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Mr. Elmer Key Sanders
2002. Holcomb Drive
Houston

v.a. hospital - Texas.

Sanders
2745: Duke Ross
Birmingham
Ala.

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Sat. A.M.

Mrs. William Francis Cutten

Soues -

We woke to find a fine snow falling & its still at it - looks like we might be in for an all day job.

Poor Billy - boy - he hasn't been able to have a b.m. for 2 days & he feels very full & uncomfortable. Honestly - if we could only solve that problem!

Actually, the medicine Bud gave him does the trick most of the time. Its an emulsion of mineral oil & dish mess & he takes it every night. We were without it for a day or two, which may explain this present difficulty - we are hoping that salt water before breakfast does the trick today.

Spent a fascinating day in the library yesterday, studying furniture

and decoration books to get help in
properly designing a built-in side-
board for the end wall of the
dining room (the one next to the
kitchen). Bill is good at drawing things,
in ~~prop~~ scale + perspective, so we
can see what it would look
like so we've finally gotten it
worked out. we think nicely -

here's hoping! It will have an
upper section of shelves w glass
doors, for display of pretty china,
silver, crystal, etc. Then the
lower section of shelves, w panelled
wood doors will be quite deep -
24 inches, so that its top can
be used for buffet serving.

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The upper cupboard will hang on the wall 12 in above the lower one & that presented the chief difficulty in design - i.e. - how to keep it from looking like a kitchen cupboard. Bay facing the upper one w a quite decorative molding, like a picture frame, we think will solve it.

Sun. Night 8 PM

B. got some results from the salt water but nevertheless seems to have a bit of a bug - some aching & painning all over, etc. We kept a dinner date last night but he stayed in bed today till 4 PM when Doz & Clara Bierly called & wanted to see the house so we met them there & brought them back here for

a bit - they have now departed &
Billy is back in bed for a good
nights sleep. I shall follow shortly too
Mon. A.M.

A bright & beautiful morn & Billy
feels fine & dandy so we are
grateful. He's going to talk to
a small gas dealer here today in
hopes of getting him to sell out.
Cutter Gas had a fine month in
Feb - did \$10,000 worth of business
gross - Feb. is generally not so good
& that was higher than most
months last year. By price raise on
gas we took in \$2000 more on gas
than month before. Current bills are
paid up & I just sent \$100 extra to Wally
on house. Be sured love -
more later. All our love
B & G

Home - Tuesday

Dear old Boy .

We are all O.K. and
know you must be.

Worried up here as
Pa wrote - But did he
write that finally he
is to have some real
cash. He has been
offered \$2.50 per thousand
and feet for the first
100 thousand feet of
lumber cut off his
sprung lands at someone
\$2.25 (2 units) for each
100 thousand ^{after that}
Seems that he & Pa think
there is lots of this use
a certain area that
they both referred to -
in the conversation

He was expecting the
contract to follow him
to the Tutwiler, or be
ready where he goes
back. We can write
you - when he starts to
collect - Seems certain -

Arthur had sold some
time ago. 100 trees at
\$15 per tree - & this is
the best price they have
had offered. The mill
is to set up & the skids
are to be left & Wayne
thinks there will be
ready sale for these to
local folks for fire wood
or - for building
Chicken houses, hog
pens etc. Lots of
fun hearing them
talk about it all.
Luck & love. 2. 14. 8.

*Is this looking up to
this combine you
spoke of? a core for*

Coordination of Programs

Aids Rehabilitation Services

Socialized Medicine?
Military Casualties Get Best Possible Care,

Personnel Conserved by New Plan

By HOWARD A. RUSK, M. D.

One of the major criticisms of the military medical programs during World War II was the frequent charges that the three military agencies competed against each other for supplies, equipment and personnel with resulting duplication, waste and inefficiency. Analysis of these charges and studies by military and civilian groups since the war have shown that the charges were, at least to some degree, true.

As a result of these studies, marked advances have been made in the last two years in the coordination of the medical programs of the three military services, both among themselves and with other Federal agencies. The announcement last week by Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall that the military departments would utilize Veterans Administration hospitals for the care, treatment and rehabilitation of certain severely disabled military patients is an example of this coordination.

When the flow of severe casualties to the United States started during World War II, it was apparent that the Veterans Administration was not then staffed or equipped to provide intensive rehabilitation services for such patients. Even though it was apparent that many blind, paraplegic, deaf and amputee patients could not be rehabilitated to the point of return to active military services, these patients were kept in military hospitals primarily because of the V. A.'s inability to provide an adequate program.

Policy Directed by Roosevelt

This policy was effected by the late President Roosevelt in a letter to Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson in 1944 in which he said, "I wish you would issue instructions to the effect that it should be the responsibility of the military authorities to insure that no overseas casualty is discharged from the Armed Forces until he has received the maximum benefits of hospitalization and convalescent facilities, which must include physical and psychological rehabilitation, vocational guidance, prevocational training and resocialization."

