

Cigarette Smokers Lead Non-Smokers In Cancer Deaths, Society's Finding

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ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (AP)—Men who quit smoking cigarettes probably cut their risk of dying of lung cancer compared with men who keep on smoking, the American Cancer Society reported today.

Its study finds the cancer death rate among a group of ex-smokers was only half that of smokers. But society officials said that due to the small number of smokers and ex-smokers involved, it cannot be "proven beyond reasonable doubt" that quitting reduces the risk of lung cancer. They declared more evidence is needed.

This is a main finding in the latest report of a continuing society study of nearly 190,000 men, aged 50 to 70, and their smoking habits and what they die of.

Just a year ago the first report indicating cigarettes play a role in lung cancer, was announced by Doctors R. Cuyler Hammond and Daniel Horn, director and assistant director of the society's statistical research, at the annual meet-

ing of the American Medical Assn. That first report covered 20 months' time and deaths of nearly 5,000 men.

Today's report at the opening of the AMA's 1955 session covers 32 months and studies of deaths—whether from cancer or other

causes—among more than 8,000 men.

Conclusions Listed
Some of the conclusions of Hammond and Horn:
Lung cancer is rare among men who have never smoked.
The death rate from lung cancer

increases with the amount of cigarettes smoked. The rate is appreciable even among men who smoke less than 10 cigarettes daily.

Regardless of whether men live in big city or rural areas, the rate is high among smokers, and low among non-smokers.

Among men who smoke two packs or more daily, heart disease is the most common cause of death, and lung cancer is second. In these men, lung cancer accounts for one in eight deaths.

In the general male population of this same age lung cancer accounts for 1 in 30 deaths. Among these heavy smokers, lung cancer outranks accidents, brain strokes

and other causes of death to take second place.

Pipes, Cigars Safer
Pipe smoking "appears to be associated with lung cancer" but far less than cigarettes. Last year little evidence had been found in this study to point to any danger in pipe smoking.

Cigar smoking still does not show any significant association with lung cancer in this study.

Strong Earthquake Felt West Of Mexico City

MEXICO CITY (AP)—The government observatory recorded a strong earthquake at 1:13:13 a.m. Tuesday. It appeared to be centered about 500 miles west of Mexico City in the Pacific Ocean.

A second tremor was recorded at 2:38:10 a.m. and was the same shock felt at El Centro, Calif., a few minutes earlier, observatory officials said.

Bean Growers Set Prices At Last Year's Level

SALEM (AP)—The Oregon Bean Growers Assn. set selling prices at last year's level and recommended the same picking pay at their meeting here Monday evening.

Some 60,000 pickers are expected to be employed at the peak of the season. The recommendation to the State Labor Board is for 2 1/2 cents a pound with a quarter-cent bonus to those who stay through the season.

Plantings this year are on 7,500 acres, an increase of 500 over last year.

The cash price was set at \$165 a ton for No. 1, grading down to a low of \$85 for the poorest.

Gordon Walker, Independence, representing cash growers, was elected president. W. Verna Chamberlain of Turner, representing cooperative growers, was named secretary and will automatically move up to the presidency next year.

TRIAL TURNED DOWN
KIAMATH FALLS (AP)—A motion aimed at getting a new trial for Florin M. Coon, 32, was turned down Tuesday by Judge David R. Vandenberg and Coon was expected to start for Salem and a life term in prison later in the day.

Coon, local barber, was convicted of beating his wife to death.

Local News

In Portland—Larry Zuver was in Portland Tuesday and Wednesday on business.

At Myrtle Creek—Mrs. Joe Burgess of Redding, Calif., is visiting in Myrtle Creek with her brother, the Rev. Dorsey E. Dent.

Here From Seattle—Visitors at the L. A. Spurgeon home last weekend were Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Spurgeon of Seattle.

From Portland—Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Puckett of Portland visited friends in Roseburg over the weekend.

To Eugene—T. H. Pargeter went to Eugene Tuesday to attend a school for insurance managers.

Attend Festival—Mr. and Mrs. Phil Harth have returned here following a trip to Lebanon to attend the annual festival.

