

## Cancer Incidence Influenced By Geographical Location, Medic Says

By Alton L. Blakeslee

OXFORD, Eng., (AP)—Some keys to prevent cancer lie right under our noses, just waiting to be grasped and turned, Dr. Alexander Symeonidis says and these keys are graphic. They are the many peculiar differences in various countries of the body locations of cancer, he said. Liver cancer hits one nation harder than another. Breast cancer is common in some countries but rare in others.

"If we can learn why these differences occur, then we shall have clues to human cancer, and could find ways to prevent it," said Dr. Symeonidis, special advisor of the geographical pathology unit, National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, Md.

He is one of 20 experts from nine countries meeting here to plan a new attack on cancer, using these geographical keys. The symposium was initiated by the council for coordination of international conferences of medical sciences. It is sponsored by the United Nations Economic and Social Council and the World Health organization.

"Nature has set up the experiment for us," Dr. Symeonidis said. "These striking differences in the body locations of cancer occur naturally. It is like laboratory experiments with animals, in which we produce cancer in some animals, and learn the reason why."

"But nature gives us the chance for a new and direct attack on human cancer, for her 'guinea pigs' are humans themselves."

"Cancer of the liver is frequent in Greece, but rare in Germany. Cancer of the cervix (neck of the womb) is rare in Jewish women, frequent in non-Jewish women."

"Cancer of the spleen often occurs in North Africa, but is rare in the United States and Europe. Cancer of the breast is rare in China, Japan and North Africa, but is one of the most common types of cancer in Europe and the United States."

### Accurate Data Needed.

"We hope to organize international teams of scientists to study some of these differences. We must learn what the facts are, and why the differences occur. Knowing that, we shall probably find some causes of cancer, or clues to them, and can prevent much cancer."

"We need good statistics on cancer and its types. We need careful investigations, and animal experiments to try to duplicate the human findings. We also need microscopic studies of any differences in the cancers of the breast or liver in one country as compared with another."

A few such studies already are underway. The geographical pathology unit at Bethesda, the first of its kind in the world, is cooperating with hospitals in New York and in Israel in studies of cancer of the cervix in Jewish and non-Jewish women, he said.

## Officer Retired As Cancer Victim May Regain Duty

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A 30-year-old navy officer who was retired three years ago after being told he would shortly die of cancer would be restored to active duty under a bill passed by the Senate.

The bill, approved yesterday, doesn't tell much of the story. It says only that its purpose is to restore Lt. Comm. Edwin M. Rosenberg to the active rolls of the navy. An accompanying committee report says that Rosenberg was retired in 1947 "due to a physical disability which was presumed to be permanent and fatal within a relatively short time."

Rosenberg, who watched from the Senate gallery while his bill was approved unanimously and sent on to the House, filled in the gaps:

After serving on baby aircraft carriers in the Pacific, he was sent to the Boston navy hospital for examination in 1946. Doctors told him he had cancer, might not live more than two weeks.

He was given radiation treatments and in a couple of months was out of the hospital, apparently all right. Retirement board doctors examined, found another cancerous spot. He was retired, over his protest.

The cancer licked, he got a job teaching seamanship at the naval academy at Annapolis. But he wanted sea duty again in the navy.

He persuaded Senator Hickenlooper (R-Iowa) to introduce a bill, the only way he could be restored to active duty.

If the House goes along, he said, he has been promised shipboard duty, probably in the Far East.

## Dillard

By ROSA HEINBACH

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Clark and daughter, Betty, of Coquille were over-night guests of the latter's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dillard.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper made the trip Sunday to Camp Tye with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Pearson, who took their daughter, Mary Lynn, for a week's vacation at the camp.

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Fosback that their son, Oliver, is to graduate Aug. 3, from the Naval Hospital Corpsman's school at San Diego. Mr. and Mrs. Fosback plan to go down to see their son in the near future.

Miss Mae Siljestrom, who has been in Dillard for the last 10 days visiting at the ranch home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCord and two sons, David and Peter, left Tuesday morning for the first part of her journey home. Since Miss Siljestrom is an office official in a large department store, she goes back from her visit "up on the farm," with a horrifying memory of one experience. One day while she was gathering eggs in the McCord barn stooping over the nest, she discovered a large bull snake curled around the nest eating the eggs. Leaving Tuesday by bus for Seattle she was to take the boat trip to Victoria, B. C., before boarding the plane for her home in Highland Park, Ill.

Mrs. Bertha Rummell returned to her home in Dillard last Thursday for a two-weeks visit with her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rummell. Mrs. Rummell has been making her home with her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Philip Rummell at San Leandro, Calif., for the last seven months, since the birth of her first grandchild, Harry A. born Jan. 18. Mrs. Philip Rummell, who was formerly well-known in Roseburg teaching circles as Miss Phoebe Hawthorne, is now office receptionist for her husband.