This letter provided the basis for the development of the wartime rehabilitation programs of the Army, Navy and Air Force. Having served their purpose, these programs were curtailed at the end of the war, and patients needing further rehabilitation were

transferred to the V. A., which had developed in the meantime an outstanding program in the hospitals.

Operated in conjunction with medical schools, these programs with special centers for the rehabilitation of the blind, the hard of hearing, paraplegics, amputees and other groups requiring plastic surgery, chest surgery and other types of specialized medical care, are staffed with well-trained, experienced V. A. personnel and have available the services of many outstanding civilian consultants. There are only a few centers in the nation in which services comparable in quality and scope are available to similarly disabled civilians.

New Plan Speeds Services

Under the new plan, the services of these excellent centers will be immediately available for our military patients who otherwise might wait long periods before their cases were processed by military retirement boards. Only those patients with severe disabilities whose physical condition makes their return to military service unlikely will be transferred. Such a transfer, however, will not preclude the return to duty of any patient who desires, after medical treatment and rehabilitation, to return to active duty and is acceptable to the Armed Forces. The Armed Forces, for example, now have a number of amputees on active duty.

Under the new plan the Army and Navy will continue to operate their excellent center for the treatment and training of amputees at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, and Oak Knoll in California; but these centers will be used primarily for research and for care of the less severe types of amputees who, after adequate rehabilitation, have a reasonable chance of returning to duty. The largest number of patients to be transferred under the plan will be those in the tuberculosis and neuropsychiatric groups.

As of mid-January the Army already had ninety-five cases of paraplegia, 154 cases of thoracic surgery and 107 cases of plastic surgery. Of an estimated fifty cases of blindness in all three services at that time, several had been transferred to the V. A.'s blind rehabilitation center at Hines, Ill.

The primary value of the new plan is that it insures our military casualties of the best possible rehabilitation services and conserves scarce medical specialist personnel.

The Surge Is Upward

CELL AND PSYCHE: The Biology of Purpose. By Edmund W. Sinnott. The John Calvin McNair Lecture. 121 pp. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press. \$2.

By NASH K. BURGER

"THE UNIVERSE," says Edmund W. Sinnott, Dean of the Yale Graduate School, "is turning out to be a far more surprising place than our grandfathers ever dreamed." This is as true of our grandfathers who dealt with yesterday's scientific "facts" as of those whose concern was the things of the spirit. It is Mr. Sinnott's thesis in "Cell and Psyche" that science, if it is adequately to explain man, must take cognizance not only of the physical world but of "purpose, of value, of freedom, of the soul, and of the place of man's spirit in the universe."

A specialist in the field of biology, Mr. Sinnott sees the organizing behavior characteristic of all life as the unifying principle that links biology and psychology, body and spirit. He traces this organizing drive from protoplasm itself, the physical basis of all life, to the highest emotions, passions and longings of the human spirit. And he shows how the course of evolution in the human organism is marked by a continual increase in the complexity of organization and a rise in the level of its developmental, physiological, psychological and spiritual goals.

It is not enough to explain man as simply the product of a complex biological organization. To do so is to face the inevitable question: Whence comes this organization, this plan?

The nature and destiny of man, Mr. Sinnott believes, "are ultimately those of life itself, and the longings of his spirit are part of the great upward surge of life from amoeba to man. Who knows how far it still may carry him?" Just how far is suggested by the lines from Tennyson, with which this valuable essay concludes: "One God, one law, one element * * * to which the whole creation moves."

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the Book Review staff of
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*Get out &
hunt down
this book*

Coca-Cola Earns

\$31,680,247 In

Fourth Quarter

Profit \$6 Million

NEW YORK, March 5

Coca-Cola Co. today reported earnings of \$31,680,247,

\$7.41 a share, compared with \$990,927, or \$8.76 a share, in the

quarter of 1950 was \$4.41, or \$1.52 a share, compared with \$95,072, or \$1.49 a share, in the

quarter of 1949.

A. B. Freeman of New York was chosen a new director of the company to succeed the late

Dobbs Freeman, a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, is chairman of the Louisiana

Cola Bottling Co., Ltd. He has been identified with the bottling industry for 44 years.

Pa. Man Making 'Goo-gets Lawyer F

HOUSTON, Tex., March 5—Edwin P. Lea, a 27-year-old man, was fined \$500 for a charge of making "goo" at a pretty 23-year-old woman last December.

The fine was imposed by a Houston Municipal Court Judge after a 30-minute hearing. Lea did not testify, but Mrs. Lea testified that she was the offended housewife. The charge was filed under an ancient city ordinance.