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Cancer Detection Clinic Will Be Forward Step

The Wilkes Medical Society has decided to set up a cancer detection clinic in this community.

The Medical Society has agreed that four doctors would work for two hours each, weekly in the clinic to help people find out whether or not they have cancer. No charge would be made for examinations in the clinic. The doctors would be giving their services in the clinic.

The county and state health departments and the American Cancer Association would help in providing equipment and necessary personnel other than the doctors.

This decision on the part of the Medical Society here is one of the most forward steps in public health taken in this community and deserves high commendation.

Cancer is one of the leading killers, and has been a very difficult problem to the medical profession. The American Cancer Association, which now has on a drive for funds, is doing much in research in an effort to try to conquer cancer.

But as the matter now stands, the best hope for any cancer patient is to find out that a cancer exists while in the first stages. There are very effective methods of treating cancer in its early stages but not in later stages.

There is where the cancer clinic would be very effective. The clinic would be for examination of all persons who have any reason to believe they may have cancer. There would be no cancer treatment in the clinic, and family physicians would give advice relative to where treatment could be secured.

But the first essential fact is to learn that a cancer exists before it reaches the point where it cannot be removed or cured. In places where such clinics as is planned here have been operating, several cases of cancer were discovered. No doubt some of them will be able to secure treatment that will save their lives. Had they not learned they had cancer they may have gone on without treatment until it would be too late.

Rat Eradication Should Be Semi-Annual Project

The North Wilkesboro city council took a forward move here this month by appropriating funds for a rat eradication campaign. The sum of \$200 was designated for that purpose, along with about \$46 left over from a former campaign.

E. R. Spruill, Wilkes sanitarian, appeared before the board and explained the rat campaign as planned and approved by sanitation departments. Red quill is mixed with food which rats cherish, and distributed where rats frequent. The red quill is deadly to rats but will not kill other animals.

Rats are numerous in North Wilkesboro and yearly destroy merchandise, grain and produce of great value. A fraction of the amount of losses due to rats would be sufficient to finance effective campaigns to rid the city of rats.

One very successful campaign was carried out here, with such effect that rats were scarcely noticeable for some time. But it is impossible to kill all rats, and those left breed rapidly; until within a year the situation is as bad as ever.

Those who have tried the rat eradication work say that very effective results can be obtained if campaigns are carried out twice yearly, with most of the rats killed every six months, the number which can live is not great enough to cause much damage.

The city would be spending money economically if two campaigns were put on each year.

There is still another approach to the problem. Property owners should rat-proof their buildings to such an extent that rats cannot enter. This would not only save their own property, but would lessen the places for breeding of rats and make it much easier to keep them out of the community.

Educators Must Help

There ought to be more talks in high schools by teachers and guest experts on the subject of alcohol. It is a very complex subject, as is indicated by the fact that its literature runs into hundreds of thousands of titles. Bright young people, quite capable of applying intelligence to a matter which is of vital importance to them, are making their decisions in regard to the alcohol custom casually, and on the basis of practically no information. The educational establishment, as well as the church, has a great responsibility to them in connection with this matter.

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Stop To See The Preacher

You go to see the doctor and you go to see the nurse,
You go into your pocket and you give them of your purse;
You go to see the merchant and you purchase from his store,
And when your goods are running low you go and buy some more;
You go to see your neighbor and you talk about your farm,
And maybe say a lot of things in which there is some harm;
You go to see the dentist when your teeth are getting bad,
You look into the catalog to find the latest fad;
You answer to your Government at every call of roll,
But never see the man of God about your precious soul.
You pass and pass the preacher by and never stop to think
Some day you'll reach your journey's end and stand upon the brink
Of vast eternity so sure, then go to meet your God,
And answer for the way you've lived, the path your feet have trod.
Perhaps you've let your Bible lay upon the shelf in dust,
And then you'll find, when it's too late, the things in which you trust,
And things for which you've spent your life, your money and your time,
Are not the means that bring you peace and joy that is sublime;
So stop, dear one, upon your path and let the preacher pray
And help you find the God of love ere ends life's little day.
You say the preacher ought to be in every needy place,
And ought to wear a sunny smile and have a cheerful face;
He ought to study, preach and pray, and visit all the ill,
And ought to be an honest man and settle every bill;
He ought to keep his family up and educate them, too,
And run his car and visit much, and be a shepherd true;
And if he fails on anything, although he's done no sin,
You think you ought to get him out and put another in;
And yet, perhaps, the truth is this, you didn't do your part,
And now you have a guilty soul, a sinful, wicked heart.
O yes, you pass the preacher by and have but little thought
Of how he's labored in your midst—how faithfully he's taught—
To save your precious soul from hell, and save your children, too,
And help you on the narrow way with pilgrims that are true.
You spend your money and your life for pleasures of the land,
And never stop to visit him, nor give a helping hand;
You do not help support the church, nor even pay your dues,
Nor help the preacher's family on with food and clothes and shoes,
Though you expect him on his job, faithful and true indeed,
But never ask if he is well, or has a single need.

