HEALTH FOR ALL

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Tuberculosis and Children

Tuberculosis, a disease which kills approximately 40,000 Americans annually, leads the causes of death from disease among young people between 15 and 35, although the median age at which tuberculosis takes lives has been advanced in the last decade from 39 to 46.

But tuberculosis can and does kill at any age, infants and octogenarians as well as young and middle-aged adults. Although tuberculosis is primarily a disease of adults, it killed 1,636 children under 15 in 1948.

Tuberculosis is not inherited. The young child who gets it contracts it from someone who has the disease -- usually from an adult with whom he is in close contact.

Unfortunately, children who contract tuberculosis often suffer from one or more severe complications, such as tuberculosis moginnitis, an infection of the covering of the brain, and miliary tuberculosis, a type of the disease in which tuberculosis germs spread rapidly throughout the body. Until recent years, these complications were almost invariably fatal but now the drug, streptomycin, is showing promise in treating both.

At one time, many young children caught tuberculosis from the bovine or cattle type of germs. It frequently attacked the bones and joints and often crippled its victims for life. This type of tuberculosis was usually transmitted to children who drank raw milk from diseased cows.

To combat the menace of bovine tuberculosis, a nationwide campaign was started in 1917 to eliminate the disease in cattle. Dairy herds were tuberculin tested and cattle showing signs of the disease were slaughtered. County by county, bovine tuberculosis among cattle in the United States was gradually wiped out.

In addition, the pasteurization of milk, which kills all germs, including TB germs, is now a requirement wherever milk is sold.

Mainly as a result of the tuberculin testing of cattle and milk pasteurization programs, bovine tuberculosis has been virtually eradicated in this country.

Since most children who contract tuberculosis these days get it from an older person with whom they come in contact, adults protect their children, as well as themselves, when they keep a check on their health.

There is a reliable way in which a person can keep a check on the health of his lungs. This is by periodic chest X-rays which can show-up damage—even slight and early damage — done to the lungs by tuberculosis. Every adult should have a chest X-ray as part of his annual physical examination.

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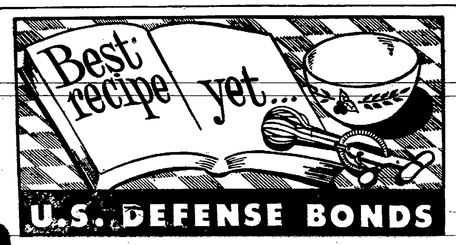


Annual Fire Losses Drop In 1949 — First Since '42

Fires destroyed an estimated $667,536,000 in American property during 1949, a figure only 6.1 per cent below the all-time record for destruction set in 1948, according to W. E. Mallalieu, of the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

This represented the first drop in annual fire losses since 1942.

Fire destruction in December, 1949, was estimated at $67,279,000, an increase of 26.7 per cent over losses of $53,116,000 reported in November, 1949, and a decrease of 3.1 per cent from losses of $69,397,000 reported in December, 1948.

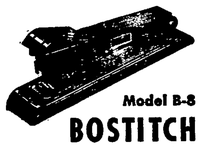
After remaining at a fairly steady level during the years 1939 through 1942, American fire losses began climbing rapidly through the war and post-war years.

The 1949 reduction of fire losses resulted from several factors, Mallalieu said. Among them were the intensified fire prevention programs in many American cities, and the slight drop in the general price level, which meant that the replacement cost of burned property was somewhat less in 1949 than in 1948.

"The annual fire loss remains at a very high level," he pointed out. The 1949 total was more than double the 1942 total."

Every American can help reduce this waste of the nation's resources by being careful with cigarettes and matches, which together cause a third of our fires, and by following the simple safety precautions which would make home fires a rarity."

Countless fires during 1949 were caused by faulty chimneys, stoves, and furnaces, by misuse of gasoline and other flammable liquids, and by defective wiring and electrical appliances, he said.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HOMEMAKER'S Dispatch

Down Puffs

Is your down puff the slippery kind that slides onto the floor a half dozen times during the night? You can keep puff on the bed where they belong by sewing an extra tuck-in piece across the bottom of the puff. Make this tailpiece of sateen, the same color as the puff, say specialists at the New York State College of Home economics at Cornell. About 18 to 20 inches will give you a good allowance for tucking in at the foot of the bed.

Treat any quilts or puffs filled with goose or duck down or eiderdown with gentle care. Rough handling may break the down-proofness and allow the tiny feathers to filtor through the cover. And since the down is so perishable, never fold or press a puff into a small space. To protect the top end from soil, baste a washable slipcover about 18 inches deep over the outer cover.

