

Fatal Habit?

Health Dept. Tells Of Smoking Facts

(Editor's Note—The following article is a weekly feature from the State Department of Health)

AUSTIN—Half of the men and a fourth of the women in the United States smoke cigarettes daily, according to a recent survey by the U. S. Bureau of Census. That adds up to something like 38 million cigarette addicts—25 million men and 13 million women.

Those figures, besides revealing the extent to which the smoking habit has become ingrained among Americans, accentuate the grimness of the recently validated relationships between cigarette consumption and the general death rate, including dreaded lung cancer.

It took the American Cancer Society four years of concentrated study of the smoking habits of 188,000 men to reach these conclusions:

A 57 per cent greater death rate from diseases of the heart and circulatory system among smokers as compared to non-smokers; a 97 per cent greater cancer death rate; a 186 per cent greater death rate due to pulmonary diseases excluding cancer; and a 29 per cent greater rate of death from all other causes.

Among men over 50 with a history of regular cigarette smoking, the general death rate is 52 per cent above the death rate for men who have never smoked.

The same study revealed a slight relationship between pipe smoking and lung cancer, and practically no relationship between cigar smoking and lung cancer. Present studies indicate that the reason cigarettes are more important in the cause of lung cancer than either pipes or cigars is that the tars in cigarette smoke are drawn in at much higher temperatures.

A mathematics professor has calculated that a perfect bridge hand—13 cards of one suit—could happen only once in 40 billion hands.

In support of statistical evidence relating smoking to cancer death rates, it is possible to prove the connection by laboratory methods. By condensing the smoke of burning cigarettes and painting the gummy tars on the shaved backs of mice or rabbits, laboratory technicians have produced cancerous growths on the animals.

The question as to whether men who smoked but quit have a lower death rate than those who have not quit has also been answered statistically. Men who quit ten years before the study was made showed a death rate almost as low as those who had never smoked.

Should you stop smoking? You must answer that question alone. Ask yourself if the fleeting pleasures you get from cigarettes—described as "adult pacifiers" by the late Dr. William Mayo—outweigh the risks involved.

And keep in mind that the best scientific research talent in the world is convinced that steady cigarette smoking constitutes a health hazard of major proportions. The American Cancer Society has turned its results over to the National Institute of Health for further checking.

Alumni Council Names Hervey

J. B. (Dick) Hervey was recently elected as director of district activities of the American Alumni Council at their recent national conference held in Pasadena, Calif.

He is the secretary of the A&M Former Students Association which has its offices in the Memorial Student Center.

New president of the group is Howard W. Mort, alumni director of the University of Chicago. He was made president-elect last year. President-elect for the oncoming year is Donald E. Smith, director of university development at Washington and Lee University.

Wilson Of A&M At Navigation Congress

Representing the United States at the International Navigation Congress in London, Eng., is Dr. Basil W. Wilson of the Department of Oceanography and Meteorology.

The chief of engineers, Department of the Army, in extending the invitation to Dr. Wilson to attend the Congress as a member of the United States delegation, asked him to present the United States paper on Communication 1, Section 11 of the program, "Origin and effects of long period waves in ports, precautions to be taken for the safety of vessels, possibilities of minimizing the effects, experiments using scale models."

Only one paper on each subject is allowed each country having

membership in the Association. The Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses is supported by 48 nations and governmental entities, including the United States.

Dr. Wilson is the author of many technical papers including the origin and effects of long period waves in ports. He is a member of many professional organizations and came to A&M in 1953.

A native of Cape Town, South Africa, Dr. Wilson holds degrees (civil engineering) from the University of Cape Town, South Africa and the University of Illinois (railway and civil engineering.) He has had wide professional experience.

Recent articles by Dr. Wilson include Analysis of Wave Forces on Cylindrical Piles in the Gulf of Mexico, Hurricane wave Statistics for the Gulf of Mexico, Origin and Effect of Long Period Surges of Shipping in Ports.



LIONS AND LION CUBS gather for a group picture of the College Station Minor League team, the Cubs. Some members of their sponsoring group, the CS Lions Club are shown above. This is just one of the many activities of the civic group.

