

HOME SERVICE CONFERENCE PLANS

Program Completed For Meetings to Be Held Here.

The Home Service department of the American Red Cross will hold meetings at the Fairmont hotel at Fairmont next Wednesday and Thursday next. Red Cross workers from all parts of northern West Virginia are invited.

The Home Service branch of the American Red Cross looks after the dependents of the man in service and has the co-operation of lawyers, doctors and other lines so that it really takes the place of the man in the army. The work is new yet in this part of West Virginia which makes the gathering the more important.

The speakers will include T. J. Edmonds, of Washington, D. C., director of the Civilian Relief department of the Potomac branch of the American Red Cross.

- 9:30 Invocation—Rev. Clarence B. Mitchell. Music—Edna Jacobs. Welcome—Mrs. Jos. Rosier. Chairman Civilian Relief.

- 10:11 Scope of Home Service Work—Mr. T. J. Edmonds, Director Bureau of Civilian Relief, Potomac Division, A. R. C.

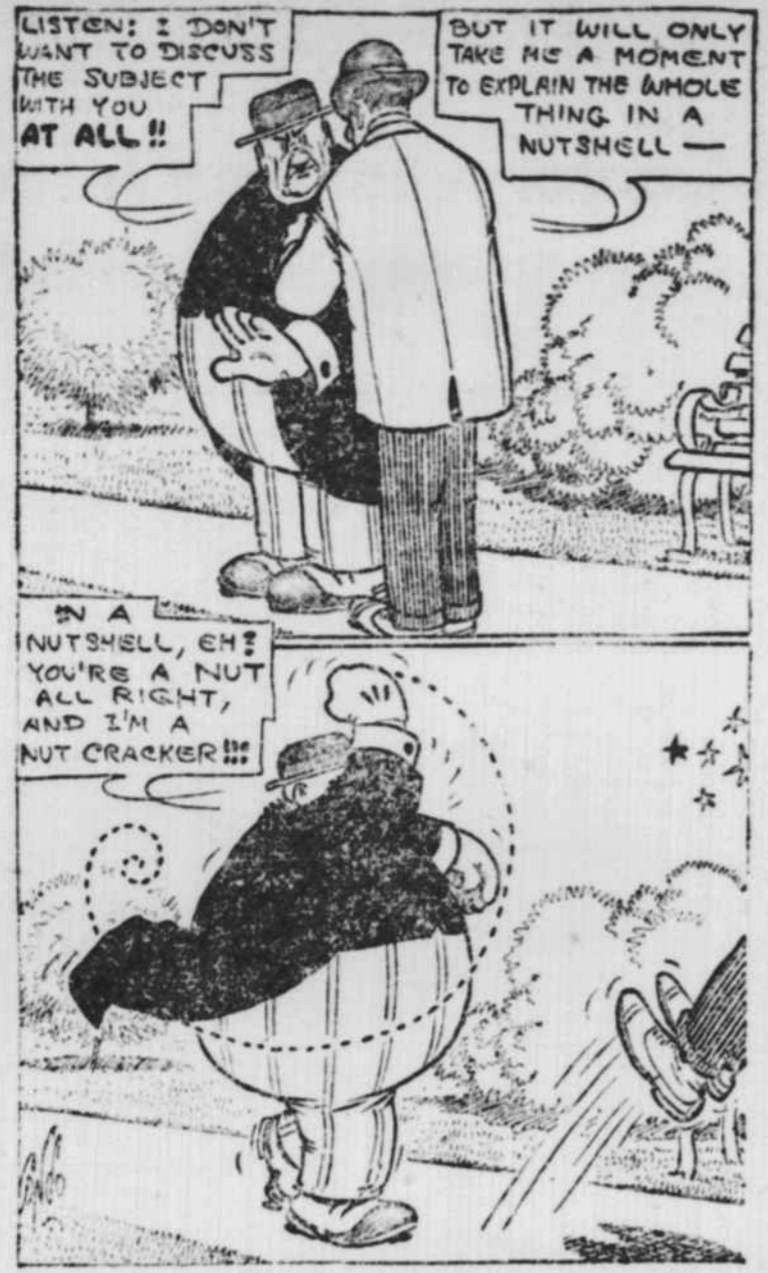
- 10:12 What is a Home Service Case? Dr. H. H. Hibbs, Jr., Director, School of Social Service and Public Health, Richmond, Va. Afternoon.

- 9:30 Music—Ernest Yost. Forming the Relationship and the First Interview—Dr. Chas. Wingerter, Chairman, Home Service Section, Wheeling Chapter.

- 9:30 Home Service Work. What it Means to the American Home—Dr. H. H. Hibbs, Jr., Director, School of Social Service and Public Health, Richmond, Va. Thursday Morning.

