

LAUNCH NATION-WIDE WAR ON TUBERCULOSIS

Physicians Aided by 1,400 Associations in Fight to Slay "Man-eating" Disease

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A nation-wide hunt for cases of tuberculosis in the earliest stages is in progress during the spring of 1928. The expedition is made up of thousands of physicians aided by 1,400 tuberculosis associations, armed to beat the wilderness of a complicated civilization and beard the man-eating disease everywhere. The quarry is life, not death. The weapon is the stethoscope, not the rifle. The ammunition is knowledge, not bullets. Gun-bearers and reporters are bringing up other essential weapons: the X-ray, the thermometer, the tuberculin test. The trained ears, eyes and fingers of the doctor aid in the hunt.

Perilous as is delay when a lion has stalked, the consequence of inaction in the face of tuberculosis is equally fraught with danger. Once at bay, to run away from either is fatal. Hope lies only in battle. The issue may be a matter of seconds in sighting the lion or a matter of days in discovering the disease. Time is vital.

Describe Symptoms

Footprints show the direction a lion has taken, and symptoms tell the hiding place tuberculosis has found. These early symptoms are thus described by the National Tuberculosis association: "Too easily tired; loss of weight; indigestion and cough that hangs on." Everyone who finds himself exhibiting these premonitory signals should immediately seek a physical examination with a bared chest; microscopic inspection of sputum, and perhaps an X-ray. Get the lion or the lion will get you.

And the discovery of the enemy—in time—this is the object upon which the universal search an army of public health workers are focusing their attention. Doctors cannot walk the streets of cities poking their fingers into people's faces and saying, "You may have tuberculosis; have you these danger signs?" The discovery of the initial signs must be made by the man himself—they are not apparent to others. Hence this concerted and organized effort to inform the public what these symptoms are, and to urge those who have them to consult their physicians.

Posters Carry Message

Posters and car cards are telling the nation of the necessity for early diagnosis. Health department, medical societies, lodges, churches, schools, chambers of commerce, public and private clinics, besides every tuberculosis association in the country are co-operating. The money to pay for this campaign comes from the annual sale of Christmas seals.

Is it worth while—this nation-wide attack of an army of perhaps fifty thousand people? Yes, if we consider that there are an estimated number of 270,000 active and unknown cases of tuberculosis in the United States, and that prospects for their cure are dependent on early diagnosis. These people are unknown to themselves, their friends, their doctors and the public. Finding them before the disease has progressed to the stage where they, and everyone else, know they have it, is the only hope of realizing Pasteur's vision: "It is in the power of man to cause all parasitic diseases to disappear from the world."

Science guides this quest. And those who are hunting with a stethoscope will measure their success in terms of human lives.

The Chicago Tuberculosis Institute is conducting the Early Diagnosis campaign in Chicago and Cook county.

Everybody is invited to co-operate. Send for list of free posters, leaflets, etc.

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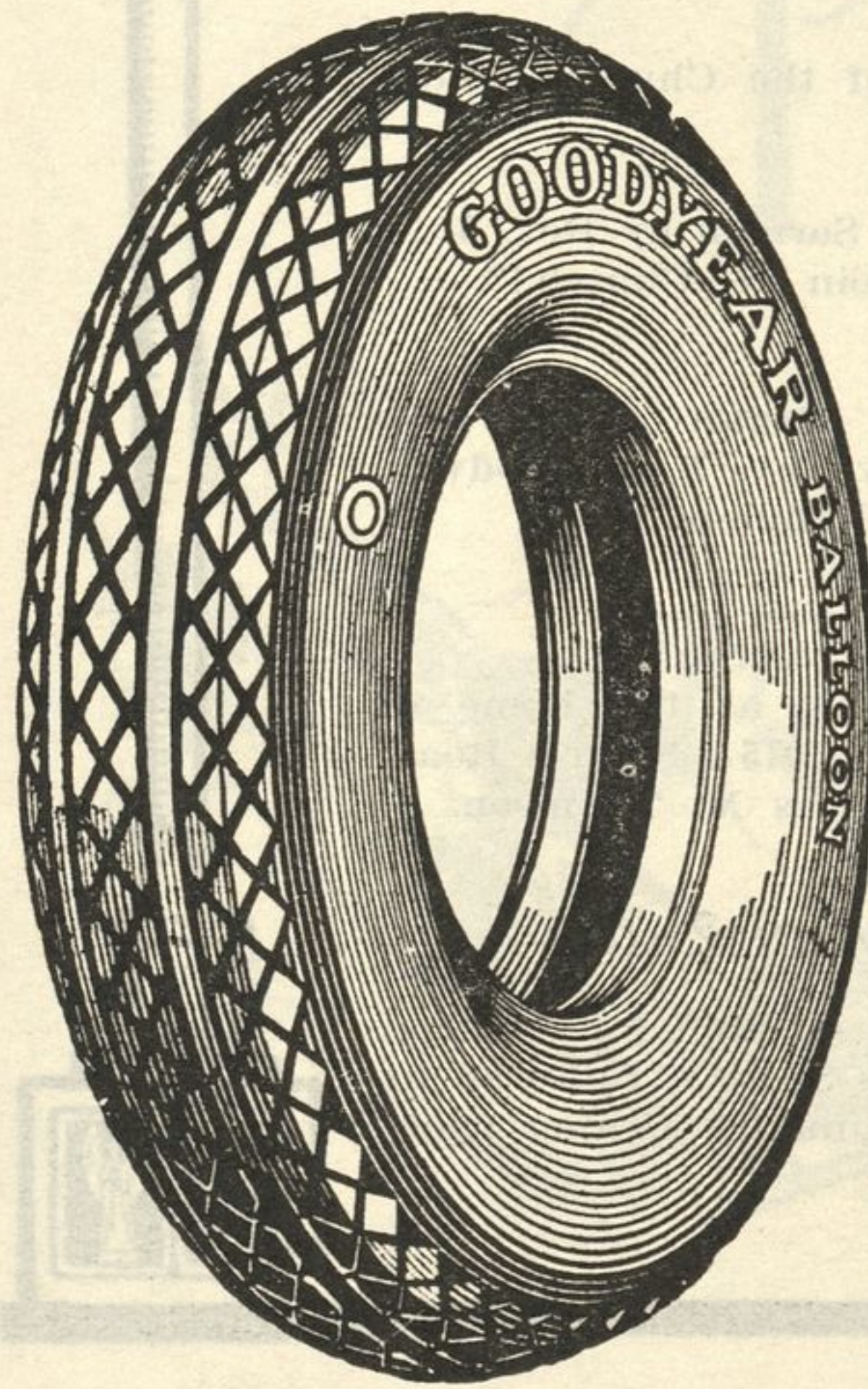
Attention is called to the third of the series of lecture studies presented by Dr. Herbert Willett in the Kenilworth Union church on every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The topic of the lecture for next Wednesday is "Amos: Social Justice."



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