

King's Loss Is Tourist's Gain At Island Haven

A Mormon king, a Russian count and an Emerald Isle. It sounds like the plot of an historical novel and indeed, thousands of words have been written about "King" James Jesse Strang, Count Feodora Portar and Beaver Island. Anglicized from the French le du Castor, Michigan's Beaver Island was so named because on old maps it looked like a stretched out beaver skin.

The island is 32 miles offshore from Charlevoix in north-eastern Lake Michigan. It's 14 miles long, six wide and is the largest island in Lake Michigan as well as being the main island in a group of 13.

BEAVER ISLAND originally was a haven for wild life and a target for Indian hunting parties until Strang led a small band of Mormon settlers to the island in 1847.

Strang splintered from the main Mormon group after losing a fight with Brigham Young for the sect's leadership. Young

'Pill' Cuts Cancer In Women

ANN ARBOR -- The birth control pill is more likely to reduce than to cause breast cancer in women, Dr. Charles B. Huggins, Nobel Prize winner, said at The University of Michigan.

The former U-M resident surgeon, who is director of the Ben May Laboratory for Cancer Research at the University of Chicago, predicted hormone regulation to be the future way to prevent cancer.

Dr. Huggins described experiments in which he has induced cancer in mice and then cured it with hormones. He was delivering the 1968 Donald E. Johnson Cancer Lecture, established by the U-M Cancer Research Institute in honor of a Flint publisher and civic leader.

DR. HUGGINS has been 100 per cent successful in producing mammary cancer in female rats and ovary cancer in mice by giving them a single dose of the hydrocarbon DNBH. He also has been successful in preventing cancer or curing it in animals with the administration of certain steroid hormones.

The process, he said, is analogous to the contraceptive pill, which contains the hormones estrogen and progesterone. The doctor has produced a regression of cancer in mice with these hormones, indicating that, experimentally and clinically, the pill is not a dangerous agent concerning mammary cancer.

Breeding animals that were given the excess hormone treatment, Dr. Huggins found no cancer in their litters.

Dr. Huggins, who won the 1966 Nobel Prize for his discoveries regarding the control of prostate cancer by the use of hormones, praised the work of the late U-M professor of chemistry, Dr. Werner E. Bachman, who synthesized the DNBH. The proper name of the hydrocarbon is 7, 12-dimethylbenzanthracene.

With Dr. Bachman's compound, Dr. Huggins has been able to study those hydrocarbon compounds which cause carcinoma in animals and those which do not. The compound is making possible considerable scientific research of cancer, and Dr. Huggins said the late chemistry professor's contribution "makes the U-M chemistry department a holy place."

DR. HUGGINS said the compound causes leukemia in male mice, which also can be prevented by hormones. The treatment has been effective in preventing the destruction of adrenal glands in animals.

The scientist predicted that someday parents will be able to give their children a massive dose of steroid hormones to cure leukemia, just as easily as administering vitamin pills.

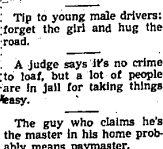
Husbands are like fireplace fires. Unattended, they go out.

Tip to young male drivers: forget the girl and hug the road.

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