- 9:30 Invocation—Dr. J. H. Broomfield. Music—Harric Schroeder. 9:45 Work of Public Health Nursing Service—Mrs. W. T. Hartman.

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Children's Day program presented by the members of the M. E. Sunday school. The program which was presented on Saturday was carried out in detail and was highly appreciated by the many people attending.

Boy Scouts to Meet. A meeting of the local troop of Boy Scouts will be held in the office of Mayor T. G. Price this evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The Scouts will be presented with literature and given further instructions as to their duties.

Personals. Mr. and Mrs. William Gaskins were in Lumberton yesterday calling on friends. Mrs. Howard Meredith was called to Fairmont yesterday evening. Duff Morris was an out of town visitor yesterday.

Mrs. Kate Sturgekov Dies in Fairmont Hospital As Result of Burns. Mrs. Kate Sturgekov, of McGee, W. Va., died at Fairmont hospital No. 3 yesterday afternoon as the result of burns she received several days ago when she attempted to save the life of her three-month-old child, which perished in the flames which destroyed their dwelling.

Will Establish District Office. The Western and Southern Life Insurance Company, of Cincinnati, O., has established a district office in Fairmont. Its headquarters being in the new Building. Branch offices will be located at Clarkburg, Morgantown and Grafton. G. F. Wolfe, of Parkersburg, will be the manager of the Fairmont district.

Bastille Day in Churches of City. The independence day of France was fittingly observed in several of the city churches yesterday when the France National hymn, the Marseillaise was sung and reference was made from the pulpit to the real day of France. Fourteen years and ten days elapsed from the time America declared her independence until France did likewise.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OUR WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM. FAIRMONT, July 12.—(Editor The West Virginian)—The recent advance in the water rates in this city has raised a storm of protests and it is perhaps an opportune time to bring up a discussion as to whether or not this rate was justified on the grounds of necessity or expediency.

It is true that the stockholder in the water company gets the benefit of his share of the \$50,000, but instead of it being returned to him it is expended in departments which should be maintained only by the direct tax levies, therefore it is exactly equivalent to that much of an increase in his taxes, though it doesn't appear as such on the books.

Now it may be maintained that the extraordinarily high cost of fuel, labor and supplies justifies the recent increase in water rates. In opposition to this plea let us first ask what has become of that \$50,000 net annual revenue. It would surely go a long way towards meeting the extra cost above noted, in fact it should more than suffice.

Either pump will furnish enough water to supply the present needs at normal demands, but when it is remembered that there is only about four and a half days supply in the reservoir when it is full, and it is not usually so, and considering the prospective increase in demand, it is apparent that the day is not far distant when the pumping capacity will have to be increased or the consumption and wastage reduced.

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growth of the city and a few old lines have been renewed. Danger supply mains from the reservoir to the sub-mains in the streets will soon be necessary.

It may be said in passing that our per capita water consumption is upward of 270 gallons each 24 hours which is very much above the average of about 160 gallons. Carelessness and breakage in reservoir mains and sheer wastefulness account for a good part of this excessive demand and this should not be tolerated in these times of war saving and shortage of fuel.

The installation of meters is the answer to the question of preventing waste. The present city commission have installed meters at practically all places where the consumption is large at low rates, but they have not at all met the situation in regard to the three thousand or more small consumers.

This would look like good business from an ordinary viewpoint for a private enterprise but the best authorities on municipal government regard it as very bad business. Water the commissioners took charge it was commonly known and freely conceded that the water supply system produced a net revenue of approximately fifty thousand dollars per year.

Each water consumer and taxpayer is therefore a stockholder in the municipal water works company and is entitled to all the benefits derived therefrom. We do not suppose for a moment that any public funds have been appropriated without returns to the small property owner. How, then, does he lose out? In this way. The \$50,000 annual net revenue from water collections, as an instance, is deposited in the banks or expended in other departments such as streets and sewers, fire and police departments, public buildings, etc.

Water consumers must pay in addition to their quarterly bills all charges for making the taps to the mains and are required to buy all meters and pay for installing them, as well as the service piping from the curb box to the meter, and none of these charges are exacted by either the gas or electric companies. It should be borne in mind that the revenues in 1917-18 should show an increase over those of 1915 on account of the addition of new consumers during that period which would go towards offsetting the higher running expenses.

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Upon a meter basis the collections from private consumers would reach \$255,000 and from industrials at 8 cents gross receipts per year. With all payments, making a total of \$255,000, the wastage would be reduced at least 60 per cent cutting down the gross receipts to \$231,000 and reducing the daily pumpage to two and a half million gallons, or \$12 per year for each man, woman and child in the city and \$69 for each average family.

Whether or not the collections have reached this sum during the past four or five years they would reach it if all water were metered except leakage and that used by the fire department. Even if but one-half of the four million gallons pumped daily reached the consumers' meters the annual collections would be close to \$200,000 which is a sum largely in excess of the combined operating, maintenance and overhead expenses.

