

Lung Cancer Survey Conducted in B'ham

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—The extent of the lung cancer problem in Birmingham, compared to that in other areas, is being studied in a new report by the U. S. Public Health Service.

It comes at a time when many authorities are centering their attention on air pollution rather than on the cause of the increase in the disease in recent years.

ONE SUCH investigation, being financed by General Motors, will be to determine whether there is a relationship between auto exhaust fumes and cancer. Other studies will go into air pollution in general, following the discovery of

cancer-producing agents in urban smog.

Among residents of Birmingham, the official report shows, there were 39 deaths from cancer of all types in the year ending January 1, 1958, excluding deaths of non-residents.

Of this number, however, lung cancer was responsible for only 13, amounting to 3.5 per cent of the total.

NATIONALLY, lung cancer deaths constituted 13.3 per cent of the overall cancer mortality. In the State of Michigan, it was 13.6 per cent.

Although the lung cancer toll is small in the light of the 1,183 lives taken in the year by cancer as a whole, the fact that it is growing is causing deep concern.

Speaking for one school of thought, Dr. Alton Ochsner, eminent chest surgeon, says the increase is exactly proportional to the increase in cigarette smoking. He maintains that "every heavy smoker will develop lung cancer—unless he quits or some other sickness claims him earlier."

VIOLENCE spread in Dr. T. W. Lee of Law Hospital, Carlisle, Scotland, who says that smoking has no more to do with lung cancer than does banana eating.

He contends that the decline in the fearful statistics of the disease and that the type of person who once would have died of TB in their 30's "now survive to die of lung cancer in their 50's."

The official figures reveal a national rise of 16.5 per cent in the lung cancer rate in a period of just three years and 18.8 per cent in the State of Michigan.

In Birmingham, the rate rose from 8.8 per 100,000 population to 12.2 per 100,000.

Saginaw Site Of Historic Michigan Fort

Some of Michigan's historic forts still stand as monuments to the past. Some have been restored. Others, however, are only a memory—their existence kept alive only through the pages of history and the imagination of the onlooker.

Such is the case of Fort Saginaw, a beautiful park in downtown Saginaw marks the site of one of the fortifications of the old American frontier. Here stood historic Fort Saginaw—the bulwark of the peaceful peace between the white man and the Chippewa Indian nation in Michigan's Saginaw bay.

Today, the bay region is a favored spot for hunters and fishermen, as well as a gateway to the north for vacation travelers.

THE FORT was established in 1822, at a time when the threat of war with the Chippewas loomed large. In a peace treaty signed in 1819, the Indian nation had given up a good share of what is now the lower peninsula of Michigan.

The bay area was, in promise, but settlers needed assurance against possible violence.

American soldiers of the Third Infantry moved into the fort in May, 1822, and established a post at what is now the intersection of Hamilton and Court streets.

A blockhouse stood on the present site of the Hotel Fordney, and visitors today can gain an idea of the fort's appearance from a relief plaque on the hotel.

The fort accomplished its purpose: peace with the Chippewas was maintained and the land boom of 1824 saw a tidal wave of settlers sweep into the Saginaw valley.

Ironically, malaria and typhoid succeeded in doing what the Indians could not. By autumn of 1824, the defenders of Fort Saginaw were decimated and the bastion was abandoned.

The Fort Saginaw establishment did not mark the first time white men had come this way. When the British took over Michigan in 1763, after the French-Indian war, they found scattered remnants of or-shards—remnants of the days nearly a century before when Jesuit priests had found their way here from Quebec and Montreal.

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U. P. Club Slates Picnic

The Social Club of the Upper Peninsula is holding one of its annual picnics Sunday, September 13, 1959. This gala event is to be held at the new Magnolia Grove park, located on 16 Mile between Mound and Ryan roads.

There will be music and dancing; refreshments will be available including pop, coffee, wine, ice cream, hot dogs and candy.

ANYONE interested in meeting or picnicking with present or former residents of the Upper Peninsula, are welcome to attend.

The Social club is a non-profit organization dedicated to bring together Upper Peninsula residents that have been separated from each other while plying their trades in dispersed areas.

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Nice Work If You Can Get It

Nicest work you could get is the job Mrs. Jack T. Elliott, (right) of 1424 Yorkshire, Birmingham, has these days. She's taking swimming pool customers for trial swims at the Esther Williams pool constructed this summer at Benvilla and Woodward, Birmingham. Trying out the pool last week were Mrs. LeGrand E. Terry, 834 Brook-

lawn, who relaxed on the diving board while eight-year-old Cynthia Elliott, (left) and Linda Brisebois, 1443 Yorkshire, splashed nearby. Mrs. Elliott takes potential customers to the local pool to assist her husband, who installs the pools for the firm of Elliott Pools in Royal Oak.

MSU-O Offers Wide Variety In Courses

Adults of the Oakland-McComb community will be offered an interesting choice of educational courses this fall through Michigan State university education program.

Sixteen courses in business, engineering, communications, liberal arts and the fine arts will feature the first edition of MSU-O's offerings to adults.

ACCORDING to Dr. Lowell E. Lund, director of the program, courses will afford adults of the university community an opportunity to go back to school along with the high school and collegiate youngsters of the community.

"We are confident," he said, "that the response to these courses will support our contention that the people of this area are among the most enlightened in the country and realize the importance of continuing self-improvement through formal and informal education."

All of these courses except for mathematics and business engineering carry no academic prerequisite and are open to any adults with an interest in the subject-matter.

THE INSTRUCTORS are all University-qualified with extensive experience both in teaching and in the practice of their subject-matter specialty.

LEGAL NOTICES

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STATE OF MICHIGAN — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland

In the Matter of the Estate of MINNIE A. EYREBORN, Deceased, as Petitioner.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Court in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 15th day of August, A. D. 1959.

