

Judging Scheduled

Judging to select the organized communities in Western North Carolina which have made the greatest progress in 1969 will be held next week.

The occasion will be area judging of the WNC Community Development Program with over \$5,000 in awards at stake. The judges will be lookint at county winners in three divisions, based on the number of families in the individual community.

Peachtree, which represents Cherokee County in Division C, for communities of 150 families or more, will be judged on Monday at 1 p.m.

Texanna, which is the county winner in the Division A, 75 families or less, will be judged on Tuesday morning at 8:15.

Tomota, the Cherokee County winner in the Division B, for 75 to 100 families, will be judged on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Winners will be announced at a banquet in Asheville on Dec. 6 in Asheville City Auditorium.

The program is sponsored by the Asheville Agricultural Development Council in cooperation with the agricultural agencies in each county and local sponsors.



Junior Girl Scout Troops

Members of Girl Scout Junior Troop 211 and 328 in Murphy posed this week for their picture. Front row (L-R) Becky Alvester, Betty Summerouse, Pam Brugh, Angela McClure, Peggy Golden, Linda Hughes; Second row, Susan Ridenhour, Brenda Worley, Lisa Woody, Becky Mauney, Belinda Smart, Vickey Palmer, Betty

Roberson; Back row, Ivy Lovingood, Vicki Beal, Jane Blakemore, Donna Lovingood, April Chastain, Cindy Dickey, Donna Ramsey. Instructors are Mrs. Harry Dickey, Mrs. Henry Gaines and Miss Deborah Radford. (Staff Photo)

Bookmobile Schedule

The Nantahala Regional Library Bookmobile will be in the following sections of Cherokee County, Nov. 10-13.

Monday - Ebenezer, Hanging Dog, Boiling Springs, Owl Creek, Fair's Store, White Church School.

Tuesday - Unaka School, Upperbeaver Dam, Ogresta, Grape Creek.

Wednesday - Peachtree, Brassstown, Folk School, Peachtree School.

Thursday - Snowhill, Macedonia, Culberson, Hot House, Ranger School.

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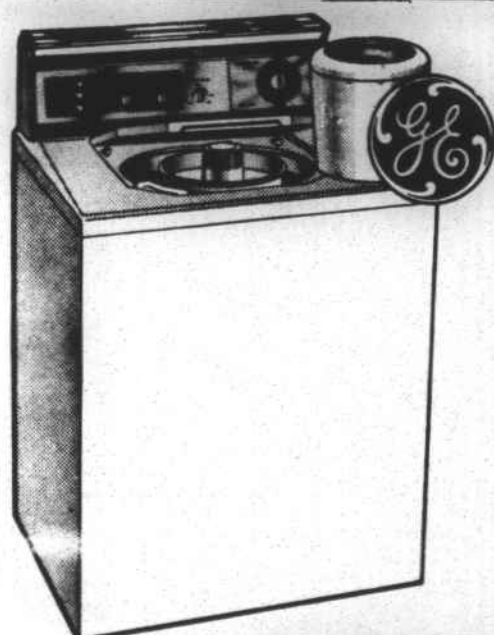


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N.C. Memorial Hospital Stresses Cancer Cure

CHAPEL HILL - Cancer, the most mysterious of diseases and one of the most feared in this country, is the object of an intensive treatment program at North Carolina Memorial Hospital.

The hospital opened the Division of Radiation Therapy in April, with the most modern and advanced equipment available for cancer treatment.

In addition to the cobalt treatment most hospitals offer, Memorial is providing treatment with a 25 million volt betatron machine, the only such piece of equipment in the entire state. This double-barreled machine can bombard the cancerous area with either high-energy x-rays or electrons.

The Chapel Hill-located hospital has also recently acquired a simulator for Radiation Therapy. The machine is the only one of its degree of complexity in the state. The model obtained by Memorial is the "most sophisticated, up-to-date one made," according to Dr. Gerald Hanks who heads the Division of Radiation Therapy.

The machine's purpose is "to more accurately plan and arrange our treatment fields before the patient is treated," he said. "I think it is essential to the highest quality work."

The hospital is now shopping for a transverse tomography machine which will help to ensure North Carolinians of the very best treatment available. This machine takes a special kind of diagnostic x-ray that increases the accuracy of localizing various cancers and planning their treatment.

