



# Weekly Topics

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Our city is being invaded!

Every disease germ throughout the hemisphere is marching westward, gleefully singing, "California, Here I Come." Word has spread around among the little virus that a shortage of doctors makes our pueblo a nice place for germs to work.

Yes—Los Angeles faces a serious wartime condition in the steady and menacing rise of contagious diseases. Smallpox has returned after an absence of almost six years, and the type which has returned is so virulent that two out of the first fourteen

## PREVENT THIS INVASION

cases have died. One case of smallpox can endanger a whole community. Diphtheria is at its worst since 1939. More than three hundred victims were stricken last year. Tuberculosis has also increased its toll and more persons die from it than from all other reportable diseases combined. Los Angeles has the highest reported venereal disease rate of American cities over one million population. That disease has increased over seventy-five per cent among the teen age group since 1939.

Our preventive weapons to stem this invasion are public education, understanding, and action. These weapons must be used immediately in order to halt this murdering enemy.

1. Vaccination against smallpox. Fortunately, this disease is 100% preventable through vaccination, and everyone should be protected by this simple method.

2. Immunization against diph-

theria. All parents should see that their young children are properly immunized without delay.

3. Chest X-rays to discover tuberculosis. When the presence of this disease is known, proper treatment can arrest its progress. Children should be tuberculin-tested. Everyone should have a chest X-ray at regular intervals.

4. Blood tests to reveal the presence of syphilis. Regular blood tests are a safeguard recommended to everyone, to discover and promote the early treatment of this disease.

5. Examinations to confirm or rule out suspected gonorrhea, and proper treatment if the disease is present.

Sponsoring "Disease Prevention Week" is the Community Health Association of Los Angeles in cooperation with the City, County, and State Health Departments, the United States Public Health Service, the

County Medical Association, the City schools, and other responsible agencies. They ask your help in this fight against contagious disease.

Protect yourself and your family. See your private doctor, or if you have no private physician, telephone Michigan 5211 for an appointment at the health centers or for any and all further information. Observe "Disease Prevention Week" by preventing disease.

Joe Woe is telling a new yarn about taking a pal of his to the Mocambo. When this friend started eating his soup, five couples arose and began dancing.

"A woman flees from temptation, but a man crawls from it in the cheerful hope that it may overtake him."

### DEFINITION OF A CROSSWORD PUZZLE

The crossword puzzle is an intensively rectangular and essentially heterogeneous concatenation of dissimilar verbal synonymic similitudes complete with internal inhibition yet promulgating extensive ratiocination and meticulously designed fulminative vituperation, dispelling hebetudinosity and developing speculative, contemplative, introspective, deliberative and cogitative faculties.

### WE LIKE THIS ONE:—

As the Allied vehicles entered Paris, each was hailed by the cheering populace by the name painted on its side. "Vive Lizzie!" they cried. "Merci, Blackpool." A warm welcome was given to a lorryload of American soldiers. The crowd looked at the words chalked on the radiator, then yelled for all they were worth: "Check Oil Level!"

### POLLY PATTERSON POINTERS

To remove hair shed by a dog or cat, on upholstery or rugs, or clothing, take a large dry sponge and wipe the fabric.

Heat your polishing cloths in the oven when you wax your floors. This gives added shine with a lot less work.

### THE FASTEST DRAMA IN RADIO

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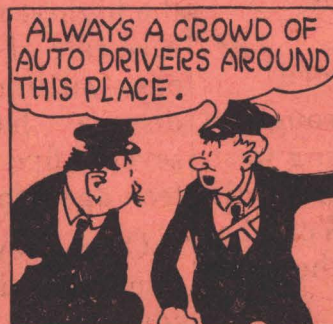
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