Activities Of Colored First Baptist Church

The Knights of Daniel Boys of the First Baptist church that played in a basketball game and won over a Woodlawn school basketball team in a score of 49 to 37 at the Lincoln Heights school Tuesday afternoon, March 29, at 2:00 o'clock, are now playing a return game with the same team with details to be announced later.

On the following Wednesday afternoon that the Knights of Daniel Club was engaged in recreation, the church-sponsored Scout Troop 187 was busy, under direction of its able Scout master, Robert Lee Redmon, cleaning the church grounds in an effort to

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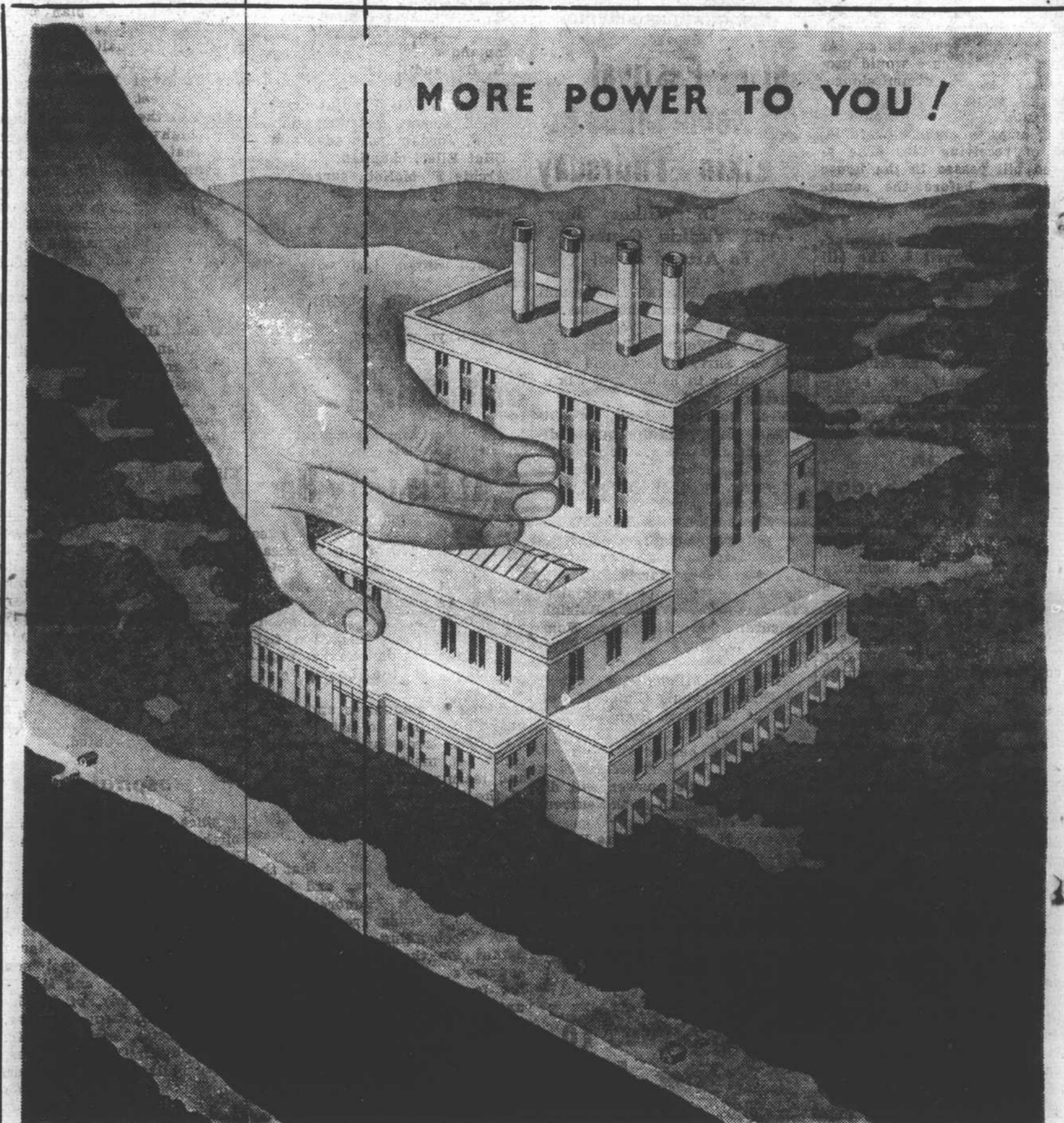
Several organizations of the church that are composed of male members have pledged to put in a few hours of labor in cleaning the Woodlawn cemetery on Thursday evening from 4:00 to 5:30 p. m. Plans will be worked out at this time for further clean-up efforts in the community.—Contributed.

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