

Neighborhood House Begins With the Infants, But Meets Needs of the Adults

Settlement Home Combines Social and Industrial Work. Is Factor in Community Life.

A complete community is the best description of the Neighborhood House. This settlement, with its combined social and industrial work, is a little world of activities in itself.

The settlement's activities include such wide varieties of effort as the model tenement, its day nursery, its dressmaking school, its dramatic clubs, its garden clubs, and dozens of other clubs and classes which meet the needs and life of its community at every point.

The most urgent need of this settlement at present is funds to carry on its work, and it believes a presentation of its work is the best plea for contributions to its support.

By J. R. HILDEBRAND.

There are a number of social settlements in Washington. But one is equipped for extensive industrial work. That is the Neighborhood House, at 606-70 N street south-west.

Visitors to small villages, far removed from cities, have marveled at the extent to which the residents depend upon their own resources. This same fact is the striking impression left by a tour of Neighborhood House. The settlement could stand a siege of weeks and cook its own food, make its own clothes, raise provisions, do its own carpentry, and provide evening recreation for those within its walls.

To the woman visitor, one of the most interesting exhibits at the settlement is the work in weaving, hand dyeing, basketry, embroidery, stenciling, and similar handicraft, and domestic art effort. This work is intensely practical, for many of the women of the neighborhood, especially the foreign born residents, here "find themselves," and learn to do again the work taught them as a matter of course in their own country.

But perhaps the point of closest contact with those who live near the settlement is the four-room model home, designed to illustrate to those families of extremely limited income how a home may be run economically.

Furnishing the Home.

"I have been quoted as saying that a family could live on \$150 a day," explained Mrs. J. P. S. Neligh, a resident worker, who planned the demonstration home. "That is not true. A family may exist, but they cannot live on that sum in Washington. I name that figure because it is the lowest standard wage paid here. It is the amount received by day laborers, many of whom live in the alleys near us."

"In these four rooms, corresponding to those occupied by most of these families in alley houses, we have our cooking classes. In fitting up the house we have arranged for a lesson to the landlord, and we have believed the plumbing and the stoves used here are the sort every house owner could afford to give his tenants. With a clean house and good equipment a family would be encouraged to keep the property in order and in repair."

"The furnishing of this house, stippled with everything in view of our housekeeping classes how this was accomplished, and when the materials they use daily in their own homes."

Dressmaking classes will be held during the coming season. This project is the outgrowth of a study of conditions, and extended experiments with girls to test the practicability of the idea. It was found that many girls leaving school entered department stores as clerks for special sales, or went into other occupations which led nowhere, and which afforded the girl little training.

Appeal To Girls.

Settlement workers then made a canvass of dressmaking establishments here to find whether there was a demand for helpers. It was found that the demand far exceeded the supply, which, incidentally, is the reason for the high cost of having women's clothes made in Washington.

The third step was to find out whether the work could be made an appeal to girls of this kind. The settlement is located in a five-story building, believed to be the only one in the city where the girls who leave school, were selected and put to work for six months. There was doubt as to whether the girls would forsake the safety of the home for this three months' experiment. It was the assumption that this would be so. Therefore the work was placed in the College Home, which had been interested in this work for the coming year.

These are some of the newer phases of the settlement's work. The kindergarten was opened when the settlement was launched by Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Kelly, in 1901. The first branch station of the Public Library also was opened there, and it now is believed to circulate more books than any other branch in the city.

The Washington Playground Association was organized in 1907, and the first playground was opened in the back yard of the Neighborhood House. In the same year the summer outing committee was organized and began its work.

LOCAL MENTION.

F. V. Lurch, 1008 Pa. Ave., is giving patrons tickets Virginia Theat. That's all.



MRS. CHRISTIAN D. HEMMICK. GEORGE E. FLEMING. MRS. CLARA NELIGH.

outgrown its old quarters. Three houses were purchased through the efforts of friends of the settlement. They were turned over to various clubs, and from the industrial work had its birth.

Art and Industry.

The art and industrial work now is supervised by J. P. S. Neligh, who came to the settlement in 1906 with a wide experience in this field. Under his supervision the loom work has developed, and all the branches of handicraft work have been conducted, in addition to the manual training work in practical carpentry, tinning and plumbing for boys.

The kindergarten was founded by Mrs. Phoebe Hearse. Later Mr. Verdon Seminary took over this department. New fields of work were being opened up. The Provisionary Hemmick, vice president, George E. Fleming, treasurer, and Mrs. Clara D. Neligh, secretary, Mr. and Mrs.

Since Mr. and Mrs. Neligh succeeded Mr. and Mrs. Weller, the industrial work had developed until, in 1909, the settlement was reorganized with the idea that the industrial department should become self-supporting.

Mrs. Barney, always a friend of the institution, gave a benefit play in 1910, "The Man in the Moon," and the proceeds, \$250, formed a working capital for the industrial department. A large festival on an elaborate scale celebrated the tenth anniversary of Neighborhood House in 1911.

The 1912-13 season was eventful. Miss Ellen Vinton purchased two adjoining city houses, and in one of these is located the model tenement. Faith Chapel was rented for a social center, and was named the House of Play. There much of the dramatic work of the settlement was done in conjunction with the members of the Drama League. This enterprise will not be continued this season. The Neighborhood House will give plays, as formerly, in its own assembly hall.

Vocational Work.

Many stories could be told of the way in which the vocational work has helped young folk find their life vocations. An Italian boy who had been selling bananas and oranges from a push-cart, dropped into the settlement one evening. He noticed a card cabinet.

