

TOWN HALL TO
FEATURE TALK
BY WAR REPORTER

H. R. Knickerbocker, war correspondent for International News Service, who returned recently from the war zone, will speak in the Detroit Town Hall in the Fisher Theater, Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 11 a. m. "At the Ring of History," will be his subject.

The famous reporter, winner of the 1930 Pulitzer Prize for his series on the Red terrors, and twice named in Mot's "100 Best News Stories," comes direct from a roving assignment to cover Europe's battle and political fronts. He became thoroughly acquainted with the Western Front through residence within the Maginot Line fortress, where he was made an honorary member of the 15th French Infantry.

An uncanny predictor of world events, Knickerbocker prophesied months ago the tragic events of today. In his 16 years as a foreign correspondent all over the world, he has scored sensational success. Exactly four years before "Axis" broke, Knickerbocker predicted that Germany would and would not Austria. He was in Munich in 1933 during Hitler's "Beer House Putsch" and in Moscow in 1929 when Trotsky was banished. He was in Berlin in 1934 when Hitler consummated his Blood Purge.

AMERICAN
NEUTRALITY

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of modern medical science was the only hope for saving the baby's life.

The baby was taken to Children's Hospital and under expert care immediately began to gain weight and grow strong. If the nurse had failed to conquer the fear of the mother, the baby might not be alive today. After four months he was taken home.

Another Visiting Nurse whose special duties are concerned with giving follow-up care to such babies will continue to visit him until he is five years old.

In another case a Visiting Nurse came to assist a doctor in the birth of a Gypsy baby. The father began to tell the nurse what to do and what was about according to Gypsy custom. He warned the nurse that in Gypsy homes a maternity patient is considered unclean and whoever touches her also becomes contaminated.

The nurse was about to be told according to instructions of the doctor. She had no time to worry about being considered unclean. Her job was to help the mother and the new-born baby.

As the nurse worked she father continued to tell her about Gypsy customs. She learned that the baby must be bathed on the foot of the bed and should be kept there for three days. All soiled clothes were to be put under the bed. The mother was not to be touched for three days.

Sometimes a nurse is confronted with a language barrier. One Visiting Nurse was called for a maternity case where the mother spoke only Chinese. The baby was born in the backroom of a Chinese laundry. In a series of daily visits the nurse taught the mother how to bathe and care for her baby without speaking a word. The mother learned to put the baby in a basket and soon able to give her baby the care she needed.

Most people are eager and willing to help, once they understand, according to the Visiting Nurses. But a nurse can understand only comes slowly—and because of that it is part of the job for the Visiting Nurse to conquer fear and superstition.

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WEST FARMINGTON

The Wallick Lake Young People's Union met at the home of Shirley Bowerman on 13 Mile Road Monday evening for the regular meeting. The next meeting will be held at the same place February 12.

In connection with a box social last Valentine party.

Mr. and Mrs. George Woodworth went on a trip to California.

Herman Grimmer, who has been very sick and is staying with his sister, Mrs. Marie Woodworth, died Sunday afternoon at the Grimmer Brothers farm here.

Mrs. James Watkins opened her house for the meeting of the Wallick Lake Women's Temperance and Union Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Smith is spending a few weeks in Florida.

Miss Lillian Robison of Pontiac spent Sunday with her sister Mr. Rosford.

Rodney See is sick with a bad cold.

A true copy, Florence Day, Treasurer of the Pontiac, Michigan, Jan. 4, 1940.

THE FARMINGTON STATE BANK, 2133 State Bank Bldg., Pontiac, Michigan, Jan. 4, 1940.

At a session of said Court, held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, on the 2nd day of January, A. D. 1940.

Present, Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

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FERTILIZED LAKE
BOTTOMS MAY
HELP FISH GROWTH

Growing more fish in Michigan lakes by fertilizing lake-bottoms as a farmer fertilizes his fields is a possibility being probed by a current investigation of the conservation department's institution for Fisheries Research.

Fertilization of the soil of artificial ponds, both in this country and Europe, has brought tremendous increases in fish production.

Interest in application of similar methods to natural waters is spurred by steadily growing fishery pressure from a constantly growing number of anglers.

As an alternative to increased plantings of artificially propagated fry and fingerling, fish culturists now seek to improve food, shelter and spawning conditions for the fish. With more plant food available through fertilizing bottom soils, natural increased fish populations would be expected to follow.

In the preliminary report of the water soils investigation, by Eugene Roelofs of the Institute staff, soils of Michigan lake bottoms were classified as sand, clay, silt, peat and marl, and analyzed separately to determine which plant foods they lack.

Simple water plants were reduced to ash to determine what chemicals are needed for their growth. Though water plants are sometimes rooted, it was found that a rootless condition is more advantageous, and the soil in which the plant is rooted is significant.

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