Aggie Graduate Begins Study Of Alcoholism

LOMA LINDA, Calif. — B. P. Baliga, of College Station, Texas, graduate student at A&M began 12 days of extensive classroom and field trip work here Monday, July 8, on one of the nation's major health and social problems—alcoholism.

The local resident is among church leaders, educators and social workers from 12 western states, Canada and Cuba enrolled at the Eighth Annual Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism being held July 8 through 19 on the campus of the College of Medical Evangelists here. Purpose of the institute is to prevent the scourge of alcoholism, now classed as the nation's number four health problem, through educational means.

Each year the winner of the \$100,000 Preakness is draped with yellow daisies. The centers are dyed black with shoe polish to simulate black-eyed susans, Maryland's official flower.

CS Swim Club Competes In Amateur Meet In Tyler

A delegation of 15 local tankers, under the banner of the College Station Swim Club, depart tomorrow for Tyler where they will compete in the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Swimming Meet Saturday and Sunday.

The meet, the third of the summer for Coach Art Adamson's swimmers, is expected to provide top-notch competition for the Brazos County crew. Judging from past showing however, the College Station tankers should prove to be serious threats in most of the events in which they have entries.

Activity in this annual TAAF meet will be held in four divisions—men's (17-and-over), women's (15-and-over), boys' (16-and-under), and girls' (14-and-under). Local entries in the men's division include Dick Hunkler, Frank Holmes, Tetsuo Okamoto,

John Harrington, Orlando Cossani and Bill Tudor; in the women's division, Gail Schlesselman, Ann Cleland, Eileen Cossani, Judy Litton, Ann Schlesselman and Mary Frances Badgett; in the boys' division, Bill Farrar and Joe Brusse; in the girls' division, Pam Hayes.

The complete list of local entries in the various events is as follows:

Men's 200-meter free style: Hunkler and Holmes.

Women's 200-meter free style: E. Cossani, Litton and A. Schlesselman.

Boys' 200-meter free style: Brusse.

Women's 200-meter breast stroke: Okamoto, Harrington, and O. Cossani.

Girls' 100-meter breast stroke: Hayes.

Boys' 200-meter breast stroke: Farrar.

Men's 400 meter individual medley: Okamoto, Harrington, and O. Cossani.

Women's 200-meter individual medley: E. Cossani, G. Schlesselman, and Badgett.

Girls' 200-meter individual medley: Hayes.

Men's 400-meter free relay: (4 of the following) Okamoto, Hunkler, Harrington, Holmes, and O. Cossani.

Women's 200-meter free relay: A. Schlesselman, Litton, G.

Schlesselman, and E. Cossani (alternates, Cleland and Badgett).

Men's diving: Tudor.

Men's 100-meter free style: Okamoto, Hunkler and Holmes.

Women's 100-meter free style: E. Cossani and Litton.

Boys' 100-meter free style: Brusse.

Men's 100-meter butterfly: Harrington and O. Cossani.

Women's 100-meter butterfly: G. Schlesselman and Cleland.

Boys' 100-meter butterfly: Farrar.

Girls' 50-meter butterfly: Hayes.

Men's 100-meter backstroke: Hunkler.

Women's 100-meter backstroke: Badgett and A. Schlesselman.

Men's 400-meter free style: Holmes and O. Cossani.

Women's 400-meter free style: E. Cossani, Litton, and A. Schlesselman.

Men's 400-meter medley relay: Okamoto, Hunkler, O. Cossani and Harrington (alternate, Holmes).

Women's 200-meter medley relay: (4 of the following) E. Cossani, G. Schlesselman, Litton, A. Schlesselman, Cleland and Badgett.

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JAMESTOWN, VA., (AP) — The replica of Captain John Smith's sea chest may be a faithful copy of the original but its arrival here was quite a bit more modern. A helicopter delivered it for exhibit during the celebration of the 350th anniversary of the first permanent English settlement in America.

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A&M Prof Attends Statistics Session

BLACKSBURG, VA.—John Edward Roche, 608 Montclair, College Station, associate professor of business administration at A&M, is attending the Southern regional summer session in statistics here at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, June 12-July 20.

Students and faculty from 15 states and six foreign countries are participating in this year's summer session which is termed as "unusually successful" by Dr. Boyd Harshbarger of VPI, chairman of the sponsoring regional committee on statistics.

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