

**Facts turned up at health meet: . . .**

**State has fewer aged persons; 80 pct. will die from disease**

**By MARTHA ADAMS**  
An Institute on Nutrition for the Chronically Ill and the Aged at the UNC School of Public Health has turned up some little-known facts about the elderly.

The young people of the United States are bearing an increasing load of oldsters every year, however, the southern states have a lighter load than most, reported Dr. Bernard Greenberg, UNC professor of Biostatistics.

In North Carolina only about five per cent of the population is over 65. In the country as a whole it is nine per cent, and in some New England states it rises as high as 10 or 11 per cent. The southern states are experiencing an explosion in the younger population which compensates for the increasing ranks of the aged.

The number of old people requiring long hospitalization for chronic diseases before death has increased startlingly in the last half century. Four out of five can now expect their lives to terminate in a lingering disease, according to Dr. George M. Warner, director of the Bureau of Adult Health and Geriatrics, New York State Health Department. In 1900 only two out of five faced this kind of death.

Modern science has done little toward increasing the life expectancy of persons already over 50, UNC's Dr. Greenberg also said. Only one year for men and three years for women have been added since the 1930's whereas great gains have been made for the younger age group during the same period.

Your chances of reaching 60 are better than they have ever been, but after that you are not much better off than your grandparents were. Any change in this

situation will depend on medical developments in the degenerative diseases of heart disease and cancer which together carry off about 80 per cent of the older population.

**UNC student welcome is set next Wednesday by local businessmen**

Chapel Hill merchants will extend their traditional welcome to new University students next Wednesday, Sept. 13.

Students will be showered with gifts ranging from ball point pens to merchandise certificates. The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Merchants Association will present each student with a shopping bag to hold all his "loot."

Several special contests will be held during the day. Each student who stops at the Merchants Association booth will receive a numbered card. If he finds his number on another card in a store window he will receive a \$10 gift certificate redeemable in merchandise at any member store. Ten certificates will be awarded.

Radio Station WCHL also plans to broadcast several mystery voices, taped in downtown stores. Students who identify their voices on the radio station will receive \$10 gift certificates.

Photographer Bill Sparrow of Town and Country Studio will take candid photographs of students between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. They will be published in the Daily Tar Heel for special recognition.

Bob Cox and Howard Yandle are co-chairmen of the Student Welcome Committee. Other members are Jim Heavner, Billy Butler, and Bill Sparrow, and Gaston Caperton of the University.

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