



Red Cross volunteers

Approximately 115 young people are involved as Red Cross Youth Volunteers making small toys for youngsters in the hospital. They make "clown jars" filled with animal cookies and small toys and topped with a colorful felt clown for each youngster hospitalized or who is an "in and out" patient. The purpose of the clowns is to help quiet a frightened child in the hospital who is sick or hurt. Taking part in the volunteer program are the Ironic Priesthood Young

Women's Organization, Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints; Hayes Catholic School, Galaxie and Universe classes; Mississippi Valley Girl Scout Council, and Clover Leaf Pals 4-H Club. Pictured are, seated left, Shelly Bonifazi, Susan Six, Angela Ales, Marjorie Krans, Melanie Miller and Theresia Pallischeck, Standing are Debbie Dutton, Mrs. Norma Birkhofer, Red Cross executive director; Mrs. Debra Voparil, Red Cross office assistant; Theresa Danner, Sue Wright and Donna Frye.

Risk factor study of students here indicates early origins of disease

High blood pressure, high cholesterol levels, obesity and smoking all are "risk factors" which increase the chances of heart attack and stroke in middle-aged and older persons.

Studies of adults in Framingham, Mass., and other places have pinned down certain associations that should, but do not always, scare people into shaping up their diets and stubbing out cigarettes.

But researchers also know that the "risk factors" themselves have a history. That is, they grow from roots embedded in childhood and adolescence.

Dr. Ronald M. Lauer, professor of pediatrics at The University of Iowa, is directing a continuing study of

school-age children in Muscatine that may demonstrate how frequently the "risk factors" are found in various ages of children and determine how quickly children develop them.

The study is part of research supported by the National Institutes of Health. Co-investigator is Dr. William Connor, professor of internal medicine and director of the U of I Clinical Research Center. Project director is Mary Ann Reiter.

Begins in childhood "Although it would appear that children never get coronary artery disease, or atherosclerosis, there is clear evidence that this disease has its origin in childhood," Dr. Lauer says.

The study encompasses

repeated sampling of a group of 5,000 children from kindergarten age to high school senior. Abnormal findings are reported only to parents and to the family physician.

Muscatine was chosen as the site for the study because of its stable school population: on the average, 98 per cent of students at each grade level stay within the school system from one year to the next.

Surgery required Abnormal blood pressures in two children have resulted in further examination, with one child undergoing surgery to correct a narrowed aorta (main artery), and the second, having surgery to save a kidney threatened by a narrowed renal artery.

More than 30 Muscatine children with very high blood pressure readings have been brought to the U of I Clinical Research Center to determine the causes of their hypertension. Similarly, about 60 children who have been found to be severely hyperlipidemic (high blood cholesterol or triglycerides) will be brought to the U of I Lipid Research Clinic for dietary education or possible drug therapy.

So far, the study has revealed "a considerable number of children, particularly adolescents, having levels of serum lipids, blood

pressures and relative weights which are known to relate to the early development of coronary artery disease in adults."

Cigarette smoking is another factor that concerns the researchers. "We did not study the problem of smoking in the school, but in the coming years, we must try to get some view of the smoking patterns of the children: How frequently they smoke and when they begin," Dr. Lauer explains.

Offshoots of the main study include a detailed genetic study of the mode of inheritance for the tendency to be hyperlipidemic.

Family members Dr. Helmut Schrott, assistant professor of internal medicine and director of the Lipid Research Clinic, is directing the investigation, which includes taking blood samples of the immediate family members and grandparents of children with very high blood fat levels.

The researchers report: "The identification of such children, in addition to the benefits for themselves, may also allow the discovery of other family members with coronary risks because of the known clustering of hyperlipidemia, hypertension and obesity within family members."

Budget is adopted Supervisors begin action on federal flood insurance

By JOE KNAAPEN Staff writer

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors Monday began action to qualify the county for federal flood insurance.

In a resolution, passed 3-1 with one absent, the supervisors agreed to apply for flood insurance under the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1974. The application would insure the Federal Insurance Administration of the department of Housing and Urban Development that adequate land use and control measures would be enforced in the county.

