Socks Not Meant For Winter, Physician Warns Mothers

Mothers who force their children to wear socks and scant "underies" in cold weather, in the belief that it will harden them to the rigors of winter, received a stern scolding from the lips of Dr. Ida M. Alexander of the Michigan Department of Health, in an address to an audience of women at the Barnum School Wednesday morning.

Dr. Alexander is giving a series of six health talks for mothers each Wednesday morning in which she discusses problems vital to the health of the growing generation.

In her talk yesterday, she discussed the "Anatomy and Physiology of the Reproductive System" before a group of mothers and daughters. The importance of warm clothing on the lower part of the body in the healthy development of young children was stressed as a major issue.

"I wish I might be the judge to pass sentence upon mothers who send their children out in winter weather wearing socks and other thin little garments which do not protect them from the cold," Dr. Alexander declared.

"I know the penalty I should impose would be as severe as the crime, for I would force those mothers to go out-of-doors as flimsily garbed as their small sons and daughters! If they too were to suffer severely from the cold, it might teach them the fallacy of their theory that children are hardened by this process.

"On the contrary, their resistance is weakened as a result of the constant chilling of the blood stream. Many physical ills and a great deal of damage to health in later life can be traced directly to lack of warm and sufficient clothing on children in winter time."

Children should be dressed according to the temperature of the day to keep them comfortable and to safeguard their health in future years, she emphasized.

Dr. Alexander's lecture next Wednesday will cover "Considerations of Childbirth." This talk will begin at 9:30, and with the co-operation of prompt attendance, Dr. Alexander announces she will also include a discussion of "Birth Marks" on the same day.

The series given by Dr. Alexander is sponsored by the public service committee of the American Legion Auxiliary of which Mrs. H. H. Corson is chairman.

Missionary Groups To Give Programs Of Wide Interest

The two groups of the Missionary Department of the Women's Union of the Presbyterian Church will hold meetings on Wednesday, June 21. Section A will meet at the home of Mrs. T. B. Smith of Oakland avenue. Mrs. Wilhelmina McKinley will conduct the devotionals on the subject of "Mercy." Mrs. Fred S. Ross will give the address of the afternoon on the work of the Presbyterian missions in the West Indies. Miss Anna Parks will assist the hostess.

Division B will hold a picnic luncheon on Twelve Mile road, before which the members will meet at the church at 12:30 for directions and transportation. Mrs. W. T. Cushing is in charge of arrangements and Mrs. Robert W. Chissus will be the hostess. Mrs. Charles F. Butters of Ferndale avenue will speak on "Our Korean Missionary, Dr. Lyons."

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SOCIAL BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. William Hutton, Jr., of Bloomfield Hills were hosts at an informal buffet supper Sunday evening in honor of their house-guest, Mrs. Edward Wade of Philadelphia. Their guests included Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Woodruff, Mr. and Mrs. Loren T. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. William S. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. C. George Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Motley, and Mr. and Mrs. K. H. Bronson.

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Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Loud of Lone Pine Court entertained a group of friends at an impromptu dinner at their home Saturday evening. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. H. Wallace Peters, Mr. and Mrs. W. Whiting Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. Atwood B. Oatman and Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. Bradt.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. George Shepherd of Franklin Village and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bronson of Detroit were hosts at a farewell dinner and swimming party Saturday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Mitchell of Detroit, who will leave shortly to reside in Chicago. The affair was held at the lovely Franklin Village home of Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd, where dinner was served in the garden. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Orrin P. Kilbourn, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Allen, Mr. and Mrs. William Irvine, Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Woodruff, Mr. and Mrs. William Hutton, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. George W. Nachtrieb, Mr. and Mrs. Clay E. Herbel, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Motley, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edmonds, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Malcolmson, Miss Marion Hutton, Thomas Wade, Roy Peed, John Gaughen, Roy Hannah, Peter DePaulo, and John DePaulo.

