

MYSTERY SURROUNDS HEALTH ASSISTANT

New Appointee to Food Bureau of
Chicago Health Department Denies
He Lives in Winnetka.

JUST HIS SUMMER HOME

Herman B. Meyer Says That Win-
netka is Only Summer Home
to Reporter.

The following article concerning the appointment of Herman B. Myers as an assistant to the head of the Chicago health department appeared recently in a Chicago newspaper:

Dr. Albert J. Stokes, head of the food bureau of the health department, has resigned to accept an internship in the county hospital. His place has been taken by William F. Reasner, a physician and a veterinarian.

Acting as an assistant to Dr. Reasner is Herman B. Meyers, who has been on the pay roll of the health department as a sixty-day appointee for about a year. Meyers formerly was the editor of the American Food Journal, and is now technically a supervising food inspector at \$1,740 a year.

Rumor had it that Meyers is a resident of Winnetka, but this was denied yesterday by both Meyers and Health Commissioner Robertson.

"It is only his summer home," the commissioner explained.

"Were you the health commissioner of Winnetka?" Meyers was asked.

"No," he replied.

"Are you a physician?"

"No."

"Have you ever held a political job in Winnetka?"

"No."

"Do you live in Winnetka?"

"No, my residence is at 1752 Jackson boulevard, where I own property in the precinct in which I live."

"Have you been living in Winnetka?"

"I have a summer home there and I was out there over Sunday. Here is my grip that I bought in."

"How long has Mr. Meyers held this job?" Commissioner Robertson was asked.

"About a week," the commissioner replied.

"What did he do before?"

"About a year ago he sold out his interest in the American Food Journal," the commissioner explained. "He was its editor. Some time after that I gave him a clerkship in the contagious disease bureau. The examination for the position was held and filled. This vacancy came along as supervising food inspector, and I assigned him to that work."

"How did that happen?"

"Meyers has been a good personal friend of mine for twenty-two years, ever since I began the practice of medicine. It is a personal appointment and has no significance other than that. Do you think there is anything illegal or irregular about it?"

"The appointment is illegal if Mr. Meyer is a resident of Winnetka," the commissioner was told. Meyers stated positively in the presence of the commissioner and the representative of the newspaper that his residence is at the address he gave.

The duties of the "assistant bureau chief," as filed with the finance committee in making the annual appropriation, are as follows:

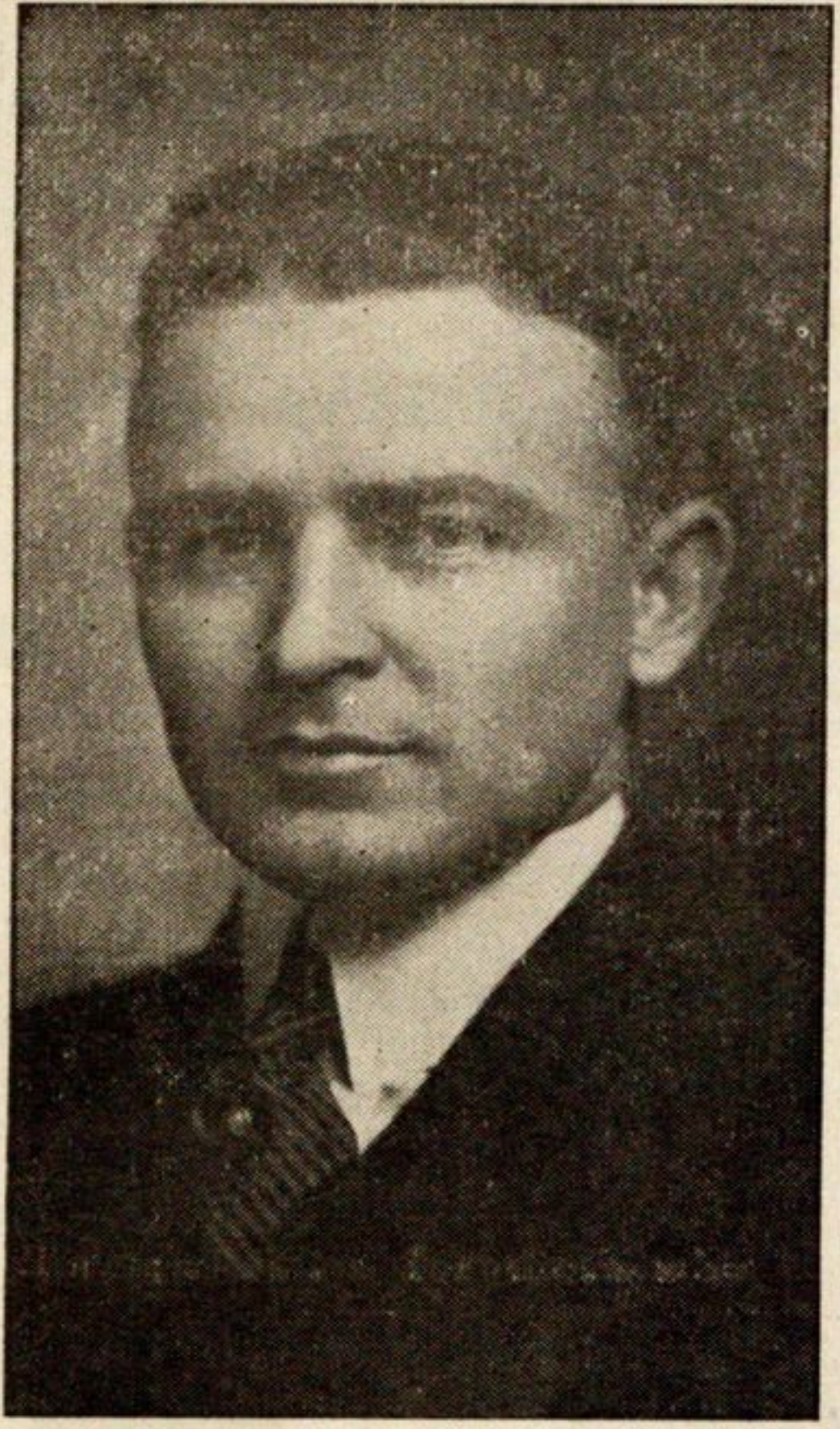
General activities of an executive nature at the direction of the bureau chief; relief of the bureau chief during his absence; routine duties of an administrative character as to employees, correspondence, interviews with the public and those interested in food control; perusal of literature on food control subjects with the object of bureau betterment; preparation and care of prosecutions by bureau for violations of food ordinances; assistance in the preparation of new ordinances; lectures to organizations interested in food subjects and control. This work is now being done by a senior supervising food inspector.

