

NURSING SERVICE IS RAPIDLY EXPANDING

This American Red Cross Work Flourishing in Small Towns Throughout Country.

More than 37,000 graduate nurses have been enrolled in the American Red Cross to date and its department of nursing is daily increasing this enrollment.

The department of nursing has been authorized to maintain an adequate reserve of nurses for the army and navy. It will continue to supply the needs of the United States Public Health Service to which it has assigned more than 1,000 nurses in the last year.

It will assist in establishing proper nursing service in foreign countries where the American Red Cross has organized hospitals, dispensaries and schools for nurses. Courses in home hygiene and care of the sick have been started for thousands of women who have never received any education in this direction. Rural nursing which was in its infancy a short while ago has been put ahead at least a decade through the work of the department of nursing and local Red Cross chapters.

Public health nursing has been extended to many rural communities and now flourishes actively in hundreds of small towns and counties. Nearly a thousand efficient nurses have already been assigned to this kind of work.

The department of nursing is uniting with other organizations in a year's campaign in recruiting nurses for training schools, in educating the general public as to standards of nursing education and in showing communities their responsibility toward schools of nursing. It will endeavor to meet all these needs as well as to continue the enrollment of dietitians who will be utilized as instructors in home dietetics, in developing nutritional clinics, and in supplying dietitians for the United States Public Health Service and the civilian hospitals.

The Nursing Service will continue to offer to women and young girls the opportunity of securing instruction in home hygiene and care of the sick in every community in the country. This instruction has not only laid the foundation for public health but in some places has given impetus to the establishment of hospitals and community school houses.

"As a community profits by the work of the nurse," says Miss Clara D. Noyes, director of the department of nursing, "it is logical that the community should be aroused to its responsibility. The American Red Cross stands ready to help in a general campaign of recruiting and must have the support, sympathy and understanding of the medical profession as well as the intelligent co-operation of the people at large."

HOME SERVICE FOR EVERYBODY IN NEED

Do you know what the present day Home Service of the American Red Cross is?

Many people do not know that, besides completing the work for ex-service men, especially the disabled, it provides the same neighborly service to families in general that it formerly gave families of soldiers, sailors and marines.

"Home Service covers a wide and varied field," says Frederick C. Munroe, general manager of the American Red Cross. "It gives aid to families in solving such problems as budget planning, marketing, tiding over times of financial stress, keeping children in school, helping crippled children, widowed and deserted mothers, children backward in school and children in conflict with the laws. It renders service to the homeless and transient, to the illiterate, to tenement dwellers, to the unemployed, and gives friendly assistance and advice to foreign speaking groups."

In addition to helping families in the solution of their own problems, Home Service helps in strengthening the weak spots in the social life of communities. It joins hands with others to make communities safer, healthier and happier.

Organizing action along lines in which the community is already interested is one of the objects of Home Service. It has established community meetings, patriotic celebrations, pageants and picnics. Rest rooms, recreation facilities, play supervisors and moving pictures have been provided. Through Home Service other agencies are influenced to bring about improved commercial amusements and better school facilities and to promote traveling libraries as well as to secure county agricultural and home demonstration agents.

If you need assistance at any time go to the secretary of the nearest Red Cross chapter and describe the situation. Your confidence will be sacredly respected and every possible effort will be made to aid you.

American Red Cross Roll Call.

The Fourth Annual Roll Call of the American Red Cross will be held this year from Armistice Day, November 11, to Thanksgiving Day, November 25, inclusive. During this period the men and women of the United States will pay their annual dues and renew their membership.

Have You Noticed This, Too? When you come right down to it the reckless driver is rarely wreckless.—American Motorist.

HAVE NO REASON TO WORRY

Why Some of the Lower Animals May Think With Complacency of Life After Death.

Many of the animals we know are not worried over the life after death. They view the future with complacency. In fact, they rather welcome it. The industrious little beaver is obliged to spend his life digging mud with his flat and unlovely tail. It is not a high-brow occupation.

He knows that when his time comes he will, in all likelihood, be made into a silk hat to be worn by a statesman or a member of a mayor's welcome committee. In this capacity he will associate with many famous people. If he adorns a president he may take many trips to Paris. If on a society man he will go to grand opera frequently.

The alligator, wiggling in his southern swamp, looks forward to the day when he will be graduated into a handsome handbag. He will travel much and it is altogether likely that he will carry numerous bottles. A future of much travel with his hide full of good liquor doesn't discourage the alligator.

The mink, the marmot, the squirrel, the marten, what of them? Every one of these will probably form part of the scenery of a chorus girl or a society woman and will see life, particularly with the show girl. He will be admired and will visit many strange places.

When may the silver fox sing: "O death! where is thy sting?" for it is reasonably certain that his future will consist in wrapping himself about the lovely neck of some debutante.

Even the old bull has a brilliant future. His fate will be to mingle in various sporting events, his hide being made up into dice boxes.

The cat and the horse are likely to figure prominently on the concert stage and bear the applause of the multitude. The cat will furnish the violin strings and the tail of the horse will furnish the vital part of the bow.

The polar bear looks forward to spending the future lying on the floor in front of the fireplace in an expensive club, and the tiger will perform the same function in some vampire's boudoir. He will also figure prominently in motion picture plays and magazine stories.

Not so bad for the animals, everything considered.—Chicago Herald and Examiner.

Chair Has Peculiar History.

The massive chair made of copper which natives believe was given by the late Queen Victoria of England to an Ashanti chieftain and used by him as a throne, has been discovered in the midst of a jungle far from human habitation in the gold coast colony, West Africa. According to native legend, it was placed over the grave of the chieftain who had occupied it when alive.

