

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS DISCUSS SANITATION

Lower Lake Michigan Sanitarians and Officials in Session; Local Men Attend

For the third year officials and sanitarians interested in eliminating sewage from Lake Michigan held a two-day meeting as the Lake Michigan Sanitation Congress with about one hundred present. The idea of the congress which was held September 24 and 25 at Racine, Wis., is mainly one of an exchange of information between officials and those working on the water and sewage problems of the lake cities in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan.

A three-session program loaded with twenty-five speakers was followed by an inspection of the Milwaukee sewage disposal plant. Analytical proof that a safe lake water cannot be obtained nearer than from 7 to 11 miles out, that filtration is coming for Chicago, \$100,000 having been appropriated for experiments, that filters alone without elimination from the lake of the sewage from the cities in northern Indiana will not produce a satisfactory water free from phenol tastes, that these Indiana towns are close to the formation of a sanitary district, that analyses of 33,000 samples of water taken in three years show that Waukegan distributes the least safe water of any city from Waukegan to Gary (because of insufficient chlorine) and that Racine has a filter ready for operation within two months time were the main essentials brought out.

Study Waste Problem

C. M. Baker, state sanitary engineer, Wisconsin, read a paper on "The Relation of Industrial Waste to Sewage Treatment" and referred specifically to the co-operative work between paper mills and canning industries and the state board of health in working out solutions of the waste problems. Recovery of \$28,000 worth of wood fiber annually from a 50-ton sulphite mill costs \$15,000 for installation and removes the equivalent of the sewage of 150,000 people.

Along this line Langdon Pearse of Winnetka, sanitary engineer, Sanitary District of Chicago, reported that the Corn Products company at-Argo was arranging to recover their losses saving 2,000 bushels of corn and reducing the equivalent pollution from 360,000 people to 38,500 and ultimately below 10,000.

W. W. DeBerard of Wilmette, chief engineer, Chicago Regional Planning association, indicated that water and sewage disposal facilities were fundamental in regional development. Water from Lake Michigan pumped through large conduits he said was the logical supply for the area west of Chicago to the Fox River valley because the hard ground water levels are receding at an alarming rate, eight to twelve feet annually. The Regional Planning association proposes to help initiate and co-ordinate the plans and activities of the various political jurisdictions involved rather than produce elaborate plans of its own.

Cities Disposal Projects

H. P. Ramey, assistant chief engineer, Sanitary District of Chicago, outlined the present status of the district's program to meet the requirements of the War department in accordance with the provisions of the grant of 8,500 sec. feet of diversion water from Lake Michigan.

More than \$45,000,000 has been spent on sewage disposal and the program absorbs about \$12,000,000 annually. The North Side activated sludge plant to care for 800,000 people (the largest plant in the world) is 75 per cent complete, will go into operation in 1928 and cost \$21,000,000. The west side plant for 1,600,000 people has been started.

Mrs. Merrill's Lecture Course Will Resume Here

Mrs. Anthony French Merrill will reopen her course of twelve lectures on books and current events at the Woman's club, Wednesday, October 20. Mrs. Merrill has given her course in Winnetka for several years, and is well known to many residents. For the past two years she has conducted her lectures at the Woman's club.

The tickets for the series of twelve are now on sale, and can be purchased from the chairman of the committee in charge of sponsoring the lectures, or any member of that committee. Mrs. Warren Agry, is chairman, assisted by Mrs. Alex S. Anderson, Mrs. James P. Gillies, Mrs. F. W. Fairman, Mrs. E. E. Stults, Mrs. Warren Shoemaker, and Mrs. Dick Payne.

The lectures will be given on the following dates, October 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17, 24, January 5, 12, 19, January 26, and February 2 and 9.

The Oak Street circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Eugene Feuchtinger of 947 Oak street, Tuesday, October 12, at 2:30 o'clock. The program is in charge of Mrs. A. Milne Ramsey.

BIBLE CLASS OPENS

The Woman's Bible class of the Winnetka Congregational church opened its season last Sunday with an inspirational address on "Vision" by Mrs. James Austin Richards. The officers for the year are Mrs. Julian Clay Risk, leader, Mrs. William D. Truesdale, treasurer. Mrs. Risk will speak Sunday on "Jesus' Teachings Regarding Wealth: the Real and the Temporal."

Mr. and Mrs. Philemon B. Kohlsaat have sold their home in Winnetka and are living in the apartment they have taken at the Orrington hotel.

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