

HEALTH OFFICE DUTIES TOLD

Dr. Newitt Explains Functions of Newly Created Department

By DR. A. W. NEWITT (Village Health Officer)

Just what constitutes a nuisance is of interest to the layman as well as to the health officer. To most people, the word "nuisance" applies to anything unpleasant or annoying. The fellow who calls and stays too long, the motorist who dashes to the front and cuts in on a long line of automobiles, the rocker that hits your toe in the dark, is a nuisance. To the public health officer however the word has a special meaning. It calls up visions of garbage and refuse piles, overflowing cess-pools, village dumps, smoke-stacks belching soot and ill-smelling gases from sewers. All things which rank high in the popular mind as causes of sickness and disease and occasionally are important enough to justify the popular estimate.

Fifty years ago the health officer spent most of his time investigating complaints concerning such things as cholera, typhoid and everyone considered the time well spent. Comparatively little was known of the connection between bacteria and disease and when there was an epidemic of typhoid fever or influenza, the guardians of the public health got busy at once looking for the open sewer or the decaying garbage responsible for it.

Wasted Effort

Today we know that while all this effort helped to develop our ideas of municipal cleanliness and decency, much of it was wasted as far as the protection of the public health was concerned. We know that an epidemic of typhoid fever, occurs only when someone has the disease or has had it and his germs are transferred to other persons by direct contact of thorough food or water. You could spend an afternoon sitting beside a pile of decaying garbage and, while it would be a foolish (and unpleasant) thing to do, you would not get typhoid fever or any other infectious disease from it.

Cess-pools, rubbish piles and other nuisances of one kind or another are often involved in neighborhood rampages, and the first thought of the aggrieved party is usually to file a complaint with the local health department. If the results are not immediate, the aggrieved and now exasperated party appeals to the State Department of Health, hoping to get immediate action. Under the law when such a complaint is filed with the local health officials it is their duty to investigate and determine whether the nuisances complained of is or is not a menace to public health. If it is not then though it may be offensive to sight, smell or even to hearing, as in the case of barking dogs and crowing roosters, their responsibility ends. The complainant then has recourse to the police or the courts.

There are many nuisances, like those responsible for pollution of water supplies, which are clearly menaces to health. The local health authorities have ample power to compel their abatement and if they neglect their duty, the State Department of Health stands ready to back them up. There are others, such as the operations from smoke-stacks of industrial plants, which are borderline cases. It may be difficult to determine to what extent they are a menace to health, if at all. On the other hand, there are still others, like the rubbish and garbage heaps, chicken yards and carcasses of dead animals which have little or no relation to public health, yet they are responsible for the bulk of the complaints made to the health officials.

Other Work

It is hard to break away from tradition and some people still look upon the investigation of nuisance complaints as the most important function of a health department—at least when they are the complainants. From the standpoint of results, however, it is far more important for the person so called to spend their time, for example, supervising the local milk supply, which is one of their numerous duties. An inadequately supervised milk supply in one city recently was responsible for over four thousand cases of typhoid fever. All the rubbish piles, dead horses and garbage heaps in Michigan, all combined in one big nuisance, could not do that much damage.

The gist of the matter is that nuisances, using the word in this legal sense, are sometimes clearly dangerous to public health and it is then the duty of the health authorities to see that they are abated. Much more frequently they have little or no effect on health. When this has been determined, in any instance, the health officials who have many really important duties to perform, are fully justified in referring the complainants to the police or to the civil courts.

VILLAGE POET TO BE BOARD TOASTMASTER

Charles S. Kinnison, village poet who lives on Hawthorne road, is to be toastmaster at the annual banquet of the Detroit real estate board to be held Dec. 15 at the Book-Casino Hotel, Detroit. Mr. Kinnison plans to read several of his poems on the occasion.

Mrs. Elisa Soriano, Lorel Tapia and Soledad Ruiz are the first three physicians appointed to positions in the health department of Spain.

WHAT'S WHAT IN WASHINGTON

STATE DEPARTMENTS "O. K." OF INVESTMENTS ATTACKED

Washington—Criticism of the state departments' post-war policy of o. k. ing American foreign investments which it approves of some weeks ago was a cloud in the political sky no larger than a man's hand—Senator Glass' hand, for instance, since he started it—the criticism, that is.

In this short time it's spread—the cloud—until it covers a good-sized patch in the heavens, and now it's beginning to shoot forked lightning.

Some very reliable political weather prophets believe it will secure the whole firmament by the first part of December, when congress meets, and furnish the big storm of the coming season.

It all began during the war, when patriotic American bankers would loan no money abroad without the state departments' endorsement to make sure none of it went into enemy hands, by any accident.

The war over, a good many of our financiers continued to insist the department's "yes" or "no" before undertaking to float any issues of foreign securities in this country.

It doesn't make any real difference what the department says now, these not being war times, and the financiers go ahead and float their issues whenever they like, but they appear to do it with a clearer conscience following an affirmative nod from Washington.

