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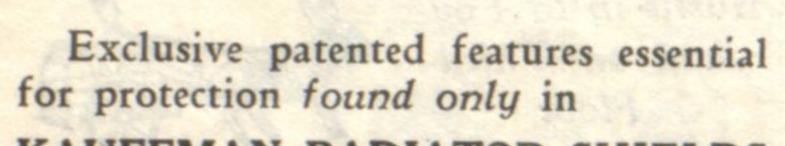
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TAKE STEPS TO CURB DIPHTHERIA EPIDEMIC

Village Council Hears Health Officer's Report on Danger of Contagion Spread

One case of diphtheria prevails in Winnetka; Chicago has many, the contagion being more prevalent than for many years, and there is said to be a threatened epidemic this winter.

This subject wa's discussed at the meeting of the Village council last Tuesday evening after Health officer Orvis had explained that every precaution is being taken to prevent a spread of the disease here, and sounded timely warning relative to measure's which should be taken.

It was deemed advisable that the widest publicity be given this subject, and Dr. Orvis has prepared the following list of question's and answers which every parent, it is thought, will tive to horse serum preparations. find it profitable to read:

Watch Children's Throats Why? Because there is some serious throat infections in Cook County including diphtheria.

Is diphtheria more prevalent than for the last few years? Yes, in 1927 there were 6,270 cases in Illinois while in 1926 there were only 4,529. In the first six months of 1928 there was an increase of over 500 cases above the figure of 1927 for the same months. In Chicago it is more prevalent than for many years. It is also more virulent.

Have we any cases of diphtheria in Winnetka? Yes we have one case.

Is this disease liable to spread to our community? Yes, as long as there are many cases of the disease in the metropolitan area of Chicago we must watch carefully, for people are mingling very freely and many may be carriers peddling the infection to those with whom they come in contact.

How to Watch for Disease What should we watch for? Any throat soreness with fever and malaise should make one apprehensive. If white patches



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in the throat summon your physician at once who will take a culture to determine if the condition is diph-

What should we do with a child with a sore throat? Isolate him in a room ty himself, keep him away from the other children and above all do not let him go to school.

Suppose my child should contract diphtheria, is there an effective remedy? Yes, antitoxin is an effective remedy especially if given early in the disease.

How much difference does it make if antitoxin is given early. Statistics from the Philadelphia General hospital for 2 years show that when antitoxin was given the first day of the disease in 742 cases none died. When delayed to the second day 5% of the children died; when delayed to the third day 8% died and when delayed to the fourth day 10%

Then it is important to learn if a child has diphtheria as soon as he is sick? Yes, it is vital.

Is there no way I could prevent my children having diphtheria? Yes, by having them immunized against the disease.

What is this process of immunization? It is accomplished by giving at week intervals 3 injections under the skin of a preparation called Toxin-Antitoxin. T. A. T. is now prepared with sheep serum and does not make a child sensi-

Is this harmful or painful? No, it is not harmful. It is no more painful than a hypodermic for any other purpose. The amount injected is only 1/4 of a teaspoonful.

Does this make him immediately immune to diphtheria? No. It begins to be effective two to four weeks after injection and reaches the height of efficiency in 3 to 6 months.

What Is Toxin Antitoxin? What is this Toxin Antitoxin? It is a mixture of the toxin or poison produced by diphtheria bacilli growing on suitable food materials in the laboratory with the antitoxin or antidote produced in the blood of a sheep which has been given this same toxin hyperdermic-

Would it not be just as well to give the child antitoxin without the toxin? No. A larger dose of antitoxin would immunize the child for a few weeks, then it would run out. By giving the toxin with the antitoxin the immunity is developed in his own blood and it lasts

Is this immunization always effective? In about 90% of children it is fully effective and in others partially so.

How can we tell whether my child is among that 101/4? By a test called the Schick test which is the injection of a drop of the diluted toxin into the skin. It produces a red spot the size of a dime if the child is still susceptable.

Could the child in the 10% class, with incomplete immunity be made wholly immune? Yes. By further injections of Toxin Antitoxin.

Some Naturally Immune Are some children naturally immune? Yes, especially the older groups.

Can this be determined by the Schick test before giving Toxin Antitoxin? Yes,

Would it be better to determine whether the child is immune before giving Toxin Antitoxin? Yes, it probably would, especially among the older groups, but under five years, where a high percentage are susceptable, it is not considered of great advantage to do the Schick test

Do you give it to the children before they go to school? Yes, it is important to give it early because over half the deaths occur before 7 years of age. Damage Develops

Are little babies susceptable? Yes, after 6 months of age they are susceptable. Diphtheria is very fatal to young children.

Do many children die from diphtheria now? Yes, 647 died last year in Illinois and 320 in Cook county.

There will be more this year. Could all these children have been saved if they had had Toxin Antitoxin? Yes, over 600 children in Illinois and over 300 in Cook county would now be alive if they had had the privilege of this

treatment before last year. Will we be sacrificing that number each year because of our neglect? Yes, we have been allowing from 400 to 600 each year go to the great beyond and if we do not check it, it will continue.

Has this been done in any other cities? Yes, in some cities like Birghamton, N. Y., New Haven and others they have stopped this thing.

CIRCLE HOSTESSES

Mrs. W. T. Woodward, assisted by her mother, will be hostess on Monday, November 26, for the regular meeting of the Lincoln circle, at her home at 780 Prospect avenue. The members and their guests will begin their sewing for charity at 10:30 o'clock and luncheon will be served at 1.