

Airplane Backs the Pound Law

A fourth-year student at the Harvard Medical School and a mongrel dog combined in mid-November to bring national honors to the Medical School and Children's Hospital.

For his contribution to the development of a new technique in heart surgery, a 50-pound, black and white canine of mixed parentage who rejoices in the name of "Airplane," became the fifth annual "Research Dog Hero of the Year" of the National Society for Medical Research. Airplane's residence is the Surgical Research Laboratory at Children's Hospital, where, about a year and a half ago, Judah Folkman of Columbus, Ohio, working under Dr. Robert Gross, developed a new surgical technique for repair of an interventricular septal defect. Folkman found it possible to avoid open heart surgery—via Airplane—by cutting vertically through the ventricular septum to permit insertion of a polyethylene plastic patch over the defect. In dogs (the surgery has not yet been applied to humans) the area has healed well and smoothly. Airplane's high spirits and boundless energy attest to his own health.

On November 12, in appropriate ceremonies at the Children's Hospital, Dr. Gross and Mr. Folkman, ably assisted by Dr. Paul Dudley White and one of Dr. Gross's small heart patients, affixed a handsome collar around Airplane's neck. On the collar was a silver plate attesting to his contribution to medical science. Dr. George P. Berry, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and a Director of the National Society for Medical Research, was on hand to witness and participate in the ceremonies, as were representatives of the Boston University and Tufts Schools of Medi-



Airplane

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cine and leading political, religious and civic figures from the Boston area.

The award to Airplane was a windfall beyond the honors to the Medical School and Hospital. For Massachusetts, one of the few states without a "pound law," may join its more enlightened brethren this legislative year. With the National Society for Medical Research reporting a national fall-off in the anti-vivisection hysteria that has marked prior years, the Massachusetts program now seems to have its best chance for success.

A bill has been introduced in both the Massachusetts House and Senate, authorizing qualified scientific groups to obtain from public pounds, for purposes of medical research and teaching, dogs or cats otherwise condemned to death. Although the primary purpose of the bill is to make stray, unclaimed dogs and cats available for medical research and teaching, the bill will, at the same time, afford greater protection to

pets by removing any profit motive. The legislation would be administered by the State Commissioner of Health who, after proper investigation, would issue licenses valid for one year. He would have the right to visit the laboratories at any time and to revoke licenses if standards are not maintained.

The need for animal investigation for continuing progress in medicine is obvious. While over 100,000 animals are put to death each year in the pounds of Massachusetts, the medical schools and hospitals are facing increasing difficulties in getting the 8,000 to 10,000 cats and dogs that are urgently needed each year. This need will grow still larger in the Medical School family with the opening of the new research laboratory at Boston City Hospital.

Public support, including that of the press, major religious groups and political and civic organizations, has been extremely encouraging to the Massachusetts Society for Medical Research, which has been responsible for the introduction of the bill in the Massachusetts legislature.

Support of the legislature is urgently needed, especially from Alumni in Massachusetts and among them, particularly those who are physicians to state legislators. They should be impressed with the importance of this bill to the future of medicine. Salient facts concerning the legislation, together with the names of the Representatives and Senators from their districts are being sent to Bay State Alumni by Dr. Thomas H. Lanman, Director of Alumni Relations. It is hoped that all will make it a point to write the state legislators urging their support of the bill.

and reports that in addition he is enjoying a part-time job as an instructor of medicine at the University of Southern California.

On January 1, 1956, Donald O. Rudin became Director of Basic Research at the new Eastern Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute in Philadelphia.

Kenneth R. Greenleaf has opened an office for the practice of general surgery at 126 Pleasant Street, Marlboro, Massachusetts. He reports that his wife and two children are enjoying a large colonial home at the same address.

George A. McLemore, Jr. is now in practice in New York City, and writes that he is enjoying it very much.

David Yi-Yung Hsia is studying and doing research in human genetics at the Galton Laboratory, University College, London. This is being supported by a fellowship from the Sarah McCormick Foundation of Chicago.

1949

Norman Allen reports that he is thoroughly enjoying the university atmosphere in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, where he has been since October 1955. He is connected with the division of neurology of the medical center, doing a combination of teaching, practice and research.

From Euan T. Blanch comes word that he is at last engaged in the private practice of pediatrics in Winchester, Massachusetts, associated with Donald E. McLean ('43 A).

Edward H. Bowen, Jr. writes that he has taken leave of New York City (and private practice) to start working on the railroad (the Pennsylvania). His office for this new 9-5, 5-day week job is at the Medical Center in the 30th Street Station in Philadelphia.

