T. B. FIGHT TOLD BY SPEAKERS IN COUNTY MEET

Interest is greater today in the fight against tuberculosis following the third annual health conference and banquet of the Oakland County Tuberculosis association last Thursday night at the Hotel Roosevelt, Pontiac. The conference was attended by more than 250 persons, the largest audience present at the annual function since its organization.

The banquet was served in the crystal ballroom with a program of talks following that brought forth interesting information on the subject of tuberculosis.

Willis M. Brewer, chairman of the Oakland County Board of Auditors was toastmaster. In a few brief remarks he told of the work of the Oakland County association, pointing out that during the year just closed 110 clinics were held, in comparison with 52 the previous year. Invocation was given by Rev. Paul Arnold Peterson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Pontiac.

"The Neglected Diagnosis of the Early Case of Tuberculosis," was the subject discussed by Dr. John Alexander professor of surgery, at the University of Michigan. Dr. Alexander presented statistics showing the advantage of medical attention in the early stages of tuberculosis. "No definite rule of early symptoms can be set forth," Dr. Alexander stated, explaining how symptoms vary in different cases.

He pointed out the function of sanatoriums from a standpoint of society, the sensitiveness of the person afflicted and declared improper care results from unwillingness to give up work and combat the disease.

Dr. E. J. O'Brien, chief surgeon of the Herman Keifer Hospital, Detroit, was next called upon. In discussing the future of arrested cases of tuberculosis, Dr. O'Brien said:

"More pitiful to me than the person afflicted with the disease is the one who has been pronounced cured in a sanatorium and is confronted with re-entering society. He gets into unsympathetic, understanding hands, and after a time of effort to live up to his sanatorium rules, he goes back to his former mode of work and living. The result is a relapse.

"An absolute cure is a matter of many years. The first two years after discharge are the most critical in the life of the patient. This is a community problem, and if many of these patients are suffering relapses we are falling short of our work."

"The importance of the Chest Clinics to the 'Teen Age Group,'" was told by Dr. E. G. Ahrens, medical director of the Oakland County Tuberculosis sanatorium. "Soma children become afflicted with tuberculosis before they reach their fifteenth year," Dr. Ahrens stated, emphasizing the need of high school clinics. "We have pre-natal clinics, elementary and grade school clinics, but the 'teen' age child is neglected."

Toastmaster Brewer next called upon Theodore W. Wherle of Lansing, state secretary of the Michigan T. B. association, President H. Mills of the state association, and Mrs. Zelpha B. Hale, executive secretary of the Oakland County association.

Other numbers on the program included two songs by a quartet from Royal Oak. Its members were Pearl Straub, M. T. Braun, Carl Braun, and Floyd Straub. A solo dance by Miss Roma Tower, instructor at the Ryla Brewer Thompson Studio, was also enjoyed by the audience.

Dancing followed the program.

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NEW NAVY SECRETARY BOOSTS HOOVER CABINET ARISTOCRACY

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Washington.—President Hoover's cabinet, as many persons have remarked, is not characterized by rare brilliancy, but it is exceptionally well rounded.

The supposition is that Mr. Hoover's aim was to attain a good general average and furnish his own genius.

An average requires all kinds of ingredients, and when he got down to the item of ancestry the president put in Charles Francis Adams of Massachusetts.

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Mr. Adams got the navy portfolio as a celebrated yachtsman.

It may or may not be that long experience in the skippering of racing yachts, under sail, fits a man for general supervision of the destinies of an oil-burning fleet of stell-clad fighting craft, but it is a plausible talking point, anyway—and besides, this was not so much a question of a technical expert as of an adequately satisfactory appointee, from New England (for geographical reasons), with a top-notch ancestry.

Nobody can say that an individual whose great-great-grandfather was the second president of the United States needs to take off his hat to anyone in the matter of an aristocratic pedigree.

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Nor is that all of it.

The present Mr. Adams is also a grandson, only five generations removed, of Henry Adams, who settled in America 293 years ago, leaving a long line of high-class progenitors' tombstones behind him in England.

I wish I could likewise say positively that the new navy secretary is a lineal descendent of John Quincy Adams, but I am not quite sure on this question. The sixth president may only have been one of his great uncles. I tried to ask him about it the other day, at the navy department, but he was so busy answering "I don't know yet," to a long series of questions concerning his departmental plans that he accidentally returned the same answer to my query; so I came away unenlightened.

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It doubtless is unreasonable to expect a cabinet member, after no more than a few days in office, to give a full advance outline of his policies.

However, it is nine years since Mr. Adams skippered his yacht Resolute to victory in the international races of 1920, and he answered: "I don't know yet," to interrogations relative to his sensations on that occasion, too.

It was hard to avoid the impression that these replies were perfunctory.

Mr. Adams has a reputation as a wit. Perhaps he will turn out to be so on further acquaintance. On a first meeting, I found his conversation monotonous. "I don't know yet" is nothing to laugh at—two dozen times repeated.

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The scion of presidents is what I would call a dapper man.

He is not very large, but neither is he a midget. He stands very straight, and probably makes a mighty smart-looking yachtman in sea togs.

He suggests prosperity but not in a fat, ponderous way—the chipper, very brisk type instead. And, in fact, he is prosperous, they say—a multi-millionaire. But that's nothing, in Washington. There are several multi-millionaires in congress, and they rate only as politicians, without a bit of regard for their money. Mr. Adams' ancestry is what counts; not his millions.

In justice, it should be stated that the secretary's face does look as if he might be witty—a sunburned face (that's his yachting) with humorous wrinkles.

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Mr. Adams is 63, but not nearly as bald as Secretary of Commerce Lamont, who is a year younger.

People speak of Attorney General Mitchell as a curiosity in a Republican cabinet, inasmuch as he calls himself a Democrat. They seem to overlook the fact that Mr. Adams actually ran for mayor of Quincy twice as a Democrat—and was elected. Moreover, he never voted the Republican ticket until 1920, whereas Mr. Mitchell began it eight years earlier.

There is this to be said for Mr. Adams' yachting career, at all events—

He never will refer to the "right" and "left" sides of a ship.

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TEACHERS AT COUNTY MEET

The County Teacher's Institute held at Pontiac last Friday was attended by all members of the public school faculty of Birmingham. The schools closed for the day to permit attendance. The meeting took place at the Baptist Tabernacle between north Saginaw street and Oakland avenue. There were approximately 2000 Oakland county teachers present.

Prof. R. L. Layman of the Department of English of the Chicago University was the principal speaker both at the morning and afternoon sessions. "Learning by Apprenticeship" was the subject of the morning address. In the afternoon Professor Layman's topic was "Ethical Values in School Routine," in which he questioned the ethics of passing on the responsibility of training children. Included in the program were vocal numbers by Pauline McCaughan a student of the Pontiac high school, selections by the Hudson Male quartet, a new musical organization, numbers by the Oxford high school band, and songs by the Rochester Girls Glee club.

Miss Pauline Brooks Williamson of New York, spoke at the morning session on "Health Education."

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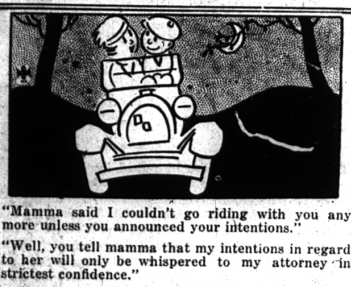

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