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Believing that the public is entitled to full knowledge of the Borough business affairs, this Review is one of a series that will be issued every month in an effort to acquaint the citizens and taxpayers not only with the facts pertaining to municipal government, but with the problems as well

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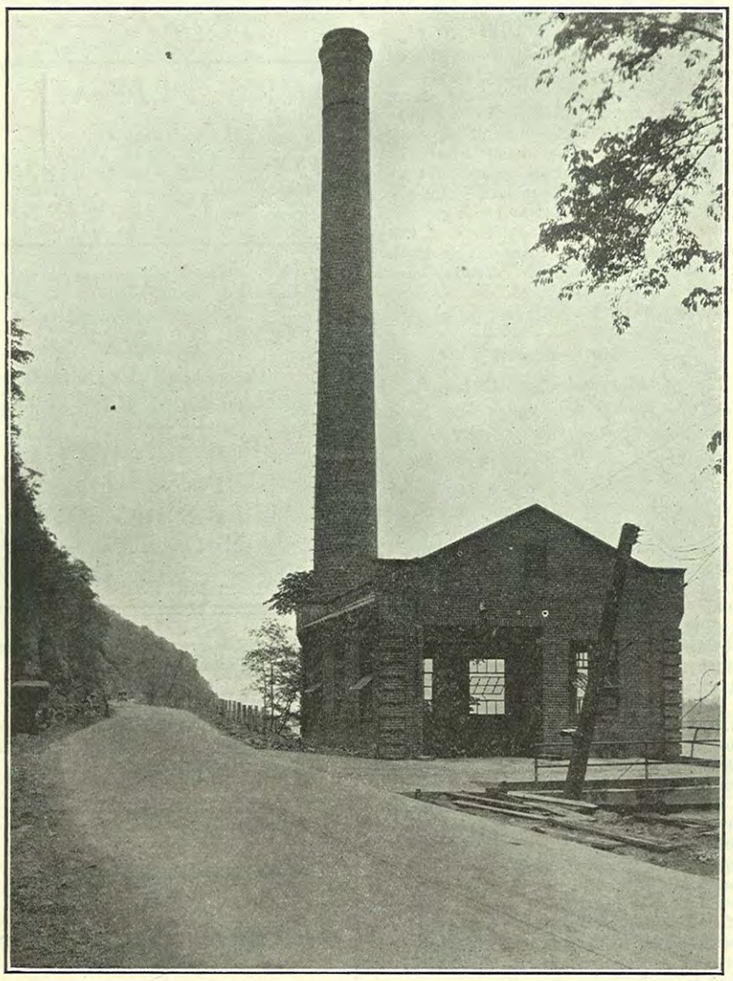

View of Garbage Plant and recently constructed concrete road built by Allegheny County.

A MESSAGE TO THE PARENTS OF SEWICKLEY

Every year, during the autumn and winter months, too many cases of diphtheria occur among the children of Sewickley. An attack of diphtheria may mean the loss of the child's life or serious after effects which will impair its health for life? At best it means suffering for the child and close quarantine, worry and expense to you.

Do you know that your child can be protected from diphtheria by a simple and safe process, just as it can be protected against smallpox by vaccination? Read the Monthly Health Talk on another page and then consult your family physician about having your child protected against this dread disease. Now is a good time to have it done, before the opening of school and the approach of cold weather.

SEWICKLEY BOARD OF HEALTH.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

August 10, 1926

Members present at this meeting were: Ellerton, Kuhn, Hutchinson, Cunningham, Richardson and Manager.

Report of Tax Collector Lamont was as follows: Amount of duplicate $89,576.94; collections to August 10th, $74,532.58; balance to collect, $15,044.36.

The report of Tax Collector Sands showed a balance to be collected on 1925 taxes of $3,469.24 and 1924 taxes of $541.13.

The sidewalk committee reported that 40 notices for improvement of sidewalks had been sent out and that property owners were rapidly making the necesary improvements to their sidewalks.

The report of the police department for the month of July was as follows: Lodgers, 25; arrests, 15; fines $76.00.

The finance committee reported that all certificates of indebtedness had been paid off for the current year and a balance of $25,000.00 in bank.

