

Dr. Churchill Says 15,000 Residents May React to Test

There are estimated to be 15,000 residents of Jackson county who react positively to the tuberculin skin test, and who should be watched with annual chest x-rays," Dr. Ambrose Churchill, director of the tuberculosis section of the Oregon state board of health told the annual meeting of the Jackson County Tuberculosis and Health association recently.

Dr. Churchill said the opportunity to wipe out tuberculosis has never been so nearly within reach as it is today. He went on to say that there is a strain of the tubercle bacilli which is developing resistance to the drugs used to treat the germ, and that there is an urgency in pushing toward total elimination as quickly as possible.

"We have the tools for finding tuberculosis early and for treating it successfully, therefore eradication is a practical suggestion," he said. "At present it is only by finding all known infections to prevent spread and make eradication possible." Compulsory screening may be the answer, he stated.

He pointed out that the tools for finding it include the chest x-ray and the tuberculin skin test. There are estimated to be 40 million people in the United States who react to the skin test showing previous infection, and it is from this 40 million that 75 per cent of the new cases will come.

Dr. Churchill said a conference of leaders in the public health and professional field in Oregon was held last October, and from this conference came recommendations working toward eradication.

Some of these recommendations included more intensive use of annual chest x-rays and skin tests, more vigorous search of contacts of known cases, a registry of positive reactors, more careful checking of children, alcoholics who are known to have a high rate of disease, diabetics and teen-agers with positive reactions, wider use of chemotherapy in treatment and the reporting of every new case by private physicians.

"We cannot afford to be complacent because the death rate has dropped," he stated. Tuberculosis is a chronic, relapsing disease communicable from man to man, animal to man and man to animal, and there is evidence of an increase of tuberculosis among animals.

Cattle are still infected, and it is now estimated 10 per cent of the chicken flocks may be infected with the agrarian type. It is also found among salmon and trout, although so far there is no evidence that it is transmittable to man.

Oregon now has a fairly low incidence rate but with the expected heavy influx from states with a high rate, health officials and residents need to be alert. One of the major problems, he said, is that funds are not now available to do more than alert the people. He pointed out the high cost of tuberculosis, both to the private individuals and the public.

Volunteer groups working with the professional and official agencies is the only way to get eradication done, and the earliest possible date for that could be 2004, he concluded.

New Navy Recruiting Officer Now on Duty
Edward H. Hawkins, chief machinist's mate, recently reported for duty with the Medford Navy Recruiting station in the post office.
He is a veteran of 10 years' service in the Navy, and his family home has been in the Medford area since 1933.
His wife is the former Irene McDonough, Ruch, Chief and Mrs. Hawkins and son are now making their home in Ruch.



MRS JACK KENNEDY
In Newcomers Service

Newcomers List New Representative

Mrs. Jack Kennedy, 1417 Johnson st., is a new representative with the Medford Newcomers Service, according to Mrs. Olive Lowry, owner.

Mrs. Kennedy, who was born in Canada, is a Medford High school graduate. She was married in Alabama, and later moved to Long Beach, Calif., living there until 1959. The couple have two daughters, Carol 12, and Pat, 17.

Prior to working for Newcomers, Mrs. Kennedy was employed at La Pointe's, Elks lodge and Harry Marshall realtor. Her husband is with Chore-Boy Western Inc.

Junior Dairy Day Slated in Medford

The annual Junior Dairy Day sponsored by the Rogue River Jersey Cattle club will be held at the fairgrounds in Medford May 20. Starting time is 10 a.m.

The one-day show is open to anyone under 21 years old. Plans call for a dairy cattle judging contest, followed by demonstrations and concluding with a dairy showmanship contest.

Cliff Moore, Eagle Point, youth chairman of the Jersey Cattle club, will be in charge of the show. Additional information on the show can be obtained from Moore, route 1, box 624, Eagle Point, or by contacting the county extension office.

Gary Cooper's Condition Said To Be Worsening

Hollywood - UPI - There has been "a worsening" of the condition of ailing Gary Cooper, 59, his physician said Wednesday in confirming the star was suffering from "advanced cancer."

In a medical bulletin, Dr. Rex Kennamer said: "Gary Cooper is a victim of advanced cancer. In 1960 he underwent surgery for carcinoma of the colon."

"Several months ago, the malignancy was discovered at multiple sites throughout the body. In the past week there has been a worsening of his general condition and there is reason for grave concern."

Spirit Said Good
"With a full knowledge of his condition in the past months, Gary's spirit is good and his courage is a source of inspiration to his family and friends."

"Aided by his family and religious advisors, Gary continues to fight vigorously and unafraid. He has been greatly comforted by the interest, good wishes and blessings of his friends throughout the world."

Dr. Kennamer's statement was the first official announcement that the actor is suffering from cancer. Cooper is being treated at his Bel-Air mansion and the doctor said, "Gary's present condition is not such that daily medical bulletins will be issued."

