Medical study to continue with Muscatine students

IOWA CITY - Muscaline school children in kindergarfen and first grades will have the opportunity to join other Muscatine students in a Universiy of Iowa medical study aimed at identification and treatment of heart disease risk factors.

Primary objective of the study is to identify children who might be prone to develop heart attack, stroke, high blood pressure, obesity and diabetes in adult life.

Identification of children who are at high risk for these disorders means treatment can be urdertakén in childhood that might prevent early onset of the disorders in adult

The study is entering the fourth year and so far more than 4,500 children in 13 elementary schools, two junior high schools and the senior high school have participated.

Muscatine was chosen as the site for the study because of its stable school enrollment and the excellent cooperation of school health professionals.

The U of I project has been approved by the Muscatine Community School District and the Muscatine County Medical Society.

Letters to parents, explaining the project and seeking permission for their children to participate, will be given to

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All examinations are done at the Muscatine schools and include measurements of height, weight, blood pressure, skinfold thickness ta measurement of body fat) and a blood sample.

Blood samples are analyzed at the U of I for fat and cholesterol content. If any of these substances are found to be elevated in the blood, students are given dietary counsel and special treatment under a physician's guidance.

There is no charge for the examinations which are carried out by U of I physicians, nurses and nutritionists, aided by Muscatine school nurs-

Results of all examinations are held in strict-confidence and are reported only to parents and family physicians.

The study is supported with funds from the Specialized Center of Research (SCOR). The U of I was selected as the site for the Center by the Na-

Auxiliary lock is to close on Sept. 30

Auxiliary Lock No. 14, near LeClaire, which has operated weekends for recreational boat traffic this summer, will close for the season Sunday, Sept. 30.

The auxiliary lock has been operated for river traffic from 4 p.m. to 14:30 p.m. on Fridays and from '8 a.m. to 11:30 pm. on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays during the summer months. The lock opens Memorial Day weekend and is open for weekend tiver traffic through the end of September every year, To av

Coin club meets

The Port City Coin Club met Tuesday evening at the YMCA with 48 members and two guests present.

Hugh Williams won the door prize and Jeff Reed received the junior door prize. Jack Phol acted as auctioneer for 40 lots of coins.

The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 23 at the YMCA. Guests are always

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Dr. Ronald M. Lauer, professor of pediatrics, is senior investigator f o r the study Co-investigators are Dr. Willian E. Connor, Director of the U of I Clinical Research Center and principal investigator of SCOR, and Dr. Paul E. Leaverton, professor of bioslatics in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health.

Mary Ann Reiter is project coordinator and Carolyn Judge, Verna Mae Wilson and Teresa G i b b s are project



Farm Bureau official talks against new law for compulsory bargaining

By ALLAN WINDER

Speaking to a well-dressed, well-fed and prosperous group of farmers Tuesday night, Iowa Farm Bureau Secretary Ken Thatcher: described 'a prosperous and buoyant agriculture only slightly bothered by chaotic market conditions and told of Farm Bureau's position on compulsory bargaining, a position designed to protect farmers from increased local taxes: 31

As part of the annual Muscatine County Farm Bureau business meeting at the Moose lodge here; Thatcher hit hard at an act now clearing the legislature which would require local governmental units, including school boards, to meet the groups of employees to discuss wages and working conditions.

While admitting the need for bargaining, Thatcher argued against the compulsory aspect of it.

'We shouldn't set up a law saying we must have bargaining in every case" he said. "This only leads to professional negotiators, hardened positions and eventual arbitra-

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boards, which are supported by property taxes levied mostly on farm land, he saw a frightening direction in which control was passed from the board to a single ar-

The law is designed to guarantee the right of discussion of the terms of employment to those hired by local and state government.

"In a wide-ranging introduction. Thatcher mentioned the present chaos in the market place, particularly the beef market.

"F a r m Bureau has long said that price manipulation will not work," he said, "and the price movements in the beef market this year have proven us to be correct." He termed price ceilings a

good, way to maintain high prices, saying that a combination of consumer pressure and feeders holding cattle off the market caused prices to be higher than they otherwise might be, if the ceilings had

Heralso said farmers contributed to the shaky prices of recent days by holding cattle

. "We have only ourselves to blame if we hold eatile to unprofitabaly heavy weights and lose money," Thatcher

through the price freeze.

Other activities at the business meeting included seating of new and re-elected directors: election of officers and passing of resolutions to be sent to the state policy-formation machinery.

There was no discussion of the two pages of resolutions which touched on many alreas of life, including farm. programs, transporation and election reform. The resolutions had been formulated from "opinionaires" mailed to members and returned for tebulation. Results will be compiled at the state level to form" the policy statement for Farm Bureau lobby efforts and public statements.

Thatcher commented on the resolution process, praising the group for smooth passage of the resolution, but warning that they must be taken seriously.

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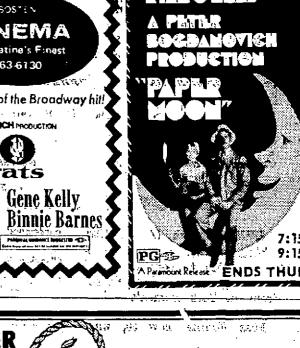
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