

HEALTH TIPS

Lupus a disease of many mysteries

On the beach of a Caribbean island, a man spread out on a blanket and lay down to soak up the sunshine. He stayed too long, however, and suffered sunburn. Within a short time, he developed a fever. Within a week, he complained of painful joints and three weeks later, he showed evidence of failing kidneys. The patient eventually died, a victim of systemic lupus erythematosus, more commonly known as SLE. President Carter has declared Oct. 19-25 as National Lupus Week.

The Michigan Lupus Foundation was formed six years ago to unite those individuals with Lupus for the purpose of education and support. Lupus Erythematosus is a chronic, inflammatory disease whose cause and cure are unknown. It affects nearly one million Americans. This disease can involve the skin and many different organs of the body. It is a serious and life-threatening disease which can be difficult to diagnose. The symptoms vary with every individual depending on which part of the body is affected. Common symptoms are fever, fatigue, weight loss, joint pain and butterfly rash over the bridge of the nose. "D" cheeks which is usually sun-sensitive, although only

43 percent of Lupus patients will have the rash. The prognosis today is much better than it was even 10 years ago. Increased awareness of the disease and improvement in diagnostic tests make early diagnosis possible, thus making possible the initiation of treatment before damage is done to a vital organ. Membership in the Michigan Lupus Foundation is open to anyone. Members receive the latest information about Lupus research, including a newsletter which is mailed regularly. For more information, write the Michigan Lupus Foundation, 22201 Mack Avenue, St. Clair Shores 48080, or call (313) 775-9310.

SLE is considered neither fatal nor curable, although occasional deaths are attributable to it. The Kaiser Foundation tested its 120,000 patients in 1977 and found one of every 2,000 has SLE, which would make it more common than muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis or leukemia. Tests show SLE is 5-10 times more common in women than men.

Although no one is sure yet what causes the disease, evidence is mounting that a virus of some type may be involved—either as a direct cause of the ailment or as a triggering mechanism which unmasks a latent condition. Some types of drugs also appear to cause or trigger SLE, as do infection, injury, surgery, overexertion, nervous tension and emotional upset. One of the biggest triggers appears to be sunburn, or in rare instances, simple exposure to sunlight.

It is not uncommon for SLE to be incorrectly diagnosed because symptoms vary so widely and because the ailment mimics so many other diseases. If SLE attacks the central nervous system, it may appear the victim is suffering from epilepsy or is schizophrenic; in the abdomen, it may seem to be ulcers; in the joints, arthritis or rheumatism. Another common misdiagnosis is syphilis.

Lutheran women meet in Bad Axe

More than 100 members, representing 15 congregations, attended the fall rally of the Thumb zone of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Oct. 7 at Our Savior Lutheran church in Bad Axe.

Helen Gienapp of Fernale, president of the International LWML, was guest speaker. She reminded her listeners that as Christians, they should "radiate, communicate, participate." She is a former president of the Michigan District of the LWML and an active volunteer with the American Bible Society.

Rev. Dennis Glander, host pastor, led the opening service. The offering was designated for the American Bible Society.

Mrs. Arthur Nitz, zone president, conducted the business meeting during which reports were given by Mrs. Raymond Sting for Christian service, Mrs. Dennis Glander for Christian leadership training, and Mrs. Theodore Rink, the historian's report. Mrs. Herman Holste called attention to two books discussed in the present LWML Quarterly.

The Bible study on the theme "sowing the seed" was prepared by Mrs. Wilbert Maschke and developed in small group sessions. Mrs. Maschke and Mrs. Gerald Bucholtz of the Christian growth committee gave a skit entitled, "You are God's Gift."

Rev. John Risko was re-elected zone counselor and performed the installation of new officers. Mrs. Ferdinand Sattelmeyer, president, and Mrs. Earl Warner, vice-president. Continuing in office are Mrs. Richard Wroblewski, secretary, and Mrs. Carl Arndt, treasurer. Outgoing president Mrs. Nitz was elected to the district board as corresponding secretary at the district convention in July.

Down Memory Lane

FROM THE FILES OF THE CHRONICLE

FIVE YEARS AGO

Ken Marker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Marker of Unionville, who has been stationed in Northern Italy, was promoted to sergeant. Tuscola County Sheriff's Department activities slowed somewhat in September, compared with August, according to Sheriff Hugh Marr. The department handled 1,222 calls in September, down by 200 from August.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorus Klinkman of Cass City celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary Sunday. An open house, hosted by their children at their home was attended by more than 65 persons.

Future rail service in Cass City looks considerably brighter, following an announcement from the Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation that it has approved a \$34.5 million state rail subsidy program.

TEN YEARS AGO

David Loomis of rural Cass City has been elected president of the Tuscola County Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

Under the direction of Robert Watson, Cass City Public Schools are on the threshold of establishing a comprehensive adult education program.

