

Lice Warning

OSWEGO — The County Health Dept. has received a number of requests for information about scabies and head lice. The incidence of lice and scabies infestation has been increasing throughout the United States, affecting people of all economic and social levels. Millions of children and adults become infested yearly, and virtually no one is immune.

Lice infestation should be suspected when a child or adult notices intense itching sensation of the scalp or back of neck. Likewise, head lice should be suspected when there is known to be an outbreak in the community. Lice are small, wingless insects with six legs, and require the warmth of the human body to survive.

Examination of the scalp will show many small whitish eggs firmly attached to the hair shaft. Usually the nits (lice eggs) are concentrated in the area above the ears and at the nape of the neck. Many times, the nits look like dandruff. Dandruff can be moved easily, but the nits are firmly attached to the hair shaft.

There are several preparations available for the treatment of head lice. While some are available over the counter, others require a doctor's pre-

scription. The lotions and shampoos must be used according to the directions. Overuse can result in scalp irritation.

After application of the lotion, the hair must be combed with a very fine-toothed metal comb to remove all dead lice and eggs. A short hair cut can make lice removal easier. All personal items such as combs and brushes should be washed in very hot water to disinfect them.

Whenever one family member has head lice it is very important to closely inspect all family members for at least two weeks, and, if they should become infested, treat them with the anti-lice preparation immediately.

Scabies is caused by a mite which is almost invisible. The mite causes a highly contagious skin disorder characterized by a red, itchy rash

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4-H WEEK—Oswego County Legislature chairman Robert Jones recently signed a proclamation commending the week of October 5-10 as 4-H Week. Pres-

ent for the signing were left to right, Keith Hinrichs and Debbie McRae, members of the Oswego Octopus 4-H Club, Jones and Jeanne Hinrichs, 4-H leader.

Cancer Screening Clinic Planned

CENTRAL SQUARE — All Oswego County residents are urged to come to the free "Oral Cancer Screening Clinic" sponsored by the American Cancer Society, Oswego County Unit, on Nov. 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dental Health Center on Route 11.

Shelden N. Sacks, D.M.D., a member of the staff of the Dental Health Clinic in Fulton and Central Square, will be on hand to assist with the Cancer detection program.

Dr. Sacks is a BA graduate in Biology from Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass., and received his D.M.D. at the University of Pennsylvania in 1978 and also served his residency at the School of Dental Medicine in Pennsylvania. He is a member of the American Dental Association, St. George Oral

Cancer Society, Academy of General Dentistry-Prospective Fellow American Academy of Dental Group Practices, and Alpha-Omega.

Dr. Sheldon says, "Oral Cancer is responsible for approximately 6,000 deaths each year. The five-year cure rate for oral cancer is less than one-third for all cases, one of the lowest survival rates of any form of cancer. Yet, oral cancer possesses the potential for high survival rate if diagnosed early enough. The number of victims surviving 5 years is doubled if treatment is initiated when the lesion is less than 2 centimeters in diameter."

"Lives can and must be saved. Dentists and physicians should perform periodic uniform, systematized examinations of the oral cavity of all patients. Special attention must be given to those age 35 and older."

He also stated, "The real hope for the future is in earlier detection. Cancer specialists all over the world are improving diagnostic techniques, learning more about the nature of 'early' or 'minimal' cancer, and developing more effective combinations of treatments. The American public and the medical profession must be alerted to the need for earlier detection by better identification of those people at higher risk of developing stomach or esophageal cancer." Dr. Sheldon also stresses regular checkups.

Everyone is urged to take advantage of the free Oral Cancer Screening Clinic, Nov. 8, in Central Square.

Crime Prevention Seminars Set

Every year billions of dollars are lost through different methods of fraud, burglary and shoplifting. To help combat this loss that businesses can ill afford, John Tanner of the Oswego County Small Business Extension Service, announced there will be crime prevention seminars held on topics dealing with security, shoplifting, check and credit card fraud, counterfeit money, arrest and prosecution procedures.

The seminars will be held at three locations in Oswego County. The first will be on Nov. 10 in Oswego from 1-5 p.m., followed by Fulton on Nov. 13, from 8 a.m. to noon, and the final presentation will take place Nov. 23 in Pulaski from 6:30 to 10 p.m.

Small Business Extension Service, the Small Business Administration, city and village police departments and chambers of commerce are joining together to sponsor this presentation with cooperation from the Oswego County Sheriff's Department, the city of Syracuse Police Department and the Secret Service.

Business owners, managers and their employees are encouraged to attend. The cost is \$4 per person which includes all materials and refreshments. To obtain a registration form call or write Small Business Extension Service, Main St., Mexico, N.Y. 13114, or phone (315) 963-7286.

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