

CITES AUTO AS HEALTH HAZARD

Abuse of Its Comforts Called Dangerous

A measure of comfort is found for the four persons out of every five in the state who have not yet bought an automobile, but who wish to own one, in a statement issued this week by Dr. Isaac D. Rawlings, state health director, who declares that automotive transportation is not an unblemished blessing to humanity. With all of its benefits, says the director, the automobile has its shortcomings, being responsible for an average of more than 100 fatalities and 1000 injuries monthly in Illinois and tending to promote habits conducive to physical ills and criminal conduct.

"With an automobile for approximately every five people in the state", said Dr. Rawlings, "and the imminent possibility of that ratio being cut down as rapidly as the other four become financially able, it is a matter of public concern to know that a number of very definite hazards to health and life attach to this modern convenience of travel. In the first place automobiles are directly responsible for more than 1200 accidental fatalities and approximately 12,000 more or less serious injuries annually in Illinois, but that is not the whole story by any manner or means.

"Carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas is present in automobile exhausts. Breathing this toxic substance, which is very easy to do when engines are run in closed garages, has a serious and sometimes fatal effect on the body.

NOTICE

VILLAGE OF WINNETKA

Board of Appeals

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Appeals of the Village of Winnetka, pursuant to a resolution of the Council of the Village of Winnetka designating said Board of Appeals as a committee to consider a petition filed with said Council by a certain property owner, will hold a public hearing for the consideration of a proposed amendment to the Zoning ordinance of the Village of Winnetka, which shall provide that the property described as (Except Street) Lots Three (3) and Four (4), in the Subdivision of Block Thirty-six (36), Winnetka, being a subdivision of the Northeast quarter of Section Twenty (20) and the north half of Fractional Section Twenty-one (21), in Township Forty-two (42) North, Range Thirteen (13) East of the Third Principal Meridian, shall be changed from "A" Residential District to "C" Commercial District as described in said Zoning ordinance.

The said public hearing will be held by the said Board of Appeals, as a committee of the Council, in the Council Chamber of the Village Hall, Winnetka, Illinois, on the thirty-first day of August, 1925, at eight o'clock P. M., at which time and place all parties interested may be heard.

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"More important still, perhaps, the automobile is conducive to physical indolence that tends to prevent exercise sufficient for reasonable health. Even the four or five million people in the state who have not yet purchased a car find opportunity more and more frequently to motor to and from work and to replace the healthful hike with a dash to the country on balloon tires propelled by six powerful cylinders. Lack of a reasonable amount of exercise in the open air favors the development of the degenerative diseases such as heart trouble, nephritis and many other complications which have increased as a cause of mortality almost phenomenally since the advent of petrol vehicles.

"Another danger that the automobile has enhanced is the spread of contagious diseases. Motorists seem to insist upon drinking water found at indiscriminate places along the highways and upon bathing at convenient places to the road without regard to the possibility of polluted water. The result is that typhoid fever is not infrequently a companion of the return trip home. Not only this but a person suffering from such contagious diseases as smallpox, measles, scarlet fever and so forth, can travel fast and furiously by automobile.

"Of course, there are the ill health results of immorality which the motor

car promotes and then there is the criminal aspect involved in theft.

"Automobiles are wonderful assets to health and happiness when rightly used, but like every other good thing they are dangerous indeed when their use is abused. Pilots of airplanes are given very rigid mental and physical tests semi-annually and this practice has reduced enormously the number of crashes. Almost anybody is permitted to drive an auto and the death rate from accidents grows on from year to year."

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