Mr. Ellerton of the fire committee reported that pulmotor owned by the borough had been put in first class shape and would be looked after and used by the members of the fire department.

An ordinance adding additional territory to the business section of the zoning ordinance 50 feet in width immediately north of the center of Beall Alley, from extension of Marlatt property line to Reibert Ice Co. property, passed third and final reading.

The passage of this ordinance was on the request of all abutting owners, who desire that the upper side of Beall Alley be used for business type of buildings, as was allowed on the south side which was originally included in the business section.

An ordinance allowing only ten minutes parking on Beaver Street between Chestnut Street and Blackburn Avenue passed two readings, and will come up for consideration and final passage Tuesday, September 14th, at which time all persons interested may appear before council in regard to traffic conditions on Beaver Street.

The resignation of Bradley Burns as a member of the board of health was received and accepted. The thanks of council were extended to Mr. Burns for his services on the board of health.

The manager reported that in an interview with Miss Rowen as to whether she desired to sell her property in order that Green Street be extended to Thorn Street, stated that she did not want to sell her property and asked only that after her family had lived there for 73 years, she be allowed to live her life there, after which time there could be no reason why the property could not be bought and the street extended if necessary at that time.

Mr. Bower, who was present at the meeting, stated that it was not from a

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selfish standpoint that he favored the extension of Green Street, and that while it would be a convenience to him in his new building, it would also be of great advantage to all business men in the vicinity.

After considerable discussion by members of council, it was decided to hold the matter of the extension of Green Street over to the next meeting of council.

Council decided to build a concrete wall in front of the property of Mr. Henry on Hopkins Street, at which point considerable cut was made in the grading of Hopkins Street, leaving the house of Mr. Henry so high that a wall was necessary.

The manager was authorized to attend the city managers' convention at Colorado Springs September 21-23, at which time the managers from all over the United States and Canada hold their annual meeting.

The manager reported that a number of unimproved streets were being shaped up and rolled and a heavy application of tarvia, these streets would not only have the appearance of improved streets, but considerable savings would be effected in the maintenance of them. The following streets are being treated in this way: Orchard Terrace, Locust Place, Melville Lane, Boundary Street and Pine Avenue.

Our Pulmotor

The pulmotor which was given to the Borough nearly ten years ago by the Red Cross of Sewickley, and for which there has been no occasion to use for the past six or seven years, has been completely overhauled and is now in first class condition.

Owing to recent drownings along the Ohio River and the fact that there is no dependable equipment available in such emergencies, it was decided to install this equipment in the Municipal Building, where it can be secured on short notice with an experienced operator within call.

A committee of the fire department will have direct charge of the pulmotor, and all members of the department have been instructed in the use and care of the equipment.

The committee has visited the factory and gone into the construction in detail and will be able to handle the equipment in an expert and efficient manner.

There has been much unjust criticism of the efficiency of the pulmotor, and we believe a demonstration would convert the most skeptical. After the proper fastenings of headgear are made to the victim the pulmotor is entirely mechanical, adjusting itself to the lung capacity automatically, removing the water from the lungs and pumping pure air into the lungs at one operation.

There are cases on record where the pulmotor has been kept in operation for 35 hours. The time required to bring back a victim of drowning varies from 25 minutes to hours, and the pulmotor is kept continually at it until the victim recovers or the last hope of saving the life is abandoned, which sometimes happens when body is not recovered for considerable time.

Arrangement has been made with the Carbo-Oxygen Co. of Coraopolis, to supply a large tank of oxygen to be used in filling the small tanks kept in the kit at all times, so that the supply of oxygen is practically unlimited, and the three spare small tanks filled and ready for instant use.

