

ILLINOIS HEALTH HEAD GIVES FACTS ON RABIES

Dr. Isaac Rawlings Issues Report on Results of Laboratory Tests in State

Blaming the stray dog for the mischief among his own kind and household dogs for transmitting the disease to man, Dr. Isaac D. Rawlings, Illinois state health director, declared in a statement issued this week that Illinois is experiencing the worst hydrophobia season in years. Contrary to popular opinion, according to the director, rabies is least prevalent in "dog days," the winter and spring yielding many more cases than the summer period. So far this year 58 persons, 136 dogs and 14 other animals have been bitten by dogs known to be rabid, while 484 canine heads have been tested in the laboratories of the state and Chicago health department laboratories.

Stray Dogs Responsible

"Stray 'mad' dogs bite pet or household dogs, infecting them, and the rabid dog with an owner and home bites the people who get hydrophobia," said Dr. Rawlings. "This is the most usual way in which dogs transmit rabies up to man. Records collected this summer show that home dogs bit 43 of the 58 persons in the state known to have been attacked by 'mad' or rabid dogs while stray dogs were responsible for 97 of the 136 dogs known to have been attacked by rabid dogs. This indicates that the stray or homeless cur, who knows no master's voice, is the primary carrier of hydrophobia although the home dog is directly responsible for most cases in humans.

"The laboratories in Springfield have done 226 examinations of dogs heads so far this year, 116 showing positive; the Chicago health department laboratory has done 175 with 47 positive and the Carbondale laboratory has done 83 with 26 positives. The positive findings in Chicago were much greater than usual for recent years while the number found at Springfield and Carbondale during August and September was extraordinarily large.

Rabies on Increase

"Rabies is definitely on the increase

in Illinois with the possibility that the disease may reach major epidemic proportions among dogs and cause a considerable number of infections among people. Indiana has just gone through a disagreeable experience with the disease which still prevails in that state and the epidemic appears to be moving our way.

"Only a small percentage of all dog bites among people are inflicted by rabid animals. For this reason every effort should be made to determine by observation or by laboratory test whether the attacking dog is actually rabid before starting the Pasteur treatment in the persons concerned."

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Francis Pearce, Jr., of Glencoe are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter, Eloise Pearce, Sunday, October 16, at the Evanston hospital. Mrs. Pearce was Katherine Wortley of Winnetka before her marriage.

