

Hope Of Cancer Cure Impels Scientist To Disregard His Age Of Retirement

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NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.—At retirement age, Dr. Moses L. Crossley had a choice: To loaf and go sailing, or to take on more new work. The choice was easy for a brilliant chemist who "can't imagine myself not working." So now he's doing a double job in cancer research, of making and testing drugs that stop or kill cancers.

Dr. Crossley, now 66, retired last fall as director of research of the American Cyanamid company and its subsidiary, Calco Chemical Co. His industrial career included developing drugs for arthritis, and some of the first real wonder drugs, the sulfa family. It also covered a search for anti-cancer drugs.

Over the years Dr. Crossley and his staff made some 1,200 new chemicals that might carry a punch against cancer.

He has taken on a new job, as an honorary research specialist at Rutgers university's bureau of biological research, headed by Dr. James B. Allison. Dr. Crossley directs the bureau's experiments in testing new chemicals.

One promising drug is TEM, nickname for triethyleniminotriazine. This is one of a family of drugs, the triethylene imines, developed from German-discovered dye chemicals.

Rats Used In Tests
Drugs are tested on rats, on cancers transplanted from other rats, and on other animals having cancer. So far TEM shows ability to decrease the size of certain transplanted cancers.

"Many compounds have shown some activity in retarding tumor growth in animals, but this mustn't be taken to mean that a cancer cure is in sight," Dr. Crossley said.

"It is possible that within the next 10 years we will know enough to control some types of cancer—but not necessarily all types. And whether, even then, we will be able to control cancer in all of its life stages, is exceedingly doubtful."

The cancer work of the bureau of biological research is supported by the American Cancer society, Damon Runyan Memorial fund, and American Cyanamid.

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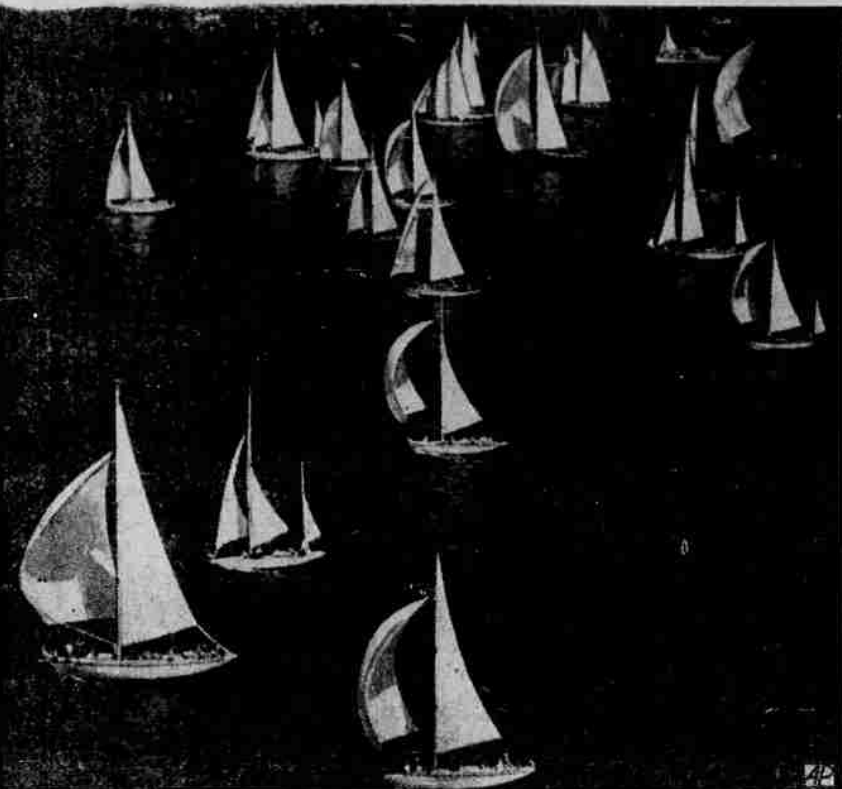
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START OF A CLASSIC — The sloop Revelry (upper left) leads the fleet across the starting line in the 26th annual 243-mile Port Huron-to-Mackinac, Mich., race on Lake Huron.



YANKS SWARM ASHORE — Units of the famed First Cavalry Division, liberators of Manila in World War II, swarm ashore at Pohang on the Korean east coast in the first amphibious landing of the war. The arrival of the First Cavalry and a previous landing of the 25th Infantry Division at the American supply port of Pusan triples U. S. ground forces fighting for the United Nations in Korea. Photo by Richard C. Ferguson, NEA-Acme staff photographer.



'BIG ONES' ON THE WAY — These heavy American tanks (M26) mounting 90mm guns are being readied for transportation to the South Korean battle front after arriving in Pusan, major port of southeast Korea. (AP Wirephoto.)

U. S. Official's Family Escapes Death In Crash

LAKEVIEW, Ore. — (AP) — The wife and two sons of Dr. E. U. Condon, physicist and director of the federal bureau of standards, narrowly escaped death in a car crash in the desert north of here Monday.

The two sons, Paul, 17, and Joseph, 15, were thrown free as the automobile rolled over three times. They emerged only with bruises.

Mrs. Emily Condon was hospitalized here, but attendants said she would be able to leave in a few days. She suffered from shock, cuts and bruises.

Paul, who was driving, said the car suddenly began whipping from side to side on the road, before slipping off the highway 70 miles north of Lakeview.

They were enroute to this southern Oregon town to visit Mrs. Condon's sister, Mrs. J. Raymond Taylor. Dr. Condon had accompanied them as far as Denver, where he was called back to Washington, D. C.

GROWS WITHOUT WATER

BERKELEY, Calif. — (AP) — A pocket mouse which never drank water or other liquid has died here at the age of six years. That is a fabulous age for such a mouse which usually lives only about a year in its natural desert home.

Dr. Seth B. Benson, who caught the mouse near San Diego, says it consumed only small amounts of bird seed. Apparently it got all the water it needed from the dry seed. He says many desert animals have body processes which use very small amounts of water.

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State Wheat Planting Allotments Announced

WASHINGTON. — (AP) — The Agriculture department has announced state planting allotments for the 1951 wheat crop designed to produce about 200,000,000 bushels more than this year's harvest.

All of the state allotments total 72,784,810 acres compared with 72,719,069 allotted for this year's crop. However, less than 70,000,000 acres were seeded for this year's crop, due to unfavorable weather in some areas.

The 1951 wheat goal is 1,150,000,000 bushels compared with about 950,000,000 estimated for this year's crop.

The state allotments are based primarily upon the seeded acreage in each state during the last 10 years, adjusted for recent production trends.

The state allotments will be apportioned among individual farms. Farmers must plant within their allotments in order to be eligible for government price supports.

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