Doctors Establish Policy
to Fill Obstetrical Gaps

BY MARY BRESLAUER

With the advent of the new year, many New England towns have decided to begin their search for obstetrical services immediately. This is due to the inability of most small towns to maintain the custom of providing such care. The new year brings with it the promise of a fresh start, and many towns have decided to take advantage of this opportunity.

A Tour: West Tisbury

by Snowfall

Temperate? Warned by the Gulf Stream? Snowbound is the word you're after.

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A Cold Week
For the Vineyard

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No, Blow Thy Winter's Wind

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By WILLIAM A. CALDWELL

Mercury that had sagged to zero or below began creeping back up the thermometer scale yesterday, and the forecast for today promised temperatures within a degree or so of freezing. It was not quite the January thaw. But on covered roads snow softened into slush, and on the sheltered lee of houses and barns the sun felt actually warm.

Winters might have been worse during a week of cold as bitter as many a Vineyarder could remember.

The wind might have blown every day the way it did at the outset of the great freeze of 77 — up to 60 knots. That would have carried the cold to a level, as perceived by human nerves, around 40 or 50 below zero.

The ice that locked coves and bays and upland ponds fast might have closed the harbors against traffic, as it closed off Nantucket for most of the week.

Supplies of oil and gasoline, not to mention food, might then have run out, as they're still threatening to do on Nantucket.

Things might have been worse. They were bad enough.

The last big snow of the month — so far, at any rate — fell Saturday. Four tents of an inch when melted for Weather Service records, as much as five feet in the drifts that are the reality of life on the island. Another during, 0.05 inches, Monday. After that the skies were clear.

Temperatures averaged a little less than 16 degrees, but nobody lives in an average temperature.

Water temperatures spoke for themselves in an idiom of their own. The Oak Bluffs harbor was frozen over. So were Katama Bay from shore to shore, the Lagoon, Sengewackett, and Tash-moo. At Menemsha ice lay thick in the basin and on the pond. Strictly wakeboarding, driving offshore at Vineyard Haven.

Voters Approve
Road Standards

West Tisbury Passes Guides for Town Road Acceptance

Fire Company Gets Chariots

Forty-four West Tisbury voters — 10 more than needed for a quorum — voted recently to approve the West Tisbury Highway Committee's recommendations for roads.