

## Inside Indianapolis

## Hoosier Profile

BROAD-SHOULDERED and amiable, Dr. Wendell C. Anderson typifies Indiana's progressive public health program.

The 37-year-old physician who was named head of the state's first cancer control effort last Jan. 1 radiates enthusiasm.

His drive is directed toward helping Hoosiers in their fight against the dread malady.

By temperament, he is ideally-equipped for the job.

His tolerance and excellent sense of humor will enable the husky medico to move easily through the length and breadth of Hoosierdom with complete acceptance, his associates say.

Doc's job is largely one of meeting the public and his medical colleagues and persuading them to exert their utmost in the cancer battle.

His light banter belies his intense interest in cancer control work.

He became interested in the subject as a resident physician in pathology at General Hospital. There, he saw all types of cases in a cross-section of humanity. He saw all too often that nothing could be done because of delays in seeking treatment or even in diagnosis.

A 1934 graduate of the Indiana University medical school, Dr. Anderson spent another year in pathology work in a Columbus, O., hospital after leaving here.

**Masters in Public Health**

HE CAME to the Indiana Board of Health in 1938 under a plan to give him additional training for public health work. He was sent to the University

of Michigan, where he earned a master of public health degree.

For the next three years, ever-smiling Wendell Anderson was just a country doctor as he worked all over the state's health districts. But he continued to make a mental note here and there and saw that medical science was woefully short in some fields, despite great advances in others.

One of these fields was cancer. A big annual killer, the disease seemed to be defying research.

Doc's concern, like that of millions of other persons, was delayed by the war. He spent 30 months in New Guinea, the South East Indies and the Philippines, where he had to content his zeal with routine work of immediate importance.

Back from service, Dr. Anderson's opportunity came when his forward-looking superior, Dr. L. E. Burns, decided Indiana must pay greater attention to Killer Cancer.

Dr. Burns found a "natural" in his fellow-worker. Dr. Anderson was sent to the outstanding Roswell Park Memorial Institute at Buffalo, N.Y., where only cancer cases are accepted. Then, he moved over to the Cornell University medical school for an intensive course under noted Dr. George Papanicolaou, whose technic in staining cells had made diagnosis more definite.

Dr. Anderson found time last fall to attend the International Congress of Cancer Research and meet the authorities on cancer from over the world.

## Early Diagnosis Needed

THE YOUNG bachelor who collects stamps in his spare time would be embarrassed if someone called him an expert in this field. He is not, he maintains. His work is simply to bring to the average citizen and physician an educational program on cancer and to ask their co-operation in licking the mortal tumor.

Dr. Anderson preaches early attention to suspicious growths or vague symptoms. Meanwhile, he watches developments in diagnosis and hopes for the day when a positive diagnosis can be made at an early stage.

He grew serious and slapped the desk with his big fist: "We need a simple test for cancer." Other physicians share his scientific frustration.

Almost three years goes by from the time the average cancer patient first notices symptoms until he is admitted to the Indiana University hospitals, records show.

Still the pathologist at heart, Dr. Anderson has a plan for collecting slides from pathologists over the state and making them available for study in all communities. In this way, unusual cases will become familiar to physicians, most of whom don't see enough cases of all types to have a good working knowledge, the young physician believes.

Dr. Anderson was born in Muncie and he never forgets his Hoosier upbringing. His father, E. D. Anderson, is still a practicing veterinarian. A brother, Ira D. Anderson, is a professor at Northwestern University, keeping up the family bent for the professions. (By Kenneth Hufford)

## 'Don't Fall for Sacred-Cow Treatment,' Actress Advises

By VIRGINIA MACPHERSON  
United Press Staff Correspondent

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 21 (UPI)—

Anne Baxter, who toed home a solid gold "Oscar" last year as the best supporting actress, came up today with some three-point advice for the stars who'll be getting their next month.

ONE: Hide the thing. Under the bed, if you have to, but get it out of sight.

TWO: Get back to work as fast as ever you can.

THREE: Don't fall for the "sacred-cow" treatment.

Miss Baxter

It's a funny thing about academy award winners around Hollywood. Something happens to 'em. All of a sudden they're so good their bosses are scared to put 'em in any more movies.

The follow-ups might not be as

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