Safety in the Home

Home to most of us seems like the securest place in the world, especially in these troubled times. But now and then it's a good idea to check up on our safety practices. When you work, say specialists at the New York State College of Home Economics at Cornell, wear low-heeled shoes that fit comfortably and keep the shoe soles clean and shoe laces tied. Keep the floor clean and dry. If you spill water or grease wipe them up immediately to prevent tumbles.

Store boxes, mops, and brooms out of the way so you won't fall over them. Use a strong step ladder when you climb. And don't try to reach above your head when you're standing on a step ladder. Turn pan handles away from the edges of the range so that you won't knock the pans off. Always prepare a place to set a pan of hot food before you remove it from the stove.

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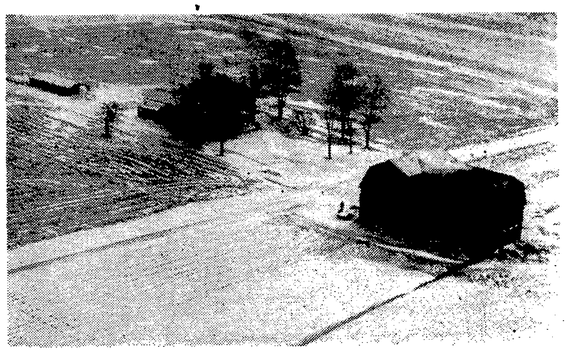

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COMMUNITY LETTERS

From News Correspondents

Independence

Mrs. Floyd Clarke, Reporter

July 31—The Young People held a gameparty at the Parish House Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Maizie Rodier of Brooklyn and Phillbert Rodier of New York City were guests Friday of Miss Anne Laura and Samuel Crandall.

Mrs. S. W. Clarke was in Cohocton Wednesday attending the funeral of a friend.

The Howe family held their reunion at the Parish House Sunday with a good attendance.

Miss Carrol Miars of Jackson Center, Ohio, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Donald Sanford.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Morley of Detroit, Mich., and Misses Dee and Louise Williams of Long Island were guests Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Clarke.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spicer took a motor trip over the week-end.

Messrs Paul Vincent and Jerry Clarke are attending 4-H Camp at Stony Brook Glen this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleon Clarke and two daughters spent the week-end at Keuka Lake.

Mrs. Frank Leon, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Leon and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Leon and son were at Seneca Castle Sunday attending a family reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vincent and three children were 7 o'clock dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Manroe in Wellsville Saturday night.

Sally Clarke, Carolyn Clarke, Patricia Vincent, Barbara Clarke Carrol Miars and Pastor Donald Sanford are attending young people's camp held at the Whitesville service club camp grounds this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Clarke and Carolyn attended the LaVern Howe family reunion at Cuba Lake Saturday.

Miss Ann MacNicholas returned to her home in New York City Friday.

Miss Helen Mingus of Lackawana spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr .and Mrs. Roy Shutts.

Davis Hill

Mrs. Beulah Slocum, Reporter

July 31—Mr. and Mrs. Burt Thayer of Ontario were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Halsey last week.

Dolores Halsey visited her sister, Mrs. Arthur Havens and family in Wellsville from Tuesday until Friday.

Beverly, Jean Dungan of Almond is visiting her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Roy Button this week.

Jimmie McAllister was visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Halsey Sunday.

Mrs. Mable Button of Friendship is visiting her son Roy Button and family this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Slocum of Trumansburg were Sunday visitors of his mother, Mrs. Beulan Slocum and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Slocum.

Mrs. Beulah Slocum was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Barney Schreiner and family of Wellsville Thursday.

Mrs. Nellie Spencer, Mrs. Laura Holbert and Mrs. Miller of Alfred Station and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Monroe and family of Wellsville were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Slocum Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Gitchell and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hauber of Westfield, Pa., were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Slocum and Mrs. Beulah Slocum.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ordiway of Railroad Valley and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ormsby of Dansville were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Halsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Halsey and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Halsey were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Halsey.

Dale Ordiway of Railroad Valley is assisting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Halsey with haying.

Under James Gorden Bennett, the New York Herald was the first newspaper to publish stock lists and a daily financial review.

South Hill

Mrs. Earl Schoonover, Reporter

July 31—Mr. and Mrs. William Joyce and William McNeill, attended the Alfred Allegany-Steuben Holstein picnic held at Alfred Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fulton and family of Bolivar and Mrs. Grace Howland of Andover and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Drew of Elmira were Sunday afternoon callers at the A. L. Dougherty home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Joyce and family were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. James McNeil and family at Rexville.

Miss Mary M. Dean is working at the Clair Pharmacy in Andover as her sister Miss Katherine Joyce, is leaving to join her sister Teresa in taking a business course at the Rochester Business Institute.

Mrs. Howard Barney was a Friday afternoon caller of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Schoonover. Betty Jo and Beverly Ann Barney returned home with their mother after spending a few days with their grandparents.

