

# RATHBONE PLANS JAIL CLEAN-UP

Representative Finds "Horrible Conditions" in District of Columbia

TOURS "BAD" AREAS

Calls Congestion in Alleys "Terrible"

Substitution of "humane" conditions at the District of Columbia jail for the "horrible conditions that now exist, wiping out the festering sores of disease and immorality that he found in the inhabited alleys and creation of a number of small playgrounds, will be urged upon Congress by Representative Henry R. Rathbone congressman-at-large from Illinois, a member of the House District committee, who made a personal tour of inspection of the jail and alleys recently, according to The Evening Star, Washington, D. C.

Representative Rathbone, who is a resident of Kenilworth, was conducted about this "under side" of the nation's Capital by Mrs. Archibald Hopkins, a childhood friend, who, for many years, has been an active worker in social service and civic improvement work here, and also by Mrs. Anne Archibald and Albert S. J. Atkinson, executive officer of the board for condemnation of insanitary buildings.

**Amazed at Condition**  
Amazement and consternation at finding such conditions existing in the National Capital was frequently expressed during the tour by Representative Rathbone. As a result of the trip, Mrs. Hopkins will call a meeting in her home, 1826 Massachusetts avenue northwest, Wednesday at 4:30 o'clock of the heads of all organizations interested in this line of civic clean-up.

"In regard to the proposed solution of the inhabited alleys problem," said Representative Rathbone, "I would say that my strong impression is that it is not feasible. I am informed that there are over 200 such alleys in the city of Washington and that only about one-quarter of these are about thirty feet wide, or nearly so. In order to make a minor street out of one of these alleys, the width would have to be at least thirty feet.

"In my judgment Washington stands greatly in need of small playgrounds," he continued, "especially in congested and poorer districts. I saw many vacant lots covered with the debris of many years which should be turned into playgrounds for the children of the poorer classes.

**Calls Congestion Terrible**  
"The congestion in the inhabited alleys of this city is terrible, with whole families living in one room. The ordinary decencies of life are not possible under such circumstances, and crime, disease and immorality are sure to be rampant. I am credibly informed that such is the case.

"I believe that sooner or later the community will have to wipe out these sections and convert them into places for garages, where they are not changed into playgrounds. Many of these blind alleys and narrow, filthy passageways should be vacated.

"I am told that the question of housing must be considered in dealing with the problem. No doubt this is true, but I saw rows of model houses for the poor, which to my mind present at once a solution of the problem.

"In visiting the jail I found that it dated back to the '70s and was wholly inadequate to present needs. Three prisoners were sleeping in cells 5x8 feet in size.

**Meals Near Gallows**  
"I saw the inmates at supper, and at the end of the room was a curtain. I asked what was behind it, and was told that it was the gallows. I had never heard of any such thing before, but it reminded me of the feats of the ancient Romans, where a skull and crossbone were exhibited with the words, 'Remember Death' below. Why these unfortunate prisoners, while at their meals, should be cheered by the prospect of a gallows I fail to see.

"My impression is that the two things needed most in connection with the Washington jail are an addition, which will permit of every prisoner having a separate cell, and some sort of a yard where they can exercise and have fresh air. I am informed that those prisoners who are fortunate enough to secure some employment, although unremunerated, as assistants about the jail or the adjacent hospitals, many times have to spend twenty-three hours out of twenty-four confined in these narrow cells. This is not humane, nor in accordance with the enlightened spirit of the age."

Cornell university Musical clubs were invited this week to the concert held at Aryan Grotto at 8:15 o'clock Friday evening, December 28.

The members were also invited to a luncheon at the University club to be given by the Cornell University Association of Chicago.

# COMPETITION MAKES HIS BUSINESS PROSPER

Joe Mercer, head of the well known Hubbard Woods Lumber and Coal company, believes that the phenomenal success of his concern in the past few years, is due largely to keen competition along the north shore.

Competition, he avers, has a tendency to make one keep perked up in his business affairs. It is deadly to the indolent and careless business man, but a very important asset to the hustling and conscientious dealer.

