



EMPHYSEMA ON INCREASE — Mrs. Chet Hamaker, first vice president of the Klamath County Chapter of the Tuberculosis and Health Association, discusses with Dr. Seth Kerron, county public health officer, the rising incidence of Emphysema, particularly among men, as depicted on the poster. Emphysema is one of a number of respiratory diseases which are the targets of an educational campaign currently sponsored by the association.

County TB Association Cautions On Emphysema

Are you coughing too much? Are you short of breath? If so, you may have a respiratory disease. Don't take chances. See your doctor.

That's the message of a special educational campaign — May 1 to June 15 — being sponsored by your Klamath County Tuberculosis and Health Association, Mrs. George Meade, executive secretary of the chapter, reported Friday.

Here's the story of a man who almost didn't get the message.

Bill Green has had several bad colds each winter for the past few years. Each cold was accompanied by a cough which often remained after the cold had

disappeared, but he has never rid himself of the cough from his last cold.

He was still dosing himself ineffectually with cough medicine when he noticed he was somewhat short of breath in the mornings. Then he found, too, that he was experiencing shortness of breath at the end of the day. Soon after he had to take the bus to the station instead of walking every morning, because the slightest exertion left him winded.

Believing he had asthma, Bill went to the doctor. It wasn't asthma. It was emphysema, another respiratory disease — a sickness of breathing.

Here's what happened in Bill's lungs. His repeated wintertime infections had irritated his small breathing tubes, obstructing the passage of air. Air got trapped in his lungs, and he couldn't breathe enough air out to make room for the fresh air he needed.

As time went on, more and more air got trapped. Now there was no room for him to breathe in enough fresh air. And what he did breathe in he couldn't breathe out.

Bill was lucky. He went to the doctor soon enough to get relief from his attacks of breathlessness. He could continue on his job. But when shortness of breath indicates emphysema is ignored, complete disability can set in.

Emphysema — like other chronic but hidden respiratory diseases — seems to be on the increase in the U.S. Authorities don't know exactly how many new cases turn up every year, because many states don't keep records. But in just one state, California, there has been a 300 per cent increase in emphysema alone in the last eight years. This increase may be true for other states, too.

Emphysema, like many other respiratory diseases, including tuberculosis, is most successfully treated when diagnosed early.

If you become short of breath, after little or no exertion, or if you have a chronic cough, you should see your doctor as soon as you notice something unusual. Your Christmas Seal association says you may have a respiratory disease. Don't take chances. See your doctor.

Judge Attends Alcohol Course

Klamath Falls Municipal Court Judge Clarence A. Humble recently attended a three-day conference on "The Alcoholic and the Court," in Portland sponsored by the Alcohol Studies and Rehabilitation Section of the state of Oregon Mental Health Division.

Recommendations stemming from the three-day conference are already being put into actuality, according to George Dimas, director of the section.

The recommendations made by the 60 representatives of Oregon and Washington courts and federal and state mental health agencies were that further regional conferences be held to study the problem, Dimas said. They also recommended that the possibility of regional rehabilitation farms to serve several communities be studied, and that such centers be staffed adequately to care for the "revolving door" or repeat alcoholic.

Not only judges, but welfare workers, physicians, police and clergy should all participate in solving the problem, the recommendations point out. It was also suggested that work to help support the rehab farms might be contracted for with industry. Better education for those dealing with alcoholics and a new emphasis on alcoholism prevention were also recommended.

SWITCH TO AIR

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Smouldering Discontent Apparent In LA Negro Population

By JOSEPH A. ST. AMANT
LOS ANGELES (UPI)—In law, a Negro in Los Angeles is the equal of a white man. In fact, he is not, according to civil rights authorities.

This sprawling metropolis has a Negro population of about 350,000—or 14 per cent of its overall 2.5 million. Ninety per cent of the

Negroes are concentrated in a south-central section of the city where a white face is a rarity. This is what civil rights leaders call de facto segregation or geographical segregation established by "gentlemen's agreements" to keep the Negro in a ghetto even though the laws are on his side.

Today the county Negro population is estimated at 515,000. Most of these people live within the city of Los Angeles but there are a few Negro islands in suburban Pasadena and Monrovia.

Victims of Poverty

Most Negroes are compressed into their ghettos by poverty and consequent inability to purchase homes of their own and by the connivance of white tract builders, according to leaders of such groups as the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

While it is conceded that the Los Angeles Negro may be better off from the standpoint of schooling, housing and job opportunities than his counterpart in Alabama, there still is a smouldering discontent.

was attended by some 30,000 persons, mostly Negroes, at Wrigley Field. Numerous speakers urged moral and financial support for Birmingham, Ala., Negroes in their desegregation struggle but a common comment from the audience was: "What about Los Angeles?"

Draws Applause

Dr. Christopher Taylor, chairman of the local chapter of the NAACP, drew one of the biggest bursts of applause at the three-hour meeting when he said: "We are here to help the people of Birmingham but I would be remiss in my duty if I did not mention certain problems we have in Los Angeles—police brutality, lack of housing, discrimination in employment... we must not let down in our fight in all walks of life for equal opportunity in Los Angeles."

Police Chief William H. Parker denies any policy of brutality to

ward Negroes or any other persons but the charges are leveled repeatedly not only by extremist groups such as the Black Muslims but also by leaders of the NAACP and CORE.

Residential and classroom problems seem to be uppermost in the minds of Negro leaders.

F. Daniel Gray, first vice chairman of the local CORE chapter, says these two problems are "unalterably tied up."

"You've got school segregation as the result of neighborhood segregation," he says.

Denies Intent to Segregate

Education officials such as Jack P. Crowther, superintendent of the

Los Angeles school district, deny any intent to segregate schools on the basis of race.

"The doors of our schools are open to all students, based on an orderly procedure calling for the attendance of each student to a prescribed school."

Because of geographical segregation, there are some 50 schools which are virtually all Negro in enrollment.

Gray and other CORE leaders feel that desegregation in fact cannot be accomplished under present state laws because penalties are not stringent enough and litigation to force compliance is time-consuming and expensive.

Problems of the Negro in Southern California have not been helped by a large influx of new residents from the South who come here in the hope of escap-

ing segregation and its attendant miseries. Many of these migrant Negroes lack funds and are not eligible for relief.

Senate Defeats Balloon Loaf

SALEM (UPI)—A bill to require extra-airy loaves of bread to wear a "balloon loaf" label was defeated Friday in the Senate.

It had passed the House.

Balloon loaves are baked by about half a dozen large bakeries in Oregon. Small bakeries had sought to ban them altogether.

Supporters of the bill said the label would prevent customers from being deceived.

There were signs the Senate defeat of the bill could be reconsidered.

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