The state department, be it understood, makes it very clear to the financiers that it assumes no responsibility in connection with any of these transactions—it is its process, not its opinion, concerning them from a business standpoint—any investor who puts his money into them, at his own risk, but it's a fact that the department has no international political objection to them.

Nobody questions that all this will be perfectly clear, as between the state department and the financiers.

But will it be equally clear to individual investors, after the securities have filtered down to them, through the medium of a dispersion of smaller banks and bond salesmen?

Senator Glass and numerous others, now that the senator has called vigorous attention to the matter, beg leave to doubt it.

What the Virginia senator guesses is that large numbers of investors will be unable to see any difference between the state department's approval and its guaranty, if that security fails to yield returns as per advertising—interest and principal.

He foresees that the United States government will be unnecessarily called upon to foot the bill, in such a situation which would not surprise him.

Billions upon billions of American money has been invested abroad since the war, and these investments are quite frankly described by competent authorities as "good, bad, and indifferent."

The entire subject will be fully ventilated in Washington next winter; that's certainty.

When that starts, the surmise is widely ventured here that the action will specially be aimed what the state department's approval of some tons of foreign bonds really amounts to, and in case it transpires that it amounts to nothing.

Well, will that storm burst? The political weather prophets are warning Secretary of State Kellogg to get his umbrella ready.

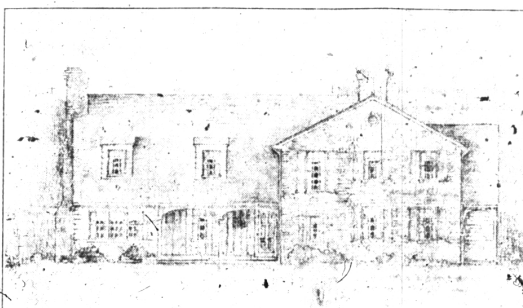
Evening Ensemble

This evening jacket ensemble from Redfern is fashioned of green lane embroidered in bead design.



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ANOTHER NEW RESIDENCE



This is another of the new residences in Birmingham. It will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Wheeler and it is on Luritan road near Oak street. It is of the Colonial farmhouse type with all the modern conveniences. J. E. Barris is the designer and builder.

ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS

Stockholders of Masonic Temple Name McClellan, McGirr, Bricker And Dowling

Officers of the stockholders of the Birmingham Masonic Temple association were elected at the annual meeting held Tuesday night at the Temple.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Birmingham, Michigan Notice To Stockholders Notice is hereby given that an Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Association for the purpose of electing Directors and the transaction of all such other business as may properly come before such meeting will be held, pursuant to the By-Laws of the Association, at the Banking House of the First National Bank, in the Village of Birmingham, Michigan, on Tuesday, January 10, 1928 at 12:00 P. M., Central Standard Time.

The Polls for voting on the election of Directors will be open from 12:00 P. M. until 2:00 P. M.

T. B. DONOVAN, President

Because of her representation at the Banking House, Dec. 5 citizens for speaking in London police has forbidden the Citizens of Kinross to drive a car for the Birmingham Eccentric Classified Ad three years.

HUPP AGENCY OPENS HERE

Rav V. Orleman Introduces Car To Birmingham In New Sales Room

Rav V. Orleman, for the past six years connected with the Hupp Motor company, and formerly sales manager for the D. E. Myers company, Detroit's oldest Hupp mobile dealer, announces today the opening of a Hupp mobile sales and service agency for Birmingham and vicinity. The sales room is located at 129 south Woodward avenue, next door to the new Birmingham Savings Bank.

"I have watched the growth of Birmingham and vicinity for some time and the growth, together with the great public reception given to the new Huppobile 1928 Six, has caused me to open a Hupp mobile agency here," said Mr. Orleman yesterday.

"We feel that there is a splendid market for Huppobile cars in Birmingham and vicinity. We know of the high type of Huppobile who own and drive automobiles here and it will be our aim and our policy to do everything possible to aid in providing automobiles and comfort for the multitude and adjacent territory."

Several models of the Huppobile are on display in Mr. Orleman's local sales room.

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DR. W. O. STEVENS IN P. T. A. ADDRESS

Cranbrook School Headmaster to Speak to Adams School Group

Dr. William O. Stevens, headmaster of the Cranbrook School for Boys, in Bloomfield Hills will speak at the Parent-Teacher Association meeting of the Adams School, Dec. 14, according to an announcement made by Mrs. Hendrick Bruges, chairman of the program committee.

Dr. Stevens will speak on the "Growing Boy." Dr. Stevens has made an extensive study of the problems of the adolescent.

A Christmas party will follow the program.

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IN
"NEVADA"

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 11th
Buster Keaton
IN
"IN COLLEGE"

MON.-TUES. - DECEMBER 12th
Emil Jennings
With PHYLIS HAVER
IN
"The Way of All Flesh"

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 14
May McAvoy
and Conrad Nagle
IN
"SLIGHTLY USED"

THUR.-FRI. - DECEMBER 15-16
Billie Dove
IN
"The American Beauty"

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 17th
George Jessel
IN
"Sailor Izzy Murphy"

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