Mrs. Earl Schoonover and grandson and mother, Mrs. Bertha Green called on Mrs. Richard Heselton Monday afternoon. Kenneth returned home with his grandmother to spend a few days with his brother Elwin.

Drunk-o-Meters Telling Truth About Tipsy Drivers

Machines are replacing policemen in "telling it to the judge" in a growing list of cities and states and are achieving a record percentage of convictions in cases involving drunken driving.

The International City Managers' association reports that at least 180 cities in 31 states now use chemical tests to determine intoxication of drivers involved in traffic accidents. Twenty-seven state police or highway patrol agencies use the chemical tests also, although only 12 states actually have laws defining drunkenness in terms of the alcoholic content of the blood as measured by chemical tests.

Definitions in each of the dozen states employ the same limits: If there is .05 per cent or less by weight of alcohol in the subject's blood, it shall be presumed he is not under the influence of alcohol. If the amount of alcohol ranges between .05 and .15 per cent, he may or may not be under the influence, depending upon other evidence. If the amount is .15 or more, it can be presumed the subject is under the influence of alcohol.

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Milk Industry In Europe Subjected to Regulation

Milk production and consumption are greater in most European countries than ever before, according to Dr. Leland Spencer, professor of marketing at Cornell university.

He also notes that the food situation is generally good in most countries of western Europe except Germany and in England where the diet is "somewhat monotonous and unappetizing."

The marketing specialist represented the United States at the world dairy congress in Stockholm, Sweden, last August, and also studied agricultural and economic conditions in 10 other countries from Norway to Italy.

"The milk industry in western Europe is subjected to a surprising amount of regulation and control," Spencer added. "In some countries such as Norway, Sweden, and Switzerland, the controls are exercised largely by farmers' cooperatives. In Great Britain and Holland, government agencies have a lot to say about the distribution of milk."

The payment of subsidies from the national treasury in order to satisfy farmers and consumers, is a common practice, he said. In Britain about one-fifth of the total cost of food is paid by the government.

In most countries of western Europe Professor Spencer found only one milk plant in each market. The farmers have no choice of outlets and the consumers have no choice of milkmen.

Freshman Height-Weight

Despite dietary changes caused by two world wars and a major depression, America's young men and women continue to grow taller and heavier, a University of Cincinnati researcher reports. Dr. Laurence B. Chenoweth, professor of hygiene and director of the university's health service, reveals that over the past 33 years, freshman men entering the university have grown 2.74 inches in height and 22.41 pounds in weight and freshman women have added 1.24 inches and 4.33 pounds. With the continuing increase in height and weight of this university's freshmen, the soaring curve does not yet appear to have reached a plateau, he feels. In fact, he expects the increases to continue "for some years."

Reduce a la Bike

Walking is one simple way to reduce; but perhaps there are faster and better ways. Whereas one must walk seven miles, to lose a single pound, one can bicycle a much shorter distance in less time and accomplish the same result. In favor of bicycling too are the arguments that so many parts of the body are benefitted. Leg muscles, for instance, will soon lose their flabbiness and tone down into good firm, useful, shapely muscle. American women are prone to think that exercise will make leg muscles bulgy. But American GI's returning from Europe long since dispelled this theory, citing that feminine European cyclists (and nearly everyone in Europe is) had the most shapely ankles and calves they had ever seen, many of them comparable to our American bathing beauties!

Night Safety Beacons

Traffic safety markers that would save lives after sundown with "bottled" sunlight were forecast today. These would be highly efficient versions of present phosphorescent materials that glow for several hours after being "charged" with light. Such "storage batteries of light would be road markers or paving blocks treated with special paints or dyes which would cause them to leap to life at night.

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Dairymen's League Meets at Angelica

The regular meeting of the Allegany County Sub-Dist. 19A of the Dairymen's League was held in the Angelica Grange Hall Monday evening. The meeting was called to order by William Church, president of the Young Cooperators.

Francis Norton, president of the Angelica Local gave a few words of welcome; Milton Hubbard of Canaseraga led the Flag Salute; Edith Riley played a trombone solo accompanied by Pat Cline and Phyllis and Velma Thomas and Dorothy and Janet Livergood sang "Too Young".

The guest speaker was Rev. O. Blakely Hill, pastor of the Christian Temple at Wellsville. His topic was "Farming in the South." He especially spoke of North Carolina because he grew up on a farm there. He told of the work he did as a boy and how he worked his way through school. He recited many poems during his talk which made it very entertaining.

Director Clarke stated that the forecast price for August milk would be $5.80 per hundred and that 44 per cent of our milk was used in Class I last month. He also stated that there were several thousand cans of cream in storage.

John Riley of the Genesee Valley Local and Fred Lewis of Whitesville gave reports on their trip to the Young Cooperator's meeting at Cobleskill.

The next meeting will be held at Canaseraga.

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