

**POLLUTION MENACE**

**Izaak Walton League Launches Campaign to Clean Up Unhealthy Streams**

Chicago is harboring a menace to the health of its citizens and of its neighbors in conditions permitted to exist in the Des Plaines river and in the Calumet river regions, according to Dr. P. R. Blodgett, chairman of the Cook county clean streams committee of the Izaak Walton League of America and president of the Illinois division of the league, in sounding a call to arms for a city-wide campaign to clean up these polluted streams.

"The fish have been gone for many years, either killed or driven out of these waters long before they had arrived at anywhere near their present state of pollution. These streams now constitute an ever growing menace to public health," added Dr. Blodgett.

"We are glad to co-operate with public agencies to the end that they perform their public duties. We have not attacked the Sanitary District of Chicago, nor are we now attacking that body, in their effort to handle those problems which confront it. The Sanitary District of Chicago is charged by law with the adequate treatment of all sewage within its territorial limits. We want that done with all the speed that is consistent with the sound engineering principles.

**Improve Conditions**

"The Sanitary District of Chicago has made a great deal of headway recently. The recent attention given by that body to the problems of the Des Plaines and Calumet regions will, when completed, markedly improve conditions in those two areas. Among the proposed plans which the Sanitary district has not acted upon yet is the proposed Howard street intercepting sewer. This is one of the projects which has been outlined by the Sanitary district for future consideration. We feel that the building of this intercepting sewer is not only feasible but highly desirable. We are insisting that the Howard street intercepting sewer be built in the very near future. We feel that when the people are aroused to the danger which confronts their health from this and other water pollution that they will arouse themselves and demand immediate action on pending sewer projects.

**Open Sewers**

"Open sewers flow through thousands of acres of forest preserve property, lands bought and paid for by the tax payers of this county. In their present condition these waters are a menace to the health of every man, woman, and child who frequents the Forest Preserve in their neighborhood. They have made it unsafe for those who most need to use these areas as recreational grounds. In their present condition it is distinctly unsafe for any mother to permit her children to play anywhere near the water in these Forest Preserve areas.

"To clean up these streams and to make them safe for both human and animal we must have the adequate treatment of all sewage before the effluent is poured into these streams. Twenty-nine chapters of the Izaak Walton league of America are banded together in this movement for public health and civic betterment."

Mrs. Ralph H. Hobart, 660 Prospect avenue, has sailed to spend the summer in travel in Europe. Miss Virginia Hobart, her daughter, who has been at Bryn Mawr this year, did not come home but met her mother in the east and will be with her this summer.

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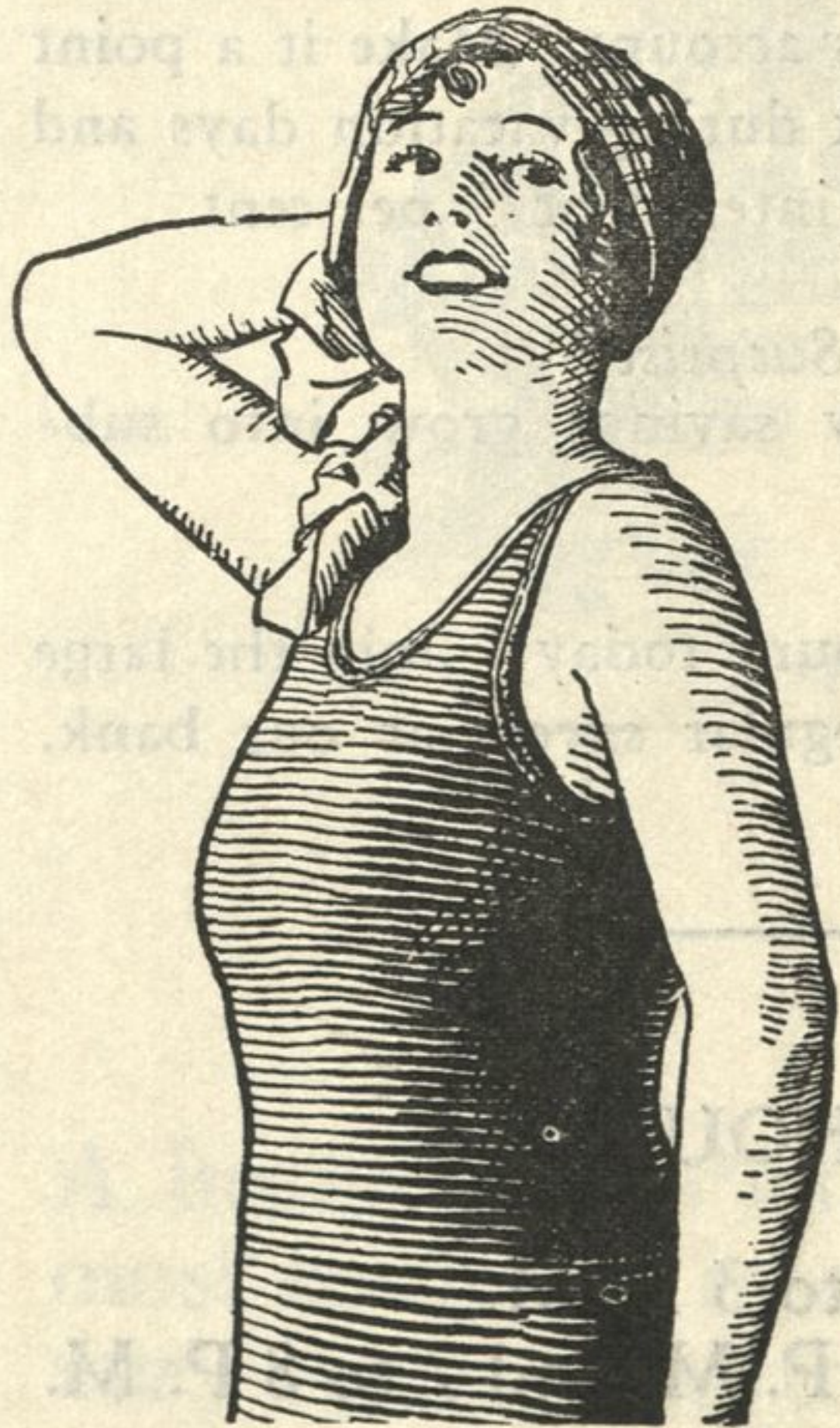
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