

POLICE SHOW RECORD OF CANINE TERRORISM

Eleven Residents of Winnetka, Mostly Children, Dog Bite Victims Since May 1

Records in the Winnetka police department up to noon Wednesday of this week revealed the fact that, since the first day of May, eleven residents of the village, mostly children, had been bitten by dogs.

One of the victims, Charles Stearns, 326 Woodland avenue, five and one-half years of age, was bitten in the eye, sustaining a wound which it is feared may result in the loss of the sight of that organ.

Three of the victims were bitten last Wednesday, two of them by a stray dog which continued his "snapping" campaign, on down into Kenilworth, where he was finally killed, having evaded numerous members of the Winnetka police department who, with loaded shot guns, were in hot pursuit, ready to make short work of him, had they succeeded in getting sight of him.

Canine Escapes

One of the other victims, bitten May 15, was also attacked by a stray dog, which escaped.

The other dogs doing the biting were caught and impounded, and in most instances have been held a sufficient length of time to determine that they are not suffering from rabies.

With approximately 900 dogs in the village and with the owners of many of them ignoring the orders of the Village Council and Police department relative to permitting their canines to run at large, the residents of Winnetka, and particularly the children, are being subjected to the gravest danger every time they leave their homes.

Chief of Police W. M. Peterson, after reviewing the record of persons who have been attacked by dogs since the first of May, declared that the time has arrived when some drastic measures should be taken.

The Police department, for a long time, has been awaiting the action of the Village council, relative to the curbing of the threatening rabies epidemic among dogs of the village.

It is evident that, if the matter were placed in the hands of Chief of Police Peterson and his men, they would make short work of the situation.

"There are entirely too many dogs in the village, in the first place," Chief Peterson declared.

Want Higher License Fee

He favors a much higher dog license, which would, he feels, result in a material reduction of a few hundred of the village canine population, then those who really thought enough of their dogs to pay the higher license would co-operate with the village in its effort not only to protect the lives of Winnetka citizens, but also to protect the dogs from the occasional stray which might wander this way.

The police would make short work of the canine whose owner had not complied with the more stringent regulations.

As it is, there are several hundred cur dogs running about the village today, whose owners seldom give them a thought as to their comfort or welfare, but the moment the police give their owners a word of warning, they become incensed and abusive.

As an immediate emergency measure, Chief of Police Peterson, if he had his way about it, would order all dogs shut up at home, and permitted on the

streets only when led at the end of a leash.

Violation of this order would mean death for the dog.

If people who own dogs have any objections to such measures for the safety of the public, after reading the following list of victims of biting dogs during the past three weeks, the police are convinced they will quickly change their minds should a child in their own household chance to be the next victim, and there is no assurance that he may not be.

May 1, Jack Goss, age 5, of 580 Orchid lane was bitten

May 3, Mrs. C. D. Allen, 1294 Scott avenue, was the next victim.

May 11, Antone Barenbugge, 899 Willow road, was bitten on the hand.

May 12, Barbara Raymer, age 2, 1423 Scott avenue, was bitten over the left eye.

May 14, Alfred Romig, of 613 Drexel avenue, Glencoe, was a victim.

May 15, Dan Kreer, age 9, of 1108 Cherry street, was bitten in the calf of the leg.

May 19, Lawrence Ettinghausen, age 10, of 574 Lincoln avenue, was

nipped in the calf of the leg.

May 21, Jimmie Hirsch, age 11, of 416 Elder lane, was bitten in the face and on the arm.

May 23, Charles Stearns, age 5½ years, of 326 Woodland avenue, was bitten over the left eye and on the

neck and face and may lose the sight of his eye.

May 23, Nancy Olsen, age 7, of 362 Hawthorne lane, was bitten on the face, knee, arm and hand.

May 23, Robin Ard, age 19, of 979 Vine street, was bitten on the leg.

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