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Mrs. E. A. Smith of Redford road and Mrs. B. D. Bigelow of West Maple road motored to Lanser for the week-end, returning Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. George Shepherd of Franklin Village with their children, Dick and Suzanne, have returned from Nashville, Tenn., where they attended a family reunion. Dick Shepherd left Friday to spend three weeks visiting in Chicago.

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Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Waggoner will be hosts at a co-operative dinner at their summer home at Union Lake, Saturday evening. Their guests will include Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Faddis, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Parry, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Masters, Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Lynd, and Mr. and Mrs. John E. Martz.

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Mrs. O. H. Knox and her small son, Perry, of Bay City are spending the week with Mrs. Knox parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Symons of Brown street. Also as a guest at the Symons' home is Mrs. D. C. Knox of Dayton, O.

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Mrs. Fred S. Ross of Willits street, with her daughter, Miss Margaret Ross, returned Friday from Iowa City, Ia., where they attended the commencement exercises of Iowa State University, from which Mrs. Ross' niece, Miss Elizabeth Eliason, was graduated. Mrs. Ross, with her daughter and niece, also spent several days at the Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago. Mr. Ross attended the 29th annual convention of the Canadian Retail Coal Association held in Toronto June 7 to 9.

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Mrs. Henry Hart of Lake Park drive was hostess at tea Monday afternoon for members of the faculty of Miss Newman's School in Detroit.

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Mrs. Garner Miller of Wattles road spent Friday in Monroe, where she was a guest at St. Mary's Academy.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Moorhouse of Maryland boulevard have returned from their farm at Newberry, Mich., where they left their sons, Cecil and Melvin, who will spend the summer there.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tunis Miner were hosts at a pot-luck picnic supper at their home at Pine Lake Monday evening.

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Cleo Swartz of Purdy street has as his guest Monte Birch of Niagara Falls, N. Y.

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Mrs. J. C. Johnston has returned to her home in Seattle, Wash., following a visit with her sister, Mrs. J. L. White of Vinewood avenue.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Towar, Jr., who formerly resided in Grosse Pointe, arrived in Birmingham Sunday to occupy the former residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Packard on Harmon avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Packard with their family are now making their home on Madison avenue.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Cromwell, formerly of Kimberly court, have moved to their new home on Baldwin avenue.

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Mrs. T. B. Smith of Oakland avenue and Mrs. Seymour Adams of Adams road invited two guests at the garden party sponsored by the Girl Scout Council and held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Fred W. Johnson on Adams road. They were Miss Kathryn Hubert and Miss Jane Shepherd.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. Prussing moved Monday from their home on Vinewood avenue to their new residence on Bryn Mawr drive.

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Miss Doris Vehmeyer and Julian Braun entertained jointly at a progressive dinner Saturday evening. The 14 guests met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Vehmeyer of Wimbleton drive for the first course, from which they journeyed to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Braun in Bloomfield Hills, for the meat course, returning to Miss Vehmeyer's home for dessert. After dinner Miss Vehmeyer and Mr. Braun took their guests to the Oakland Hills Country Club to dance. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Barron, Dorothy Herbst, Jeanette Hart, Ann Curtis, Mary Coleman, Betty Smith, Bob Harris, Guy Hayward, Bill Moss, Bill White, Campbell Brigham, Jack DeBeaudet and Ben Marks.

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Mr. and Mrs. Louis C. Spinning and Mr. and Mrs. Loren T. Robinson will motor to Ann Arbor Saturday to attend the class reunion at the University of Michigan.

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Mr. and Mrs. Cassius Carter of George street spent Sunday and Monday in East Lansing where they attended commencement exercises for their son, Morris, who received his bachelor of science degree. Mr. and Mrs. Carter were accompanied on this trip by their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Carter.

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Norman Lyle, Jr., of Yorkshire road entertained a group of friends in honor of his 13th birthday Saturday afternoon. His guests included Jean L'Hommedieu, Betty Ann Pease, Patty Hawley, Charles Hallett, and Arthur Jay.

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Mrs. Fred D. Farmer and her daughter, Virginia, have returned from Chicago where they motored last week with Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Main.

