

Aging Costs Big Money

Old Age Is Not A Disease, But Health Problem Is Major

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What is aging? Someone who wants to find out runs into a confusing web of facts and guesses—and, surprisingly, contradictions, even from the experts.

Aging means different things to the doctor, the social worker, the anthropologist, the economist.

But there is some agreement on what aging is not. It is not, for example, a disease. Nobody dies of old age, but from the collection of toxins that piles up through the years or from some specific ailment like cancer or heart disease.

Aging is not, either, an empty stage between life and death—unless the old person and his community allow it to become that.

And from all the maze of medical disarrangement, dissonance and debate, one important truth keeps popping to the surface: Aging cannot be halted, but it can be slowed down. Life does not begin at 65, but it does not end there, either.

Listen to some who know, by research and by experience.

Dr. Marshall Fisher of Charlotte's Mental Health Clinic: "Certain physical changes take place in the brain. They aren't important. It's the old person's reaction to the change that is important. . . . If a 'mentally ill' old man has a good attitude toward his fellow human beings, he usually recovers all right."

Dr. Logan O. Jones, Charlotte physician: "Somebody who has outward interests and drives is better able to overcome illness. Introspection magnifies symptoms."

Miss Colwyn Bowers, former director of the Hawthorne Centers' Golden Years Club: "Here's what a man told me: 'I moved to a nursing home to die. I didn't want any close friends and I was needed no place. When I joined the club, I made friends. I moved home. I was needed to sing because when we sang a hymn and fill in the missing words, I was needed to sing for lunch. I found I would like to live a long time.'"

"Now, his reasons for wanting to live longer seem terribly simple when presented to people who don't know. But somehow the desire is there and he is no longer consciously ill and old."

Science Gets The Credit

The successes of science in virtually eradicating the diseases of youth—diphtheria, typhoid fever, smallpox, infantile diarrhea—has vastly increased the numbers and proportion of people who reach old age.

But not until very recently has gerontology, the branch of science which is devoted to the study of old age, been born.

As yet, only one American university has set up a special division of gerontology. There are no professors of gerontology in the United States.

It will be long time before the late-born science begins to catch up with the tremendous amount of research yet to be done on the aging process.

The diseases of youth are overcome; but a medical look-see is just beginning into the diseases of old age.

Meanwhile, the number of deaths from disease rises every year. The City-County Health Dept.'s Charity Hospitalization division will pay out about \$85,000 this year to maintain old men and women in nursing homes in Mecklenburg—and most of it goes as a supplement to inadequate Old Age Assistance payments to the sick, needy aged.

Home Visits Are Costly

Hundreds of thousands of dollars more go into home visits by doctors, treatment for the mentally ill and private hospitalization and medical care.

How much of this financial cost—and the infinitely greater cost to the personality and spirit of old people could be avoided?

Local authorities are unanimous in their answer: "A lot."

Most of the saving will come, in time, with greater knowledge about the prevention and cure of ailments of the aged. The remainder is less the concern of science and

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Universe Contestants Had Plenty Competition

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)—Preliminary judging starts today for the Miss Universe contest, but the international beauty queens all hope the competition won't be as tough as that, they got from actress Mamie Van Doren.

Two husbands of the beauties were the guests yesterday of Universal-International Studios. They broke bread and posed for pictures with Lex Barker, George Nader, Rory Calhoun, Tony Curtis, Lauren O'Hara, Pat Crowley, Martha Haver, Paul Kelly and other U-I stars. They also watched Curtis and Miss Crowley enote in the movie "The Square Jungle" currently in production.

But the cameras started popping hysterically when the curvy Mamie walked in the U-I commissary wearing a golden lame gown. It could best be described as a going-away dress that had mostly departed from Mamie.

Photographers ignored the four-score beauty queens and the rest of the stars to cluster around Mamie. She, of course, posed as if she had invented cosmetics.

Said Mamie: "I knew I was going to be in fast company, so I just dressed for the occasion."

Mostly the beauty queens stood around amazed. Miss France, Claudette Petit, said, via an interpreter: "That dress she's wearing would even be banned in Paris. How did she ever get into it?"

Tonight the preliminary judging begins in the Miss U.S.A. contest. The number of American entrants will be cut in half or less tonight for the Miss U.S.A. finals tomorrow night.



MISS GEORGIA, Carolann Connor, is a pretty girl, all right, but she doesn't look much like a bathing beauty for the Miss U.S.A. finals tomorrow night.

HODGES HAS CLOSING LAST RESORT

Governor Stresses N.C. Not Considering Dropping Schools

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Gov. Hodges told a Lincolnton civic club today he does not believe "we are yet at a point where we must seriously consider" proposals to meet the segregation issue involving abandonment of public schools.

"The abandonment of our public school system is a course of action which is not being made available as a last resort if it should be decided that that is a proper step to take," the governor added.

In a noon speech to the Lincolnton Kiwanis and Farmers Club, Hodges said that while he is governor "I do not propose to be forced around by pressure groups."

