

Witch Watch

by GUNDELLA



Dare to try these old home cures?

A while ago, I stated in my column that, although I am a witch, I do not believe in brewing one's own medicines. Upjohn, Parke Davis and the rest are far better at making up your doctor's prescription.

This brought a flood of letters from readers who believe old home remedies are still the best.

It is for these readers that I list the following "cures," which were popular when this land was young. They are copied, word for word, from a notebook left by my own grandmother.

TO EASE the pain a baby suffers in teething, hang around its little neck a tooth extracted from a live mouse.

To cure drunkenness, swallow the ashes of a toad mixed with a bit of brandy.

Live earthworms placed on an infected wound will cause a cure.

A cock buried under the bed will cure a patient of epilepsy in most cases.

To cure a toothache, drive a coffin nail into the tooth or gum. Then bury that nail under a juniper tree.

Arthritis is cured by mixing hogs' dung and charnell. Rub this medicine on the afflicted area.

Eagle droppings will ease the pain of childbirth.

FOR THE GOUT, mix five cents worth of dog's lard, some white pine oil and five cents worth of seal oil. Rub this down with one quart of lard. Rub on the affected joints.

For an itch, scabies or skin infection, mix red precipitate, lard and whole hen's manure. Make a lye therefrom and wash skin with it.

And my old favorite: To cure a chest cold, place seven live baby mice in a flannel bag hung around the neck so that the bag rests on the infected area.

The mice will draw out the congestion, take it into their own bodies and die. When all seven are dead, bury the bag.

Play is their work at MSU

Better and safer outdoor recreation programs for Michigan youth and their seniors is the aim of a July 28 to August 11 workshop for recreation directors at Michigan State University.

The workshop in outdoor program administration, co-sponsored by the Michigan department of Natural Resources and the MSU department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, will focus on a broad array of outdoor activities suitable to state communities.

Backpacking, skeet shooting, ski touring, flora and fauna identification, as well as camping, boating, swimming, hiking, hunting and fishing, will be covered.

Special thought will be focused on cycling and off-road recreational vehicleing in a period of fuel shortage.

Emphasis will be on attitudes, environmental impact, laws, proper apparel and fire, water, climbing and hunting safety, plus teaching and certification techniques.

MSU, DNR and public school and industry authorities will instruct.

The workshop, designed for school, club, camp, marina, country club, or resort recreation directors, will be headquartered on the MSU campus, but utilize nearby lake, camping and wilderness areas.

Co-sponsored by MSU's lifelong Education Programs, the workshop may be taken for university credit or without credit.

Contact Dr. Roy Niemeyer, MSU professor of health, physical education and recreation, 517-355-5182.



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OU trustees approve new degrees

New programs of study and a new credit requirement for an existing one have been approved by trustees of Oakland University.

The change in requirements for the medical technology program requires completion of 136 credits rather than 128. The change is consistent

with credit requirements for similar programs in the state.

New degree programs are: B.S. in industrial health and safety for persons trained in environmental health and safety, particularly in an industrial setting.

M.S. in applied mathematics to provide broad training for application in an industrial setting.

M.S. in applied statistics to meet the growing demand for persons who can make a statistical analysis of numerical data.

And a specialist in education degree, an individually planned program

for persons who already possess a master's degree.

In addition, the trustees approved an interdisciplinary major in biochemistry. The program is offered by the departments of biological sciences and chemistry to answer a growing demand for students with these skills.

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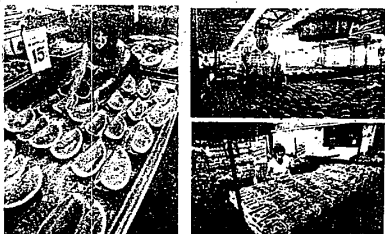
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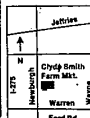


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