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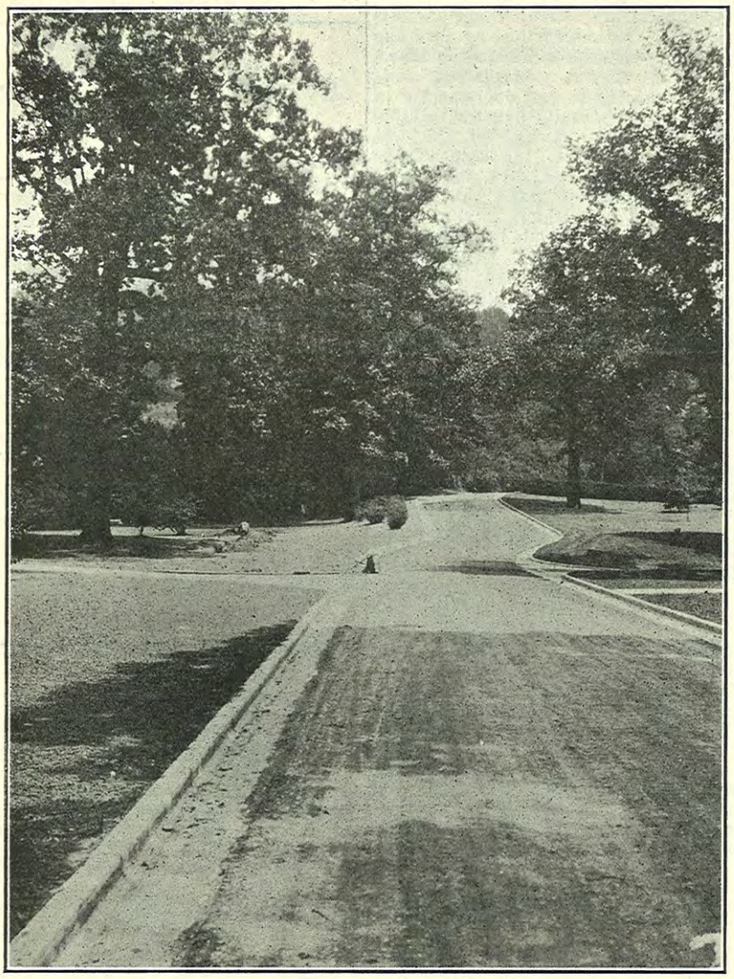

View of section of Grove Street between Centennial Avenue and Division Street which was improved in 1925.

Monthly Health Talk by Harold P. Lang, Professor of Biology and Public Health, Carnegie Institute of Technology and Bacteriologist Sewickley Board of Health.

The Prevention of Diphtheria

Diphtheria is a serious and often fatal disease, which is caused by germs contained in the nasal discharges or the saliva of persons who are either sick with the disease or who may be carriers of the germs although not ill. These germs are transmitted to a well person by coughing or sneezing or through fingers which have been wet with mouth or nasal secretions. The germs of diphtheria may be spread through infected milk or food which has been handled by a carrier or by toys or lead pencils which have been infected. Isolation of persons ill with diphtheria and their release from quarantine only after they are free from the germs of the disease, careful as they may be, will not prevent diphtheria. Before the disease is recognized the patient may infect others. Many mild cases pass as a severe "sore throat" and thus escape detection, because the person is not sick enough to call the doctor. It is estimated that about one person in a hundred may at times be carriers of diphtheria germs. A single carrier in a class room or a dormitory or among the employees of a dairy or restaurant may cause an epidemic of diphtheria before they are even suspected of being a carrier.

Since 1895 the use of anti-toxin in the treatment of diphtheria has saved thousands of lives each year and the death rate from this disease has been reduced from about 50 per 100 cases to less than 10 per 100 cases. There has not been such a great reduction in the number of cases of diphtheria, however, and every year there are over 200,000 cases with nearly 20,000 deaths in the United States. Most of these cases occur among young children, who, even though they do not succumb to the disease, are left by it with some severe consequence, such as a weak heart or diseased kidneys, which may handicap them through life or cause them to fall an easy victim to some of the other infectious diseases. Some adults and older children have developed an immunity to diphtheria, which protects them from the infection, but children under six years of age rarely possess any natural immunity and must be protected by immunization.

Few people realize that medical science has developed the means for the prevention of diphtheria and that it is possible to control this disease just as effectively as smallpox can be prevented by vaccination. The means available for preventing diphtheria are the Schick Test, which shows whether or not a

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person is naturally immune to the disease; and immunization, which protects those who are susceptible by building up a supply of anti-bodies in the blood.