The county would not actually purchase any insurance, but its application permits county residents to obtain federal flood insurance through commercial institutions.

Home and business owners may insure their property up to \$35,000 for single — family dwellings and up to a maximum of \$100,000 for two-to-four family structures. The maximum insurance available on contents of each unit is \$10,000.

Federally-set premiums start at 25 cents per \$100 coverage for private dwellings and 35 cents per \$100 on household contents.

The resolutions are a preliminary step in the insurance application, according to board members. The county zoning administrator will identify areas having special flood and/or mudslide hazards, according to the board resolution.

The identification of such areas and the enforcement of zoning regulations to restrict development in flood hazard areas assures the federal agency that residents applying for

flood insurance have taken precautions to limit flood damage.

The City of Muscatine began participation in the federal flood insurance last year, according to Paul Satterthwaite, chairman of the county board.

Vote on budget

In other action the board passed its \$7.3 million budget for fiscal year 1975-76 with no revisions.

Supervisors A.C. Allen and Vernon Shepard voted against the budget proposal. Allen refused to comment on his negative vote.

Shepard listed three major reasons for opposing the budget:

"Our balance is going down and may be depleted by 1976-77," he said.

"To operate this year we had to use too much revenue sharing money to replace tax dollars," continued Shepard. "I don't think its good business to depend so much on federal money."

Shepard also disagreed with the use of crime commission funds to increase the sheriff's staff.

"The uncertainty of crime commission money makes me hesitate," said Shepard. The county is committed through the budget to add six men to the sheriff's department, and three are supposed to be funded initially through crime commission funds to continue in the future, said Shepard.

"It's better to go with three now than to go with six and have to fire three in the future," said Shepard.

The board also awarded a \$68,308 contract to Modern Metals for construction of an office building near Pickett School on Houser Street.

Toastmasters have program about Ireland

Talks about Ireland were in keeping with St. Patrick's Day as the Muscatine Toastmasters met Monday evening at Kathy's. Dick Witter presided and Steve Warner served as toastmaster. John Yoder gave the invocation and served as topicmaster; Dave Maxwell, chief evaluator; Tom Mielnik, grammarian; and Lynn Coles, timer.

Topic speakers included: Lynn Coles, "St. Patrick and Ireland;" Tom Mielnik, "St. Patrick the Engineer;" Bode LaBode, "Why the Irish Wear Green;" Dick Witter, "Explaining a Black Eye to Your Wife;" and Dr. Rao, "Peace in Ireland."

Prepared speeches were given by Dick Hutmacher, "Being a Good Conversationalist;" John Galewski, "The Case for a Tax Impact Statement;" and Ralph Jackson, "Chariot of the Gods."

John McCormick, Anton Vanicek and Max Churchill served as critics for the evening.

Awards went to speaker, Dick Hutmacher; critic, Anton Vanicek and Max Churchill; and topic, Lynn Coles. Ralph Jackson gave the joke of the week.

McKinley Cubs pack meeting about circus

The McKinley Cub Scout Pack 3114 met at the school Monday evening with the program about the circus. Skits were presented by Den 1 on "The Lion Tamer," with all boys in costume. The flag ceremony was conducted by Den 4.

Awards were given as follows: Doug Liebbe, wolf and gold arrow; Mark Lee, silver arrow; Robert Hasson, wolf and gold arrow; Steve Harris, wolf and gold arrow; Doug Mathes, wolf; Steve Ferreira, denner; Steve Martin, assistant denner.

In the Webelos, Kevin Haines received his engineer award.

Appreciation awards were presented to: den leaders Carol Paetz, Marlene Chelf, Georgeann McClure, Joyce Knitt and Cindy Lee; webelos Hyman K. Haines, and an eight year service star award to Rodney Chelf.

The next meeting will be April 21.

Bandag strike continues

Bandag Inc. officials and representatives of Local 928 of the United Rubber, Cork, Linoleum and Plastics Workers Sunday held an official conference, according to a Bandag spokesman.

"Nothing was resolved and no meetings were scheduled," the company representative said.

Union officers were not available for comment.

The 18-day-old strike began March 1 when the 310-member local refused to ratify a tentative agreement reached by the local's bargaining committee and company officials.