No appropriation was made this year or last for an assistant food chief. Comptroller Pike eliminated the position from the budget.

Boyle is the First Teacher in Service

Instructor of Chemistry at New Trier
Township High School Enrolls
in Naval Officers' School.

C. W. Boyle, instructor in chemistry at New Trier township high school, has the distinction of being the first member of a north shore high school faculty to be enrolled in the service of the government. Mr. Boyle is enrolled in the officers'



C. W. Boyle.

school of the Merchant Marines at the Municipal Pier, Chicago.

Mr. Boyle, who lives in Greencastle, Ind., is an alumnus of De Pauw University, graduating from that school in 1910 with a degree of Bachelor of Arts. In 1917 he graduated from the University of Illinois where acquired his second degree, Master of Arts. He came to New Trier high school in 1912 to take charge of the department of chemistry.

Mr. Boyle will continue his work at New Trier high school until he is called to report for training at the government's naval training school in Chicago. The board of education will grant him a leave of absence for the duration of the war.

PUBLIC WARNED OF MANY VIOLATIONS BY OFFICER

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126: **Gambling and gambling contracts.** "Whoever shall play for money, or other valuable thing, at any game with cards, dice, checks, or at billiards, or with any other article, instrument or thing whatsoever, which may be used for the purpose of playing or betting upon, or winning or losing money, or any other thing or article of value, or shall bet on any game others may be playing, shall be fined not exceeding \$100 and not less than \$10."

137f. **Prohibits use of clock, tape, slot or other machines or devices for gambling purposes.** "Whoever, in any room, saloon, inn, tavern, shed, booth or building or enclosure or in any part thereof operates, keeps, owns, rents or uses any clock, joker, tape or slot machine or any other device upon which money is staked or hazarded or into which money is paid or played upon chance, or upon the result of which money or other valuable thing is staked, bet, hazarded, won or lost, shall upon conviction for the first offense be fined not less than \$100, and for a second offense be fined not less than \$500, and be confined in the county jail for not less than 6 months, and for the third offense shall be fined not less than \$500, and be imprisoned in the penitentiary not less than 2 years and not more than 4 years."

GERTRUDE M. THURSTON,
Probation Officer.

WINNETKA BOYS RECEIVE NUMBERS AT CAMP GRANT

Two hundred and twenty-five men of this district now stationed at Camp Grant, Rockford, received their identification numbers last week. The men are members of Battery E, Three Hundred and Thirty-third Heavy Field Artillery. The numbers are in addition to the customary identification tag system.

EVERY U. S. SOLDIER IN TRENCHES CARRIES KIT

Every American soldier who enters the trenches carries an American Red Cross comfort kit packed by an American woman, Major James H. Perkins, Red Cross commissioner to Europe, announced Monday in a cablegram to Red Cross headquarters at Washington.

The kits, which contain towel, shirt, writing paper, pencil, soap, handkerchief, socks, mirror and tobacco, have become a great conven-

ience to the troops, says Major Perkins, who wants more of them, particularly ones with socks and tobacco.

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A Letter to the Taxpayers of New Trier Township:

Wilmette, Ill., Feb. 14, 1918.

To the Taxpayers of New Trier Township:

The undersigned taxing bodies and beneficiaries of taxes now due in New Trier Township, both personal and real estate, appeal to you individually for immediate payment of such taxes to Mr. Hoyt King, Township Collector, in his office, First National Bank of Wilmette.

Conditions due to the war call for availability of funds and present an unusual opportunity for the practical demonstration of civic patriotism. Moreover, by early performance of this public duty, you save a possible township levy because the interest on the money and a percentage of receipts apply to township expenses. Again, you prevent the necessity on the part of your Village, your schools and your local bodies of borrowing money and paying interest thereon.

Yours respectfully,

Louis K. Gillson,

President of the Wilmette Park Board.

F. W. Penfield,

President of the Village of Glencoe.

Sherman M. Booth,

President of Glencoe Park District.

William D. McKenzie,

President of the Village of Winnetka.

W. W. Wheelock,

President of the Village of Kenilworth.

J. G. Wray,

President of the Wilmette Board of Education.

Edward Zipf,

President of the Village of Wilmette.

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Frank E. Compton,

President of the Glencoe Board of Education.

Ruth W. Porter,

President of the Board of Education of New Trier Township high school.