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But when, after the sermon, the preacher came down from the platform, took a chair at one side of a table, and your father as church clerk took a chair at the other side and opened the book of minutes, and the preacher announced that the church would now come to order for the transaction of business, your interest revived as you heard the familiar words from the minutes of the last meeting—"The roll was called and absentees marked, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, after which the moderator called for unfinished business." There were always committees to report on matters of finance, repairs, sexton hire, or discipline, if nothing else. You subconsciously noted how each man as he rose to speak, said first, "Brother Moderator", and how the preacher replied, "Brother Blank". Later on you realized this meant that Brother Blank had the floor and nobody else had the right to interrupt him as long as he didn't stray too far from his subject. You saw that if two men got on their feet to speak at the same time the moderator had to decide which one had the floor and the other had to sit down. Sometimes you felt sorry for him. You learned that making a motion and having it seconded voiced opinion of only two persons; that it must be put to a vote that all might have a chance to express themselves. You learned by listening what amendments were and because the moderator had to explain it to a member, you also learned that to rescind and to reconsider are different terms and that before any question may be reconsidered a motion to that effect must be made by some one who voted with the majority in the first consideration.

You let your mind wander as the meeting lasted for what seemed hours, but at times heard something that set you to giggling, as when the moderator got it mixed and said, "I await a motion to receive the committee and discharge the report", instead of the other way round. Or like the time they had Bro. McDaniel, a red-headed Irishman, seen by a committee and cited to appear and answer to a charge of being drunk. When they had made their report, Bro. McDaniel was asked what he had to say in his own defense, and rising, he inquired, "Which time was that?" But they couldn't scold you for laughing then, for even the preacher laughed.

There were times when the debate was fiery as well as lengthy; but always it proceeded in an orderly manner. And woe to the pastor

who failed to know his parliamentary law in its fine points as well as its broader application.

Finally, you could have shouted in relief when some one moved to adjourn. Years later, off at school, or in societies or club work, you found that if you substituted Mr. President, or Madame Chairman, for Brother Moderator and remembered about motions, unfinished business, amendments and such you could get by pretty well in most meetings. And frequently you wish that many others might have sat with you those long hours and have absorbed some of the rules of procedure for public meetings. For in conducting business sessions those brethren at old Mulberry were 'way ahead of most of what we see today.

**NARRATIVE REPORT OF THE WAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1937**

Statistics show that communicable diseases, including bad colds, and mild type influenza, head the list as the major causes of absence from school. If this is true, boards of education, school officials, parent-teacher associations, and health departments have a joint responsibility in improving attendance which ultimately makes for the successful operation of schools.

We are all aware of the fact that the avenues of communicable diseases have been increased with improved modern means of transportation. It is easy, in this day and time, for people to go from place to place. No longer are the contacts to a communicable disease limited to the school room in which a disease may occur; the modern school bus offers a better environment for the transmission of communicable diseases, by direct contact, than does the schoolroom. This presents a very complex problem and one which must be dealt with by parents, teachers, school officials, and health authorities alike if we expect to control communicable diseases. A child, in the first grade, coming down

with diphtheria, may be carried home in a bus with children representing every grade in the school, exposing all to this infection.

Immunity to disease is our greatest aid, isolation and quarantine will help some but, in the future, we must depend upon immunizing agents, laboratory findings, and the intelligent application of personal good-health habits.

Much can be accomplished in the control of communicable diseases by the practice of personal hygienic health habits. Common sense dictates that we should shield our coughs and sneezes. We must have some regard for the other fellow. We have no right to give him anything he does not want and which may cause him to become ill.

The proper temperature and ventilation of the schoolroom, as well as that of the bus, will have a great influence upon the physical welfare of children. These conditions should be zealously guarded by teachers and other responsible persons.

Parents should protect their children, by seeing that every preventive measure against communicable diseases has been taken advantage of.

During the month, we had 177 communicable diseases reported. Of this number, only 27 were placardable; 150 being only reportable. There were 77 visits, revisits, and epidemiological investigations made to further prevent the spread of these diseases. Of the 177 diseases reported, 21 were Whooping Cough; 17 were tuberculosis; 3 were measles; 2 were typhoid fever; 1 was diphtheria; 1 was pellagra; and 132 were venereal diseases.

There were 333 persons immunized against typhoid fever, diphtheria, and smallpox.

A program of maternal and infant hygiene was carried on, as well as pre-school and school programs.

In the laboratory, we examined 244 specimens; 79 water samples; 56 milk samples; 96 urinalysis; 5 cultures for diphtheria; 6 smears for gonorrhoea.

There were 155 foodhandling establishments under supervision;

399 visits to these establishments. There were 96 dairies, dairy farms, and dairy plants under supervision; 68 visits made to them. There were 709 cows tested. Of this number, 124 for tuberculosis, and 575 for Bang's Disease. There were 8 reactors to Bang's Disease, which were removed from the herd and slaughtered.

There were 74 examinations made of food-handlers, and persons working in industries. There were 960 visits made in the interest of home-sanitation. There were 14

houses sanitized; 9 pit privies improved; 5 septic tanks installed.

There were 197 live births reported. Of this number, 69 occurred in hospitals. There were 12 stillbirths. There were 122 deaths; 12 under one month; 10 under one year. There were 2 deaths from typhoid fever; one from tuberculosis.

At the Wake County Clinic, operated as an out-patient department of Rex Hospital, there were 459 new patients admitted, and 1,284 patients treated.

**NOTICE**

All water accounts are due and payable by the 10th of each Month at the Clerk's office in the Peoples Bank & Trust Company. If not paid by the 15th of the Month services will be discontinued without further notice. There will be a charge of \$1.00 to reconnect service.

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