

'Atopic' Allergy Said Protection Against Cancer

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New York—UPI—A statistical study suggests that "atopic" allergy, which makes its victims miserably periodically in the well-known allergic ways, has the hidden virtue of protecting them from cancer.

Dr. Elmer Delos Smith, W. Fisher, an allergy scientist of the University of Illinois, Chicago, undertook the study because of the growing body of evidence that there are natural body defenses against cancer.

"These may explain the difference between a cancer-prone and a cancer-resistant person and differences in the rate of tumor growth, invasiveness, curability, and, on very rare occasions, spontaneous disappearance of the malignancy," he said.

Response of Chemistry

"Atopic" allergy represents an excessive response of defensive body chemistry to foreign substances, such as house dust or pollen, to which it is sensitive. Non-allergic people have a defensive chemistry which isn't sensitive to these substances.

For the purpose of his study, Fisher assumed that the body chemistries of "atopic" allergy victims would react to any developing cancer cells as they'd react to other foreign substances—or "antigens." That is, they'd over-react and so, over-protect.

Whether this is so or not can't be demonstrated chemically; the science of biochemistry hasn't advanced far enough to do that. Hence, it is a theoretical idea, but one backed by a large number of related facts.

Fisher examined the allergy status of 1,185 cancer patients. His definition of "atopic" allergy was rigid, to rule out those who had some what similar sensitivities and allergic symptoms. Of the 1,185 only 38 were atopically allergic, or 3.2 per cent of the total.

Startling Discoveries

The accepted figure for the total population is about 10 per cent. But at the same time, Fisher was making the same investigation in 298 hospital patients whose troubles had nothing to do with cancer. Of these 298, 12.9 per cent were subject to "atopic" allergy.

Fisher made some startling discoveries when he investigated the allergy histories of the 38 cancer patients atopically allergic. He discovered that 14 of the 38 had been but were no longer; their allergic symptoms had disappeared 10 or more years before their cancers developed.

Two more had noticed that their allergic symptoms were diminishing at about the time they were developing symptoms of cancer. Of the remaining 22, only one was severely allergic.

Fisher reported his findings to the technical journal of the American Academy of Allergy.

Market Values Off Nearly \$5 Billion

New York—UPI—Stock prices went into a decline last week that cut market values by nearly \$5 billion.

Railroad issues headed the selloff, dropping the rail average to a new 16-month low. The Dow-Jones rail average dropped 3.92 points, lowest since the 4.58 point drop Nov. 24, 1958.

Industrials lost 9.32 points in their average, blue chip selling brought losses of 3 points in DuPont and General Electric and steels dropped as much as 3 points.

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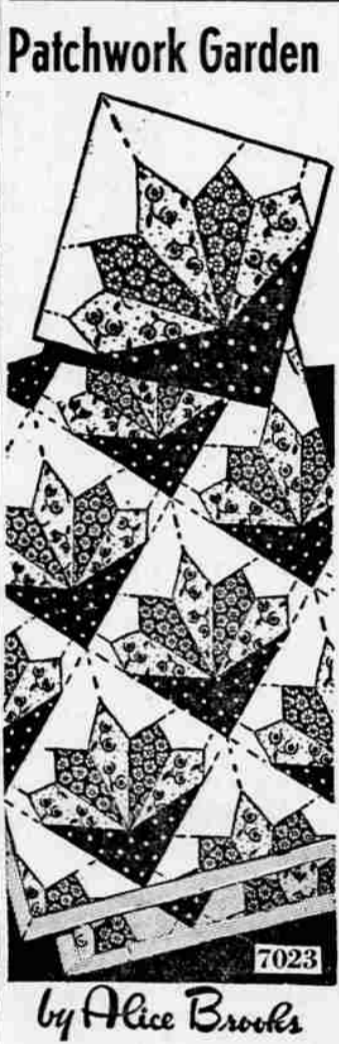
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REGISTERING TO VOTE—Negroes are shown standing in line to register to vote at Somerville, Tenn. Negro leaders had called for a "march" of 1,000 Negroes to register, but far less showed up, possibly because of ice and snow. About 75 whites and 75 Negroes were registered. The Negroes claim Fayette county Democratic primaries are for "whites only." (UPI Telephoto)

Naming Hurricanes After Girls Finds Favor With Actresses in Hollywood

Hollywood—UPI—If the weatherman is a fussy fellow who nibbles his lunch while perusing charts, it is all his own fault.

He could be swashbuckling through Hollywood collecting hurricans and getting his glasses steamed up as name dropper supreme—if the names he dropped were those of hurricanes.

Instead of peering at a barometer, or making book on the chances of rain, he could be casually suggesting the possibility of naming a tropical storm "Linda." And in that delightful moment of suspense, says actress Linda Cristal, "I would peck a kiss on his head and on his nose and on his mouth."