The tentative agreement would have increased hourly wages and benefits by \$1.68 over the next three years, according to Bandag. Union officials have not commented on the details disclosed by Bandag.

The strike will continue until a contract which "meets the needs of the membership" is negotiated, said Tom Streets, president of the local.

Bandag has obtained a temporary injunction against possible harassment and violence by union members on picket lines. The injunction is a "precautionary measure," said Bandag officials, and it was not sought because of any specific instances.

Poison charts are offered

Free poison check charts are being offered this week by the Tri-County Pharmaceutical Assn. during Poison Prevention Week.

One ounce bottles of syrup of Ipecal also are available at each store. Ipecal is recommended when vomiting is advised by the doctor.

Poison Prevention Week, said Jim Wester, president of the Tri-County Pharmaceutical Assn., is authorized by an act of Congress as the third week of March each year.

The basic concept of the week is to aid in encouraging the American people to learn of the dangers of accidental poisoning and to take such preventative measures as warranted by the seriousness of the danger.

The pharmaceutical association's efforts are endorsed by the Muscatine County Medical Society and Mayor Ronald Hansen of Muscatine has issued a proclamation authorizing observance of the week here.

Correction in report of accident

Morris C. Hahn, 72, 1608 Cantaloupe St., was charged Saturday with failing to yield right of way at an intersection after a car-truck accident.

The Journal incorrectly reported Monday the driver of the truck had been charged.

Hahn and his wife Helen are in fair condition at Muscatine General Hospital after being injured in the accident on U.S. 61 at its intersection with County Road Y-26.

Deeds recorded

Harry Arthur Foster and Juanita Foster to First National Bank, quit claim deed, lot 12, block 3 of Fulliams Addition, Muscatine.

DeWayne Mark Hopkins and Phyllis Ann Hopkins, to Curtis L. and Retha L. Bach as joint tenants, special warranty deed, land in section 6-78-1W, Wilton.

Clair York is chairman of Cancer Crusade here

Clair E. York has been named chairman of the Muscatine County American Cancer Society's 1975 educational and fund-raising crusade in April when the theme will be: "We Want to Wipe Out Cancer in Your Lifetime."

York, whose appointment was announced today by Miss Lola Higgerson, Muscatine County Chairman, will lead local volunteers in a community-wide effort to help teach families how to protect themselves against cancer. Our volunteers will ask for support of the society's vital programs on behalf of

research, public and professional education and service to the cancer patient.

"The promise of research is so great," the new crusade chairman said, "that the 1975 crusade will be one of the most important ever. The dedicated people in the laboratories, the men, women and children suffering from cancer today, and our hopes for the future all depend on our willingness to support the cancer fight."

Under his leadership approximately 200 volunteers will visit friends and neighbors and businesses in Muscatine. They will distribute this year's crusade leaflet, a cancer quiz, testing the public's awareness of ways to protect themselves against cancer.

"Our local volunteers are part of an army of 2,300,000 American Cancer Society volunteers mobilized for the 1975 crusade. This is probably one of the greatest volunteer forces in history," York said. "We want to take cancer out of the medical books and put it into the history books as something that afflicted people a long time ago."

Extended forecast Iowa extended outlook, Wednesday through Friday: Partly cloudy Wednesday. Chance showers Thursday, clearing Friday. Highs in 40s, lows in 30s.

Someone needs you!

The Voluntary Action Center has many requests for volunteer help that are going unanswered. Can you find some time to help out?

Fruitland Area — a volunteer is needed for a few minutes after school to help student with broken leg out of the car and into a wheelchair.

Visitors are requested for shut-ins in their own homes and nursing homes. An elderly man would enjoy being read to.

A handicapped lady would appreciate being taken shopping once a week on Thursday mornings. She can walk with help.

Will you drive once a month? Medical patients need rides to Iowa City and shut-ins need noon meals and books delivered.

A baby sitter is needed week days so parents can complete schooling. Child is one year old.

These are just a few of the things you can do to help others. Come into the VAC office in the YWCA or call 263-0959 between 9 and 11 Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays for information on other activities. We need you.

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