

Chronic Chest Diseases Are Discussed at Local Meeting

Southern Oregonians who have been concerned for several years over the possible influence of atmospheric pollution on the health of the citizens had their fears justified last week by Dr. Donald M. Pitcairn, associate professor of medicine and head of the division of chest diseases at the University of Oregon Medical School, Portland.

Speaking under auspices of the Oregon Tuberculosis and Public Health Association, Dr. Pitcairn addressed the May meeting of the Jackson County Medical Society at the Rogue Valley Country Club on "The Problem of Chronic Bronchitis and Respiratory Disease."

The pollution factor does play a definite role in the increase of respiratory disease, Dr. Pitcairn emphasized. His concern was directed to air pollution and cigarette smoking as contributing causes of the increases in chest problems.

"We also are gravely concerned," Dr. Pitcairn de-

clared, "about the increase of cigarette smoking among teenagers. The best treatment is prevention. Once the habit is established it is difficult to curb or stop it."

The influence of pollution on the public health, as reviewed by Dr. Pitcairn, was accepted as significant in February, 1960, by the Oregon State Sanitary Authority.

The findings were issued following a six month study, authorized by the city council, to augment and expand information collected by the Sanitary Authority at intervals since 1952 on the state of Medford's air.

Confirm Pollution Problem
"The study confirmed that Medford has severe air pollution during certain periods," to quote the report. "Counts of suspended matter in the air were extremely high during the spring period when orchardists fight frost with smudge pots. The fallout of cinders and partially consumed wood particles from lumber and plywood mills

was found excessive in several Medford neighborhoods." Speaking particularly of obstructive emphysema, a disease which consists of chronic bronchitis, shortness of breath and wheezing, Dr. Pitcairn said: "What we are really concerned about is the absolute increase of this disease during the past 10 to 15 years."

"While emphysema is still predominantly a man's disease, it is steadily increasing in women," the medical school authority on chest diseases stated.

Problem in England
"This disease has been a problem in England for a long time," he reported. "People here thought their experience was different, but we're beginning to recognize that it is the same problems we are seeing in this country. It usually begins in the fourth to sixth decade of life and is more concentrated in the cities than in the rural areas."

There have been relatively few studies made in this

country and no large study of an epidemiological nature in contrast to England, where the problem has been studied for a fair number of years, Dr. Pitcairn pointed out.

Anyone who has a chronic cough, even if it is a dry cough, should have it investigated by the family physician, Dr. Pitcairn warned. The regular chest x-ray will not reveal the disease in its early stages, he explained. This need is particularly true for smokers, the speaker continued. Smokers, he cautioned, should never dismiss a cough as a "cigarette cough."

Advised to Stop Smoking
Anyone with emphysema is advised to quit smoking entirely. Non-smokers, however, should not get the impression that only smokers get this disease, according to Dr. Pitcairn.

Air pollution is a contributing factor and residents of areas where the air is highly polluted develop the problem without smoking cigarettes. The more the individual smokes the greater the risk, of course, the doctor agreed.

In England, for instance, the occurrence of the disease, the speaker noted, is more frequent in the heavily industrialized areas where workers are exposed to dust and irritant gases.

For persons who already have this disease, polluted areas are particularly hazardous, Dr. Pitcairn added, repeating his advice to anyone with a chronic cough and shortness of breath to consult the family physician for a complete examination.

Can Be Corrected
Granting that Medford has the pollution problem reported by the State Sanitary Authority, the situation is not one that cannot be corrected, the medical school professor volunteered. Some cities have gone a long way in solving the industrial air pollution problem, he said, mentioning specifically Pittsburgh and St. Louis. It took an aroused public to accomplish this improvement, but it was done.

It can be done here if indifference is overcome and funds made available. It was pointed out in the State Sanitary Authority's report.

Because of the natural air inversion in the Rogue River valley, the fumes are often trapped, constituting a more serious problem certain times of the year, the report showed.

"Control of the present air pollution sources is possible now and need not await new technical methods or procedures," the report contended. The first recommendation, growing out of the evaluation of the data gathered in the study, was: "Control of air pollution in and around Medford should be approached on an area-wide basis with City, county and state sharing the responsibilities."



SIGN CONTRACT—Congressman Robert B. Duncan (D-Ore.) (left) looked on last week when a repayment contract between the bureau of reclamation and the Rogue River Valley Irrigation district was signed by Kenneth Holm, assistant secretary of the interior for water and power. The repayment contract covers reimbursable costs of constructing the authorized Agate dam, reservoir and associated works on the Talent division of the Rogue River Basin project.