Would Please Jayne

Or he could be listening to the philosophy of Jayne Mansfield. "If I had one named after me, I would be very, very pleased," she told United Press International. Her voice got downright husky when she got to the "very very" part.

He might make the mistake of trying the idea out on Vanessa Brown. She doesn't want any part of it.

The weather bureau, in the past, has drawn up a new list of feminine names for hurricanes and tropical storms each year. It was careful not to repeat any of them.

But, it decided, the strain was just too much. It has revealed a new list with 84 names on it—a four year supply. There are 21 names for each year and, unless the bureau changes its forecast, the lists will be rotated ad infinitum.

It may take a will of iron. "I think," says Miss Mansfield persuasively, "that if they were to use the names of very famous stars, people would really perk up their ears and more could be done to combat hurricanes. I have had a lot of gentlemen say they would like to do a little combating with me."

For Peace or Beauty

"Ge. I think that's terrible," Vanessa Brown declared. "I don't care to wreak destruction personally or nationally. I would much rather be the inspiration for peace or beauty or some new form of space exploration, say our first successful landing on Venus or a lake on Mars."

Barbara Hale wouldn't be impressed either. "I already have one named after me," she said, "and I am very familiar with two others." She lists her hurricanes as Jody (really Barbara) Bill and Nita—her daughters and son.

"They are very dramatic, very emotional and sometimes very calm. And I love them."

But, back to Linda Cristal, "I think it would be terrific... a wonderful idea. It would go with me. My temperament is like a hurricane. Maybe I could go watch my hurricane from the top of a palm tree."

Called Everything Else

Beverly Garland couldn't care less. "I've been called everything else. I might as well be called a hurricane. I think it would be nice just as long as I didn't come in for any law suits for destroying property."

June Lockhart says "I'll buy it as long as hurricane June stays in her own backyard and out of mine."

Julie Adams has her own reason. "My husband, Ray Danton, studied to become a weather man before getting into the acting profession. Therefore it might be nice to have a hurricane named after me."

"I'm sure," said Felicia Farr, "it was a man who had

an unhappy love affair who decided to name hurricanes after women. I resent it. We aren't destructive, no matter what any man says," she said.

Carolyn Jones said she thinks it is fair to name hurricanes after women, but insists on equal rights for men. "I wouldn't mind having a hurricane named Carolyn, but why don't they name tornadoes after men? Most of them are a lot windier than we are anyway," she said.

Flow of Protest

The weather bureau began tagging storms with girls' names not long after World War II. At first it created a flow of protest from gallant

males. They still complain occasionally.

But the girls seemed to like it. Most of the bureau's mail on the subject now comes from girls who want hurricanes for their namesakes, a spokesman said. That, he said, was one of the reasons for continuing to use feminine names.

The list of names for this year starts out with Abby, then goes Brenda, Cleon, Donna, Ethel, Florence, Gladys, Hilda, Isabella, Janet, Katy, Lila, Molly, Nita, Odette, Paula, Roxie, Stella, Trudy, Vesta and Winnie.

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Area Cities Report Perfect Records

The state board of health has released the names of 102 water supply systems throughout Oregon which had perfect records during 1959 for the submission of specimens for bacteriological analysis.

Dr. Richard H. Wilcox, state health officer, said the honor does not imply that all systems were perfect during the year, or that the approximately 350 systems which failed to make the list had impure water.

The honor roll indicates merely that those listed took the precaution of having regular monthly laboratory examinations made of their water as a public health safeguard and the samples examined met the standards each month, Dr. Wilcox said.

Among those systems with

Police Get Last Laugh on Jokester

Queenstown, Md.—Joseph White, 32, pleaded guilty to disturbing the peace. Police said a man called and reported, "someone's been stabbed. Come quickly."

Police raced to the address and found a man on a bed, the handle of a large butcher knife sticking from his chest, his shirt covered with red blotches.

When officers approached the victim—White—sat up. The handle of the knife, stuck in a piece of cardboard inside his shirt, fell to the floor.

The blood proved to be ketchup.

Number of Flu Cases Declining

The number of influenza cases reported in Jackson county last week declined from previous weeks, according to the Jackson county health department's weekly report.

A total of 93 cases of influenza, including 60 in Medford, were reported, according to Dr. C. I. Drummond, public health physician. Other cases reported totaled 6 in Jacksonville, 10 in Phoenix, 3 in Shady Cove and 14 in Ashland.

Other communicable diseases reported last week included chicken pox, Gold Hill 15, Ashland 4, Medford 7, Shady Cove 1; pneumonia, Medford, Gold Hill, Jacksonville, Ashland, Rogue River, 1 each; mumps, Gold Hill 1; whooping cough, Medford 3;

Only one of eight men registered for the draft during World War I actually became a member of the nation's various military forces.

meningitis, 1 from Harbor in Curry county; German measles, Medford and Ashland, 4 each; measles, Ashland 3, Medford 2; and infectious mononucleosis, Ashland 1.

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