Joseph Claude Finney has been appointed an assistant professor of psychiatry in the Department of Psychology at the University of Illinois. He continues as Director of the Champaign County Mental Health Clinic.

A note from John L. Juergens: "On October 1st I was appointed to the staff of the Mayo Clinic as a consultant in internal medicine and will be working in the section of peripheral vascular diseases with Drs. Allen, Harker, Hines et al. We currently have three children, all girls. Saw Robb Rutledge this summer when he was back home for a visit."

John H. Kennedy reports that he is living four doors from the sea and practicing general surgery at La Jolla, California. He is on the staff of the local TB sanatorium and on the teaching staff of the two local teaching hospitals.

John Fielding Morrissey, who finished his residency in internal medicine at the University of Wisconsin on July 1, is remaining at the University on the staff of the Madison Veterans Hospital.

Robert H. Puite reports that he and Mrs. Puite now have three children, aged twelve, six and one. Puite is practicing in internal medicine in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and writes that he sees Raymond Murray ('48) frequently.

John Reynolds brings us up-to-date on Southern California news. He writes that

David Grey has completed his instructorship in surgery at U.C.L.A., and has recently started private practice in urology in Ventura. In addition, Sherman Hartman has been serving as surgical resident at Wadsworth V.A. Hospital in Los Angeles. Reynolds adds, "Had a pleasant reunion with John H. Kennedy, who seems most enthusiastic about the practice of general surgery in La Jolla."

Rublee C. Soule has announced the opening of his office for the general practice of medicine at 325 East Main Street, Newark, Delaware.

August G. Swanson writes, "We added a fourth girl on May 27th and named her Jennifer Felicity. I put on a white suit again on July 1st, and am now the senior resident in neurology at the University of Washington (the first, I might add). Current plans are for a year of training here, and there is a possibility of some time on the East Coast next year."

W. Brewster Wolfe has opened his office for the practice of internal medicine at 288 Grand Street, Newburgh, New York.

1950

Rufus K. Broadaway writes, "I am a Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and have been appointed assistant professor of surgery in the medical school of the University of Miami. This school graduated its first class in June of 1956 and is progressing nicely."

Cyrus C. Brown, Jr. has entered the private practice of internal medicine with the Duluth Clinic in Duluth, Minnesota.

Edward Caul is in practice in Stockton, California. He adds that he and Mrs. Caul and their five children "expect to spend a lifetime in this most pleasant of Valley towns."

Robert C. Coe has shifted his practice to Seattle, Washington, where he is associated with Eric Sanderson, '37.

Sheldon M. Levin left for Scandinavia in October for a year's fellowship under the auspices of the Bowen-Brooks Fellowship of the New York Academy of Medicine and the Lambert Fellowship of Columbia University.

1951

Clement A. Hiebert was married to Miss Mary Anne Tremaine in June 1956. They are spending a year in Cambridge, England, at Strangeways Research Laboratory.

From Lewis Krakauer: "Wish to advise that have moved few meagre possessions and various small children to Corvallis, Oregon. Entered into group practice with Corvallis Clinic, 70% internal medical, 30% GI disease, with part-time teaching at U. of Oregon Medical School. Motivation was purely missionary, fired by the example of J. C. Fitzwarren."

Joseph P. Labbe has recently set up practice in Grass Valley, California.

Dover Roth writes, "Having read for the past several years of the whereabouts of my friends and classmates with vivid interest, I would like to inform them of what's happened to me. After a two-year Navy-type sojourn in New York, we settled in Chicago, where I have been appointed instructor in psychiatry at North-

western University Medical School and director of the Psychiatric Screening Clinic. In addition, I am consultant to Cook County Jail, doing group therapy with narcotic addicts. Wife Sandra and two sons represent only acquisitions so far."

1952

Merrill I. Feldman is currently living at 76 Holland Park, London, England. He is in London on an American Cancer Society fellowship in radiation therapy.

Merrill J. King, Jr. has been practicing ophthalmology in Rockland, Maine, since finishing residency at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary in May.

Miss Mary Ann Dougherty was married to William Ludwig Kraus in the Jardin Fontaine Chapel at Verdun, France, on August 25, 1956.


Joseph H. Myers was discharged from the Army Medical Corps in October and returned to the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit to complete the last two years of a medical residency. Myers reports that his family (wife, Norma, and children, Susan, 2, and Richard, 1) are enjoying the change in status.

1953

Roy W. Chesnut, Jr. is in his second year in cardiology research at Johns Hopkins.

Walter Coulson is in his last year of residency training in radiology at the University of California Medical Center in San Francisco.

A daughter, their third child, was born to Ruick S. Rolland and Mrs. Rolland on



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