

In kindergarten, 1st grades Medical study to continue with Muscatine students

IOWA CITY — Muscatine school children in kindergarten and first grades will have the opportunity to join other Muscatine students in a University 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 undertaken in childhood that might prevent early onset of the disorders in adult life.

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

students to take home later in the year.

All examinations are done at the Muscatine schools and include measurements of height, weight, blood pressure, skinfold thickness (a 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 nurses.

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-

tional Heart and Lung Institute.

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

Mary Ann Reiter is project coordinator and Carolyn Judge, Verna Mae Wilson and Teresa Gibbs are project nurses.



— Iowa Farm Bureau Secretary Ken Thatcher —

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.

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 arbitration by law."

Speaking largely of school

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 arbitrator.

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.

"Farm 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 not been in effect.

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

through the price freeze. "We have only ourselves to blame if we hold cattle to unprofitably heavy weights and lose money," Thatcher claimed.

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 aspects of life, including farm programs, transportation and election reform. The resolutions had been formulated from "opinionaires" mailed to members and returned for tabulation. 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.

"You'd better be sure they

Health care facility course set

Muscatine Community College will offer a health care facility basic housekeeping course for persons who work in health care facilities. Allan Storer, executive housekeeper at Muscatine General Hospital, will teach the course.

The course is designed to review current information and practices in such areas as: sanitation, bacteriology, detergents, floor care, order control and the associated tools and equipment. The course has been designed in cooperation with the Health Facilities Association of Iowa.

The 15-hour course will

meet from 7 - 10:00 p.m. at MCC on five consecutive Wednesday evenings beginning Oct. 3. There is no charge. A certificate will be awarded by Muscatine Community College for completion of the course.

Anyone interested in pre-registering may do so by calling MCC, 263-8250, ext. 37.

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

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 welcome.

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