CITES NAACP REQUEST

Hodges made the remark after referring to a request by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People that he take steps to remove from office Asst. Atty. Gen. I. Beverly Lake.

Hodges touched on problems of water resources and other matters in addition to the segregation issue. His Raleigh office made available copies of extracts of the speech dealing with segregation.

Lake, emphasizing that he did not speak in an official capacity, last week suggested that preparations be made for operation of schools by private corporations.

Hodges said other Southern states have been considering similar proposals although it had not been previously suggested for North Carolina.

LEGALLY DOUBTFUL

"I don't think I can assume the abandonment of our public school system, and even if they were legal, I don't think it is an informed there is a considerable difference of opinion—I do not believe we are yet at a point where we must seriously consider such proposals," Hodges stated.

The governor said it was the hope of state leaders that a way can be found "to preserve our public schools within our Southern States."

In an interview yesterday, Hodges said he thought North Carolina should be seriously considering abolishing public schools rather than face mass integration. In today's talk, he emphasized that such proposals would be a "last resort."

In a separate interview yesterday, Dr. F. Carroll, state health superintendent of public instruction, said "the elimination of the public school is not the answer to the desegregation problem."

The old quarry on Tremont Ave. is now filled to a point where no more dumping of tree stumps or other materials except earth can be allowed.

Persons wishing to dump old building materials, tree stumps, glass, metal and other waste with the exception of paper and vegetable matter may dump in the city's quarry which is located on Reid Rd. approximately one mile east of Pineville Rd. (Route 21) or approximately one mile west from Park Rd.

Mr. Yancey explained that the rock hole on Tremont Ave. has been sufficiently filled so that only dirt should now be placed on top to complete the plan devised last year for covering it over.

He added that the city is not required to furnish a public dump, but that the abandoned quarry on Reid Rd. is serving no purpose at present. He sees no reason therefore, why people should not be allowed to use it in the future.

He said he specified in the memorandum that no paper or vegetable matter should be dumped as protection to the city and to residents living in the area. This is to prevent possible fires, wind-scattered paper and foul odors which were marks of the rock hole.

Reid Rd. is approximately two miles long, connecting Pineville Rd. and Park Rd. a little over a mile south of the city. At present there are no sign posts indicating the turnoffs onto Reid Rd.

Wife Kills 'Other Woman'

WASHINGTON (AP)—A 32-year-old vacuum cleaner salesman told police today his wife forced him at gunpoint into an apartment of another woman and then killed her with a single shot.

The wife, Mrs. Katherine Ann Hayes, 28, of nearby Arlington, Va., told police the shooting was accidental. Mother of four children, ranging in age from 3 to 9, she said she is suffering from incurable cancer and had decided to have given her only a year to live.

The dead girl was identified as Nancy Penton, 19, a clerk in a shoe repair shop.

Detective Sgt. Nunzio Bonacorsy said the salesman, Willis M. Hayes, gave this account of the shooting.

He left Miss Penton's apartment shortly after 1 o'clock this morning only to find his wife waiting for him in a car outside.

Miss Penton jumped at the girl and told him: "I want to see Nancy."

Then, training the gun on him, she forced him to march up two flights of stairs to the apartment which had been rented in the name of "Mr. and Mrs. Yancey."

When they entered the room, Miss Penton was in bed, clad only in her pajama tops.

Mrs. Hayes ordered her husband to sit on a couch and then shot Nancy with a .22 caliber pistol. The girl was pronounced dead an hour later at Casualty Hospital.

WIFE'S VERSION
A different version of the shooting was given by Mrs. Hayes, said Detective Sgt. Emmitt Waters.

The detective said she acknowledged forcing her husband into the apartment but that after she entered the room, she instructed both her husband and the girl to sit on the couch.

Miss Penton lunged at her, Mrs. Hayes related, her hand striking the pistol and discharging it accidentally.

Mr. and Mrs. Pasquale Decola, owners of the rooming house where the shooting occurred, told police Hayes and Miss Penton, registered as man and wife, moved in last March.

Big Four Discuss Issue Of Reuniting Germany



There's Plenty Of Reason For T. A. Ratcliffe's Cigar

Grandpop, Then Great Grandpop

When a man becomes a grandpop, that's not news.

When a man becomes a great-grandpop, that's still not much news.

But when he becomes a grandfather and great-grandfather within 24 hours—well, the picture above is indicative of how we feel.

There is T. A. Ratcliffe of Statesville Rd. Presbyterian Hospital nurse Peggy Allen is holding Robert Landon Pace Jr. (left) and Michael Raymond Ross.

These youngsters were born at Presbyterian last week.

The Face infant is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Landon Pace of 629 McKelway Rd., and was born Friday night at 11:30 p.m. He is the great-grandson of Mr. Ratcliffe. Mr. Pace's mother is Mr. Ratcliffe's daughter.

Young Ross, on the right, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ross of 1905 N. Harrell St., and he's the grandson. He was born Thursday night at Presbyterian at 11:58. Mrs. Ross is Mr. Ratcliffe's other daughter.

It calls for two cigars, but Mr. Ratcliffe, although excited, manages but one at a time.