Incidentally, the Hubbard Woods Lumber company, does not forget the value of consistent advertising. No firm on the entire north shore devises a more comprehensive and elaborate program of advertising and there is no business man on the north shore, or, for that matter, anywhere, who appreciates more fully than does Joe Mercer, the fact that the right kind of advertising is one of the chief business getters of an enterprise.

Then, in conjunction with his advertising, Mr. Mercer emphasizes, always, the element of service. Service, one finds, is written all over Hubbard Woods Lumber company affairs.

Summing up, Joe Mercer counts three big assets in his business—Competition—Advertising—Service.

# Solicitors in Uniform to Be Avoided—Legion

American Legion posts throughout Chicago and the north shore are requesting the public to refrain from patronizing street vendors clothed in soldier's garb.

Ex-service men who are really in need of help are being provided for by the legion and other ex-service men's organizations, it is stated, so that it is not necessary for them to sell articles on the streets in order to gain a livelihood.

Legionnaires emphasize the fact that these street merchants are simply commercializing the uniform. Men who are really unable to do "a man's work" are provided for, it is explained, or can be provided for upon application, with bona fide credentials, to one of the several agencies prepared to help the disabled fighters.

# Kenilworth Happenings

The Art and Literature department of the Neighbors will meet at the home of Mrs. Frank R. Young, 333 Cumnor road, on Wednesday, January 3. The subject will be "Some Aspects of Gothic Art." Mrs. E. F. Snyder will be the speaker. The Neighbors will resume its meetings on Thursday, January 10 with Mr. Glenn Dillard Gunn who will talk on "Musical Criticism."

Mrs. Ernest Fleischmann of Leicester road, was hostess at a tea on Thursday in honor of her mother, Mrs. Sarah B. Anderson, who leaves Saturday for the East to be gone several months.



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Congressman Henry Riggs Rathbone arrived from Washington, D. C., on Saturday to spend the holidays at his home, as did also Mr. Owen T. Reeves and Mr. Frederick D'Aix from New York.

Mrs. William Ferry Gaskell, 224 Sheridan road, entertained a few friends in honor of Mr. Gaskell's birthday last week.

Miss Margaret Taylor left Saturday to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Frank Avery Gerould at Ardmore, Pa.

New Year's Eve will be celebrated with a supper-dance at Indian Hill club. Dancing will commence at 10 o'clock, followed by a buffet supper.

Mr. Alfred McDougall of St. Louis, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Alfred McDougall, 325 Abbottsford road.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hedrick had as guests on Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver R. Barrett and Mr. Clifford Loftis of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark W. Cresap of 239 Essex road, held "open house" on Christmas night. A buffet supper was served.

Mr. and Mrs. John Price Oleson, 240 Woodstock avenue, left Wednesday for a short vacation at Sarasota, Florida.

Mr. Elmer Cope of Amalia, Neb., brother of Mrs. Cresap, is here to spend the holidays with them.

Miss Claribel Russ entertained at luncheon on Thursday of this week.

Stanley Farwell of New York visited in Kenilworth this week.

Mr. Harry P. Harrison accompanied by Ruth Mary and Daniel Harrison will leave tomorrow to spend the New Year holidays at Anita, Iowa.

Mrs. Otto T. Owens was hostess at a tea on Thursday in honor of Mrs. Frank Nason of Kansas City.

The Misses Lovedale entertained at week-end guests, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weber of Framington, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cline, 304 Cumnor road, entertained a family party of nineteen at dinner on Christmas Day.

Miss Mary Gaskell will entertain sixteen at dinner preceding the Kenilworth club dance on Saturday evening.

Miss Caroline Gromann, 1316 Chestnut avenue, will entertain at breakfast on New Year's morning.

Miss Florence Schmus is giving a bunco party on Saturday evening at her home, 327 Cumnor road.

Miss Charlotte Irwin left on Wednesday to join her parents, at Winter Haven, Florida.

Miss Isabel Lovedale entertained forty members of the Zeta Phi Eta sorority on Saturday at an initiation luncheon.

Mrs. Walter Knoop, 221 Warwick road, will entertain at a bridge-luncheon on January 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Foresman entertained at dinner on Saturday, last. There were covers for ten.

Mr. Dwinell Slater arrived Sunday to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Leon M. Allen, over the holidays.

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