Present: Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

Order appointing time for hearing claims, is hereby given and it is hereby ordered that the time and place for hearing claims against the above estate shall be the 2nd day of November, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the Probate Court in the City of Pontiac, in said County.

All creditors or claimants against the above estate are notified to appear at said hearing to present their claims and to file with the clerk of said court, containing sufficient detail reasonably to inform the fiduciary of the nature and amount of the claim.

It is further Ordered that notice be given to all interested parties as shown by the records in this cause by delivering a copy of this order to each of them personally or by mailing such copy to each of them by registered mail with return receipt demanded, addressed to their respective last known addresses as shown by the files and records in this cause.

And it is further Ordered that publication of a copy of this order once each week for three consecutive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate.

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Emery & Emery, Atty's., 1100 N. Woodward, Birmingham

STATE OF MICHIGAN — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland

In the Matter of the Estate of MAUD D. COOLEY, Recently Deceased, as Petitioner.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Court in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 24th day of August, A. D. 1959.

Present: Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

Order appointing time for hearing claims, is hereby given and it is hereby ordered that the time and place for hearing claims against the above estate shall be the 1st day of November, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the Probate Court in the City of Pontiac, in said County.

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Local Scout Leaders Ready for Conference

On September 1st, over 3600 professional leaders of the Boy Scouts of America from all over the United States, along with 1200 of their wives and 350 children will check onto the University of Michigan campus for the National Training conference.

Local business and industrial leaders W. Calvin Patterson, 6155 E. Surrey, Birmingham, vice-president of the Michigan Bell Telephone company and president of the Detroit area council and Ray E. Eppert, Scout council executive, board member and president of Burroughs corporation, will be among those national leaders who will address the conference.

MRS. L. ROBERT Kilmer of 1825 E. Maple Road in Birmingham, is the national chairman of the Ladies' committee.

For several months Mrs. Kilmer has been busy "meeting" with her committee by mail. Her committee is made up of the wives of Scout executives located across the country.

The deep south and some from the mid-western and south-western states.

Many women attending the conference will be coming to Michigan for the first time, so plans are included to see some of beautiful Michigan.

PLANNING a program to keep the 1,200 women and 350 children busy—takes a lot of doing. And adding this kind of activity to an already busy housewife's schedule requires a considerable adjustment.

Mrs. Kilmer is already a Sunday school teacher at St. James Episcopal church—a member of the executive board of the PTA of Adams school—and is very active in other civic organizations. Two busy children also require her time—Nancy Ann, age 11½ and Nancy Ann, age 7.

Nevertheless plans for the conference are underway, and a full week's program of activities is being planned.

Legal Bureau Aids 16 Families in Birmingham in '58

The Legal-Aid bureau, a Torch Drive service, reported today it helped 16 Birmingham residents solve problems concerning the law during the past year.

The bureau has for 50 years helped residents of the Detroit metropolitan area who require the advice and services of a lawyer and who are unable to pay.

During 1958, the bureau handled 18,634 cases. It collected \$253,000 in alimony, support, wages and miscellaneous claims. It reconciled 526 estranged couples, tried 360 court cases, made 92 investigations for Selective Service and wrote 13,519 letters.

The bureau has the endorsement of the Detroit Bar association and operates under rules laid down by that body. Its director have outstanding attorneys. Anthony P. Marchese was named director in 1957, succeeding Louis C. Miriaman, present mayor of Detroit, who had headed the Bureau for 29 years.

People's Column

He Sees the Light But Doesn't Like It

To the Editor:

It would seem that the Birmingham merchants could easily see that the "parking-meter and traffic-light happy" people are chasing their business to the outlying shopping centers—where neither is a nuisance.

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Best in Nike Defense

"Best unit in the Detroit NIKE Defense" was the distinction accorded recently to the 4th Missile Battalion, 3d Artillery located in Birmingham. Among those who participated in winning the trophy were, from left to right: 1st Lt. Richard A. Dean, integrated fire control platoon leader; 1st Lt. William R. Skeith, executive officer; Sp4 Donald O. Reed, bat-

tery clerk; 1st/Sgt. Bunyon C. Cooke, first sergeant; Capt. Joseph J. Smith, Jr., commanding officer; and 2d Lt. Thomas G. Randall, launcher platoon leader. The award, which is made quarterly, is based on scores received in inspections of administration and training procedures. "Bravo Battery" was rated superior to 12 others in the Detroit NIKE Defense.

Red Cross To Offer Special Services

A variety of services will be offered to mentally retarded children at the Plymouth state home and training school (formerly Farmington Children's home) in Farmington as part of a new volunteer program to be commenced this fall by the Oakland county chapter, American Red Cross.

Mrs. W. O. Mitchell, chairman of the chapter's office of volunteers, said Red Cross workers would assist the school's professional staff in a wide range of duties to the children.

"Nursing, feeding, dressing, recreation and education, transportation, physiotherapy, laboratory work, receptionist duties, clothing management, and clerical work all will be a part of the new program," Mrs. Mitchell explained.

Volunteers will receive special training for their duties from the school's professional staff.

JAMES H. SMOLINSKI, resident director of the children's home, said the program would mean "increased service to our patients for their over-all care and well-being."

"The increase in service would be brought about through the use of Red Cross volunteers for those duties which lie outside the regular employees' job requirements, as well as those duties which have to be set aside because of the day-to-day demands on the employee for essential physical care," he said.

Mrs. Mitchell pointed out that Red Cross volunteers have in the

past, and are today, serving the children's home. This new program will involve a much greater range of volunteer services than in the past, and will necessitate more specific training in the care of the mentally retarded child.

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