The Shick Test is a simple test made by the physician to find out whether or not a child is naturally immune to diphtheria. A small amount of the test fluid is injected into the skin of the right arm. If a red spot appears at the site within four days, this proves that the child does not have enough anti-toxin in its blood to protect it from disease if exposed. The test is harmless and painless and leayes no scar.

A child, or adult, found to be susceptible to diphtheria, can be protected by the injection into the arm of three doses of toxin—anti-toxin, the protective serum. These injections are given one week apart as a rule. This protective treatment is safe and simple and has been shown by several years' experience to protect the person from diphtheria, even though they may be exposed to it many times. For example, nurses in contagious disease hospitals who have been protected by toxin-antitoxin do not catch diphtheria, in spite of the fact that they are constantly exposed to it.

Hundreds of thousands of school children in the cities of this country have received this protective toxin-antitoxin treatment. Many children of preschool age have been protected also as have the inmates of public institutions. In all cases the results have shown that the method is safe and that the children are protected from diphtheria. All children over one year of age who do not have natural protection should be given the toxin-antitoxin treatment.

Registration Days

We have been requested to print again the registration days for Sewickley so that no one will have a just reason for not being able to vote at the fall election.

On August 31 and September 1 of this year the assessor will sit at the polling place from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and from 6 P. M. to 9 P. M. both days, to revise original registry list, adding, on personal application, names not already thereon and striking off ficticious names and names of persons dead or removed from the district.

The names of the various registry assessors in Sewickley are as follows:

First Ward: First Precinct, Mrs. Lawrence Gibb.

First Ward: Second Precinct, E. S. McPherson.

Second Ward: First Precinct, James Reeves.

Second Ward: Second Precinct, Ellis Blockson.

Third Ward: First Precinct, Miss Elizabeth Richardson.

Third Ward: Second Precinct, Mrs. T. E. Sweeney.

Report of Bacteriological Examinnation of Milk Sold in Sewickley during July, 1926

Dealer	Bacteria per cubic centimeter
Baker, M. M.	27,000
Sanitary Milk Co.	41,000
Harmony Creamery	32,000
Blackburn Farm	49,500
Worthley, C. W.	27,000

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(Signed) Harold Lang,
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The red signs plead.

Yellow light. Mellow light.
Tells a fellow WHEN,
Are you going left or right?
So are other men.
Golden glow! Then you know
When to cross the stream.
Never let your eyes forget,
Or your purpose dream.

Green light! Glad sight!
Right o' way for you—
Sing a song and hop along,
Lead the others through.
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Hold Annual Convention at New Kensington, August 9-14th.

Sewickley sent the American La France Pumper and eight of the members of the Cochran Hose Company to the 33rd Annual Convention of the Western Pennsylvania Volunteer Fire men's Association on Thursday, August 12th, for the big parade of volunteer firemen and fire apparatus.

There were 84 pieces of fire apparatus in line and 88 companies represented. The fire apparatus represented an ex penditure of nearly $1,000,000 and over 5,000 men were in line. There were also 14 bands, 11 drum corps and a squad of "Kilties" with bagpipes. The parade required one hour and fifty-five minutes to pass a given point. 80,000 persons witnessed the parade.

Many arches welcomed the firemen at important inter sections. Banners of every color were flying everywhere. The city was almost hidden by the elaborate decorations.

H. D. Porter of Stowe Township, was elected President for the pear 1927, and Greensburg was chosen as the 1927 convention city.

We wonder if the various boroughs fully appreciate the loyal and unselfish services of the volunteer firemen. In many cases the cost of a volunteer fire department being less than the cost of one or two paid drivers alone.

While in some towns there are dissensions between the council and the fire companies, this is an exception to the rule, and in practically every case the volunteers companies are composed of loyal, unselfish, busy men who are giving their time and their talents in order that their home town may be efficiently protected against the ravages of fire.

We believe the average town to be infinitely better protected against fire than the city. Of course the congested sections of a town are not so hazardous or hard to fight fires as in the city, but the fire department of the town is not troubled with disloyalty, politics and pull as the city is, and instead of paid firemen who look upon a fire as only another disagreeable job, the volunteer firemen is vitally interested in that he is both a taxpayer and a true sportsman, risking everything for the safety of the property and lives of his fellow citizen.

