melted orange marmalade.

Spread buttered bread with a layer of peanut butter, then a layer of marshmallow cream. Garnish with shaved sweet chocolate.

Spread buttered bread with melted semi-sweet chocolate and sprinkle with finely chopped nuts.



CATCH LEMON GOODNESS

Make this Lemon Bavarian Pudding early in the day to be ready for dinner treat. Prepare and cook two packages of My-T-Fine Lemon Pie Filling according to package directions using four cups water for both packages. Cool. Stiffly whip 1/2 cup cold evaporated milk in chilled bowl with chilled beater. Fold into cool pudding. Pour into 5 1/2 cup ring mold. Chill overnight or for six hours. To serve, unmold and fill center with strawberries or fruit of choice.



THERE'S real excitement and variation in open-face fruit sandwiches. They make delicious tea-time treats; offer that bit o' sweet and are beautiful enough for topic of conversation.

FRUIT CRUMBLE OVER ICE CREAM

Place 1 drained 1-pound 4 1/2-ounce can pineapple chunks in greased 8 or 9-inch pie pan. Sprinkle with 1/2 cup crumbled graham cracker crumbs mixed with 1/4 cup brown sugar (packed), 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon and 3 tablespoons soft butter.

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