"I can do that sort of work," the boy told Mr. Neligh.

"That's just the piece and go to work," he was told.

The boy's skill came to the attention of an upholstery house, and he

was engaged to do special work in furniture carving. His income jumped from the low wages of a fruit vendor to a good income.

Many women of the neighborhood show the same aptitude for embroidery, weaving, and similar work. In addition to the articles produced on the Swedish and other looms, the workers undertake to dye various silks brought to them, to restore old lace, old statuary, and old pieces of antique furniture.

As the settlement now stands, it begins with the infant, which it takes for the working mother into its day nursery, and it meets the needs of the child in the kindergarten, of boys and girls in its clubs and classes, and of men and women in its clubs for grown-ups.

Norton M. Little is president of the settlement; Mrs. Christian D. Hemmick, vice president; George E. Fleming, treasurer; and Mrs. Clara D. Neligh, secretary. Mr. and Mrs.

London Bankers to Meet And Fix Rate of Exchange

LONDON, Sept. 14.—Bischoff's meetings by London exchange bankers to fix the rate of foreign exchange will be resumed next Thursday. Though some difficulties are looked for at the outset, the government has promised legislation to assist the banks.

William B. Calvert filed suit in the District Supreme Court today against the Terminal Taxicab Company for \$10,000 damages because of the death of his wife, Mrs. Pearl J. Calvert, who he alleges died May 1 last as a result of injuries received when she was struck by a taxicab belonging to the defendant company. It is alleged that the accident occurred April 13, near Second and P streets northwest.

Asks \$10,000 Damages For Death of His Wife

Trust Said to Be Buying and Selling Tubercular Animals in Illinois.

Federal and State officials alike have set to work to track what is alleged to be an astounding conspiracy to palm off on the public tubercular cattle in the guise of healthy and wholesome animals.

The Department of Agriculture has taken an active hand and is co-operating with Illinois officials in rooting out the scheme and finding out who is responsible for it. Officials of other States are also active. As the result of it, tubercular cows have been spread widely through a dozen States of the central West, and their purchasers have been led to believe they were getting high-grade and healthy stock.

Quarantine Is Ordered.

Governor Dumm of Illinois has also taken a hand in ferreting out the facts. One result of the activity is that the Department of Agriculture has issued quarantine restrictions against several of the Illinois counties where the traffic in tubercular stock has been especially active.

Whether anybody is to be prosecuted as the result of the investigations going on in the State which have been made remains to be seen. It is agreed that tremendous damage has been inflicted on Western dairy herds, to say nothing of the menace to human health, by the reselling of diseased cows.

DEFENDS INCREASE IN PRICE OF MILK

Counsel for Dairymen Asserts There's No Ground for Federal Prosecution.

Attorney Matthew E. O'Brien, counsel for the Dairymen's Association of Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia, gave out a statement today in which he contends that there are no grounds for prosecution of dairymen for any alleged violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, his claim being that an advance in the price of milk, even though it is uniform among milkmen, is justified.

Admitting that prices will be increased, Mr. O'Brien says: "I do not believe that the District Attorney seriously intends to indict the milkmen. I asked Mr. Wilson about it after the published reports, and he simply said: 'Violation of the Sherman law is one charge that we have not yet filed against your clients, the milkmen.'"

Of course, the price of milk will have to be increased, as it is every autumn. The milk producers and shippers charge 6 cents a gallon more for milk in the winter months than in the summer on account of the scarcity of the product, and the fact that the cattle have to be fed in the stables instead of being turned into a pasture.

While this increase to the local dairymen is 1 1/2 cents a quart, the consumer is charged, but 1 cent a quart additional, and it can not be successfully charged that such an increase is due to any combination of the milkmen, but it is due to the supply and demand.

There is a strong competition among the dairymen in the sale of their goods, and many dealers do not belong to the association, yet the prices are the same, no matter whether the individual is a member of the association or not. An investigation cannot result in indictments unless an injustice is done."

PLOT IS ALLEGED IN CATTLE TRADE

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FORMER WIFE SUES CRONAN FOR \$7,125

Naval Officer Charged With Failure to Carry Out Agreement to Pay Note.

Lieut. Com. William P. Cronan, U. S. N., was sued by his former wife, Mrs. Marie Cronan, in the District Supreme Court today for \$7,125, which she claims is due her because of an alleged breach of contract on his part.

It is set forth in the papers in the case that the couple entered into an agreement March 14, 1910, because of "unhappy differences," whereby the naval officer agreed to pay his wife \$150 a month during her lifetime and in addition save her from a mortgage and note for \$2,000 against property in Larchmont, N. Y. She alleged that he failed to assume the obligation in question and that she was forced to pay the note herself.

Mrs. Cronan informs the court in her bill that her husband has a salary exceeding \$2,000 a year, and in addition has an income of several thousand dollars a year from the estate of his father.

HEAVY FLOODS IN CHINA.

SHANGHAI, Sept. 14.—Many villages in the Shantung province are destroyed by disastrous floods. Hundreds of lives have been lost.

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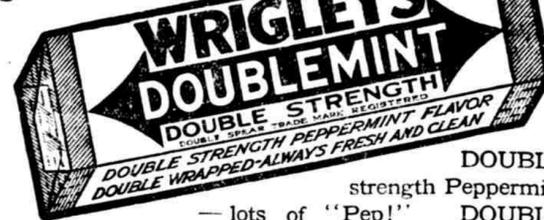
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