Since Radiation Therapy opened, the number of patients on the cancer treatment program has risen steadily. Dr. Hanks, formerly of Stanford University, said he expects that figure to level off eventually.

At the present time, about 60 new patients are seen in consultation each month.

Almost all patients now being treated are referred to Radiation Therapy from other services, such as Gynecology, Ear, Nose, and Throat, and General Surgery. There are, however, an increasing number of direct referrals from physicians throughout the state.

Average treatment period runs about four to six weeks, and the cure rate is approximately that of the national figure—overall 40 percent of all cancers are cured.

Dr. Hanks noted that early cancers are, of course, more curable, and that at least half of all cancers are best treated with radiation. Having heard that Cancer is incurable, many people, he said, don't understand what is meant by curing it. In essence, a cured cancer patient can live out a normal life with no recurrence of the disease.

Most of the patients are seen on an outpatient basis. That is, the patient is not admitted to the hospital, but comes in for treatment for a short while each day. This situation has created some problems.

The patients usually are out-of-towners and must spend almost all day in an unfamiliar area usually without transportation for the period of treatment. In addition,

many have no place to stay. Motels are generally ruled out as too expensive. The Division has attempted to arrange housing in private homes, but the response has not been enough to fill the need.

There is still a shortage.

In addition to offering patients excellent treatment with the most advanced equipment, the Division of Radiation Therapy also provides training in radiation therapy for resident physicians, radiologic physicists, and students in radiation therapy technology and general x-ray technology.

Considering the national shortage for such qualified radiation therapists, these programs are of vital importance to North Carolina.

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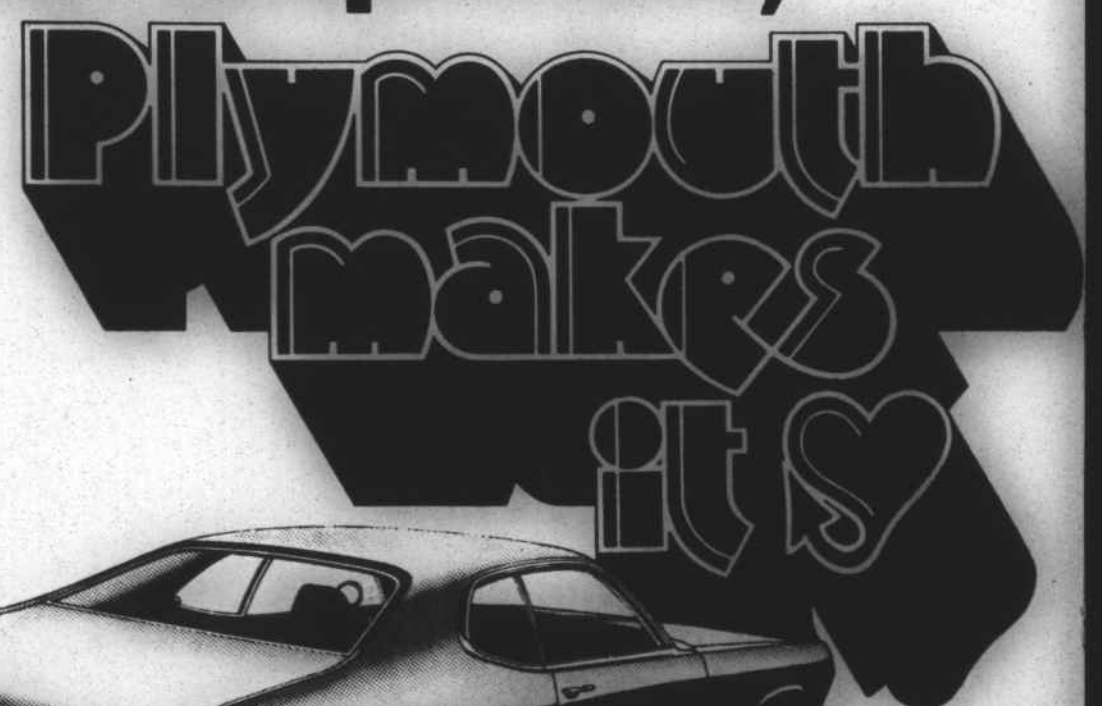
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