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## RESULTS OF SURVEY HELP POST-POLIO CAUSE

Jerry Ciocon, M.D., of UNMC's Gerontology Section, will present a paper at the May 20th session of the American Geriatric Society meeting in Anaheim, California.

The paper, POST-POLIO-MYELITIS SEQUELAE IN THE ELDERLY, includes the results of the survey made through GLEANINGS to which more than 130 of you responded. The questionnaire has provided valuable information used in developing a new geriatric rehab center at UNMC.

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## INTEREST GROWS IN LINCOLN GROUP

The NPSA Lincoln Area Support Group registered a record turn-out at their March meeting where they viewed a video on polio weakness and enjoyed a stimulating discussion followed by good NPSA fellowship.

Another video offering which deals with aids for the handicapped will greet those at the April 23 meeting at 2 p.m., American Lutheran Church, 42nd and Vine.

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## HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!

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## WEBSTER CASH: THE GEORGIA CONNECTION

"I find it very helpful and comforting to be able to call friends in other parts of the country to talk about polio, our Atlanta group, and other things that friends discuss. It's just nice having a few good friends."

That's Webster Cash talking, and Web is one of OUR good friends. He's the guiding light behind the Atlanta Post Polio Association, and has been an NPSA cheerleader for years.

A Gary, Indiana, native, Webster got polio in 1923. He was three years old. "I remember that father built an igloo-type metal contraption that I put my leg in. There were light bulbs inside the device. I'm really not

sure what it was supposed to do."

By age six, Webster was out of the left leg brace that had steadied his walk for three years, and put thoughts of polio behind him.

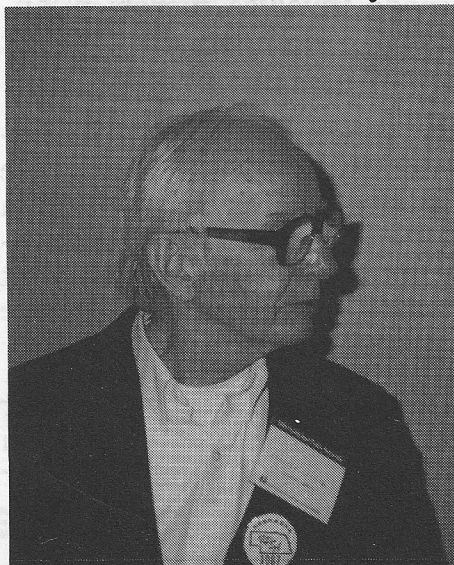
Perhaps because he had lived through the depression, Webster discovered he had an interest in economics while attending the University of Chicago, and before long became Webster Cash, Ph.D., an economist.

There he also discovered the charming Mary Ann, an art history major who this year helps him celebrate 40 years of marriage.

Webster began his career in Washington working for the Department of Defense. After eight years, the Cashes moved to London, and it was there that Web first began to notice new weakness in his left leg.

During a fascinating stint in Rhodesia, more weakness forced Dr. Cash to begin walking with a cane.

He had to return to wearing a leg brace early in his current position as Special Assistant to the Chancellor at Atlanta University Center, which he has held for 14 years.



Dr. Webster Cash

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**SEXUALITY SUBJECT OF BOOK FOR HANDICAPPED WOMEN**

Yvonne Duffy is a Michigan polio survivor who has written a book on sexuality of handicapped women.

ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE includes the viewpoints of 75 disabled women relating their feelings as they struggle to express their sexuality in today's society.

Chapters contain explicit descriptions of parental attitudes, relationships, sexual intercourse, birth control, and related topics.

To order send \$8.95 + \$1.15 postage to A. J. Garuin, P. O. Box 7525, Ann Arbor, MI 48107.

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**GRAND ISLAND**

**CELEBRATES ONE YEAR**

Lorraine Harders reports that the Grand Island NPSA support group met in March for their 1st anniversary party. The support groups from St. Paul and Holdrege were their guests. Tina Nisi of channels 10/11 televised the festivities. Games, refreshments, and fellowship were enjoyed by everyone present.

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**ARE YOU OVER 86?**

So far, the oldest polio survivor to report to NPSA is 86 years old. If you are 86 or older, please let us hear from you right away. Next month we will have an article on our oldest member--will it be you?

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**CALENDAR**

Younker Rehab Post-Polio Management Workshop, Des Moines Howard Johnson Convention Center, 8 a.m., May 27.

International Polio Network Support Group Leaders Workshop, Sheraton St. Louis, June 3-5.

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**FORTRESS ADDS POWER TO MANUAL CHAIR**

Fortress Scientific Products now offers the 1000FS Add-On Power System which can turn your manual wheelchair into a power chair in minutes.

Since the system can be fitted or removed (without tools, once installed) in minutes, you can retain the portability of your chair. A proportional joystick controls hi/low speed and direction of travel. Suspension bars hold battery boxes under the seat for more stability. Changing from manual mode to power mode involves merely pushing a switch on the joystick panel.

Although the cost (approximately \$2300) is comparable to the purchase price of a good motorized cart, this system may be an option that some with manual chairs are looking for.

Contact your Fortress dealer or call Abbey Medical in Omaha, 1-800/255-2255 for information.

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**POST SCRIPT ON AMTRAK**

by Kathy Hendrickson  
Wood River NPSA member

In the light of the recent tragedy in Hastings, Nebraska, in which one died and many were hospitalized due to a fire on board, I am concerned about the safety of handicaps on AMTRAK.

The paper says AMTRAK is willing to put smoke detectors in the crew cars--possibly in the sleepers. What are the handicaps and elderly supposed to do? They are put in a separate car which does not even have hand rails to help with getting out of the seats. Are we to be sitting ducks for another such tragedy? Smoke is one of the worst enemies many handicaps can have--many polio survivors have lung problems, and that added to other incapacities could be fatal in such a fire.

Maybe AMTRAK officials should meet with some of us and get an idea of what is really needed to help handicapped passengers the most.

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**HOLDREGE GROUP TO HEAR SPEAKER MAY 7**

Delores Bray, Holdrege Area Representative, announces that their May 7 meeting will feature Mark Murphy, a representative from Med-America in Kearney.

Be at Phelps Memorial Health Center at 2:30 and enjoy an afternoon of information and fellowship.



# MEMORIALS

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF W. O. BALDWIN

from

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Hebron, NE

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF PUD

from Butch

FOR DADDY WITH LOVE

from Carter and Nancy

**MEMORIALS**

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from Dale and Bobbie-Jo Harris  
Chillicothe, OH

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IN HONOR OF THE 9TH BIRTHDAY OF  
TRACY RYAN KOLLING

from Che Che Kolling  
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