

Atomic Tests Reduce Cancer

COLUMBUS, O. — (AP) — Radioactive cobalt—one of the new products of atomic energy research—may be making history in cancer-killing at Ohio State University.

Twenty-five Ohio women with cancer of the cervix (the neck of the female uterus) have had their cases apparently cured or eased in one year of treatment with cobalt 60, University Hospital has reported.

OSU radiologists said the 25 cases "have been confined to those instances where no other method of treatment has been available or where previous treatments have failed."

The scientists, however, are wary of claiming a sure cancer cure.

They measure results in cancer treatments in terms of years. They warn that patients who now seem cured through radioactive cobalt may later develop active cancers.

Results of the year-long tests were contained in a paper read at the June meeting of the American Radium Society. They escaped public attention until the Atomic Energy Commission listed its contents among scores of developments.

Water Survey—

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no thoughts of condemning the private company's system. He said such a procedure would be unwise and costly.

Buy From Eugene

The possibility of purchasing water from Eugene was also mentioned. The mayor said Eugene would not doubt sell water at a fair price if both cities should come to an agreement over water.

At present, however, Larson said, the city would attempt to purchase the Mountain States system. He also mentioned that the city was negotiating with the company to buy its electric system. No agreement has yet been made.

Councilmen learned that the state sanitary authority has given Springfield 60 days in which to submit a progress report on a proposed sewage disposal plant.

City Manager Fred Chestnut read a "strong" letter from the authority which said if a report weren't received in two months, "we will have no choice but to sue the city to appear and show cause why pollution should not be abated."

A letter from the authority dated May 3 issued instructions that the city should submit complete engineering plans of a fiscal program and time schedule for a sewage plant. The Monday letter said no report had yet been received.

Immediate Action

Chestnut pointed out that immediate action must be taken. "We must submit complete plans for construction of a sewage plant," he said. "Anything else and we would just be wasting time."

Mrs. Vera Hansen, Springfield housewife, needed the council on the milk and meat situation. She cautioned that a class "A" milk shortage was possible in the fall, as dasked the council to pass an ordinance forbidding the sale of class "C" milk in Springfield.

Mrs. Hansen said if such an ordinance weren't passed, the city should then write state milk authorities and secure a differential price rate for both grades. She said at present grade "A" and "C" sell in Springfield at the same price.

Mrs. Hansen also asked the council for an ordinance governing meat inspection. Nothing but inspected meat should be sold in town, she said.

The matter was referred to the health committee after Mrs. Hansen pointed out there was 80,000 bacteria per cubic centimeter in grade "A" milk and over 500,000 bacteria in the same amount of grade "C."

Sewer Contracted

Werner and Jeske, Eugene contractors, were awarded a contract for the construction of three sewer jobs with a bid of \$18,432.10, some \$440 less than the next lowest offer.

Werner and Jeske bid \$13,499 on the Morning Drive project, \$1833 for work in Keene's First Addition, and \$1289 on a project in the Sunnyside area.

Other contractors submitting bids were F. W. Riddle, Intercity Sand and Gravel Co., T. C. Wildish, and C. D. Jeske.

Long-standing council deadlock for a street paving program was broken when councilmen voted 5-1 for adoption of a resolution calling for the paving of 10th St. from Main to K St., at a width of 40 feet.

Paradoxically, the only negative vote on the resolution came from Arthur McChesney, chairman of the street committee. McChesney, however, gave reasons for his thumbs-down policy.

He said only one property owner on 10th St. gave him the "green light" for street paving, \$25,000 yearly.

Chestnut said a proposed paving program would cost the city an estimated \$22,000 to \$25,000 yearly, but pointed out that increased allocation of state gasoline tax funds would assure Springfield of adequate revenue.

Chestnut estimated that the city would pay 28 per cent of paving costs and property owners would pay 72 per cent.

The city manager said property owners under the proposed city paving program would be asked to pay for all width up to 34 feet and storm sewers up to eight inches. The city would take care of additional widths.

Boatmen Study Fish Behavior

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — (AP) — Fish at the Wolf Lake Hatchery near here are participating in a project that may make it tougher than ever for their fellow-fish to evade the angler's hook.

They are demonstrating to scientists how fish react to the sounds of a motorboat.

When the study is complete, the facts obtained may help boat fishermen outwit their prey.

In three hatchery ponds, fish are getting an overdose of motorboat sounds. Driveline boats, tied to a center pole, circle round and round 24 hours a day.

Reactions of the fish are compared to the behavior of fish in three other ponds undisturbed by engine sounds.

The Outboard Boating Club of America and the University of Michigan are sponsoring the project.

Gas Container Explodes

SEATTLE — (AP) — A large metal gas container at the Lake Union plant of the Seattle Gas Co., exploded Tuesday, showering metal fragments over an area of about 100 square feet.

Time keeper Ted Reichman said that no fire broke out, but that firemen were standing by in the event that large quantities of raw gas released by the explosion would ignite.

The explosion was heard over a wide area, but employees escaped injury from metal fragments of a lid which covered what they described as a "relief holder."

