

AMERICAN RED CROSS TO GIVE RURAL HELP

Program for Public Health and
Community Welfare Is Now
Well Under Way.

Rural communities and towns of less than 8,000 population benefit in a very large part by the public health and community welfare work of the American Red Cross. Almost all of the 3,600 Red Cross chapters have some rural sections in their territory. Therefore the Red Cross Rural Service.

Briefly, the purpose of Rural Service is to assist people to get out of life more health, wealth and happiness. In this purpose public health instruction and general educational progress of both children and adults play a big part.

Recreation is found to be one of the biggest needs in rural life. There is lack of sufficient play-life for the children and social life for the adults. Picnics, pageants, debating clubs, baseball leagues, community singing and other social events which bring the people of surrounding communities together have been organized and carried on under the guidance of Red Cross rural workers to great advantage. In many instances solving recreational problems and getting people together proves to be the awakening of the community to other conditions which may be improved by united action.

As a result of community organization, townships in which there had been neither plans nor interest in community progress have been organized to work together with the unified purpose of bringing their community up to the most enlightened standards. Lecture and musical entertainment courses have been started as a result of community meetings, as well as circulating libraries, Red Cross schools of instruction in Home Nursing, Care of the Sick and First Aid. In the larger towns the need for restrooms and public comfort stations is being met. Playgrounds for the children have been established and recreational activities worked out for the year.

In order that there may be concerted effort in carrying on the programs of the various welfare agencies in the rural districts, Red Cross Rural Service helps the organizations already on the ground. The main object of the service is to lend a hand everywhere and take the lead only where necessary.

CHINESE OIL WELLS POOR.

It has been known for a long time that there were oil wells near Yenchang, in Shensi, near the Shensi border, where several small oil wells give about 6,000 gallons a month, and a small Chinese refinery makes a fairly good product, marketed locally, and at Sianfu. However, as engineers sent over by an American company in 1914 reported that oil did not exist there in sufficient quantities to make extensive development profitable, little has been attempted.

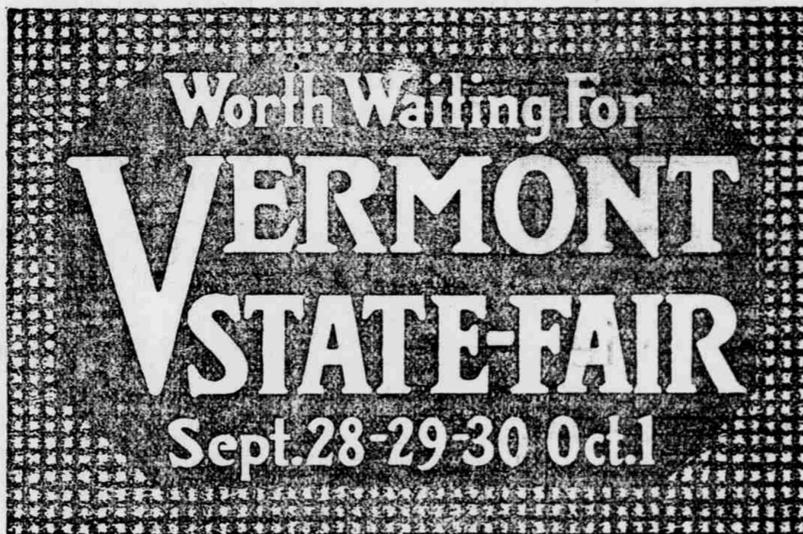
CONCRETE POSTS FOR MINES.

Warning is sent out by the National Board of Fire Underwriters to all who work in film-storage buildings to take special precautions against fire. As long as motion pictures are printed on nitro-cellulose film, there will be serious hazard from the explosion of inflammable gases. In practically all of the large cities of the United States many lives are thus endangered.

Hollow concrete posts for use as mine timbers have been devised by a Belgian engineer. The new system, which is designed to permit of settlement if the support is overburdened, consists essentially of a hollow reinforced concrete column filled with sand or some other slightly compressed material through which the load is transmitted.

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