

Cancer Of Cervix Need Not Be Fatal; Checkup Needed

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One does not have to die of cancer of the cervix. Almost all its deaths could be eliminated if all women over 35 would report at regular intervals for expert medical examination. Yet about 14,000 women die each year from this most common cancer of female reproductive organs. Fewer than one-third of all cases are now permanently cured. Why? Because the cancer was discovered too late. But it could have been detected much earlier.

London Cops Hold Slayer

LONDON (AP) — John Christie, polite little clerk charged with murdering his wife and under grilling about five other sex slayings, was popped into court again Wednesday and ordered held for another week.

Looking more fidgety than when he first appeared in the same court a week ago, Christie shuffled into the iron-framed dock but wasn't asked to say a word. The whole appearance lasted only 60 seconds.

Detectives are still dismantling the grimy "house of death" in London's slum-ridden Notting Hill gale district where Christie once lived and where the battered remains of his wife Ethel and five, or possibly six, other females have been found.

Police are looking for more corpses and clues in the lurid case which both shocked and fascinated Britain and much of the rest of the world.

fore the patient is aware something is wrong. Early detection of cancer of the cervix was made easy by development of the vaginal smear test, known as the Papanicolaou test. Cells are constantly shed from from internal surface tissues. Malignant cells are shed in the secretions just as normal cells are. Suspected cells can be detected by expert microscopic study.

When a group of apparently healthy women are tested, about one out of 300 are found to have changes in the cell structure that suggest cancer. Laboratory examination of sample tissues will show whether cancer actually exists in an early stage.

This is the time to find it—the time when it is most easily cured. It can be too late when a woman goes to her physician because she has discovered warning signs: unusual vaginal bleeding, prolonged or heavy periods, or bleeding which occurs after the menopause also calls for immediate medical examination.

But even in the more advanced cases, the cure rate is rising as the result of improved methods of surgery and radiation. One clinic recently reported that 50 per cent of all patients, early and late, applying for therapy were alive at the end of a five-year period. Promising new methods of treatment are in the process of development: super-voltage X-ray machines, powerful radioactive cobalt packs (a by-product of the atomic bomb) and radioactive gold.

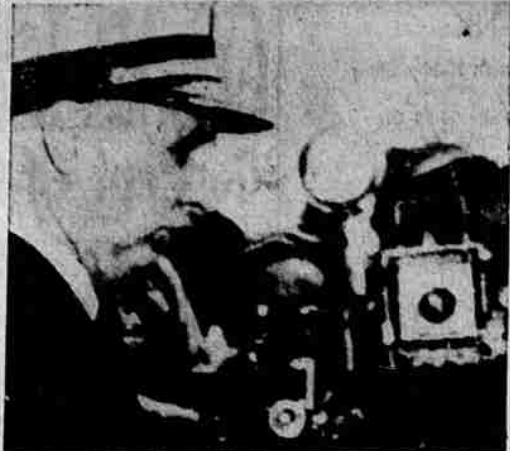
Just as "in time" is important to successful care of cancer of the cervix, it is important to successful treatment of other cancers of the reproductive organs.

A physician usually can detect symptoms before they become apparent to the patient. Neglect can be the difference between cure and death.

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Southern Oregon Water Supply Said Ample For '53

MEDFORD (AP) — There will be an ample supply of irrigation water in Southern Oregon this summer, W. T. Frost of Medford, snow

survey leader, reported after a water forecast meeting here Tuesday. The snow pack in the Klamath Lake Basin is 118 per cent of average, he said. In the Rogue River Basin it is 125 per cent of average and in the Umpqua River Basin, 131 per cent.

Forage on grazing areas is ahead of normal. In the Grants Pass irrigation district, there is an adequate water supply and rotation pumping is not expected to be necessary. The inflow in Upper Klamath Lake is forecast at 620,000 acre feet from April to September. That is 34 per cent above the 10 year average of 463,000 acre feet for the same period.

The discharge of the Williamson River below Sprague is forecast at 26 per cent above average.

President Gets Baseball Pass

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower Wednesday received a season pass to National League baseball games. League President Warren C. Giles said the chief executive is entitled to relax at golf instead of baseball, however, if he prefers to do so.

Giles called at the White House to give the President a season pass engraved on elephant hide. He also left a pass for Mrs. Eisenhower. Both were enclosed in a red, white and blue case.

Eisenhower is passing up the American League baseball opener here April 13 between the Washington Senators and the New York Yankees in favor of flying to Augusta, Ga., for a week of golf. Vice President Nixon, substiting for the President, will toss out the first ball.

KILLED

EUGENE (AP) — Jackson Yarborough, 48, Eugene, was killed Tuesday when a lumber straddle truck went over a railroad loading dock. He was employed by the Monroe Lumber Co.

Other forecasts: The Sprague River near Chiloquin, 33 per cent above average. The Clear Lake Reservoir, 331, 800 acre feet, compared with the 10 year average of 243,000. The Gerber Reservoir, acre feet now in storage compared with a 10-year average of 1,000,000. The inflow is estimated at 13,000 acre feet or 73 per cent of the 10-year average of 18,000.

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