

TODAY and TOMORROW

— by —
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DEATH — — — — — germs
To many newspaper readers, all other news, compared with the reports of the death, destruction and devastation that is sweeping Europe, must often seem too trivial to bother about.

But we must not let the horror of the war black out our thinking about problems here at home which can be most as terrible in their consequence if not given our close attention.

Death by war, because of the frightening drama which surrounds it, somehow seems more awful than death in any other form. But death in a country at peace—death that often could be prevented, is probably more inexcusable.

When we read of small babies being slaughtered by bursting bombs — when we hear of hospitals being blown to bits — when we read of whole neighborhoods of homes suddenly being wiped out, nothing seems comparable in its tragicness.

But to the mother of a small baby, it must seem almost as tragic when her infant is killed by a germ in peaceful America as it would if it were killed by a bomb in England. And in the United States last year, over 40,000 babies under one year old, which might have lived, died because of improper care!

DEFENSE — — — — — children
Figure on deaths which might have been avoided always seem startling in their size. One figure which always impresses me is the one which shows that more Americans are killed in automobile accidents in the United States each year than were killed in the last war.

Many efforts are being made each year to cut down the number of accidental deaths. Causes



of death by automobile accidents are tangible. In each case we can work out just how the accident happened and take steps to prevent a recurrence. But death by sickness, caused by elusive germs, is much more subtle.

We somehow don't think in terms of "avoidable," when we hear of the high infant mortality rate in America.

Yet of the 120,000 babies under one year old that died in the U. S. during the last year, Katherine Lenroot, Chief of the U. S. Children's Bureau, estimates that at least one-third could have been saved through maternal and child health services.

Miss Lenroot, in her annual report issued through the Parents Institute, Inc., urges that in planning our defense program we don't lose sight of the fact that the homes of the nation and the children in those homes are a first line of defense.

HEALTH — — — — — improved
There is a more cheerful side to the report on the nation's children, however. For while there are many infant deaths which might have been prevented, the general health of all children is better than it ever was in the past.

Surgeon General Thomas Parran reports that the children of today are both taller and heavier than their parents, that their health care is definitely superior and that they are less subject to attack by communicable diseases. Dr. Parran also predicts great improvements for the future because of recent discoveries in scientific nutrition — centered around vitamins.

Dr. Parran predicts that as a result of scientific nutrition discoveries, national health can be raised to a level never before envisioned.

It is expected that rapid progress toward this end will be made in 1941 because of the importance of national health to national defense. While war itself destroys health and life, preparation for possible war is expected permanently to contribute toward the health of our nation.

ACCIDENTS — — — — — increase
It still is quite possible that in 1941 no American lives will be lost in War. But it is a foregone conclusion that an army of over 30,000 American men and women will be wiped out by automobile accidents on our own highways.

During the past five years almost 200,000 people have been killed and a great many more injured by automobiles. In 1940 there was an increase over 1939 in the number of deaths, and, unless drastic preventative steps are taken, there will be a still greater increase in 1941.

With industrial activities spurred by national defense, more

people are driving automobiles now than ever before. That means more accidents with the limited means at hand to hold down the totals.

Strange as it may seem, the majority of fatal accidents do not occur in heavy-traffic cities. Two-thirds of 1940 highway deaths were in rural areas, where drivers "open up" because they think they are out of the danger zones.

Fear that state legislatures will cut down on appropriations for highway safety this year, in their striving for budget economy, has prompted 16 associations representing 7,000,000 people, to oppose such a possibility and to urge the adoption of more stringent measures and a standard program to be used in all states.

Frequent polls have demonstrated that the public is behind legislation to reduce accidents. In 1941 the public should not be al-

lowed to lose sight of the need for defense against death by automobiles in its efforts to build defense against instruments of war.

Church News

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Sandy

The services of the Baptist church in Sandy will be held in the Grange hall as usual next Sunday.

Sunday school at 10 A. M.
Preaching by Mr. L. C. Desvoigne at 11 A. M. and at 7:30 P. M.

Prayer meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson, Friday evening at 7:30.

SANDY COMMUNITY CHURCH

Mr. Kenneth Nelson, pastor
10 A. M. Sunday School.
11 A. M. Sermon by Mr. Nelson.
6:30 P. M. Christian Endeavor.
7:30 P. M. Sermon by Mr. Nelson.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

Regular services are held every Sunday at 11 a. m. in The Woman's club house in Sandy.
All are cordially invited to attend.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A. W. Schelp, Pastor
English service every Sunday at 11 A. M.
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German service on 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 10 A. M.

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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Mass at 9:00 a. m. the first two Sundays of each month.
Mass at 11:00 a. m. the following Sunday in the month.
Welches—Mass every Sunday at 11:00 a. m.

The Sandy Christian Endeavor Society meets at the Sandy Community Church every Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock. Church services are at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. on Sundays and Sunday School is held at 10:00 a. m.

Christian Science services are held every Sunday at the Woman's club hall at 11 A. M.

BARKER'S BUGLE

Smiles — — — — — and — — — — — Values

HOWDY FOLKS:

Thrift is a wonderful virtue especially in an ancestor.

We don't like to trouble you with small details, but does anyone know where Gandhi keeps his fountain pen?

Husband: "Have you ever wondered what you would do if you had Rockefeller's income?"

Wife: "No, but I have often wondered what he would do if he had mine."

Customer: "Do you have anything for gray hair?"

Conscientious druggist: "Nothing sir, but the greatest respect."

"Good morning, Mrs. Kelly," said the doctor, "did you take your husband's temperature, as I told you?"

Yes, doctor, I borrowed a barometer and placed it on his chest; it said, "very dry," so I bought him a pint o' beer and he's gone back to work."

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