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Miss Harriet Clark of Oak street has returned from Mary Grove College in Tennessee. Miss Clark brought as her guest, Miss Ruth Flint of East Orange, N. J.

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Mrs. Harry D. Tuttle of Bloomfield Village entertained a foursome at her home Tuesday, including Mrs. Leslie Allman, Mrs. Claude Rumble, and Mrs. Bernard Van Fleet.

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Dr. and Mrs. G. Hale Wellman with their daughters, Hester and Helen, of Northwood, Minn., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wellman of Suffield road. Dr. Wellman is on his way to attend the International Convention of Rotary Clubs in Boston, as a delegate from Capetown, S. A.

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A benefit dance will be held at the Community House Friday evening by a group interested in raising funds to create a community center in an abandoned church on Lahser road. Those on the committee include Mrs. Russell Burns, Miss Bernice Hughes, Lawrence E. Smith, Mrs. Albert Johnson and Miss Lois McClellan.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cross and members of their family returned Saturday to their home on Bryn Mawr drive from Detroit where they have spent the winter.

Rotary Club Hears Conference Plans

Ralph Thomas, Detroit Rotarian, talked to Birmingham's Rotary Club Monday noon at the Community House, outlining the Detroit Club's plans for entertaining the 34th annual Rotary International Conference, when Rotarians and their wives, numbering 10,000, are expected to be present in Michigan's metropolis. These Rotarians will come from more than 65 foreign countries.

Meetings are scheduled to be held in Olympia and the Masonic Temple. The affair, tentatively set for the week of June 24, 1934, will require the aid of not only the host club in Detroit, but of the many clubs in this district, Mr. Thomas stated. Birmingham Rotarians will serve on several committees, to be announced later.

Forbes S. Hascall, local Justice of the Peace, and Ed Laird, landscape architect connected with the Coryell Nursery, were accepted into membership by the Rotary Club Monday noon. Mr. Hascall is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hascall, of Oakland avenue, and will represent the general classification of law.

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SCOUT NEWS
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

By JULES WENZL

In order that mothers and fathers may become better acquainted with the facilities offered by a scout camp, they have been invited to attend "open house" at Camp Brady, the elementary camp of a group of three operated by Detroit Council, Sunday, June 11, or Sunday, June 18. Formal camp dinner, served in the dining hall, will be available between 11:30 A. M. and 2:30 P. M. Camp, a veritable summer school, is located a mile and a quarter west of Waterford.

First camp for examinations in all second and first class requirements will be held next Saturday at 2:30 P. M. in the ravine off West Maple avenue. All junior examiners are requested to be present.

All scouts, scoutleaders, and their families of the Birmingham District are invited to attend the annual commissioners' boat hike to Tashmoo Park, Saturday. The steamer leaves the dock at the foot of Griswold street, Detroit, at 9 A. M.

LIONS CLUB HEARS MUSICAL PROGRAM

Solos and duets by Mrs. Otto Lantz and Joe Purvis, vocalists, accompanied by Mrs. Louise Welch at the piano, provided the program for the meeting of the Lions Club yesterday in the Community House. The new slate of officers, with Dr. J. Paul McConkie as president, was in charge of the meeting for the first time.

Ross Hardman, manager of Employee Service, Inc., was received into membership in the club.

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Another question is, why all this advertising? The answer is that quite a few of you have been believing things that were not so. A common type of slander was to charge us with the sins or blunders of former day people, with whom we had nothing to do. It now seems in order to explain that we are just everyday business people doing our day's work honestly; that we are an independent outfit serving just this corner of Michigan; and that we are not controlled by any alien interest.

It may be a pity that the electric industry is not a church, nor even a family, which might discipline unruly members. There has never been anything to prevent a speculator breaking into or buying into the industry, and we who are in it have no way of getting him out of it. We cannot read him out of church nor take him down to the woodshed.

Another question is, how we disposed of profits in years when we did have a good business? Here is the answer. Any profits that we have made, over and above bond interest and regular dividends, have been put right back into the business, to serve you. We have never paid an extra dividend nor a stock dividend.

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