

### Health Hints For Star Readers

#### Cancer in North Carolina.

The American Society for the Control of Cancer, an organization with headquarters in New York, and whose advisers comprise some of the foremost medical men in the country and who have for many years made a special study of the cancer question, has appointed Dr. Addison G. Brenzler, of Charlotte, N. C., as chairman of a special committee for the purpose of making a special effort in the State of North Carolina to get some definite facts concerning this disease from and through the medical profession into the hands of the general public. The period from the middle of January to the middle of February is designated as the time for making this concentrated effort in the North Carolina district.

The death rate in North Carolina from cancer is almost as high as that from tuberculosis. Cancer has been a disease known and diagnosed with more or less accuracy for more than three thousand years, yet it is a disease in which definite information is today woefully lacking. The specific cause of cancer is unknown. It is a disease that cuts down, in their prime in late middle life, more men of influence and importance in the economic scheme of things in this State than possibly any other disease. There is no subject in disease prevention that can be of more importance than a study and a discussion of methods that might result in the lowering of the prevalence of this terrible disease. The disease has from the beginning of time been a source of lucrative income to quacks and takers of every stripe who have preyed like human vultures on their unfortunate fellow human beings.

It is suggested here that the principal of every school in the State of North Carolina provide for a short talk to all the pupils from the seventh grade up by some local physician or surgeon of high standing and reputation and character in the individual communities; this talk to be delivered some time during the second week in February. The purpose of this is to have a State-wide effort through legitimate channels in order to impart some badly needed information concerning what is known about cancer. The only thing necessary to bring this about is for the teacher to request some physician of known ability to make a short talk on this particular subject at some hour during that week convenient to all concerned.

We are devoting considerable space in this issue of the North Carolina Health Bulletin to this question. We are quoting liberally from the literature of the American Society for the Control of Cancer and from Dr. Frederick L. Hoffman, who is chairman of a special committee on statistics for the above-named society.

The talks that the physicians will make on this subject will of course emphasize as clearly as it is humanly possible to do the importance of an early diagnosis. That is, any person old or young having a suspicious symptom like so-called indigestion or a suspicious bump or lump or sore on the body should at once and without delay arrange for a thorough examination, or repeated examinations if necessary, by a competent physician until any suspicion of the danger of cancer is totally removed. One of the most important things to accentuate is the danger of ragged and decayed teeth which are long neglected and which frequently cause cancer in the mouth. It would be advisable wherever good dentists are available to have a special talk made on this subject by a dentist, who would of course confine himself to the subject of defective teeth in the relation to cancer.

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