

TO PREVENT SPREAD OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASE

Measles, Whooping Cough and Other Contagious Disease Can Only Be Prevented from Spreading by the Co-Operation of Doctors and Every Person in the Community—List of Those Reporting Cases to Quarantine Officer in January.

No individual can control an epidemic of measles or the whooping cough, but is an easy matter for a community to prevent such a calamity. For instance, a few weeks ago, in a thriving rural community, a physician was called to see a sick child. He said that the child most likely had whooping cough. But for two weeks he never came nor inquired to know for sure, and what is even worse, he never reported it to the county quarantine officer. Meanwhile other children in the same family contracted the disease and continued to go to school. The result is, there are twenty cases of whooping cough in the same neighborhood, one baby death has occurred, and the school has been closed for a period of 4 weeks or longer.

Now this epidemic that has caused a needless death and much sickness that could have been prevented, to say nothing of the time and money lost by closing the school, probably would not have happened had that physician reported that first case to the county quarantine officer. That was the doctor's duty as prescribed by the State Quarantine Law. It would have been the duty of the quarantine officer to have had the house placarded and the sick child quarantined, also those in the house who had not had whooping cough. This would have prevented the infection spreading to the school and through the school to the whole community. He also would have given the parents the proper instruction for dealing with the sick child and the other members of the family and for keeping the disease at this one home and from spreading. To have observed these rules would have been the family's duty. The neighbors would have been given a fair chance, by knowing that the disease existed in the community, to have protected themselves and their families from the disease. To have done this would have been the neighbor's duty.

The point to this story is that as important as it is for the doctor to have done his duty in complying with the State Quarantine Law, just so important is that every individual in any community shall do his duty by the same law. Parents, doctors, teachers, and the quarantine officer have the same share in making the quarantine law effective. A violation on the part of one defeats the whole purpose of the law. In other words, to control the spread of whooping cough, measles or any other disease requires the co-operation of everybody in the community.

The first duty of every individual is to report at once any case of contagious disease to the county quarantine officer for in no other way is he to know where disease exists. He will then give you the further needed instructions, which every honest, law-abiding citizen will be glad to follow. These instructions are the only safeguards known for protecting the health of your own family and that of your neighbors. You are fortunate that you live in a State where the best methods known have been provided to protect your children from unnecessary disease.

Cases of communicable diseases reported to me last month were:
Davis Martin, Maney Neck, Diphtheria.

RAILROAD OPERATION MORE SATISFACTORY

Railroad Operation Under the Government Control More Efficient, According to Government Reports.

Already a more efficient operation of the railways taken under control by the Government has been effected. Duplication service, especially of passenger service, has been eliminated. More freight traffic is thereby made possible. The common use of terminals has avoided much delay and shipment by the most direct routes designated by shippers or dictated by the different railroads' interest or traffic agreements, has saved much time. In short, conflicting corporate interests have all been subordinated to the one trains that move traffic, with the result of a distinct speeding up of freight.

Government operation will be more economical. Much duplication required by competitive operation of the railroads is rendered unnecessary and other expenses, too, will be eliminated.

Director General McAdoo has issued an order, General Order No. 6, forbidding the use of the railroad revenues for paying agents or other persons employed in any way to affect legislation or to those who are not actually engaged in the performance of necessary legal work, the expenses of persons or agents constituting associations of carriers, unless such association is approved in advance by the Director General and payments for any political purpose or to directly influence the election of any person or an election affecting any public question. Free passes are also forbidden except such as are expressly authorized by the interstate-commerce commission.

Deserter Arrested

Jack Bazemore, a negro, of Union was arrested as a deserter and taken to Camp Jackson, South Carolina, Tuesday by John W. Taylor. Bazemore, it seems, had registered under an assumed name, or he sated that he had registered, but when he exploited his registration card, it did not bear his real name. He had been in the State of Virginia for some time and had made no attempt to secure his questionnaire, if it was a fact that he had and others had been keeping their eyes on him, and when the proper time came, he was arrested under the military laws and carried to the camp where he was presented to the authorities. Mr. Taylor will receive the fifty dollars reward for the capture of a deserter.

This case should be a warning to any others who are endeavoring to evade the military law, for sooner or later they will get theirs.

Executor's Notice

Having qualified as executor of the estate of Susan B. Myrick, late of Hertford County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to exhibit the same to the undersigned, duly verified according to law, on or before the 11th day of January, 1919 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This January 11th, 1918.
L. B. MYRICK, Executor of Susan J. Myrick, Norfolk, Va.
Winborne and Winborne,
Attorneys and Process Agents.

- Meredith Jones, Winton, measles.
 - Hershey Jenkins, Ahoskie, measles.
 - Naomii Hill, Ahoskie, measles.
 - John Taylor, Harrellsville, measles.
 - B. C. Bass Murfreesboro, measles.
 - Jane McRade Lassiter, Ahoskie, whooping cough.
- L. K. WALKER,
County Quarantine Officer

WINTON NEWS

We thank the editor for the kind invitation to contribute "where there is our lights will shine Tuesday) and we are no lights as bright as Winton lights.

In reply to the last week's Herald the County Commission we have learned a lesson from good authority will be no County meeting in Hertford year.

Mr. H. B. Knox, most progressive of Winton, remembers workers at the noon by sending delicious apples, much enjoyed by present. If a should happen tendance at the meetings would

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