

HAPPINESS THROUGH HEALTH

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE AFFECTS CHILDREN:

Pediatric research has revealed that children, like adults, can be afflicted with high blood pressure, the head of a new clinic at the University Hospital in Baltimore has reported.

"The new thing in young people is this primary hypertension", Dr. Edward J. Ruley, head of the Special Adolescent Hypertensive Clinic, said, "In the past, their hypertension was thought to be due to another cause, such as kidney, lung or heart problems."

More than 90 percent of the children at the clinic, some as young as 10 years old, are being monitored and treated for high blood pressure in the three-month-old program. And doctors say it's the same kind of high blood pressure that affects adults and can lead to strokes, hearing, lung and eye diseases.

Dr. Ruley said the clinic has found blood pressure in excess of 150 over 100 quite high for children. He said in some cases the child is put on medication.

"We have to balance the side effects of medicine against the harmful effects of hypertension", Ruley said, noting that use of drugs brings on side effects of tiredness, sleepiness and dizziness.

In an apparent effort to diagnose the problem early, some specialists are suggesting routine blood pressure tests for patients as young as three years. This comes after a number of clinics across the country have discovered children with hypertension.

Ruley said the ailment, which is most common among males and blacks, was not detected in the past because doctors "weren't looking for it."

NEW IDEA FOR OBTAINING CANCER FACTS:

Information on cancer and some other health subjects is now available over the telephone by tape recording to residents of Richmond, Virginia metropolitan area. The call-in system, called Health-Line, is intended to encourage early diagnosis of cancer, and to provide information related to cancer in non-technical terms. It was developed at the Medical College of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, under a grant from the National Cancer Institute.

The idea could be used for dissemination of cancer information in other communities throughout the country.

At present the system has 86 tapes, of which 10 dealing with such subjects as cancer chemotherapy and radiation side effects, are available only by prescription; the caller following the directions of his physician, must identify the tape by number or title.

The remainder of the tapes are available to any caller. Some contain information for patients at the college's hospital, such as visitor policy, discharges and patient's rights. The majority of the tapes, however, deal with cancer-related subjects both general and specific, including, for example, the seven warning signs of cancer, what a person with a lump in the breast should do, and discovery and treatment of cancer of the mouth.

According to Dr. R. W. Jessee, a professor of preventive medicine who developed the system, few serious problems have arisen since Health-Line started operations last July. However, Dr. Jessee said, many people call and, instead of asking for a particular tape, want to discuss their problems with someone. Such callers are referred to individuals in the cancer center at the college.

Reid Scout Executive

Harry Reid, partner in the law firm of Beckley, Singleton, DeLanoy, Jemison & Reid, Chartered, was appointed by scout executive Norman Stone to be the 1977 Sustaining Membership Campaign Chairman for the Boy Scouts of America.

Reid will coordinate an effort to raise \$24,000 for the Boy Scouts. "This money is needed to support the scouting program in Clark County", announced Stone, "and all the money raised will stay in Clark County".

Serving with Reid on the committee will be: Jim Wadsworth, general manager of the Landmark Hotel; Frank Ellis, owner of the Village Pub Restaurant; Mac McCormick, general manager of the Kissell Company; Carl Lovell, Jr., Las Vegas City Attorney; and Ken Flippin of Flippin's Trenching.

Each member of the committee will serve as chairman of a division of the coordinated fund-raising effort.

Reid announced that each year the community campaign is conducted to raise 60% of the scout council's budget. The remaining 40% of the money comes from the United Fund.

The Boulder Dam Area Council annually serves 12,000 young men and women throughout Clark County, Kingman and Lake Havasu in Arizona, and the California community of Needles.



Pictured left to right: Woodrow Vance; Harry Reid; Mac McCormick; Norman Stone; and Ken Flippin.

NEWS SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Southwest Gas Corporation Thursday declared it is facing a financial emergency and petitioned the Nevada Public Service Commission to grant it interim rate relief.

The company requested the PSC to hold an immediate hearing to expedite action of a \$7 million general increase in retail natural gas rates filed February 15.

If the Commission grants the interim relief, Southwest would begin collecting the higher rates immediately, rather than waiting for the Commission to complete its normal rate-making process. That process can take up to six months to complete. The PSC, however, would still have to go through its regular rate case procedures before a final decision could be issued.

Should the PSC, when it reaches its final decision, decide to deny any or all of the increase being collected, Southwest would refund that portion plus seven per cent interest to its customers.

Southwest Gas released its annual earnings report last week showing earnings per share for 1976 had fallen to 84 cents from the \$1.20 earned during 1975. For the first time in 17 years, the company's earnings on common stock fell below the declared dividend, although that dividend has not been raised since 1966.

The company assured the PSC it has only requested rates sufficient to realize the rate of return previously found reasonable by the Commission.

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Seated, from left, Ms. Ruby Amy and Ms. Lillian Rhodes, and Ms. Deborah L. Moore, publicity chairman standing. Plans are being finalized for the annual Ebony Fashion Fair, traditionally sponsored by Alpha Rho Chapter of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. The event will be held Friday, March 19 in the Frontier Hotel beginning at 8:00 P.M. Proceeds will go to the local chapter of the NAACP.



PITTSBURGH, Feb. 21, 1977 -- Jerry Lewis (center), president of National Medical Fellowships is presented a \$10,000 grant to assist minority medical students in Pennsylvania. Making the award are Dr. Alex Lewis (right), and Ed Sheldon, Gulf Oil Foundation president and vice president respectively. The award is part of \$3 million that will be distributed by the Foundation in 1977 to support educational programs of private agencies, colleges and universities across the country.

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