Sewickley is particularly fortunate in having a volunteer fire department second to none, and their record of accomplishments speaks for itself.

Their versatality is unusual in that they are sworn in as special officers, are being trained in life saving in the use of the pulmotor, and can be called on in case of drownings.

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We expect great things of the Kiwanis Club in Sewickley, representing as it does a cross-section of business and professional life of the community.

Two members of each business and profession are represented in the Club, who must spend at least 60 per cent of their business hours in the Sewickley district.

Kiwanis is purely a service organization, bringing its members into close association to aid in the solution of national, state and community problems.

The objects of Kiwanis International have been clearly defined after ten years of experience, in such a way that while all the clubs engage in the same general type of activity, they apply these objects according to the direct needs of their own communities. These objects are:

To give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material values of life.

To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.

To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards.

To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.

To provide, through Kiwanis Clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.

To co-operate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which makes possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and good will.

The following in a general way are some of the accomplishments of Kiwanis Clubs throughout the United States and Canada.

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Boys work.
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Playgrounds and recreation.
Improvement of civic conditions.
Aid to students.
Athletics.
Americanization.
Assistance to the needy.
Good roads.
Health and sanitation.
Memorials.
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He would not by a careless word
Do injury to a man,
Nor snatch from life one treasure
More than honor truly can;
And yet while passing thru the woods
One lovely summer day,
He lit his pipe and carelessly
He threw the match away!

He knew the havoc fire can cause,
He knew his friendly foe,
He'd seen at home uncounted times
Its weight of loss and woe;
Yet he, who would not by a word
Or deed his neighbor wrong,
Flung to the woods a lighted match
And calmly moved along.

There followed that one careless deed
A forest's dismal fall;
Brave homes which sheltered pioneers
And held their little all
Were swallowed by the hungry flames
Which only rain could stay—
The ruin from one tiny match
A man had tossed away.

One may recall the thoughtless word
And right the careless deed,
But fire no pity shows to men
When once its power is freed;
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Don't swim on a full stomach. Wait at least two hours after eating.

Dive only where you have accurate knowledge of the depth of the water.

Don't swim until exhausted. Rest on your back and then swim ashore.

Don't struggle if caught in a swift current or undertow. The force of the current will bring you to the surface; then work in toward shore.

Learn Red Cross life-saving and resuscitation methods. Be capable of saving others as well as yourself.

A Fee to Park on Boston's Streets?

"The advent of zero weather, the latest murders and divorces and even the suburban earthquake were shoved into minor positions in our newspapers," says "Current Affairs," "to make room for the announcement of Mayor Nichols that he thought well of the suggestion for imposing a fee for automobile parking in Boston and that he requested the Street Commissioners to adopt it.

"Reduced to simplest terms, here is what we understand is being proposed: Any owner of a passenger car who wishes to park his car in any part of the city of Boston would be required to have displayed on his machine a small metal plate which would indicate that he has paid to the city a fee for the right to park. This fee might be five dollars or it might be as high as ten dollars. It would be renewed annually.

"This plan would not modify the existing traffic regulations. For example, the payment of a fee would not permit a car owner to park on a street where parking is prohibited, or allow him to park on any other street longer than the one-hour limit. The police would enforce this requirement, as it would be a part of the street traffic regulations.

"The Mayor's Committee on Ways and Means, the originator of the scheme believes that it would have a double-barreled effect. One hundred thousand the amount of the fee, and the badly autoists would relieve themselves of depleted coffers of the city would be enriched to the extent of $500,000 to the fee. Thus would the city be better $1,000,000, depending upon the size of able to stand the cost of adding 300 new men to the police force, and the real estate tax would not have to be increased for that purpose.

"Many autoists who park in the city streets would refrain from doing so, by leaving their cars at home, or bringing them in town and leaving them in private garages. This, it is claimed, would help to relieve the congestion upon our streets.

"Habitual violators of parking rules might have their licenses revoked, thus making this scheme a valuable aid to the enforcement of the parking rules.