New Dumping Site Advised

'Rock Hole' Nearly Filled

By HARRY SHUFORD
Charlotte News Staff Writer

The city's old headache dumping ground, the Tremont Ave. rock hole, is now nearly filled and a new site for public dumping has been established.

City Manager Henry A. Yancey said today that the plan devised last year for covering it over.

In a memorandum to all department heads this morning Mr. Yancey wrote:

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When this is done, he said, the new dumping site will be easily accessible. He speculated that some complaints will be heard from people who formerly used the rock hole because the Reid Rd. quarry is about two miles out of the city.

He emphasized again that the city does not have to furnish such a dumping ground, and he has ordered the quarry put to that use simply for the convenience of the public.

DUKE ATTAINS ALL-TIME PEAK OF POWER PRODUCTION

Duke Power Co. attained an all-time one-hour peak of electric energy production between 11 and 12 o'clock yesterday at 1,833,000 kilowatt hours to supply industrial and consumer requirements.

Industrial operations over the company's system, extending through the Carolina Piedmont region, are holding at relatively high and steady rates. Perhaps the major factor in this new record need for power over this area was the heat wave, with consequent operations of air conditioning equipment and fans.

The announcement at the company's headquarters in Charlotte forecast a still higher peak will be established today. Also, it is expected by the company's analysts that still other peaks will be attained in the course of this summer.

Last year the one-hour peak for this company's power production was 1,645,000 kilowatt hours.

Duke's power generating capacity is in excess of two million kilowatt hours, so there still was a wide margin above yesterday's midday peak requirements. Furthermore, Duke Power Co. has an expansion program in progress for the year aimed at meeting the estimated substantial increase in this region's power needs over the next several years.

Late Showers Today May Bring Some Relief From Searing Heat

By EMERY WINTER
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Dark storm clouds may gather this afternoon and bring much needed rain and relief from the searing heat.

The report was broadcast by Charlotte radio stations and with-in a matter of minutes the Weather Bureau, radio stations, newspapers and police stations were flooded with telephone calls.

Normal procedure

A Weather Bureau spokesman said today that Observer Coleman Peck, who was on duty at the time, was only following normal procedure in warning about the possibility of a tornado.

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Fluoridation Ordered By Chicago's Mayor

CHICAGO (AP)—Fluoridation of Chicago's water supply has been ordered by Mayor Richard J. Daley "for the good of the children."

The mayor yesterday instructed the city purchasing agent to buy fluoride chemicals designed to help prevent tooth decay.

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Question Considered Paramount By West

By MAX HARELSON
GENEVA (AP)—The Big Four agreed today to take up first the thorny question of reuniting Germany.

This is the central issue of the summit conference, in the view of Western leaders. It was first on the agenda as President Eisenhower and his three fellow heads of government got together today for their first working session of the conference.

Following up the session yesterday when each of the four made a preliminary statement.

Shortly before the meeting convened Eisenhower indicated he was discouraged by the developments so far despite what some American officials called the "negative" attitude of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev on the German problem.

"I feel pretty good about it so far," the President said when asked by a reporter how things were going.

The four leaders—Eisenhower, Soviet Premier Khrushchev, British Prime Minister Eden and French Premier Fauré—began their closed session in the council chamber of the United Nations, European headquarters of the United Nations.

Like And Reds Drink Toasts To Success

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH
GENEVA (AP)—President Eisenhower and the leaders of the Soviet Union—including his old friend Marshal Georgi Zhukov—drank champagne toasts last night to the success of the summit conference and the winning of an enduring peace.

The President and Zhukov got a chance to chat briefly after a dinner Eisenhower gave for his Russian guests at his lake Geneva villa. There was no word whether they made any progress toward resolving East-West differences.

Eisenhower and the Soviet defense minister met for the first time in almost a year at yesterday's opening session of the Big Four conference. They exchanged brief enthusiastic greetings then.

JOHN PRESENT

Getting together at dinner last night, substantially the same interpreter. The President's son Maj. John Eisenhower joined in.

Eisenhower and Zhukov became military administrators in Germany after World War II. After the marriage, he became Soviet defense minister, he and the President exchanged private letters.

Other Soviet officials attending the summit conference to begin M. Molotov and Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

Secretary of State Dulles and other American officials also were present.

TOASTS OFFERED

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said the President offered a champagne toast to his opposite number in the Soviet government, Premier Klement Voroshilov of the Soviet President, who is not taking part in the Geneva talks. Then Bulgarian toast.

It also gave the four powers a chance to discuss East-West trade, a subject which the Russian has raised in the past.

These informants said also that Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov raised far Eastern problems, and such a discussion could take place under item No. 4.

Although there were wide gaps between the positions of the East and West, President Eisenhower and other top officials expressed satisfaction over the friendly spirit.

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Our Weather

Fair to partly cloudy and continued rather hot and humid. Light to moderate scattered afternoon or evening thunderstorms.

High tomorrow—89.
High today—86.
Low today—73.
Low tomorrow—72.
Sunrise 5:22 a.m.; sunset 7:38 p.m.

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