18 Measles Cases Reported in County

Eighteen cases of measles were reported in Jackson county last week, according to the county health department. Eleven of the cases were in Medford; three each in Ashland and Central Point; and one, Shady Cove.

Other communicable diseases reported were mumps, 3 in White City, 2 in Ashland, 4 each in Central Point and Shady Cove, 6 Medford, 4 Eagle Point, and 1 Jacksonville; chicken pox, 2 in Eagle Point and 7 in Rogue River; influenza, 13 in Medford, 1 Ashland, 6 Shady Cove, and 1 in Eagle Point; and German measles, 1 in Central Point and 5 in Medford.

Two cases of whooping cough were reported in Medford; two ringworm in Ashland; 1 pneumonia, Central Point; 2 gonorrhea, Medford; and 2 infectious mononucleosis, Medford.

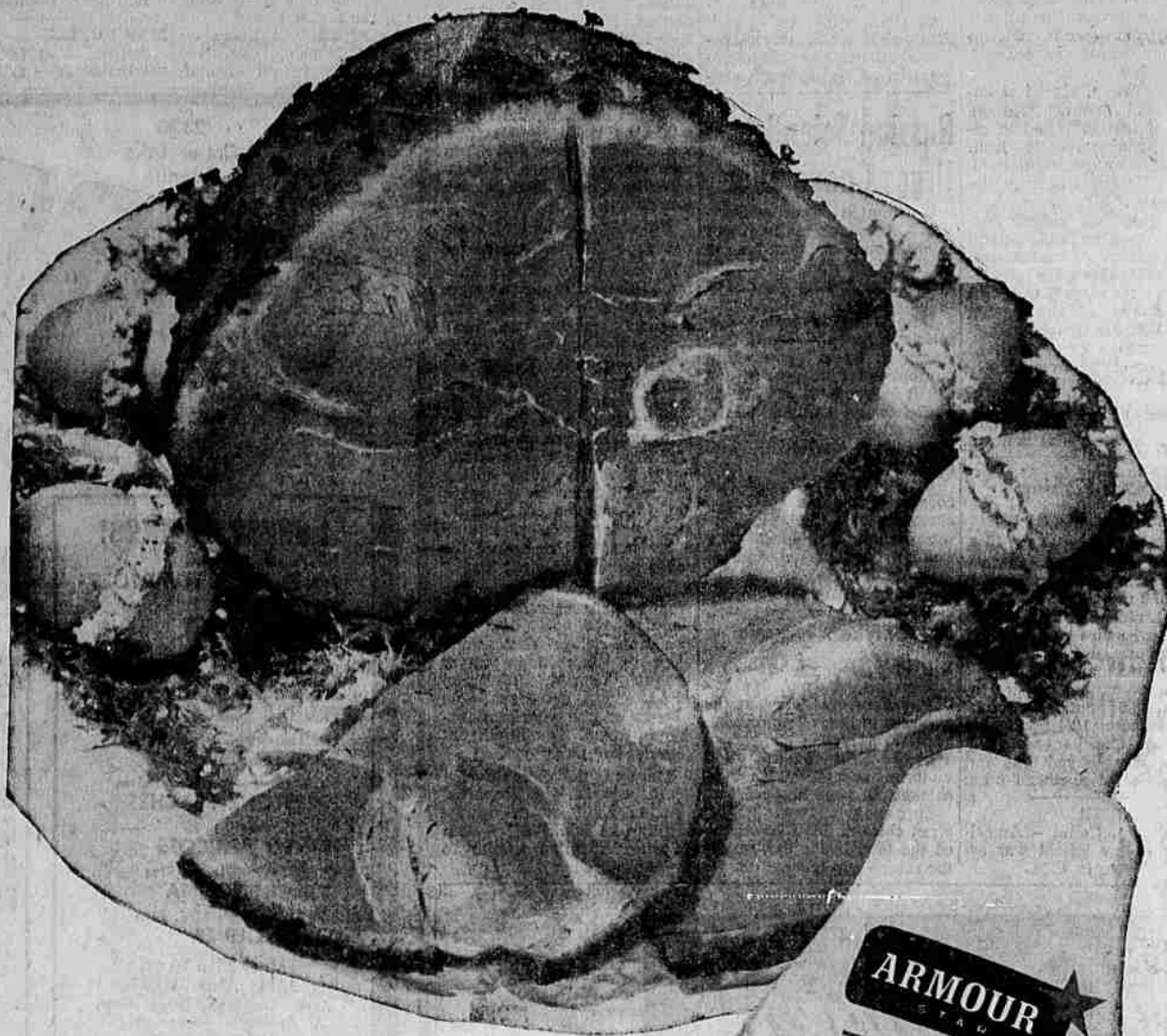
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