VISITING BLAMED FOR “FLU” SPREAD

County Health Officer Advises to Stay in Own Back Yards

“So far as the county authorities are concerned,” said Dr. G.L. Long, county health officer, last night, “the influenza situation now is directly up to the people themselves. Quarantine is being enforced strictly wherever cases have come to light. If there are cases that have not been quarantined the failure to quarantine them is because persons having knowledge of the illness are not reporting it.

“I am confident that schools could be reopened with safety within 10 days if folks simply would stick to their firesides and to their front or back yards. This business of visiting and going to town is what has been spreading the influenza. It seems to me it would not be working a hardship upon anyone to ask that he or she manage for about a week or ten days to remain at home. If the majority of people would do this they would make the disease that has played such havoc mighty scarce very soon.

“The reports that I have continue to show that the epidemic is diminishing and I am sure that if measures we have adopted are enforced strictly we soon will have the ‘flu’ fully subdued.”