The estimated 10 children who walk nearly a mile to Willis Campbell Elementary School from the Walnut Trailer Park will continue to do so. The decision of the Cass City School Board was reached over objections of the parents involved.

Supervision problems have arisen in getting a Head Start program off the ground at Campbell Elementary School, Principal

Jacqueline Freiburgler told the school board.

25 YEARS AGO

Robert Fritz, junior at Alma College, has been selected to be a member of this year's debate squad. He is majoring in history, with a career in law as his future plans.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bratschi observed their 56th anniversary at high mass at St. Pancratius church in Cass City. They then drove to Davison, where the couple acted as best man and maid of honor at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Harris. Mr. Bratschi is 85 years old and Mrs. Bratschi is 72.

Twenty members of the Cass City Woman's Study Club took a scenic tour. The first stop was at Caseville for lunch and a business meeting. The journey continued in the afternoon along the lake shore drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kirby celebrated their gold-

en wedding anniversary with an open house at their home. The couple has four children, Clayton, Vernon, Mrs. Aileen Snider and Mrs. Ruth Wagner.

35 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Violet Bearss has sold the north half of her lot on E. Third Street to Mrs. Violeta Evans, who will build a home there.

Help for bean growers whose crops are badly damaged by wet weather is on the way. A subsidy, or a smaller discount for low grade beans, are the forms relief is most likely to take.

Some 82 head of swine and a fat steer will be marketed by young people of the Cass City Livestock Club. Seven 4-H members exhibited at the biennial show and sale at Caro on the same day. The six FFA members exhibiting are J. Reagh, T. Czaplak, Frank Kloc, Don Stilson, Stuart Merchant and E.J. Morin.

Official Proceedings Of The

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 16, 1980

Meeting of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners was called to order by the Chairman Paul Nagy.

Prayer by Commissioner Nagy.

Pledge to the Flag.

Roll Call: District No. 1, Donna Rayl, Present; District No. 2, Royce Russell, Present; District No. 3, Paul Nagy, Present; District No. 4, J. Benson Collon, Present; District No. 5, Margaret Wentz, Present; District No. 6, Robert Russell, Present; District No. 7, Kenneth L. Kennedy, Present.

80-M-243 Robert Wellington of the Tuscola County Road Commission appeared before the Board and presented the Local Bridge Progress report and a request for the transfer of \$100,000.00 from Bridge Millage Funds to the Road Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Robert Russell, seconded by Commissioner Collon \$100,000.00 of Bridge Millage Funds be transferred to the Road Commission for Bridge Construction. Motion carried.

Sheriff Hugh Marr appeared before the Board and discussion followed on the Secondary Road Patrol for 1981.

80-M-245 Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Wentz that \$18,750.00 be transferred from the Revenue Sharing Account to the Tuscola County Health Department as a 4th quarter budgeted appropriation and that \$5,000.00 be transferred from the Revenue Sharing Account to the Thumb Area Commission on Aging as a 4th quarter budgeted appropriation. Motion carried.

80-M-246 Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Collon that \$4,500.00 be transferred from the General Fund to the Department of Social Services Child Care Fund as a 4th quarter budgeted appropriation and that \$51,250.00 be likewise transferred to the Tuscola County Health Department as a budgeted 4th quarter appropriation. Motion carried.

80-M-247 Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Rayl the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners enter into the following agreement and the Chairman be authorized to sign and the firm of McKinnon and Mooney, Inc. be so notified.

INSURANCE COUNSELING AND FEE AGREEMENT

Dated this 2nd day of September, 1980 at Flint, Michigan Pursuant to Sec. 1236 of Michigan Insurance Code, it is agreed between Tuscola County, the Client, and W. J. Niergarth and R. W. Scott and J. W. Knoodle, the Counselors, as follows:

1. The Counselors shall perform the following services for the Client:

A. Inspect all real property

B. Perform analysis of risk exposures

C. Review present insurance contracts

D. Furnish written analysis on any gaps or overlaps in insurance coverage in liability and property areas and suggest remedies that are available.

2. The Client shall pay the following fee for said services — \$750.00

3. No insurance which is subject to review under this contract will be placed with the McKinnon & Mooney, Inc. Agency for the life of the contract or a period of one year thereafter.

Section 1236 — Michigan Insurance Code of 1956, as amended:

In advance of rendering any service set forth in Section 1232, a written agreement shall be prepared by a Counselor, and shall be signed by both the Counselor and the Client. The agreement shall outline the nature of the work to be performed by the Counselor and shall state his fee for the work. The agreement shall clearly state that the Counselor's fee may not be waived under any circumstances and disclose that the Counselor will receive a commission from the insurer on any insurance placed by the Counselor acting as the insurance Agent. The Counselor shall retain a copy of the agreement for not less than 2 years after completion of the services. The copy shall be available to the Insurance Commissioner, P.A. 1956 No. 218, S1236, added by P.A. 1972 No. 133, S 1, Eff. March 30, 1973.