In other cities the conditions and water rates are so variable that it is difficult to make comparisons but very few of them have flat and meter rates as high or higher than ours. In Washington, D. C., the city of high costs, the prevailing flat rates are about one-fourth those we are called upon to pay.

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cost of repairs, renewals and maintenance of the water mains should have cost from 10 to 12 thousand dollars more than in 1915. While these figures are not taken from the records they are believed to be liberal and would show an approximate increase of 20 to 25 thousand dollars on water works expenditures last year over those of 1915.

Extensions to the system, such as new water mains, are not properly chargeable to operating costs as they should bring a proportionate amount of new revenues, otherwise the money would be wrongly expended. Storm sewers are obviously no part of the water works system and likewise the sanitary sewers are no more a part of the later supply system than chimneys on the houses are a part of the gas supply system.

In addition to the departments noted above as being favored by the water system and burdening the small property holder there is another item of considerable importance which has been overlooked—that of the fire hydrants. Many cities owning their own water plants allow a credit of from \$25 to \$50 per year for each hydrant which they would have to pay any private company. These hydrants also supply water for washing and sprinkling the streets for which the "stockholders" get no returns although they have invested many thousands of dollars in these appliances and the piping necessary to connect them to the mains.

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Upon the basis of pumping three million gallons each 24 hours the total pumpage would amount to 1 billion, 95 million gallons per year which is a conservative estimate. With fairly accurate classification the total average amount during the past five years can be accounted for as follows:

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Visit Our Store Tomorrow, the Next Day, in Fact Every Day During Our July Clearance Sale

But the sooner you come the better your picking. You may never have another opportunity to secure seasonable merchandise of merit at reductions of from 25 to 50 per cent. Yes; in some instances the price on the cards indicate about on fourth of its real value. Come Tomorrow, Tell Your Friends to come, You Will Not Regret It.

- One rack full of street, house and porch dresses of gingham, lawn, voile, linen and percale. Well made, all sizes, to \$2.50 values \$1.00
- One rack full of little girl's spring and summer coats of all wool Serges, Shepherd Checks Basket weave cloth etc. Sizes 2 to 12 values to \$6. choice \$1.50
- One full rack of women's shirts and coats in all wool serges, poplins, Shepherd checks etc. Values to \$20. Choice \$5.
- One rack full of women's skirts of all Poplins, Serges, Gingham, Shepherd Checks, etc. waist size 22 to 28 inch. Values to \$8.99 Choice \$2.95
- One rack full of women's gingham dresses and Serpentine Crepe Kimonos. Values to \$8 Choice \$1.50
- One rack full of women's misses' dresses of white or flowered voile, pongee, embroidered voles, linen etc. value \$12.50 Choice \$5
- One rack full of children's dresses of gingham, lawn, voles and linens. Price \$1
- One table full of children's dresses ready to wear hats. Values to \$1.00 choice \$3

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LEADERSHIP at a Bargain

When business is rushing, most business men laugh at the idea of advertising. "We can't fill our orders—why advertise for more?" they say. They cling to the fallacy that to-day's advertising is meant to increase to-day's sales. The real function of advertising is to build prestige—to slowly establish in the public mind a consciousness of the integrity of the trade mark and the essential quality of the goods. Such prestige, once firmly rooted, means leadership. It means a steady flow of profitable business when the market is glutted with unknown goods—it means a permanence of good will. Perhaps you don't need advertising to-day, but that doesn't mean you won't need to-day's advertising two years from now. Leadership can be bought at a bargain in rush times when your competitors are too busy about delayed shipments to worry about the future, but the cost of leadership is ruinous in dull times. Every business has a future. That future will be bright or gloomy according to the farsighted wisdom of present day management. In every industry there is an opportunity to-day for one concern, quietly, and at little cost, to lay the foundation for future leadership by impressing the meaning of its trade mark on the minds of all men, women and children who are possible users of the goods. The Corman Cheltenham Company can serve two or three manufacturers who are not necessarily leaders now but who have the will to leadership.

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From Suffering by Getting Her Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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Women who suffer from any form of weakness, as indicated by displacements, inflammation, ulceration, irregularities, backache, headaches, nervousness or "the blues," should accept Mrs. Rohrborg's suggestion and give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a thorough trial. For over forty years it has been correcting such ailments. If you have mysterious complications write for advice to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

MONONGAH

At Cook Hospital. Miss Lillian Watkins, the daughter of Gar Watkins, of Thornburg, is at Cook hospital in Fairmont, where last week she underwent an operation for tuberculosis of the glands. Gar Watkins has been in military service for the past year and during his absence his daughter has been staying with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Watkins.

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