Expert baby sitters are to be found among the younger fathers in this community. Gathered at the Stanley Paroz home Thursday evening were Jim McAlaine, Dan Laurance, Melvin Brittain and Stanley, who each cared for their small babies while their wives enjoyed the bridal shower given in honor of Miss Carol Sue Barnes at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Stanford Buell. Other men "practicing the art" for the evening were Rev. Frank Drew, Ronald Burgess and Byron McKean.

Enjoying a trip to the coast last Saturday were Mrs. Mary Stoner, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Swain, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Baldwin. They stayed Saturday night, July 21, at Gold Beach. Sunday morning they enjoyed gathering sea shells, rocks and other curios. They motored down the coastal highway into California to admire the giant Redwoods, returning by the cut-off back through Grants Pass, arriving home Sunday evening.

Guests from the east visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Houston were Mrs. Houston's sister, Mrs. J. E. Hutton and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Hutton, and daughter, Lindsay, from Topeka, Kan. They traveled west by way of the Yellowstone national park, and are returning by the Salt Lake city. Among the sight seeing trips taken during the week's visit was the loop-trip through Drain, Reedsport and the coastal highway, enjoying the ocean for the first time, to North Bend. They stayed overnight Saturday at Empire, returning by way of Coquille on Sunday. B. J. Hutton is employed as assistant signal engineer by the Santa Fe railroad in Topeka.

Thursday evening guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Flagler were Mr. and Mrs. Alton Rice and son, Bob, their guest, Mrs. Pearl Fisher of Portland, Mrs. Sadie Sheridan, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hughes, and Miss Joan Wentworth. Flagler entertained his guests by reviewing the "movies" taken on their July 4 picnic at the Charles Hughes ranch. Refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Flagler.

### FIRE RAZED LANDMARK

WALLULA, Wash., (AP) — Fire last night razed one of this town's oldest landmarks, the Wallula hotel, which was built in 1880.

The midnight blaze quickly consumed the two-story wooden building, which had not been used for the past 10 years.



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FLOWER GARDEN—Results of the spare time efforts of city firemen are viewed by two members of the department, Fireman Roy McFarland and Assistant Chief Tony Shukle. In addition to keeping up the fire equipment, the city firemen keep the city hall grounds in order. The colorful attractiveness of the flower garden in the foreground is largely lost in the black and white camera reproduction. (Staff Photo)

## Pre-Natal Classes Dated At Armory

District 11, Oregon State Nurses association, is sponsoring mother and pre-natal classes during a seven-weeks' course, starting Aug. 3, announced Miss Ruth Bloom, head nurse at the Veterans hospital.

The classes will be conducted each Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Red Cross rooms of the armory. The class will be free, and all expectant mothers are urged to attend. The course will consist of lectures by local physicians, discussions led by nurses of the association and educational film.

Miss Lavina Fulton of the county health department will conduct the first meeting, which will be an introductory session on pre-natal and post-natal care.

Miss Margaret Joyce, head dietitian at the Veterans hospital, will give a review on feeding, bathing, equipment and clothing needs for babies.

Dr. J. C. Palmer of the Veterans hospital will lecture on physical and mental reactions during pregnancy. Dr. E. J. Wainwright, county health doctor, will lecture on how the baby is born. Dr. Frank B. Price of the Veterans hospital will speak on what happens emotionally and the family plans for meeting the emotional and physical needs of the newborn baby.

Several other local doctors and nurses will assist with the program. Further details will be announced later.

This will be the first program of its type to be carried out by nurses groups in the state. One

## U. S. Tanks Worthless Because Of No Fan Belts

By HAL BOYLE

WITH U. S. TROOPS IN SOUTH KOREA, (AP) — An American sergeant who fled Red-captured Chinju said today three American tanks badly needed for defense of the city sat on a railway siding for four days because they lacked fan belts.

"The tanks never got into action or fired a shot," he declared, "and when I left Chinju 15 crewmen were waiting in hopes flat cars would arrive on which they could get the tanks out. They were under orders to destroy the tanks if a train didn't arrive."

A general officer later confirmed that orders had been given to destroy the tanks rather than let them be captured, and said he felt sure the order had been obeyed.

An investigation is under way to determine why the tanks were without fan belts despite two emergency air ships.

## Whites Still His Friends, Nez Perce Chief Says

JOSEPH, Ore., (AP) — A survivor of the Nez Perce Indian wars under Chief Joseph told a white-man's audience here "I still consider you my friends."

Chief Kash Kash, 92, one of the few survivors of the 1878 Nez Perce battles with government troops, was a guest of the fifth annual celebration held in memory of Chief Joseph.

Gov. Douglas McKay and Salem's Mayor Robert Elstrom headed a state capital delegation here for the final program. They joined some 1,000 other guests at a cowboy breakfast.

Later, the governor turned the first spade of dirt on a Wallawa lake site for a museum to be dedicated to Chief Joseph.