In Idaho—Mrs. Joyce Pruitt of Roseburg is spending a couple of weeks in Boise, Ida., where she is visiting her father.

Return From Trip—Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Bodener have returned to their home here from a vacation trip to Pocatello, Ida.

In Portland—Mr. and Mrs. Bob Findlay visited recently in Portland at the home of her sister, Mrs. George Radabaugh and family.

At Coast—Vacationing at coastal points over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Strickling and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kress, and their families.

Sec. Hobby Sees Free Polio Shots As Back-door Entry To Socialized Medicine

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Welfare Hobby said Tuesday a free polio vaccine program sponsored by Senate Democrats might lead to "socialized medicine by the back door."

Mrs. Hobby was a witness before the Senate Labor Committee, appealing for approval of President Eisenhower's program of free polio vaccine only for the needy—35 million dollars worth, to be paid by the federal government.

A conflicting proposal backed by Sen. Hill (D-Ala.), committee chairman, and other committee Democrats seeks to expand that into a program providing free Salk vaccine for all children through age 19 who want it.

Sen. Goldwater (R-Ariz.) asked Mrs. Hobby what result the Democratic plan might have if it were adopted. He asked if that would not lead to demands for federal participation in other medical programs.

Mrs. Hobby said she thought it could lead to "socialized medicine by the back door, not by the front door."

But he said he agrees wholeheartedly with Mrs. Hobby. He said the Democratic plan could lead to a "back-door approach to socialized medicine."

Earlier in the hearing Democrats and Republicans clashed over whether the committee had any business asking Mrs. Hobby about the safety of the Salk vaccine.

Mrs. Hobby disclosed at the hearing that the Eisenhower administration has ticketed 35 million dollars, instead of the 28 millions previously asked, for its own program of free vaccine limited to needy children.

14 School Dist. Buses Damaged By Vandals

GRANTS PASS (AP)—Vandals damaged 14 of 24 Josephine County school district buses stored for the summer at the suburban Fruitdale school grounds, officials reported this week.

They also attempted to enter the school building but failed.

The vandals entered the buses by prying open emergency doors. They apparently held down starters on the buses after putting them in gear and crashed them into each other.

School Supt. Elmer Fleming said there was considerable body and glass damage but couldn't make a cost estimate at once.

The vandalism occurred Saturday and Sunday nights.

Summer School Slated For Orchestra Practice

The local summer school orchestra program starts tonight at 7:30. Director Wendell Johnson said the school-age players will meet in the Roseburg High School band room.

Practice sessions will be held weekly. He said the group hopes to present a concert in late summer. There are some 35 students in the orchestra. Rehearsals will end about 9 p.m.

Johnson said he needed additional string players. Those interested may contact him at OR 2-3108. There is no charge for the instruction. School District 4 provides music for the group.

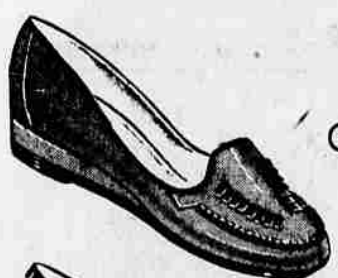
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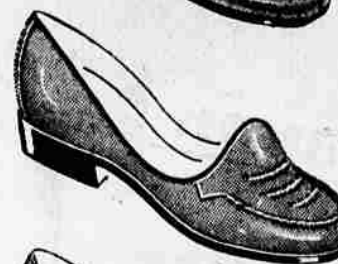


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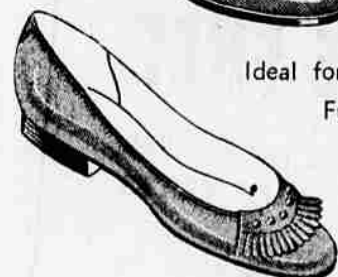
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HICKS - McCARTY — Ronald J. Hicks, Roseburg, and Rosanna McCarty, Winchester.

GREEN - DODSON — Robert Green, Union Gap, and Addie F. Dodson, Sutherlin.

MARS-ROBERTSON — O. L. Mars and Dorothy A. Robertson, both of Myrtle Creek.

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