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The News-Journal

Lower Cancer Rate

Because of a sudden upsurge in cancer deaths in most parts of the country during the past year, reported by the National Center for Health Statistics, the situation in Hoke County bears examination.

What has been the mortality rate locally in recent years? Has it been higher or lower than elsewhere?

The report shows that there has been a startling and unexplained increase in cancer deaths in the United States in 1975.

For decades, it is pointed out, there had been a gradual rise of one percent or so annually in the mortality rate. Unexpectedly, however, the rate zoomed by five times that much in the past year, according to provisional figures.

What caused it? The experts are baffled. They have some theories but no immediate answers. On the one hand they know that considerable progress has been made in the treatment and cure of certain types of cancer. On the other hand, they find that the overall mortality rate has gone up. A detailed study has been launched to determine the cause of the rise.

The extent of the cancer problem in Hoke County is indicated in the annual reports of the U.S. Public Health Service.

According to its last three annual reports, the number of local deaths attributed to cancer has averaged 15 per year, 3 of them due to lung cancer. Not included in the count are non-residents who died in the area.

Related to the local population, this amounted to a cancer mortality of 93 per 100,000 people.

The general average, throughout the United States as a whole, was 163 per 100,000. It was 133 in the State of North Carolina.

The recent surge in the rate has sparked several analyses of the statistics to determine responsibility for the increase. A prime suspect is lung cancer. This form of malignancy has been zooming, especially among women, as more of them have been taking up smoking.

Other areas of investigation include the various chemicals to which man is exposed in his food, the environment in which he works and lives and the possible failure of the body's natural immunity system.



DOLLS - A collection of dolls, old and new, filled one corner of the arts and crafts exhibit at the Methodist Church.

Library News

Tale of 'History In Reverse'

I'm sure there is a great deal said in today's paper about our Bicentennial Week in Hoke Co. and everyone had a grand week. But, this librarian must relate a completely true tale of not "History repeating itself" but history in reverse.

In offering a ride to a beautifully bedecked lady in the historical fashion of the week; I received a, "No thank you." Having retrieved my car and turning around to pursue my route back to work; what did I see, but the same fashionable lady climbing down from a mule drawn wagon in the middle of Main Street. Now I ask you, would you turn down an automobile ride for a more comfortable one in a mule drawn wagon? Of course this statement occurs when you realize how much more you would rather have a ham biscuit than a ham sandwich. Remember when you were ashamed of your biscuit when everyone else had a sandwich made with "light-bread"?

We are interested in finding an old copy of Newsweek, March 15, 1976 and Time Magazine, January 12, 1976. We are having all our newer copies bound but the binders want every copy in each quarter year. We are missing these two issues and are calling on patrons who might still have these on hand and are willing to give them up.

It might be interesting for our Hoke County folks to remember if you want to relate to your children and grandchildren, how you used this old library to get up school work, bring the children, or for your own personal use, you only have a few more weeks. A stable, a National Guard Armory, a County Agent and Home Extension office, a library and we'll just have to wait and see what new future this old building will have. Anyway, if you enjoy times of, "I can remember when," you don't want to miss the opportunity of the next few weeks to come in, sign up, get a new library card and be ready to check out books here in the old and then in the new library. Time is running out.

Our staff members never let obstacles stand in the way of patron's request. If you come in and hear the rendition of "Happy Birthday to you", it will probably be Mrs. Maxwell singing to some young child who doesn't want to wait until story hour on Tuesdays to here it. She could start a fad, as it

did happen this past week.

The children might like to know our story hours will continue 'til school is out, then we will start our summer program. Information on this will be announced later.

BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

Montrose—May 11
Linda Seper, Josephine Parks, Miss Katie Cameron, Elizabeth Lide, Lenora Thompson, Carol Brown,

Venetia Walters, Donald Wilson, Rita Baker, Gaston Shaw, Valerie Holloman, Annie Liza Purcell, and Doris McAllister.

Ashley Heights—May 12
Prison, Mamie McNair, Linda Schuchard, Mary Murphy, Margaret Inman, Jean Vanhoy, Lillian Smith, Boyd Hussey, Kathy Shields, Diane Williams, Dan Hugins, Ethel Carroll, Gail Ellis, and Linda Simmons.

Law Enforcement Dance Scheduled

The Hoke County Law Enforcement Association will sponsor a dance May 15 at the Raeford National Guard Armory from 8 P.M. to 12:30 A.M., with music by "Brandy".

Proceeds will go toward building a law enforcement meeting

building.

Two door prizes will be given away at 9 P.M. The winners must be present.

Tickets to the dance are \$6 per couple at the door and \$5 in advance. The dance is for couples only.

A.K. Leach Is County Head For Jim Hunt Campaign

Lt. Gov. Jim Hunt, Democratic candidate for Governor, this week named Alfred K. Leach of Raeford chairman of his campaign in Hoke County.

"We are running a people's campaign for Governor," Hunt said, "and it is people like Alfred Leach who are going to make us successful."

"Alfred Leach is a fine person and

I am especially proud and pleased that he will play this key role in my campaign in Hoke County," Hunt said. "I know he will do an outstanding job."

Leach is in agri-business in Hoke, Robeson, and Moore Counties.

He has been active in county party affairs in the past and in 1972 was County Manager for Jim Hunt's successful lieutenant gubernatorial campaign.

Demo Convention May 8

The Democratic party district convention will be Saturday, May 8 at noon in Owens Auditorium in Lumberton, chairman Sam Nobles announced.

Eight Hoke delegates are slated to attend. The district convention will elect delegates to the state convention in Raleigh on June 15.

Cannon salutes on Sunday, July 4, if they are part of a bonafide celebration and do not interfere with worship services, are okay, DA officials say. Army Reg 600-25 says

that when the official day is Sunday, ceremonies and salutes will normally take place the next day. For the Bicentennial, officials are making an exception.



COLLECTION - A wide collection of tools used in early America was assembled by the senior citizens group for display at the 'Old Timey Day' exhibit Thursday.