### BEARS 17th CHILD

POTTSVILLE, Pa., (AP) — Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shaw of Mount Carbon, Pa., need one more child to have two full baseball teams.

Mrs. Shaw, who is 41, gave birth Monday to her 17th child.

Her seven other daughters and nine sons are all living. Their father is a night fireman at a Mount Carbon brewery.

## CVA Necessary Now For Defense, Davidson Says

PENDLETON, Ore., (AP) — C. Girard Davidson, assistant secretary of the interior, declared here that the Columbia Valley authority is needed now to meet defense needs and the northwest's industrial expansion.

The cabinet officer, who frequently speaks in support of administration programs, addressed a chamber of commerce forum.

"Our industrial machine is now running at top speed and still it cannot meet current civilian demands. . . . It is not merely a military emergency that forces us to expand industrial production. We shall continue to need this new industrial capacity after the emergency is over," Davidson declared.

The necessary production can be achieved, but only by teamwork, he said.

"Faced with such pressing problems, we shall have no time for foolishness," he continued. "This is not the time for private wars which divide and dissipate our energies."

Davidson said grouping Pacific Northwest river development projects under the CVA would speed their construction and more quickly provide the power needed, not only for the defense effort, but for the region's rapidly expanding economy.

Without this speedy construction, he declared, "the alternatives are grim." One is to cut the civilian use of electric power. Another is to use high cost power.

Davidson described a recent national magazine article (in "Readers' Digest") by Leslie A. Miller, former Wyoming governor, as part of "current propaganda campaign of the private power companies."

"All of the facts on the CVA question should be widely disseminated so that the people can make up their own minds as to its merits and demerits," Davidson said. "Unfortunately, this magazine overlooked this opportunity for performing a useful public service."

## Locals

Pi Beta Phi — Alumni of Pi Beta Phi sorority interested in chartering a chapter, are asked to contact Mrs. H. C. Church, 205 S. Kane street, or Mrs. May Matthews, route 2, box 718. There must be 10 members in order to obtain a charter.

At Dame Home — Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Dame and baby daughter, Jo Lynne, have as their guest, Miss Dorothy Olson, of Seal Beach, Calif., who plans to spend her two weeks vacation here. Mrs. Dame and Miss Olson attended grade and high school together in California.

Picnic Dated — The annual picnic of Evergreen Grange will be held at Umpqua park Sunday, Aug. 13, at 1 p.m. Coffee and ice-cream will be furnished by the Grange. Members are asked to bring a picnic lunch.

Visitors Leave — Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Young and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, left Sunday for their home in Oakland, Calif., following a vacation in Oregon. They spent a part of their time at Diamond Lake and the remainder in Roseburg visiting Mr. Young's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Young, on Flint street.

Mrs. Kobernik Home — Mrs. Arthur Kobernik returned to her home in Roseburg Thursday, following a 10 day visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harding, at Trail, Ore. She visited her sisters, Mrs. Donald Vaughn and Mrs. Arthur Hume, at Prospect, Wednesday, she attended the luncheon given by the Central Point Home Economics club.

Her entertained members of the upper Rogue and Roxie Anne Home Economics clubs as guests.

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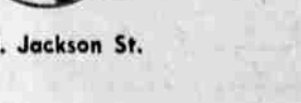
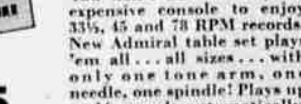
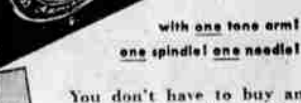
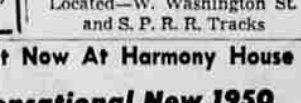
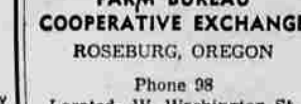
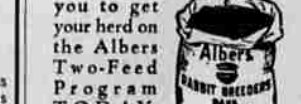
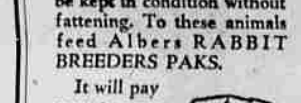
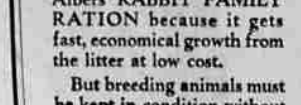
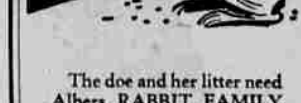


NARRATOR—Hal Burdick, Sr., San Francisco, CBS' "Night Editor," is to appear in Jacksonville in connection with Gold Rush jubilee festivities August 5 and 6. Producer, writer and narrator of the popular network program, Burdick is scheduled to crown the queen of the jubilee, introduce her court and narrate story of the Jacksonville historical pageant.

They said he was "merly" making a general observation. Actually, overall civilian employment fell off 268,000 between the weeks ended June 10 and July 8 to a 61,214,000 total.

### SNAKE KILLS STEER

LA GRANDE, (AP) — A steer died from a rattlesnake bite on the open range near Hot Lake, owner H. W. Peebler reported. The animal was found dead, and a veterinarian said it was bitten earlier in the day.



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