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County to Participate in Blood Program

Plans are under way for participation in a program which will give Allgany County another coveted "first" in a life-giving "blood program."

The first meeting of the Allegany County Blood Procurement Committee was held recently in Belmont at which preparations were made for the opening of the Rochester regional blood program scheduled for Monday, January 12, in the 11-county area which includes Allegany.

Much nation-wide attention is focused on the program, being set up in Rochester as the first of a network which eventually will spread throughout the 48 states.

Allegany County first gained national recognition in 1936 when it became the first in the country to blood-type members of organizations and compile a blood type list from which volunteer donors could be obtained in emergencies.

"At least" 10 lives a year have been saved by the use of the list in the county each year during the ensuing 11 years, it is conservatively estimated by the Allegany County Medical Association. The plan was admittedly far from perfect but it served its purpose well.

Inauguration of the Rochester regional blood program next month will mark a seven-league bootstride ahead, it is asserted by William C. Greene of Belmont, county bacteriologist and chairman of the county committee.

"Under this program, a pint of fresh whole blood will be available to anyone at any time, day or night, in any of the hospitals in the 11-county area," he explained. "This supply will be changed every two weeks, with replacements coming from the blood center in Rochester. Blood returned to the center will not be wasted: it will be made into blood plasma and blood derivatives."

The Allegany County American Legion and the County Volunteer Firemen's Association are organizing the program in the county, working in conjunction with the American Red Cross, which is setting the national program in operation.

The Rochester area program is the nation's "guinea pig" and will serve as the pilot and training center for all other programs. Other areas expected to be set up within the next year are Atlanta, Ga., Louisville, Ky., Washington, D. C., Omaha, Neb., and Berkeley, Calif.

Counties included in the Rochester area are Allegany, Steuben, Seneca, Wayne, Ontario, Livingston, Orleans, Yates, Chemung and Schuyler. The center will be located at 150 Spring Street, Rochester.

To keep the Rochester program in operation it is estimated that 24,800 pints of blood will be needed annually, with each county having four blood-letting a year.

Allegany County will give 900 pints annually. Date and place for the first blood-letting has not been named but it is expected to be held in an Allegany County communtiy.

Members of the Allegany County Blood Procurement Committee working with Mr. Greene are Neil Sullivan of Bolivar, treasurer, and one of three Legion representatives; Dr. Willard J. Sutton of Alfred, Legion; Jack Moore of Belmont, secretary, Legion; Dr. John Marvin of Fillmore, Edson M. Potter of Friendship, John Wilson of Cuba and Roland Laven of Wellsville, all county firemen representatives; and Arthur D. Madden, Jr., of Wellsville, representing Wellsville Chapter, American Red Cross. Mr. Greene represents the Central Allegany Red Cross chapter.

County Health Department Explained

(Editor's Note: The following article, second in a series prepared by the Allegany County Rural Policy Committee, explains the organization of a County Health Department).

How would Allegany county get a County Health Department?

By vote of the Board of Supervisors.

What happens after the Supervisors establish the department?

First, the supervisors appoint a County Board of Health. The board consists of seven members, all of whom must be residents of the county. Three members must be physicians, one must be a member of the Board of Supervisors and three should be representative of the public.

How does the Board of Health organize the department?

The Board of Health: (1) appoints a commissioner of health; (2) submits a budget to the Board of Supervisors; (3) establishes such sanitary regulations as it sees fit; and (4) aids the commissioner in appointing other professional and clerical persons provided for in the budget approved by the Board of Supervisors.

What are the functions of the County Health Department?

Six basic types of health service are provided:

(1) the control of diseases; (2) sanitation; (3) hygiene of maternity, infancy and childhood; (4) community health education; (5) public health laboratory service; and (6) public health statistical service.

How is the County Health Department financed?

The budget for the department, as set by the Board of Supervisors, is raised from both State and local funds. The state contributes 75 per cent of the cost and the county 25 per cent. Only 50 per cent of some of the present part-time services are paid for by the state while the state provides no aid for local town and village services.

Doesn't the County Health Department include a county hospital?

No. A county hospital is an entirely separate proposition. However, in Allegany county, existing hospitals may receive state aid upon becoming county hospitals, if the county has a County Health Department.

Why is the county the most efficient unit for health services?

Because towns and villages do not have the population or income necessary to administer health services efficiently and economically.

What makes so many married women look so grim?

Rag rugs for the kitchen or bathroom will lie flat longer if the ends are dipped in weak starch after they are washed.

The number of horses on Central New York farms has decreased more than 50 per cent since 1935.

Will there ever be enough money in circulation so that a taxi driver will always have change for a five-spot?

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VETERANS NEWS LETTER

Here's more good reasons why veterans who believe they have a service-connected disability should waste no time in filing their claim and getting that disability rated by the Veterans Administration.

Effective January 1 the VA will require formal approval of service-connected disability claims prior to any authorization at VA expense for out-patient medical or dental treatment or admission to a civilian hospital.

What it means is the end of prima facie determinations of service-connected for medical care which was adopted a little over a year ago as an emergency measure to assist in the handling of the load of claims which swamped the VA.

Under that system, VA doctors were permitted to authorize treatment as service-connected case on the basis of the first examination or surface evidence that the disability was the result of service, thus permitting the vet to obtain emergency treatment while awaiting approval of the formal claim.

Hereafter, after Dec. 31, emergency treatment, prior to claim approval, will be permitted only at VA hospitals, as in all non-service connected cases.

Way to beat this is to file claim for service-connected on a condition of disability now, even if there is no immediate need for treatment. Then, if service-connected is granted, if at some future date that condition should require medical treatment or hospitalization, there'll be no difficulty in getting outpatient treatment or admittance to civilian hospitals.

Otherwise, when treatment becomes necessary, the vet will either have to go to a VA hospital or pay the freight himself while waiting for a formal rating.

Vets desiring to file claims for service-connected disabilities should call at the Allegany County Veterans' Service Agency, Court House, Belmont, at their first opportunity.

The big rush starts a week from today, Dec. 31, when distribution of application forms for the New York State bonus will get underway.

Forms will be available at the Veterans' Service Agency, Court House, Belmont; in all town and village clerk offices, the County Clerk's Office, and at all American Legion and VFW Posts and at the two American Red Cross chapters in the county.

Do not sign your application form, or have it notarized until January 1 or later. Forms can be signed and notarized on Jan. 1 however, even though it is a legal holiday.

Next of kin of deceased servicemen of veterans are invited to call on the Veterans' Service Agency for assistance in completing their applications.

A class of 1,000 freshmen will be accepted in Syracuse University in January, it has been announced. Details may be obtained at the Service Agency.

Visitor to army camp: "Are you the executive officer? I'm Mrs. Jones. I have a grandson serving here in your army."

Executive Officer: "I know, madam. He's away on leave just now attending your funeral."

Dairy Conference to Be Held in Friendship

The second annual county dairy conference of Allegany County milk producers has been scheduled to be held Monday and Tuesday, December 29 and 30, in Friendship Central School. Programs will begin at 10:30 a. m. each day and last until about 4 p. m. There will be no evening sessions.

Experts in dairying from the State College of Agriculture at Cornell will aid in discussions and answer questions. Subjects to be covered include grass silage, pasture improvement, dairy barn remodeling, haying methods and other related topics to be announced later in a full program of speakers' subjects.

A trade show and hay and silage show will be a part of the event and farmers are invited to enter samples of hay and ensilage.

Even though it's winter your refrigerator needs defrosting. Do not let the frost get more than one-fourth inch thick.

Keep left-over meats in covered dishes in the refrigerator. In that way they don't dry out and be wasted.

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