

HEALTH BOARD IS KEPT BUSY

Report For Month Is Issued By Head Of New Department

An increase in the activities of the health department during the past month is indicated today by the report made public by Dr. A. W. Nowitt, health officer.

During the month the department made 62 home calls, and 41 miscellaneous calls. There were 151 office interviews and 100 hours spent in the office. The calls were made by Pauline Marion, public health nurse.

Incidence of chicken pox is steadily on the decline in most states. During the month, 77 throat cultures were taken by the public health nurse, and 37 milk tests.

Ernest E. Morrow, milk inspector.

ROYAL OAK GETS TROY PROPERTY

No Opposition Is Offered To Annexation In Affected Territory, Court Reveals

A part of section 22, Troy Township, has been annexed to Royal Oak city, according to a final announcement made by Burton P. Pennington, county clerk.

The final official count of the mayor of Troy, in the Troy Township, taken early last week, was 1,122; No. 734, including a majority of 378. The vote for Troy to be annexed was 1,122; No. 1, 11.

Canada's wealth per capita is exceeded only by that of the United States and Great Britain.

DEATH TAKES MRS. A. J. BLACK

Woman Lived In Birmingham 30 Years; Survived By Family

Funeral services were held yesterday at 2 p. m. from the Dines and Fell caskets for Mrs. Margaret J. Black, 72 years old, who died Sunday at a private hospital after a long illness.

The Rev. David H. Carter, of Birmingham, conducted the services. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery.

Mrs. Black was the widow of the late A. J. Black, who was born in Ireland and lived in the United States 41 years. Thirty of these years she lived in Birmingham, where she was the wife of a prominent business man, John M. Black, who she had been married to for 30 years.

Mrs. Black is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Edward Hill way of Brown, Mrs. George J. Black of 2 Southfield, and Mrs. Stella Black of Ann street, and one son, William Black of 38. Also, a brother, John Black, of 28. Her only son, William Black, of 38. Her only son, William Black, of 38. Her only son, William Black, of 38.

Oregon's Portia

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FALL RESULTS IN MAN'S DEATH

Worker Drops From Scaffold To Ground On Blenheim Hills Estate

Falling to the ground from a scaffold 20 feet high at the result of a fall from a scaffold on the Blenheim Hills estate, Mark McPherson, 58 years old, 162 east Pike street, Pontiac, received injuries Friday which resulted in his death a few hours later at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac. McPherson was employed as a painter.

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MAYTAG COMPANY INCREASES OUTPUT

The recent announcement of the new Maytag washer has given such added impetus to the growing sales volume of the Maytag company that the factory has been unable to supply the demand, according to a statement issued by E. L. Maytag, chairman of the board of directors.

So great has been the demand for the new Maytag washer that we have increased our production from 12,000 to 150,000 washers a day, and still we are running approximately 1,000 washers behind," Mr. Maytag says. "The factory payroll is now the largest in the history of the organization amounting to considerable more than \$400,000 for each 26 days working period. Approximately 2,000 persons are employed on the full time basis at the Maytag factory.

There are now more than a million washers owned by Maytag washers, and approximately 30 out of every 100 washers sold are Maytag.

HOME COSTS \$25.000

Mr. J. W. Good has just started a home which will run approximately \$25,000 in the south end of Barton Lake Estates on Puritan road.

SNOW ON ROAD IS EXPENSIVE

Washington, Dec. 14. More than 11,000 miles, nearly 50 per cent of the main arteries of vehicular travel in all states in the United States, will be kept open and free from snow during the present winter, according to a statement issued by the National Automobile Association. Approximate \$200,000,000 will be expended for the extensive program and will mean a saving of millions in economic benefits to the snow states.

The national automobile industry will continue its efforts to have all states in the snow belt adopt a definite program for snow removal not only in the interest of economy, but as a practical factor in distributing fuel, maintaining road communications and keeping the school in operation.

To Increase Mileage

In the winter of 1926-27, a total of 108,221 miles were cleared of snow, the A. A. A. says, and the mileage was increased 10 per cent in the winter of 1927-28. The estimated cost for the existing winter is based on the snow belt and more in both mileage and cost over last winter.

A. A. A. estimate that every \$100 spent in snow removal yields \$1,000 in more efficient transportation and business conditions. On the basis of these figures, the communities which have their streets and highways cleared this year will reap an economic benefit in excess of \$30,000,000.

These figures demonstrate the great value of snow removal to commerce alone," says the A. A. A. and when it is considered that 75 per cent of the nation's population or 90,000,000 people are dependent largely upon the snow belt, the figures carry a vital significance.

The health and happiness of daily life is tied by the national snow belt as a sure sign that the use of highways would mean a saving to the snow belt area. It is now estimated that inadequate snow removal causes a loss to the nation's business in a single winter of \$200,000,000. The A. A. A. statement continues:

"Practically 75 per cent of the nation's registered motor vehicles are in the snow belt. This means that on a basis of 15,000,000 motor vehicles registered, with an average value of \$1,000, an investment of \$15,000,000,000 in the snow states alone, is dependent upon the problem of keeping the highways open for winter travel.

Cost of Clearing

The cost of clearing the highways of snow averaged \$43.50 per mile last year and ranged from \$6.40 per mile in Virginia, the southern boundary of the snow belt, to \$100.00 per mile in Wyoming in the north-west.

In the snow belt there are 315,000 miles of improved highways representing an initial investment of \$8,000,000,000, assuming an average cost of \$25,000 per mile. The elimination of surface repairs is a great factor in the argument for snow removal, and it is estimated in Maryland, for instance, that there was \$150,000 saved in repairs for every \$30,000 expended in snow removal.

Far too many states and cities lag behind in preparation for snow removal. The result in transportation tie-ups, interference with winter motoring, unnecessary damage to the streets, the closing of schools, the isolation of thousands of families in rural homes, the loss and derangement of business, and quite often the serious curtailing of food distribution.

"The rapid increase in bus transportation alone brings the snow removal problem directly as one of vital importance.

As there are over 30,000 motor buses operated in the United States and the majority of these are in the snow belt, the situation becomes doubly serious. Of these buses, over 40,000 are operated as common carriers and over 30,000 for use of public and private schools."

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