The tank contained gas that had just come from the manufacturing tank. It apparently blew up when a heavy piece of metal dented or punctured the lid, releasing the gas which is under tremendous pressure.

One maintenance employee identified as J. O. Johnson, suffered shock.

Police reported no other injuries.

Police said they received their first report of the blast at 9:02 a. m.

French Society Matrons Help

PARIS — (AP) — French high society matrons are helping struck fashion houses rush their dresses to completion for the fall showings.

The Princess de Polignac and the Countess Philippe de Ganay are stitching for Jacques Fath.

The Princess de Faucigny-Lucinge is helping Jacques Griffe.

"We clients would be less difficult about our robes if we really knew the fantastic labor that goes into each one," said the Princess de Polignac.

Most fashion houses are planning to give their shows, beginning this week, despite the strike of midinets (sewing girls) for wage increases.

Some of the sewing girls are drifting back to their machines, but many are still idle.

The fashion houses say they are forbidden to grant wage increases by a government wage-freezing policy. The strike began last week.

Rodent Control Exams Opened

The Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Federal Security Agency, Public Health Service, Communicable Disease Center, Atlanta, Ga., has announced competitive exams for probational appointment for filling positions of Insect and Rodent Control Aid and Specialist.

These positions pay entrance salaries ranging from \$2284 to \$7432 a year, for duty in various localities throughout the United States.

Further information may be obtained from the Civil Service secretary in the Postoffice Building.

Night Classes Attract Many

Night classes for adults given at the University of Oregon during the school year 1948-1949 attracted 800 persons, according to Viron A. Moore, Eugene, head of the department of statewide classes, general extension, State System of Higher Education.

This was the largest enrollment for any city in Oregon.

A sharp increase in popularity of the adult education classes was noted throughout the state. Much of the instruction was in the form of teachers' workshops, followed by additional lectures and study which resulted in credit toward a degree or certification.

Clerk Exams Slated By State Civil Service

The State Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations for Clerk III (\$210-\$255 per month), Accounting Clerk (\$210-\$255) and Accountant I (\$240-\$300).

Applications must be postmarked on or before midnight of Aug. 6. Forms are available at the local office of the State Employment Service. The Clerk III examination is open to only those candidates who have not taken it since April 30, 1949. The accounting exams are open to those who have not taken them since Jan. 8, 1949.

Further information may be obtained at the employment office.

House Halts Indian Liquor

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The House decided this week that for purposes of drinking fire-water, the Indian shall not be put on a par with the white man.

It refused to approve a bill that would have set aside federal prohibitions against drinking by Indians in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The federal ban applies to Indians in all states. The bill before the House would have left it in effect in other states. In Minnesota and Wisconsin, the House Public Lands Committee said, the Indians "have demonstrated that they are competent."

Minnesota has repealed a state ban against liquor sales to Indians.

The bill was killed by a roll call vote of 168 to 131. It came up under procedure requiring a two-thirds vote for passage but didn't even get a majority, although an earlier vote indicated majority backing.

Rep. O'Konski (R-Wis) observed that most Indians "handle their liquor a whole lot better than some white people."

But Rep. Rees (R-Kas) an ardent prohibitionist, opposed the bill on the ground that it was discriminatory and "isn't good for the Indians."

The House passed a similar bill several years ago but the Senate shelved it.

Bethel Water Board Changes Meetings

BETHEL — Meetings dates were changed by the water commissioners of Bethel Water District at a meeting held Monday night.

The next meeting will be held Saturday afternoon in the Fire Hall, but following this date, all water board meetings will be held in the hall the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p. m. Commissioners formerly met the second Monday of each month.

Bandits Rob Swank Store

DEAUVILLE, France — (AP) — Four masked bandits held up the swank Van Cleef and Arpels jewelry store branch in this fashionable resort, wounded two persons with a burst of submachine gun fire and escaped in two cars with \$600,000 worth of loot.

The raid was carried out with in gunshot of the villa where Rita Hayworth, reported expecting a baby, is staying with her husband, Prince Aly Khan.

Officials of Van Cleef and Arpels, which has branches both in New York and Paris, said the jewelry included 32 diamond necklaces which had been sent here recently for a special exhibition to attract the millionaires, princes and movie stars who summer at Deauville.

Police have found no trace of the bandits.

7 Month Christmas Ends for Youth

VANCOUVER, Wash. — (AP) — Albert Wyman, 5-year-old leukemia victim of Woodland, Wash., whose last Christmas lasted seven months, died at a hospital here Tuesday.

Albert received presents daily when his plight became apparent about Christmas time. The Christmas tree stayed up, and his parents and friends made every day a special occasion.

When Albert wanted watermelon, Spokane housewives sent him canned melon by airliner, then another leukemia victim, young Ronnie Calvert of Richmond, Cal., sent him two whole melons, which he in turn had received from well-wishers in Florida.

Last week the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wyman put up another Christmas tree, but weakening Albert did not respond.

