

Cancer Of The Lungs On Increase Over Country -- Many Areas Hit Hardest

Special Note: This is the fourth in a series of articles on cancer. The article was written for The Oregonian by Dr. Everts A. Graham, M. D., of the Department of Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis.

ARTS A. GRAHAM, M. D. of the lungs shows an increase. More than seven times as many people now as it did in 1900. About 14,600 in 1900, and now about 100,000.

Scientists are trying to find the answer. But even without the answer, the death rate from lung cancer is unnecessarily high. It is often the result of neglect.

Lung cancer can be cured if attacked early enough. The distressing problem to the surgeon is that because the disease is too far advanced when detected, in only one-third of the cases is it possible to remove the lung.

When an adequate operation can be performed, as many as 50 per cent may be saved. The first patient to have a successful lung operation for cancer, an obstetrician in Pittsburgh, is alive, well and working after 19 years.

The problem is early detection. There is a way: the "silent shadow," as it is called, can show up on an X-ray long before the person is aware that something is wrong, so insidious and painless is cancer's workings. It may flourish for months without giving its victim the slightest warning signal: a persistent cough, hoarseness, followed by streaks of blood in the sputum. Valuable time is lost.

Probably the number of patients cured by operation would be significantly increased if every man over 40 had a semiannual chest X-ray examination. If the "silent shadow" shows up, further examination is called for—attempt to see the growth with a bronchoscope, removal, if possible, of a piece of it for study and an examination of the washings of the bronchial tubes and the sputum for possible cancer cells. In about 15 per cent of the cases it is necessary to open the chest for a direct examination of the suspected lung.

The value of the mass X-ray approach has been demonstrated. When 500,000 pictures, made in a drive on tuberculosis, were screened by cancer specialists, it was discovered that 299 of those X-rayed might be suffering from lung cancer. Follow-up studies established that 78 of them did have cancer without knowing anything was wrong.

(Tomorrow: Cancer of the Mouth)



ARE YOU A LINK in the coffee chain to help swell the cancer fund? It is a pleasant way to visit with friends and at the same time get donations for the Cancer Crusade. For information call Marg Shogren, 2-0456, who is seated at the table. Standing, Gladys Bryan, Viola Heath and Marian Hamblin who will participate in the coffee chain.

Lighter Eyed Fighter Base

PORTLAND (AP)—An Air Force team will look into the possibility of establishing a lighter fighter base at the Hillsboro Municipal Airport, the Air Force said Monday.

Col. Gordon and Rep. Norblad said they were advised by Robert E. L. Eaton, Air Force, that the survey this would be only exploratory and several to be made in the future.

They were told by Eaton that the base would be a concern of the Air National Guard at the Hillsboro Municipal Airport which is now crowded since it is an Air National Guard base.

Man Named Young Slayer

IDAHO (AP)—A district court judge appointed an attorney Donald Keeler Monday to order the 18-year-old boy to appear April 14 for arraignment on a first degree charge.

The boy is accused of fatally shooting Uncle Louis Conrad, 63, the \$100 robbery of Copps station here March 15. John Cramer appointed Keeler to act as counsel for the boy in a brief court appearance Monday. Keeler is being held in county jail.

Winner in Forensic Tournament

WINNER in the 25th Grand Forensic Tournament at Washington College here Alan Southwell of Linfield McMinnville, Ore., as the winner.

(Tournament ended Saturday.)

Tool Ruckus Starts Row

PORTLAND (AP)—AFL Machinists reported for work Monday minus their tools, at 17 Portland area shops affiliated with the United Metal Trades Association.

Work went ahead as usual with the machinists using tools supplied by the shops.

The union threatened Friday to have members keep their tools home in a dispute over lost and stolen tools. The union wants a tool replacement clause in the new contract, but employers have been reluctant to agree. Agreement was reached previously on other parts of the new contract.

The tool question is the only dispute remaining in Portland's metal trades industry. AFL Molders returned to work after a brief walkout last week.

Woman Killed When Thrown From Car

BAKER (AP)—An elderly LaGrande woman was thrown to her death late Sunday when a car overturned on a Baker County road near Unity.

Coroner Pat Beatty said the victim, 72-year-old Daisy Elizabeth McChesney, died of a skull fracture and a crushed chest. State Police said the car was driven by her husband, Lee McChesney, who escaped serious injury.

Police said McChesney lost control of the auto on a long sweeping curve. It skidded in the gravel and overturned.

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Traffic Control Brings Problem

SEATTLE (AP)—Seattle's new eight million dollar waterfront viaduct, built to relieve one of the city's worst traffic headaches, brought police a new one Sunday.

Thousands of motorists jammed the approaching streets for blocks as they turned out for a first run over the imposing two-level artery. The viaduct affords a sweeping view of the harbor and is to be by-pass waterfront and city center traffic in going through the city.

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Sewage Disposal Plant Gets Okay

TOLEDO (AP)—The way is clear for this coastal city to build a sewage disposal plant in a special election Friday. Toledo voters approved a measure allowing the city to issue a \$126,000 bond issue to finance the plant.

Two previous elections were voided due to changes in regulations and incorrect wording. The measure was passed both times. In February, the State Sanitary Authority directed Toledo to stop pollution of the Maumee River or face court action.

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