# 2 grades seek consent from parents for U of I heart disease study here

IOWA CITY, Iowa - Next Monday kindergarten and first grade students in the Muscatine schools will be asked to take home letters to their parents asking for the children's participation in a University of Iowa medical study aimed at identification of certain health risk factors.

The study's primary objective is to identify children who might be prone to develop heart attack, stroke, high blood pressure, obesity and diabetes as adults.

Identification in ehildhood of those who are at high risk for these disorders means that early treatment can be undertaken.

So far, more than 5,000 children in 13 elementary schools, two junior h i g h schools and the senior high school have participated. The study is now in its fourth year.

#### Examinations at school

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.

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 are kept confidential 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-

### New county engineer hired

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors announced today that the vacancy in the County Engineer's office has been filled with the hiring of Martin H. Noonan, 62, post effective Jan. 1, Noonan currently is serving as the secretary-freesurer of the Association of Iowa County Engin-

The former graduate of the University of Colorado has been the Cass county engineer In Atlantic, Iowa, for the past eight years.

The opening was created when present Muscaline county engineer Kenneth Smith resiged effective Dec. 1.

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tional Heart and Lung Insti-

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.

Family studies

Family studies will be begun to answer the question of how coronary risk factors might be passed on in other family members. Specifically, families of children with high, low and normal blood cholesterol levels will be surveyed. In addition families of children with high triglyceride levels (another blood fat) will be studied.

Information from this portion of the study will be helpful in determining the impact of cholesterol and triglyceride levels on the development of heart disease. Dr. Helmut G. Schrott, assistant professor of internal medicine, will be in charge of carrying out these genetic studies.

Approximately 30 children who on successive examinations have been shown to have consistently high blood pressures are being examined extensively by Dr. Ronald M. Lauer, pediatric cardiologist and senior investigator for the study, and Dr. Linda K. Rames, assistant professor of pediatrics.

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Salt intake study

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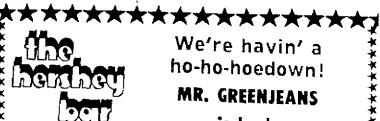
study are Dr. William E. Connor, Director of the U of I Clinical Research Center and principal investigator of SCOR, and Dr. Paul E. Leaverton, professor of biostatics tive Medicine and Environmental Health,

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

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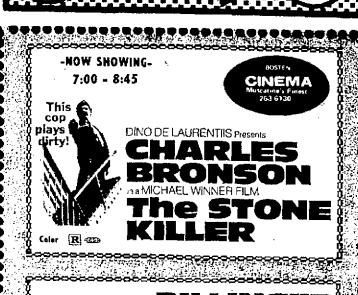
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The annual speech contest is sponsored by the U of I department of speech and dramatic art and the Iowa High School Forensie League, under the direction of Professor Hugh F. Seabury.

Those participating from L-M High School, Letts, will be Pippa Stineman, Larry Rowe, Debra Schloutz, Brenda Snyder, Kip Meeker, Stephanie Paine, Kevin Schlutz,

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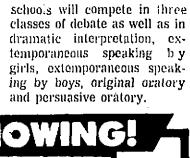
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