In their superstition they believe he still sits upon his old throne in spirit at certain times, and for this reason they have never tried to move the chair, which, they declare, has now rooted itself in the ground, says a dispatch to the Daily Graphic.

A gold coast surveyor first stumbled across this curiosity. A search party returned to the spot and found the jungle so dense that the natives had to hack a path with cutlasses through the undergrowth.

In spite of inquiry, no confirmation of the native story as to the history of the chair has been obtainable, and how it came to be in the jungle remains a mystery.

Different Kinds of Ice.

There are said to be five different kinds of ice, four of which exist only under unusual circumstances. Ice 1 is the ordinary ice that forms on the surface of lakes and rivers when the thermometer goes below 32 degrees Fahrenheit, 0 degrees Centigrade. Ice 2 is formed by subjecting Ice 1 to a pressure of about 5,000 pounds to the square inch. It is heavier than water, and the moment the pressure is relaxed breaks up into a fine powder with a volume four to eight times greater than the original. Ice 3 is formed when the pressure is further increased and the temperature lowered to 20 degrees Centigrade. Ice 4 results from a still greater pressure; Ice 5 from a pressure of 25,400 pounds to the square inch, and Ice 6, the hardest and lightest of all, when the enormous pressure of 142,200 pounds per square inch is applied.

A Temporary Case.

At the conclusion of an exciting basketball game during the sectional basketball tournament at Tomlinson hall, Miss Dese Vandivier, a teacher at Technical high school, went to the telephone to report the day's victories.

Either the excitement of the last game or anxiety over the next was too much for the nerves of a usually calm faculty member. When the operator asked the number, Miss Vandivier answered, "Basketball 2-1-5." The operator let the sense of humor overcome her business training. The next instant Miss Vandivier heard, not the voice of her mother, but some one shouting, "Insane Hospital!"—Indianapolis News.

Probably Mature.

"About how old is Miss Flibbert?" "I can't tell you exactly how old she is, of course, but I can give you some idea of her age."

"Well?"

"In 1917 she was old enough to leave home and be a farmerette."—Birmingham Age-Herald.



ROAD BUILDING

Motortrucks Expected to Play Prominent Part in Transportation Facilities.

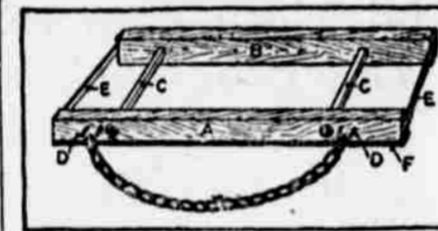
England is now debating roads for motor transportation, for, although she is amply equipped with railroads, it is believed that hereafter motortrucks will play a prominent part in the business of the country. Systems of special highways are being mapped out, and the plans proposed include an apparently excellent feature. To avoid the delays and congestion incident on traversing towns, it is suggested that the main road be located beyond the borders of the town, and this would certainly expedite traffic, as it would not be necessary for every vehicle using the route to painfully thread its way through every village on the way. Of course this would not appeal to the local tradesman who hopes to catch an occasional penny from the passing cars, nor to the local magistrate who inflates his own income, and the funds of his town, by his interpretation of the law; but this is a matter of national interest and not to be restricted by petty local considerations.—Scientific American.

IMPROVING KING ROAD DRAG

Found Too Weak for Work in Pennsylvania and Strengthened by Wrought Iron Strips.

The old form of King road drag was merely two sides of a split log, fastened so that the sharp sides of the split surface faced forward, the straight surface extending vertically; the two parts were spaced about two feet apart and connected by struts to hold them parallel; the outfit was dragged by a chain, fastened to the front half-log, and the angle at which the contrivance was dragged over the surface was controlled by the manner in which the team was hitched to the chain, the chain itself being fastened permanently at both ends to two staples in the front log, which altered the angle at which the team was hitched, writes L. Ruppel of Pennsylvania in Rural New Yorker.

"We found the original form too weak for our road work here, so we devised certain improvements, which are



Improved Form of Road Drag.

shown in the sketch, the most important of which was that we shod the front log with a strip two inches wide, one-half inch thick, of wrought iron, said strip being placed at the lower edge with the two-inch width extending vertically along the front log."

SAVE PERISHABLE PRODUCTS

Rural Motor Transportation Affords Opportunity to Get Crops to Market Quickly.

With the advent and development of rural motor transportation comes direct encouragement to raise better and bigger crops because of the better and broader market thus afforded. In the production of marketable produce there comes an opportunity for the saving of perishable products by quick deliveries, and for higher prices because of the excellent condition in which these commodities can be delivered.

PROPER CARE FOR ROADSIDE

Means Substantial Addition to Value of Adjoining Property and Aids Appearance.

Proper attention to the roadside means a definite increase in the pleasure of traveling over it, a positive preservation of the road itself and a substantial addition to the value of adjoining property. No matter how smooth and well constructed the traveled road may be, if the roadside is not properly cared for, the highway as a whole will not give a good impression. Macadam or gravel roads particularly need the protecting shade of trees.

Add to Social Advantages.

Good roads add to social advantages. They strengthen the country church, tend toward better living, bring a good class of people into a community, and help to hold a bigger share of the best boys and girls on the farm.

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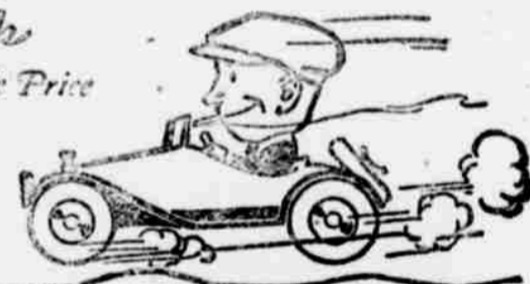
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