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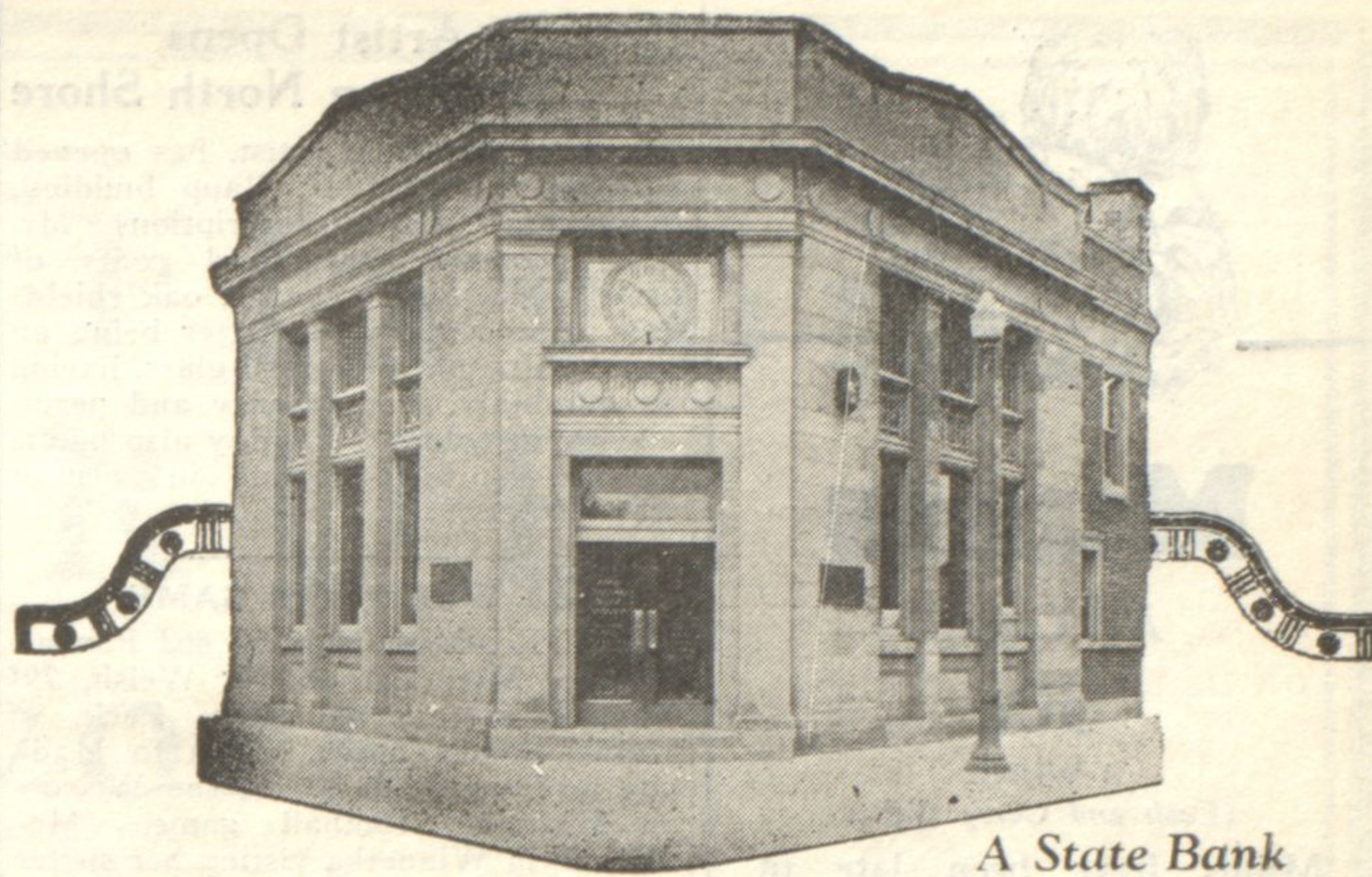
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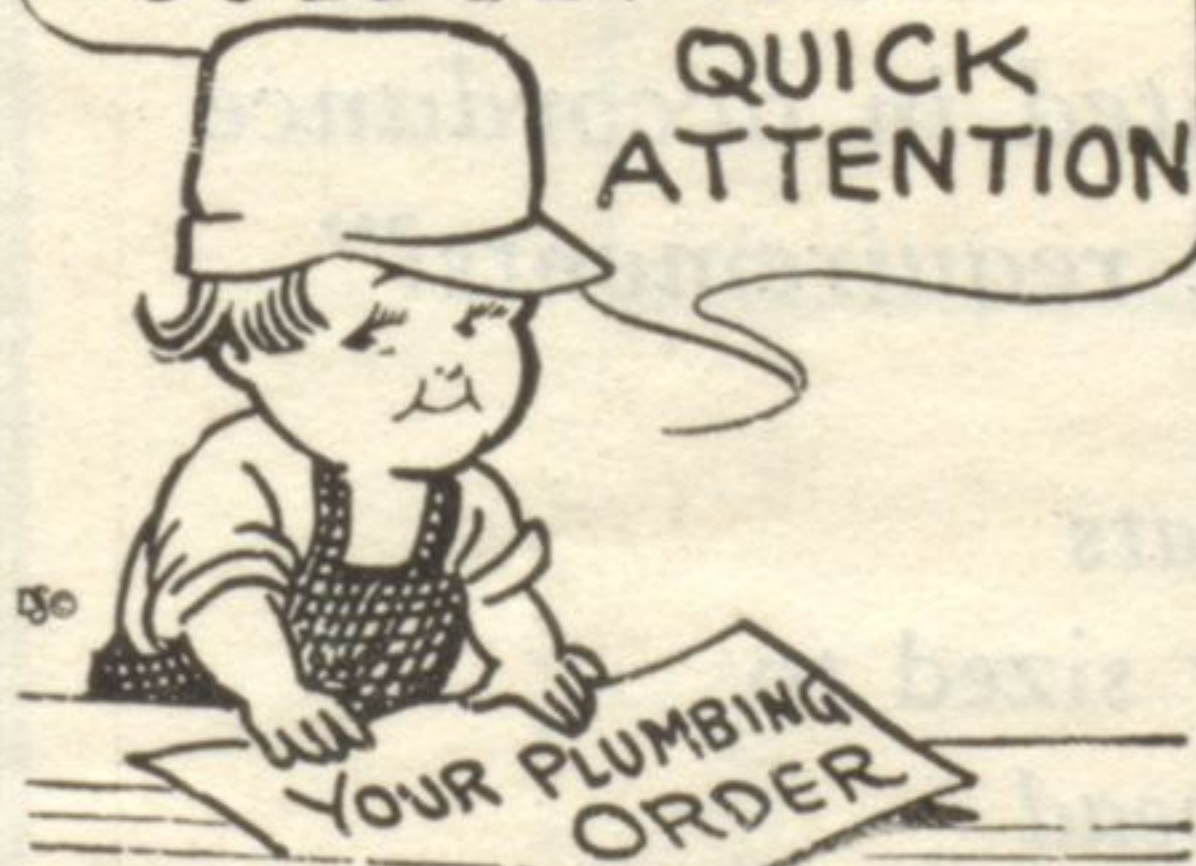
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