

Symposium On Cancer Held At G-W

Cleveland County Medical Society

Presents Discussion On Cancer

Gardner-Webb College and the Cleveland County Medical Society presented a Symposium on Cancer as a community service in the E. B. Hamrick auditorium April 14, 1952. On the program were several Shelby doctors who discussed the various types of cancer and their treatments.

Dr. John Hamrick brought out five questions on the surgical aspect of cancer.

1. What is cancer? Cancer is an abnormal growth developing within the body. It has a tendency to spread through the lymph and blood and unless it is stopped, this malignant growth results in death.

2. What causes cancer? There are many causes of cancer. It is not caused by a germ or infection. Cancer is not contagious. It is not necessarily hereditary. Although little is known about cancer, it is known that cancer never develops in healthy tissue. Continual or chronic irritation "paves the way" for cancer.

3. How can I keep from having cancer? We can do a lot to prevent cancer. See your doctor at regular intervals. Learn the seven danger signals which may mean cancer.

a. Any sore that does not heal.
b. A lump or thickening in the breast or elsewhere.

c. Unusual bleeding or discharge.

d. Any change in a wart or mole.

e. Persistent indigestion or difficulty in swallowing.

f. Persistent hoarseness or cough.

g. Any change in normal bowel habits.

4. How can I tell if I do have cancer? You cannot always tell. See your doctor immediately if you have any symptoms.

5. What can I do if I do have cancer? There are several forms of treatment. For most types surgery, properly performed, is the best treatment. X-ray, radium, and radio-active isotopes are also used. Beware of quick treatments. These four methods are the only treatments for cancer. Early treatment is the most important treatment.

Dr. D. F. Moore pointed out the dangers of cancer in women. Cancer is a threat at any age, but especially between 35 and 55. The most common sites for cancer in women are the reproductive organs, the breast, and the digestive tract. Dr. Moore pointed out that cancer causes more fear than any other disease. Sometimes the fear does more harm than the disease in the early stages, for it creates confusion and many do not see a doctor until

it is too late. If proper examinations were made, cancer could be cut down twenty-five per cent.

Dr. E. S. King said that malignant tumors are not common in children, but when the death toll is counted it rates second on the causes of death. Cancer in children takes more lives between the ages of 5 and 9. There are four major systems which cancer attacks more frequently in children.

1. The nervous system — There are many types of tumors occurring in the brain and spinal cord. Those in the brain are particularly hard to find and to treat. Sometimes the very removal of the tumor causes death.

2. Abdominal cavity — Surgery is more successful and chances of survival are better in cancer of this region.

3. Blood-forming organs — Cancer of the marrow of the bones and the cells of the blood are fairly common in children. These are more rapidly arrested.

4. Eye — Usually removal or partial removal of the eye is necessary for cure.

After the program an open forum was held in which the audience asked questions concerning cancer. The most important points were again emphasized:

1. See your doctor regularly.

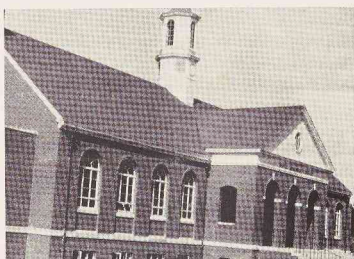
2. Watch for danger signals.

3. Don't get panicky — fear is a good thing if it leads you to your doctor.

4. Keep your body healthy and don't give cancer a chance to strike.

5. Cancer can be cured if it is treated early enough.

Several pamphlets were distributed to the audience. These pamphlets: Who, What, Why, Where, and When of Cancer, Cancer of the Breast, Cancer Facts for Men, Cancer Facts for Women, and Cancer of the Digestive Tract, may be obtained by writing to: Cancer, Box 122, Shelby, N. C.



DOVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Dover Memorial Library In Use

One of the most beautiful buildings on our campus is the new Dover Memorial Library. This building stands alongside the O. Max Gardner Memorial and is one of the most completely equipped junior college libraries in America.

The building and equipment is a gift of Charles and Jack Dover as a memorial to their late father, John R. Dover, who was one of Cleveland County's pioneer industrialists and an outstanding Christian layman.

The Dover Memorial Library is another milestone marking the almost miraculous progress which the college has made during the past few years. Plans for the library came as a result more than four years of intensive study of the best plans and buildings in America. The final plan is a modified Harvard plan which is simple and flexible both in relation to the reading and stack area. With the modular stack plan it is possible to shift the various areas of the library as the need arises.

The building itself, consisting of two stories, is a modified Williamsburg in design. The main floor of the library contains two large reading rooms, the librarian's office, and processing rooms, a stack area for 35,000 volumes, and on each side rooms for housing rare books and special collections of North Carolina history and literature. The south room will house the book collection of the late Tom Dixon, as well as other Cleveland County materials.

The furnishings for the library are custom built from Remington-Rand and were installed by their cabinet makers and designers. The furniture is made of blond birch with steel sides.

The cost of the furniture is: Stacks, \$2,778.50; Chairs at \$21.25, \$2,040.00; Tables at \$157.50, \$2,520.00; Charging Desk, \$1,532.95; Wall Shelving, \$7,440.25; Aides Stand, \$231.00.

Furniture Cost, \$17,010.30. Building Cost, \$138,576.02. Total Cost, \$155,586.32.

Another feature of the new library is the special area set aside in the stacks of the main floor for the rural church development program. This area is filled with books, magazines, pamphlets and other literature calculated to be of help to the rural pastors and laymen. The basement floor of the library will contain classrooms for

the English and Social Science Departments, an audio-visual room for music and pictures, a dark room for campus photography, and a reading room for books. This room is connected with the processing room on the first floor by an electric book lift.

Definite plans for the dedication will be announced later.

Church Completes Educational Plant

Spurred along by an ever growing need for more and better classrooms and teaching facilities the Boiling Springs Baptist Church launched a program to build and pay for a new educational building which would accommodate every department of each organization. This building was the answer to many prayers and the fulfillment of a dream in the minds of both the pastor and the people.

This plant was completed on September 29. The plans were drawn by the Architectural Department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. This new three-story structure, with an area of 3,894 square feet on each floor, has a fully equipped kitchen, three assembly rooms, twenty classrooms, a church office and two nursery departments. On each floor there is a ladies' and a men's lounge. All departments, except the adult department which meets in the present church building, occupy the new building.

Under the leadership of Rev. J. L. Jenkins, who has served the Boiling Springs Baptist Church faithfully for the past twenty-five years, a building fund was begun several years ago. Over a period of a few months, the entire amount of \$65,000 was raised through a sustained drive headed by the Building Committee.

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