TUSCOLA COUNTY, Client

Signed By: Paul Nagy

Signed By: W. J. Niergarth, Counselor

80-M-248 Motion by Commissioner Rayl, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy that the Probate Court Employees be granted raises in pay, retroactive to January 21, 1980, equivalent to what all Courthouse Employees have received under the wage schedule of the original contract negotiated between the Board and the Union in December of 1979, and

Further, that the Probate Court Employees be enrolled in the Blue Cross, Blue Shield Program provided for in said contract effective as soon as possible. Motion carried.

Recess for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION — SEPTEMBER 16, 1980

All Commissioners present.

Judge Patrick Joslyn reported on the Seminar he attended for New Trial Judges held in Reno, Nevada on June 15, 1980 to July 11, 1980.

80-M-249 2:00 P.M. — Opening of Farm Rent Bids:

Montel, Inc., \$81.00 per acre

Lawrence Ziehm, \$45.00 per acre

Russell Farms, \$82.75 per acre

Motion by Wentz, seconded by Robert Russell the bid be awarded to Russell Farms at \$82.75 per acre for 3 years. Motion carried.

80-M-250 Motion by Wentz, seconded by Rayl we enter into an agreement between the Tuscola County Probate Court; Tuscola County Department of Social Services and the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners and Robert G. Ponder for the purpose of rendering diversionary services to youth through the State Basic Grant Program in the amount of \$10,000.00 and that the Chairman be authorized to sign. Motion carried.

80-M-251 Motion by Royce Russell, seconded by Wentz that the 1980 County Millage rate for operation be set at 4.1572 and .9898 for bridges both on the State equalized valuation of \$515,873,642.00.

Mrs. Klinkman hosts auxiliary

Thirteen attended the Monday evening meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary at the home of Mrs. Dorus Klinkman. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Cora Klinkman and Mrs. Janet McGuire.

The president, Mrs. Garrison Stine, reported that the membership quota for the year is 29. The report of the recent National convention in Boston, from the past district president, Stephanie Mulaney of Lapeer, was read.

Mrs. Elgene Keller had gifts on display which she purchased for the Unit to be sent to the VA hospital for

the Christmas gift shop program.

Twenty have renewed memberships for the current year.

The November meeting will be with Mrs. Rosella Cherry and the December meeting will be with Mrs. Keller.

Games and refreshments followed the business meeting.

The door prize went to Frankie Anker.

Lioness club visits Ontario

Fourteen members of the Cass City Lioness Club went to Bayfield, Ontario, Oct. 6 to visit its sister club, the Bayfield Lioness Club.

The Bayfield club conducted a tour of the arena they are helping to pay for. It includes an ice hockey arena and serves as a community center.

Dinner and a meeting followed with a program on cake decorating.

The following day the Cass City club members enjoyed a visit to the quaint shops in the resort village.

The Bayfield Club will make a return visit to Cass City in the spring.

Hobby Club

meets Monday

Fifteen members of the Hobby club met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Grant Brown.

The meeting began with dessert, served by Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Gladys Fort and Mrs. William J. Profit.

For the program, members heard from exchange student Melanie Hayes of New Zealand.

The next meeting will be Nov. 10 at the home of Mrs. Harold Perry.

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This 13-year-old girl from Caro enjoys many different things. Her interests are from house work to sports. Wouldn't you like to be a part of helping someone in need of a friend?

This 14-year-old boy from Caro is in need of a one-to-one male relationship. His main interests are hunting, fishing, camping and basketball.

Nine years old and from Caro, he enjoys baseball, swimming and putting puzzles together. He is in need of a companion who enjoys outside activities and who is willing to share his interest.

Big Brothers-Big Sisters in Tuscola County is located at 129 E. Burnside Street, Caro, telephone 673-6996; in Sanilac county at 26 Lexington Street, P.O. Box 1, Sandusky, telephone 648-4433.

Employed mothers workshop

The Cooperative Extension Service is sponsoring an "employed mothers workshop" Monday, Nov. 3, from 7-9 p.m. at Cass City High School. Dr. Ann K. Soderman from Michigan State University will be the group leader. An employed mother, she has developed a special program that helps mothers adjust to the demands of their employment as well as their family. The workshop is open to all through advance registration, by calling the extension office in Caro at 673-3161 or in Sandusky at (313) 648-2515. A small fee will be charged.

Breathing club meets Thurs.

The Huff N' Puff Breathing Club for adults suffering from asthma, bronchitis and emphysema will meet this Thursday at 7 p.m. at Saginaw General Hospital. The club is sponsored by the hospital and American Lung Association.

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