Firemen Have Record Month

A record number of alarms were answered by the Eugene Fire Dept. during the month of July.

Fire Chief E. L. Surfus reported that firemen answered 162 alarms in July, the biggest month in the history of the dept.

The chief factor in the rapid increase was the large number of calls due to cars and trucks leaking gas: there were 87. Chief Surfus said that 90 per cent of the gas-leaking cars were found in a defined area bounded on the east and west by Oak and Olive Sts., and on the north and south by Seventh and Tenth Avenues. There were eight cars leaking gas over the weekend which were reported to firemen.

The rest of the alarms answered were as follows: 19 rubbish fires, 19 grass fires, 12 building fires, four alarms due to overheated and defective heating equipment, four car fires, four false alarms, seven rural fires, one chimney fire, one smoke scare, one inhalator run due to a drowning, two mutual aid calls to Springfield and Creswell, and one call to remove children from a locked room.

The estimated damage in Eugene due to all fires for the month was \$2500.

Weather

Local Statistics: Highest temperature Monday, 94 degrees; low Tuesday, 59 degrees; trace of rain for 24 hours ending 10:30 a. m.; trace for month; normal for month, 0.46 inches; stage of river at 7:30 a. m., minus 2.6 feet; wind at 11:30 a. m., Southeast 3; prevailing wind Monday, West 10.

Sunrise and Sunset (PST):
Wednesday, 5:02 a. m. and 7:34 p. m.; Thursday, 5:02 a. m. and 7:32 p. m.
Friday, 5:12 a. m. 5:3 ft. 7:42 p. m. 8.2 ft.
Low 1:59 a. m. -0.2 ft. 1:29 p. m. 2.8 ft.

Ford Strike Vote Slated

DETROIT — (AP) — Some 80,000 Ford workers in Michigan will begin voting Monday on whether they want to strike.

Michigan law requires such a state-conducted vote before a legal walkout can occur. State Labor Mediation Chairman Noel Fox said the election would take three days.

Industry sources watched with interest because effectiveness of any Ford strike would depend on whether Michigan plants were shut down.

The CIO United Auto Workers, meanwhile, continued contract talks with Ford Motor Co. officials.

The union has announced no definite strike plans, but Pres. Walter Reuther has hinted that one might be called soon.

Medford Uses Sewage Line

MEDFORD — (AP) — For the first time in its history, the city of Medford did not dispose of sewage in free-flowing streams this week. A newly constructed trunk line sewer to the Camp White sewage plant went into service.

The plant, capable of handling sewage for a city of more than 40,000 people, was built during the war for the Army camp. It was acquired recently by the city from the War Assets Administration.

In addition to Medford, the plant serves the Veterans Administration domiciliary center at Camp White, and will serve Central Point when that town connects with the main trunk line.

Medford has in the past dumped much of its sewage into Bear Creek, which is a tributary of the Rogue River. Central Point also uses this method of disposal.

Hick, Hick, Ish Warmish For Petunias

WENATCHEE, Wash. — (AP) — Alcohol and the 104 degree temperature recorded Sunday didn't mix.

The sheriff's office reported a "slightly inebriated man" had bedded down in his neighbor's flower bed with the explanation, "I'm a petunia."

Pilots Strike at Aircraft Board

SALEM — (AP) — W. M. Bartlett, state director of aeronautics, refused to comment Tuesday on charges against him and the state board of aeronautics.

He said it's up to the board to make any statements.

Oregon's flying farmers and other aviation enthusiasts charged that the board was wasting money, and that Bartlett is not qualified for his job.

Former Governor Charles A. Sprague, Salem publisher, wrote in his newspaper column Tuesday that he thinks the board should be abolished. He said many states don't have such boards because the federal government does a competent job through the Civil Aeronautics Board and the Civil Aeronautics Authority.

When Sprague was governor, he also had his troubles with the board. He fired all five members because they hired an employee who was offensive to Sprague.

Governor Douglas McKay said he has turned all the charges against the board over to the board.

Body Identified

PORTLAND — (AP) — One of three bodies recovered Sunday from the Willamette River here has been identified at Ernest J. Lindeman, 76, Portland. The others are not yet identified.

Railroad Seeks NW Business

DENVER — (AP) — The Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad has bid for freight contracts of the Pacific Northwest to an action designed to lure the Union Pacific Railroad to the "Ogden gateway" in Utah.

Filing of the petition in Interstate Commerce Commission here by President William C. Carthy of the D. and R.G.W. Long Fight?

McCarthy and other officials of the line said at a press conference that the action would signal a long fight with the Union Pacific for the right to haul freight to and from Montana would be affected.

The D. and R.G.W., which operates through the mountain between Denver and Salt Lake City, asks that the Union Pacific be required to abandon its practice of higher rates for shipments partly over tracks of the D. and R.G.W.

Only Competitive Products

McCarthy said the charge is made only on "competitive products."

The charge is put on at Ogden, Utah, transfer point between two railroads.

The Union Pacific's practice of routing shipments to the Northwest over the Colorado-Utah line all but imposed from a competitive standpoint.

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