

HIGHWAY EXTENSION INFLUENCES HEALTH

EXPERT DESCRIBES HOW

Dr. Arnold Says Health Level Has Been Raised by Development of Better Roads in Country

How highways and health are intimately bound up with the welfare of the people of the present day is told by Dr. Lloyd Arnold of the College of Medicine, University of Illinois, in the March issue of the Welfare Magazine, published by the Illinois Department of Public Welfare. Dr. Arnold traces the importance of highways throughout history. Military leaders have always recognized the relationship of highways to civilization. In ancient times physicians practised their profession along these avenues of communication and travel. Leprosy was one of the first diseases excluded from trespassing upon the highways, he explains.

He tells how the isolation of rural communities has been done away with by the extension of highways and the rapid means of transportation by the use of automobiles. Among the changes resulting from this development he mentions:

"The health standards have been raised, the diet is probably more uniform. These leveling or equalizing influences have made climatic changes stand out more prominently. Another effect of our improved means of communication and travel is that disease can be spread rapidly by contact over a large area as compared to former times.

"Yet," Dr. Arnold states, "the development of our highways and the associated economic and social changes have tended to raise the general health level of our population. The increase in the hazards of contact with germ carriers has been offset by the increase in the health of the individuals in our population."

Old automobile engines are being used in moonshine plants in New Jersey. The neighborly greeting is, "How many gallons do you get to the mile?"—New York Sun.

The Washington correspondents, attacked by Senator Heflin, have it in their power to take a terrible revenge. What if they should agree not to mention him!—Boston Globe.

HUNTS WORLD FOR FARM, SETTLES IN AMERICA

Search in three continents for a farm ideal for his purposes caused Max Arenson, successful Woodland, Washington, mint grower, to settle down in the United States.

A native of Transvaal, South Africa, Arenson has become an American farmer after travels which took him through Africa, Asia Minor, and Europe before he discovered in Washington farm land which he considered suitable to his needs. With the increasing demand for mint products such as menthol, he already is in a fair position to make a fortune in this specialized farm work.

When the war ended, Arenson, mustered out of service, decided to put money he had made in farming before 1914 in mint growing, says Farm and Fireside.

"I wanted to get back into farming, but felt that I might as well look around a bit and pick an ideal location while I was about it," he said. "I started north, through Africa, traveling along the coast by sea to Egypt and up the valley of the Nile."

But even in this rich country he failed to find soil which he considered entire suitable to mint growing. Then came trips to Asia Minor and Europe, and finally a successful investigation of the soil in the state of Washington.

"The land's good—ideal for mint with the sub-irrigation from the Lewis river," he said. "That's the main thing in the growing of mint."

In order to get the mint marketing situation in hand Arenson has formed a pool. He co-operates with mint growers in Michigan and Indiana. The Portland Chamber of Commerce has pledged its support to this pool of northwestern mint growers.

Free State Extends Credit to Farmers

A public company has been formed in the Irish Free State under act of Parliament and with the support of the State to extend long credits to farmers. The capital is \$2,500,000 and the various Irish banks have subscribed two-fifths. The company has authority to borrow up to \$37,000,000, the money to be advanced to farmers for permanent improvements in buildings, stock and machinery.

Scramble 11,000 Eggs

A big poultry farm at Karlshorst, near Berlin, was broken into by burglars, who, disappointed in not making a big haul, too revenge by smashing up 11,000 valuable brood eggs. When the police came to the scene of the burglary, they had to wade through the mass of scrambled eggs.

UNIQUE SYSTEM OF FILING DOCUMENTS

USED IN COOK COUNTY

Devised by Former County Recorder; Photography Used to Keep Records; Has Proved Good

One of the most unusual and valuable official departments of Cook county is the photographic department of Cook county is the photographic department of the County Recorder's office, located in the County building in Chicago.

In this department, the first of its kind in the country, practically all of the legal documents of the country are photographed. Last year photostatic copies of six million, eighty-two thousand, six hundred and seventy-five pages of such documents were made.

The story of this interesting department—really a factory of documents—is told by Mrs. Myrtle Tanner Blackledge, superintendent of the

department, in the March issue of the Welfare Magazine, published by the Illinois Department of Public Welfare.

"The new photographic system of filing was instituted by Joseph F. Haas former county recorder, on September 22, 1924," the article says. "Previously all of the documents were copied on the typewriter and under that system the copies were no more perfect than the copyists' work."

"With the use of photography no errors which are not contained in the original can be inserted. The copies become a matter of record—exact duplicates of the originals. There can be no change and, consequently, no error."

As the pioneer in this field, the photographic department of this office has been the pattern for other similar offices throughout the country. Last year twenty-five cities sent recorders to inspect the photographic department in Chicago, in order that they might learn how to establish the same system for filing legal documents.

The photostatic copies are filed in volumes and stored. All of these documents are open to public inspection at all times and certified copies may be obtained at any time.

Children Grow Slowly, Compared to Farm Animals

Charts comparing the growth of children with that of farmyard animals have been worked out by Dr. Samuel Brody of the Missouri Agricultural Experimental Station.

Dr. Brody shows that a child between four and fourteen years grows at the rate of only 10 per cent a year, whereas young farm animals grow at the rate of 1,000 per cent in a year. This means that in less than four days the young animal gains as much as the child gains in a year.

Half Are Farmers in Ireland

Fifty-three per cent of the population of the Irish Free State is engaged in agricultural pursuits. However less than 13 per cent of the industry is mainly pastoral. The average annual import of wheat and flour is 522,783 tons. The country itself produces only 30,000 tons of wheat on an average in a year.

Anyway the presidential conventions seem likely to be a howling success.

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