Ashland Chamber Praised for Work By J. C. Schill

Ashland - James C. Schill, western division manager for the United States Chamber of Commerce, had words of praise for the Ashland chamber when he paid a return visit here Tuesday.

Schill had addressed the local chamber several weeks ago. On his return visit this past week he visited with several chamber committees and expressed enthusiasm over the progress they are making.

The tourist and recreation committee of the chamber has been especially active recently, making plans for a water sports festival on Emigrant lake during the early part of

the summer, and planning a good will trip to Weed, Mt. Shasta and Dunsmuir May 23. Will Meet Chambers

On the good will trip, the caravan will meet with the chambers of commerce of the three communities in an effort to promote the Ashland area's recreation facilities and point out the improvements in highways through the Rogue valley. At present, some Siskiyou county businessmen recommend Highway 97 through Klamath Falls to motorists instead of Highway 99 and Interstate 5.

The tourist and recreation committee met recently with

the community development committee, at which time it was recommended that a new study on redevelopment of Luthia Plaza be undertaken by professional people.

The chamber's greeter's committee holds a coffee klatch each Thursday at 8:45 a.m. in the Mark Antony hotel to welcome new people.

Earlier in the year, the chamber's legislative committee was quite active, meeting weekly to study proposed bills. Several recommendations were adopted and the area's representatives and state senator were notified of the stajds taken.

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Portland - The bureau of land management, Portland, has announced a call for bids to perform work incidental to land rehabilitation and site improvement on approximately 289 acres of government land in Jackson and Klamath counties.

Bidders are asked to furnish all necessary equipment, supplies and materials, tools, labor, supervision, services and transportation for the soil scarification projects near Medford.

The work is set aside for small business concerns only. Bids will be opened at 2 p.m., May 23, in the BLM field administrative office, room 720, 1002 NE Holladay st., Portland.

Detailed information may be obtained from the bureau's Portland office, or from the BLM district manager at Medford.

Medford Student Takes Business Internship
McMinnville - Maurice Terry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert E. Terry, 2722 Bullock rd., Medford, is among 16 Linfield college business administration majors completing their internships with business firms in the McMinnville and Portland areas.

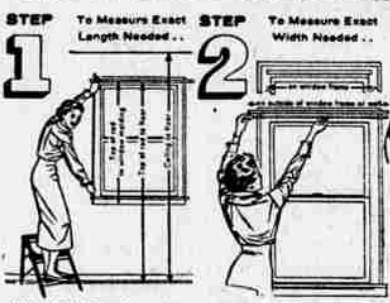
Terry served his internship with Honeyman Hardware company in Portland.

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	54"	4.98	4.48	8.98	7.88	12.98	11.88	16.98	14.88	19.98	16.88
	84"	6.98	6.28	12.98	11.88	16.98	14.88	22.98	18.88	29.98	23.88
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	84"	8.98	7.88	15.98	13.88	19.98	16.88	25.98	23.88	29.98	26.88
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	84"	13.98	12.88	24.98	20.88	32.98	28.88	39.98	34.88	49.98	42.88
SCARSDALE (Unlined)	FW		1 1/2W		2W		2 1/2W		3W		
	54"	5.98	4.88	8.98	7.88	11.98	10.88	14.98	12.88		
	84"	6.98	5.88	11.98	9.88	14.98	12.88	18.98	16.88	22.98	19.88

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36"	5.98	5.18	9.98	8.88	12.98	10.88	19.98	16.88	22.98	19.98	32.98	27.88	34.98
45"	5.98	5.18	9.98	8.88	12.98	10.88	19.98	16.88	22.98	19.98	32.98	27.88	34.98
54"	7.49	6.48	12.49	10.88	16.50	12.88	21.98	18.88	25.98	21.88	35.98	29.88	39.98
63"	7.98	6.88	12.98	10.88	16.98	14.88	24.98	19.88	26.98	21.88	37.98	32.88	42.98
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36"	5.98	4.88	9.50	8.48	12.98	11.88	17.98	15.88	19.98	17.88	24.98	20.88	28.98
45"	5.98	4.88	9.50	8.48	12.98	11.88	17.98	15.88	20.98	18.88	25.98	22.88	32.98
54"	6.50	5.48	9.98	8.48	13.98	12.88	19.98	17.88	21.98	18.88	26.98	22.88	34.98
63"	6.50	5.48	9.98	8.48	13.98	12.88	19.98	17.88	22.98	19.88	28.98	24.88	35.98
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