

THE EVENING LEADER

WEATHER FORECAST

Local thunderstorms this after
moon or tonight; cooler tonight
saturday fair and cooler.

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Lehman Promises Flood Rehabilitation Funds



Dr. Leon A. Beardsley was the Health Officer, who represented the Town of Enfield in 1935. His office was located at 124 East State Street (now on the Commons). There was great concern regarding disease and the Flood of July 7, 1935 in Tompkins County. On November 7, 1935 Dr. Beardsley gave his health report for the Town of Enfield.

Annual Report Health District 5453 Town of Enfield November 7, 1935

During the preceding year I reported to the Department of Health of the State of New York (30) thirty cases of communicable diseases. Of this number there were twenty six (26) cases of German measles, two (2) cases of chickenpox, one case of scarlet fever and one case of undulant fever1. The case of undulant fever was carefully investigated and watched until all symptoms had subsided. Fourteen boarding houses were inspected and licenses issued. The usual school inspections have been carried out. One case of insanity was cared for and committed to Willard State Hospital.

Damage from the flood were quite severe, resulting in the pollution of many wells. However by the use of chlorinated lime, boiling the water and good fortune no cases of intestinal diseases resulted. I made several inspections of the health district and once with the public health nurse following the flood but was unable to find and sickliness resulting there from.

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¹ Undulant Fever caused by ingestion of unpasteurized milk or undercooked meat from infected animals, or close contact with their secretions

The annual conference of Health Officers at Saratoga was attended as usual. The summary, the health conditions of this district have been very good for the past year except for the epidemic of German measles in April. There have been no cases of diphtheria for many years. This can be attributed to the high percentage of immunized children over this period of time.

I have intended to have a clinic for toxoid [tetanus] administration in July but as the flood condition threw so much work upon the public health nurses there was not time to arrange the same.

For the coming year the community is in need of such a clinic and also a clinic for vaccination against small pox.

Leon A. Beardsley

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