

What Is Cystic Fibrosis?

By State of Nebraska Dept. of Health

Only within comparatively recent years have we been hearing much about Cystic Fibrosis.

For a long time this disease was not recognized as distinct because of its similarity to asthma, bronchitis, allergy, and celiac disease. Still little known but far from rare, it has been taking the lives of many children.

The disease has been under study for more than 20 years, but as yet a few people, even physicians, know much about it.

Research holds the key to the cure, but because so little has been heard or known about it, interest has been lacking, funds have been limited, and the cause and cure remain unknown.

Indications are that the most likely cause is a chemical or

physical disturbance of the mucous glands which causes them to produce a thick, sticky fluid instead of a thin watery liquid.

This thick mucus clogs many small passageways in the body, but the blocking is most damaging in the lungs and in the pancreas.

As a rule, cases involving only the pancreas are mild, those involving the lungs are more severe, and those involving both the pancreas and the lungs are the most severe.

The incidence of cystic fibrosis is estimated at about one in every 600 live births in white people. It is uncommon in the Negro and Oriental races. The disease is both hereditary and congenital, and among children of families in which it occurs, the incidence is about one in every four.

Before the advent of antibiotics, pancreatic fibrosis was considered almost uniformly fatal at an early age. As far as is known, it is not outgrown. Chances for successful control are increased by early diagnosis and treatment. Some of the symptoms appear shortly after birth but they may be so slight as to not be particularly noticed.

Because knowledge about the disease is limited, in spite of it being so deadly, too often precious time is lost as children are treated for some other disease while fibrosis is sapping their vitality and choking off their air supply by clogging the lungs with a thick mucus at the same time it is starving the body by blocking the pancreas.

Professional education and research are urgently needed, but community and parent education and public information are equally important.



TREATS, TOO — The Junior Chamber of Commerce's free Christmas movie for kids here Saturday played to a full house. Afterward, youngsters received treats from the Mrs. Jaycees. Mrs. Chas. Wurga is shown helping with the treat detail.

Today's Farmer Is More Efficient Soil Builder

LINCOLN — The average farmer can do as much soil building in a few years as his grandfather did in a lifetime, according to Delno Knudsen, Extension Agronomist at the University of Nebraska.

The tools for this job are modern, improved management methods and the proper use of needed nutrients.

"By using these tools wisely, a farmer can build up low-yielding land to high-profit fertility level," Knudsen says. "Such a procedure will pay off in lower costs of crop production and increased net income per acre."

"In determining the kinds and quantities of nutrients needed to produce money-making yields, soil tests can be particularly

valuable. "Other helpful guides are the farmer's own experience on his fields, the results obtained by neighboring farmers and a study of hunger signs in crops."

"Farm economists point out that the use of recommended amounts of fertilizer based on soil tests can return as much as \$3 to \$5 in increased crop value for every dollar invested in plant food."

"These specialists say that maximum net profits from fertilizer use are obtained when the last dollar spent on fertilizer gives only a dollar's worth of extra crop."

"Test, don't guess" is still the best procedure for applying lime and fertilizer," Knudsen suggests.

State's Pride

States develop pride in their identity, based on a unique attribute they recognize. The state's population seizes upon this feature as something with which they want to identify themselves. For example, Texas, with as much pride as any in our nation, bases its pride on such things as the heroic defense of the Alamo. We may point out with complete accuracy that the men at the Alamo were not "Texans," they were recent arrivals in Texas from all over the American frontier, but to Texans the men who fought at the Alamo have ever since exemplified heroic qualities unique to Texas.

Both Virginia and Massachusetts look with pride on their role as leaders in bringing about American Independence. Ohioans look upon themselves as being from the state that is mother of Presidents. Florida and California are apt to wear the patience of the rest of the nation a bit thin at times, boasting about their climate.

Nebraskans have never found a completely satisfactory feature with which to identify themselves. With a strong sense of what formed a major portion of our rich heritage we have groped for a symbol in the toughness and unyieldingness of our pioneers. The Sod House organization, the Blizzard of '38 Club, continuing stories of the grasshoppers of the 1870's all build on this idea, but no single event has been completely accepted as a symbol of the state's greatness. Military progress of Nebraskans has been amply demonstrated, but not in a situation which we have completely adopted as a state symbol. For example, the Pawnee Scouts of the North Brothers were romantic enough, but Nebraskans of 1870 were not willing to accept an Indian unit as their symbol.

Some states, as Iowa, have accepted agricultural excellence as a source of state pride, the "Tall Corn State." Nebraskans have not accepted agriculture production completely because of the diversity of the major crops that we produce.

Nebraskans of the 20th Century have a real and abiding affection for their state, but they often have difficulty in expressing in two or three simple well known phrases why we are proud of Nebraska. The invention of, and giving currency to, two or three ideas for Nebraskans to nail their pride to is a real opportunity for an outstanding Nebraskan leader.

LOUISVILLE NEWS

Mrs. Ralph Wildrick — Phone 2511

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Dunn and children of Omaha were Monday morning callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Bauers.

Saturday evening supper guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oren Derby near Springfield were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Derby of Louisville, Mr. and Mrs. Van Horn of Gretna, and Mrs. Ted Cooper and family of Weeping Water.

Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hutchinson were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baker and family and Miss Doris Hutchinson all of Omaha.

Jim Tindle of Lincoln was a Tuesday overnight guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Grell and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Beck and sons, Johnny and Jimmy were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beck in Kennard.

Mrs. Walter Blake entered the Methodist hospital in Omaha Tuesday and returned home last Saturday. She is feeling better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Alfrey were Saturday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hicks in Lincoln.

Mrs. Marion Reichart of Louisville and Miss Mary Jo Reichart of Pierce visited William Branscom at the Bryan Memorial hospital in Lincoln Saturday. Mr. Branscom was seriously injured in an auto accident Tuesday.

Leonard Heard entered the Methodist hospital in Omaha Monday for observation and check-up.

Woman's Club
The Louisville Woman's Club held their Christmas party in the Methodist church parlors, Dec. 8. A one o'clock covered dish dinner was enjoyed by 19 members. After a short business meeting, at which time, a new

member, Mrs. Clara Beadle, was welcomed into the club. Christmas carols were sung.

Roll call was answered by "The First Christmas I Remember," and it was very entertaining. The gift exchange had a very home like atmosphere, with chairs circled around a fireplace and with a beautiful decorated Christmas tree. Jean Webb acted as Santa.

Obituary of Rachel Noyes
Mrs. Rachel Noyes, a Fort Collins, Colo., resident for thirty years died recently at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elwin R. Hunter in Fort Collins at the age of 85.

Mrs. Noyes was the widow of George Noyes, who died in 1904. She was born at St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 29, and was married March 14, 1894, at Louisville. She was a member of the Methodist church and a 50 year member of the Royal Neighbor Lodge.

She is survived by her children, Mrs. Elwin Hunter of Fort Collins; Mrs. Esther Schneider of Cedar Creek; Mrs. W. H. Schoeman of Fort Collins; Mrs. William J. Preston of Grenada, British West Indies; George F. Noyes of Estes Park, Colo.; and Raymond R. Noyes of Los Angeles, Calif.; two sisters; Mrs. William VanEvery of Ogallala, and Mrs. Eugene Colbert of Weeping Water; eight grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services and burial was in Grandview cemetery at Fort Collins. Mrs. Boyne Parson of Cedar Creek and Robert Schneider of Louisville are two of her grandchildren.

The great man is he who does not lose his child's heart. —Mencius.

Unruly children make their sire stoop. —Shakespeare.



The Pawnee Indians

On Oct. 22 a new mural was unveiled in the Genoa National Bank, depicting some of the events in the history of the Pawnee Indians. A pictorial presentation of the Pawnee is especially appropriate at Genoa as this town was the headquarters of the reservation that the Pawnee occupied in Nebraska from 1857 to 1875.

Before they moved to Oklahoma in 1875 the Pawnee had inhabited Nebraska and had been our most important Indian tribe for a long period of time. Possibly Coronado and his expedition contacted them in 1541, certain and definite contact with them was made by the Spanish before 1700. Archaeological evidence indicates that they were in the area by 1500.

They or their immediate ancestors had been in the state for many years before that. The Pawnee occupied much of Nebraska and a portion of northern Kansas, living along the Platte and Republican River Valleys with a strong concentration on the lower Loup River towards its confluence with the Platte near Columbus and claiming the territory north to the Niobrara.

The Pawnee had characteristics of tribes both to their east and west. They spent a portion of their year in permanent villages as did tribes further east, and another part of the year on a buffalo hunt living as a migratory tribe, comparable to the tribes found further west on the high plains.

The Pawnee were divided into four bands whose English names were The Grand, The Republican, The Tappage and The Wolf. The first three named

were the more closely connected, while the Skidi or Wolf were not so closely tied to the other bands. In their permanent homes the Pawnee lived in earth lodges, each lodge housing a complete family or clan.

The Villages of the Pawnee were sizeable, some of them having 1,000 or more inhabitants. The Pawnee were primarily a farming people and depended to a great degree upon their production of corn for food.

They developed their religion about the symbol of corn, as contrasted to buffalo centered ceremonies characteristic of the Indians further west. At the same time they went on extended buffalo hunts and used the buffalo a great deal.

The Pawnee suffered a disastrous military defeat from the Sioux at Massacre Canyon in 1873. After that defeat they moved to a reservation in Oklahoma.

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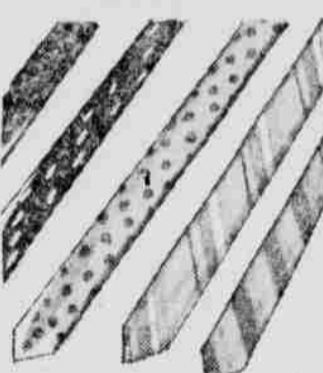
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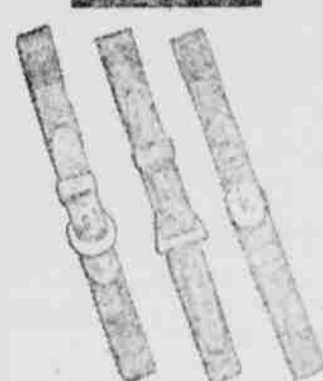
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