"The following paragraph from the report of the Mayor's Committee explains the reason for the suggestion:

" 'The streets of Boston are being largely and regularly used as parking places, for long or short periods, by thousands of non-residents, who contribute nothing to the revenue of the city. This use of the streets accentuates congestion, increases the difficulty of handling traffic, and necessitates the maintenance of an enlarged force of traffic officers, thus imposing an additional burden on Boston taxpayers. It would seem only fair that a portion of this additional burden, if not the whole of it, should be borne by those who enjoy the advantages.' "

Cheerfully to Pay Taxes for Playgrounds Is the Obligation of Every Parent and Motorist

Street playing is always dangerous nowadays. This is especially true because of the fact that play absorbs the mind of the child more than any other activity. . . . A seasoned motor driver coming into a street where there are children and parked cars doubles his caution, assumes there is a child behind each, and goes down that street as though his course were paved with eggs, every sense on the alert, his car in control and his horn going. But even so, a child intent on a ball or on crossing, can run out, head on, into the approaching car and be killed. The development of many playgrounds in good locations, with proper aparatus to interest children, will save many lives.

In every community there ought to be supervision of children's play. Taxes could not be better expended for quick and sure dividends than to supply playgrounds with a supervisor and play organizer. There is traffic safety in it. There is exercise and consequent health and strength. In this century there is danger of everyone's living too fast. The pursuits in which leisure and the play spirit are a factor are reported to be declining. Success in business is the fetish of almost everyone. Certain great educators state that play is needed. Why not begin it everywhere as a municipal endeavor for the welfare of future generations? Why not provide playgrounds, ball-fields, gymnastic apparatus in plenty? We are buying parks, woods, and beaches for adults' recreation. Why can't we buy play for the children and keep them off the streets? . . .

The parent must realize his responsibility, and provide his share of care for his offspring, he must help the public official do his duty, he must cheerfully pay taxes for playground and recreation for his children.

—From a bulletin on "Accidents to Children," published June 15, 1926, by Robbins B. Stoeckel, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of the State of Connecticut.

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Second Tuesday of each month at 8 o'clock P. M., in Council Chamber.
Edward Ellerton, President.
Wm. Booth Miller, Vice President.
John C. Hiteshew, Borough Manager and Secretary.
Chas. A. Woods, Solicitor.
O. S. Richardson, Burgess.

Members—Second Ward

Jas C. Chaplin, Wm. Booth Miller, W. W. Cunningham.

Members—First Ward

Edward Ellerton, C. D. Bevington, J. A. Hutchinson.

Members—Third Ward

Don Rose, Robert Kuhn, Chas. Richardson.

SCHOOL BOARD

First Tuesday of each month at 8 P. M. in school building.
Walter Patton, President.
Bayard Christy, Vice President.
A. E. Tweed, Secretary.
William Rand, Custodian.

Members

Walter Patton, Bayard Christy, David Challis, Lee Purdy, A. C. Robinson.

WATER COMMISSION

Meets quarterly in water office in municipal building, first Wednesday of January, April, July and October at 8 o'clock.
Edward Gray, President.
A. E. Tweed, Secretary.
D. L. S. Neely, Collector.
Jacob Besterman, Superintendent.

Members

Edward Gray, Andrew Drynan, Robert McFarland, J. L. Stewart, George L. Craig.

BOARD OF HEALTH

First Monday of each month at 4:45 o'clock P. M., in Board of Health room, municipal building.
Mrs. W. D. George, President.
H. L. Lang, Secretary.
S. Y. McFarland, Health Officer.

Members

Miss Harriett Browne, Mrs. W. D. George, Dr. Myrtle Feltwell, Fred Jones, Bradley Burns.

Dental Clinic

Board of Health room, Thursday 9:30 to 4:30; Friday 1 to 5:30.

Baby Clinic

Miss Bauman, Nurse.
Wednesday afternoons 2-4 o'clock, Board of Health office, municipal building.

Social Worker

(Union Aid Society)

Mrs. Carolyn McC. Mohn. Telephone Sewickley 980. 9-10 o'clock each morning, municipal building.

District Nurse

Miss Harriett Browne. (Day cases only). Sewickley 203.

Community Nurse

Night, maternity cases only.
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