

FIND WHOOPING COUGH SERIOUS

Is Highly Infectious and
Dangerous, Report

Jumping from an average of 15 to 50 cases daily since January 1, whooping cough is now one of the most prevalent contagions in the state, according to a dispatch from the state health department. Young children are affected more than any other group.

"Contrary to popular opinion," said Dr. Isaac D. Rawlings, state health director, "whooping cough is one of the most serious and fatal of the childhood infections. In 1923 it caused 515 fatalities in the state or nearly as many deaths as typhoid and scarlet fevers combined, almost as many as measles and more than half the number due to diphtheria. During the first half of 1924 it caused 211 deaths and probably more than that during the second half. These were the number of deaths attributed to whooping cough directly and nobody knows how many of the broncho-pneumonia fatalities, of which there were more than 3,000, originated in attacks of whooping cough.

Highly Infectious

"Highly infectious, whooping cough may attack a child who merely passes a patient on the street. Wafted upon a gust of air, the minute particles of excretion from the nose and throat of the sick may carry the germs into the air passages of the well. The disease is spread also by direct contact between the sick and well, but it is highly improbable that a third person frequently carries it except on handkerchief or other article having on it moist recent discharges from nose or mouth of the patient.

"Very young children suffer most severely from whooping cough. Out of 515 deaths from that disease in 1923-25, or 50 per cent, were among children less than one year old. Nearly 80 per cent were among children under two, while 95 per cent were among little tots of less than five summers. It is rare that a person above ten years of age succumbs to whooping cough.

Aged Are Immune

"This observation plainly indicates that the advance of age brings with it a positive immunity or at least a vital resistance to whooping cough in the great majority of people. Were it not so, disastrous epidemics would break out among adult populations who had escaped by some chance during childhood.

"More serious than on its own account, perhaps, whooping cough is frequently the forerunner of such serious complications as broncho-pneumonia, especially in winter, tuberculosis, malnutrition and gastrointestinal disease. These disturbances are indeed credited with fatalities which would not have occurred in many instances had it not been for whooping cough.

"The best thing for whooping cough is to avoid it. Contact or close association with a patient is practically the only way the disease is spread. Sometimes it may not be recognized as whooping cough, but only as a cold. Severe cases may follow exposure to mild ones. Preventative and curative vaccines have been prepared and are on the market. Some physicians believe they are helpful in reducing severity of the disease if given immediately after exposure. The health department recommends that parents follow the advice of a physician in reference to vaccine, if the children have been so unfortunate to have been exposed to whooping cough.

Scandinavian Church to Hold Bible Discussions

A special series of Bible lessons will be given at the First Scandinavian Evangelical church beginning Wednesday evening, February 4, and continuing through February 14.

Rev. Edwards Drew of Patterson, N. J., will conduct the series of lessons which will deal principally with the Epistle to the Ephesians.

Every resident of the village is invited to participate in the lesson discussions.

Dedicate Horace Mann Auditorium January 31

The new Horace Mann school auditorium will be dedicated Saturday evening, January 31, in a historical pageant of "Service," worked out with the children and directed by Miss Douglas Whitehead, supervisor of dramatics in the elementary schools.

The spirit of history will introduce the Greek episode, and the scenes will run down through history to the child of today.

The pupils of Mrs. Edna Cleveland, Miss Gertrude Nethercott, and Miss Flora Rogers are being assisted by groups from every room in the school to the number of over 200 children. The properties are being made by the children with aid from art and shop departments. Much of the costuming is being done by the children, even the boys sewing on armor.

The music has been selected by Mrs. P. B. Kohlsaat and Miss Jean Hislop. Miss Kirchner has charge of dances. Ernest Ballard, president of the Board of Education, Carleton Washburne, superintendent of schools, and Miss Hazel Hartwell, principal of Horace Mann school, will give brief talks during the evening.

The parents are invited to attend Saturday evening. The ceremonies will be repeated Monday afternoon, February 1, to accommodate children from other Winnetka schools.

Country Day Quintet Defeats Parker Entry

The basket ball season at the North Shore Country Day school is well under way in the boys' new gymnasium. Captain McEwen feels that with the adequate facilities for practice the squad has every chance for a good season.

Through Manager Crilly Butler, two games were played with the alumni during Christmas vacation and since then two other practice games have been staged with local teams.

On Friday, January 16, the Country Day school opened the season with a game with the Francis Parker school of Chicago, winning from the Parker squad by a score of 37 to 6. Both teams played hard but Parker, except spasmodically, was unable to pull into form. Lack of team work was Parker's chief difficulty, but the North Shore squad played a swift, consistent and well balanced game, making a fine start for the 1925 season.

Legionnaires to Frolic At Dinner Monday Night

Howard P. Savage, state commander of the American legion and Fred V. McGuire, committeeman of the seventh district of the state department, will be the guests of honor at a get-together dinner to be given by Winnetka Post, No. 10, at Community House Monday evening, January 26.

Featuring the program of the evening will be appearance in person of prominent radio stars including Hill, Hirsh and Gorney, known as the Three Musketeers, and Eddie Shepherd, the coast-to-coast music man.

Dancing, to the strains of the Chamber of Commerce band, will follow the dinner.

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Masons to Entertain New Members of Lodge

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The lodge enjoyed a rather substantial gain in membership during the past year and desires every one of its new members to be present on that night, also as many of the older members as possible.

A special meeting of the lodge will be held on Saturday, January 31, at 3:30 o'clock, with work on the third degree. Dinner will be served at 6:30, and there will be one evening candidate. A large group of Masons from Chicago insurance circles have planned to be present, and every indication points to this meeting as being one of the big degree nights of the year.

The final games in the pool and billiard tournament were played Tuesday evening, January 20. Charles Eastman won the pool tournament and Fred Richardson the billiard event. Members of the Temple club were interested spectators.

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