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The Truth About Epilepsy . . . Last of 3 Articles

III—Can Epileptics Lead "Normal" Lives?

(Editor's Note: This is the third and final article in a series on epilepsy, its modern treatment and the place of the epileptic in society.)

By STERLING BEMIS

The Long Beach man was painting his living-room ceiling.

Like any other amateur, he teetered as he edged his way along the bench he was using for a platform.

Suddenly he straightened and went into a trance-like state. Then, carrying his paint bucket in one hand and a dripping brush in the other, he walked straight off the end of the bench.

Extreme Example

The case of the walking man is an extreme example of the strange things that psychomotor epileptics can do.

Such seizures are rare. Much more common are the seizures of epileptics afflicted with petit mal and grand mal. Grand mal brings the convulsive type of attack.

Because epileptics are subject to sudden attacks, they have long been considered unemployable by most employers.

Some obtain job after job, only to be fired at the first seizure. It is an ironical fact that the seizures of an epileptic employe might well cost an employer less than the common colds of a "normal" employe.

Months Without Seizure

Medical advances have made it possible for many epileptics to go for months, sometimes indefinitely, without seizure. Yet if they confess an epileptic history in job interviews, they are shown to the nearest door.

Compared to other workers, the field of employment for epileptics is limited. They cannot, in California and many other states, hold drivers' licenses, so long as they are subject to seizures. They usually cannot be assigned to work with machines or in any posts where they might conceivably endanger other workers.

In at least one instance, they are handicapped by laws designed for protection of all employes. The employer or his insurance carrier may be liable if an epileptic has a seizure on the job and is injured in the fall.

Can Offer Little Help

The State of California does not permit an employe to waive his rights under the compensation law. Hence many employers hesitate to assume the added risk of employing epileptics.

In many cases the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation of the California State Department of Education can offer little help to epileptics.

"We have only limited funds at our disposal," says Andrew Marrin, district supervisor headquartering in the Times Bldg.

Lengthy and Costly

"We must try to do the greatest good for the greatest number within the limits of our budget. The treatment and rehabilitation of epileptics in many cases is lengthy, costly and uncertain of success."

Marrin has been active for a decade in movements to improve the lot of epileptics.

The three principal needs, Marrin says, are:

1. More diagnostic facilities.
2. Sheltered workshops for exploratory programs to find out what epileptics can do.
3. Intensive education of industry to the fact that the epileptic is only disabled a fraction of one per cent of his working hours.

Attempting Placements

The vocational bureau is attempting to place some patients as medical or laboratory assistants.

"Many epileptics are self-employed," Marrin points out, "as free-lance accountants, telephone solicitors, radio survey makers, etc."

"Every city," he adds, "needs a rehabilitation center to explore vocational prospects for the handicapped."

One hopeful sign, he reports, is a countywide survey of epileptic job placements, but results will not be known for a year or more.

80 Per Cent Held Jobs

A survey by American Epilepsy League in the Boston area showed that 80 per cent of a group of slightly more than 100 epileptics was employable. They held jobs bringing a total yearly income of $120,000.

Another study showed that among 1000 adult epileptics, three-fourths were employed. Occupations included doctors, lawyers, ministers, engineers, teachers, salesmen, plumbers and musicians.

Many men of genius have had epileptic seizures. Among the more notable are Julius Caesar, Lord Byron, De Maupassant, Swinburne and Van Gogh.

Marriage Question

Should an epileptic marry? "Most persons' seizures can be controlled," answers a pamphlet sponsored by the Assn. to Control Epilepsy, "and, since a contented person is less likely to have seizures . . . a marriage that brings contentment should prove beneficial."

There is now strong medical support for the contention that it may be all right for an epileptic to have children!

Surveys indicate that in the general population, one person in 200 is subject to seizures. The chance that an epileptic will have a child subject to seizures is about one in 40.

One Chance in 40

"In a world full of chances," the Assn. to Control Epilepsy says, "one chance in 40 that any given child will be subject to seizures is not alarming."

Here's the way the outlook for the epileptic might be summed up:

1. Chances for reducing seizures by medical treatment are good.
2. Chances for self-employment are fair and for employment by others are relatively poor. Movements are under way to improve these chances.
3. Many epileptics may find happiness in marriage.
4. Some will find the gamble of parenthood worth taking.
5. If the improvements of the last decade are duplicated in the next, things will be looking up for somewhere near 1,000,000 American epileptics in the years ahead.

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It was the heaviest snowfall in Des Moines since the New Year's Day storm of 1942 when 17 inches fell.

At Navy Air Station

J. D. Cox, chief metalsmith, USN, husband of Mrs. Viona Cox of 6848 Gundry Ave., recently reported for duty at the Naval Air Station at San Diego, Calif. Cox, who entered the naval service Jan. 16, 1940, will be assigned to the master-at-arms department upon completion of a one-week indoctrination class, the navy announced Monday.

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