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Secluded and removed from the turmoil and hustle of Broadway, the Little Theater with its quaint, simple architecture and window boxes of greens, stands in 4th St. between Seventh and Eighth Avenues. Built at the inspiration of Winthrop Ames, the Little Theater has a history as fascinating as the architecture of the building itself. Until three years ago, Mr. Ames was at the head of the New Theater, now known as the Century. Under his direction, backed by the biggest people in New York, Mr. Ames became famous for his productions of "The Bluebird," "The Piper" and a list of many others. The financial strain involved in the New Theater practically forced Mr. Ames to seek quarters where new plays, meritorious ones, might be produced from an artistic standpoint without necessitating such a great financial responsibility. To gain this end, the Little Theater came into being. Seating just exactly 299 people, the Little Theater was built to produce plays not such for the financial gain they might render as for what effect they might produce upon a people who desire the uplift of the drama. Decorated over the lines presented by the Italian Renaissance, with aesthetic surroundings, the Little Theater provides a most excellent surrounding for the plays presented. Notable plays of a most varied description have made their first appearance there. Chiefly among these have been Charles Rann Kennedy's "The Terrible Meek," "The Flower of the Palace of Han," both plays starring Edith Wynne Matthisson; John Barrymore, in "The Affairs of Anatole"; Marguerite Clark, in "Snow White" and a host of others of equal importance. The Little Theater stands for what is best and highest in the production of plays, and conducted in its own peculiar way, has won many hundreds of people to the better grade of productions of the stage.—Advertisement.

WHERE ARE THOSE RED CROSS FILMS?

Whereabouts of Christmas Seal Pictures Keep Managers Guessing

Where are the Red Cross Christmas seal films that are to be shown in the Regent, Colonial and Majestic theaters to boost the crusade against the "white plague."

The problem has been puzzling the local seal sales committee as well as Managers C. Floyd Hopkins and Peter Magaro, for the last several days. In these theaters, however, pretty girls "nurses" in equally pretty booths have been doing a big business selling seals just the same. The films, it is expected, have been delayed somewhere enroute and will reach Harrisburg in ample time for display before the end of this week.

In the meantime Harrisburg has successfully launched its "merchant day" movement. This was inaugurated a couple of years ago, and is working out with more than ordinary success this far this year through the hearty co-operation of the Boy Scouts. The Scouts, under the supervision of Scoutmaster Edward Manser, serve as messengers and seal bearers. From now on until Christmas a certain day will be set apart as the special day upon which a merchant in a certain line of business will give special attention to the sale of Red Cross seals. He will paste a seal on every outgoing package. To-day was "jewelers and music dealers' day." The jewelers who took part included P. A. Caplan, J. D. Brenner and E. G. Hoover. "Grocers' day" will be observed to-morrow and among the well-known firms which will participate will be S. S. Pomeroy and W. F. Hoy. Friday will be given over to the department stores, cleaners and dyers and real estate and insurance firms. Under the first head, Astor's, Soutter's Twenty-five Cent Store and A. F. Hoerner will take part; Footers will be the cleaner and dyer representative and A. S. Miller and Son will represent the real estate and insurance men. The week will end with the observance of Saturday as drugists', florists' and wallpapermen's day. The Golden Seal, Dr. Croll Keller and S. R. Wilhelm and Son will be among the drug firms which will celebrate. Charles L. Schmidt will be the florist and E. R. Trimmer will be the wallpapermen's representative.

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ORGANIZATION OF WEST SHORE BODY

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which will lead to the calling of a general meeting and the formation of a West Shore organization. The other members of the committee, G. L. Naylor and John C. Orr, are enthusiastic over the possibilities of the proposed organization and with such men as a nucleus it is expected that very little time will be lost in making the proposition a reality. The likelihood is that the Camp Hill committee will meet and then invite a number of citizens of the West Shore to meet with them at another time and at that session map out a program for a big public and organization meeting.

Benefit Organization
Since the agitation for improvement on the West shore has started hundreds of men have discussed the benefits which could be derived if all of the communities were organized. They have talked of the opening of new roads, sewage and drainage systems, new bridges and dozens of other things and all of them agree that with co-operation all of these improvements will come with future years.

In talking over the proposition J. J. Baughman, a New Cumberland manufacturer, and a man who has engaged in a number of building operations, said he believed the move was a good one and hoped that an organization would result. Mr. Baughman discussed the need of better streets in New Cumberland and also spoke of the need of sewers. He declared that if the people of the borough would join together and study the benefits which would result with these improvements it would be a real benefit to the community. Mr. Baughman is much interested in the laying out of parks, too, and said that with very little difficulty a neat, attractive tract of park land could be developed just at the edge of the town. He referred to Leib park, which for a number of years has been used by the public. He explained that the park could be improved with very little expense and that it would make an ideal spot for recreation in the summer. Mr. Baughman also favored Warren H. Manning's scheme for the development of the shores of the Yellow Breeches creek. Mr. Manning proposes a road alongside the creek. Mr. Baughman, going into detail on the grading, said that fills and cuts would have to be made, but that he believed that the owners of property along the creek would willingly co-operate in the movement for a parkway drive. The New Cumberland manufacturer is an ardent advocate of improvement and will do all that he can to help along the present agitation.

John S. Musser, a resident of Washington Heights and president of the Dauphin Electrical Supplies Company, is a booster of the proposed improvement league on the West Shore and in an interview he pointed out many things which such an organization could help to accomplish. Mr. Musser favors a community high school for the "cross-river territory and he believes that such a school could be established at a cost which would not exceed the present cost of separate high schools in the various towns. Mr. Musser suggested that students be taken from Shiremanstown, Camp Hill, New Cumberland, Lemoyne, Washington Heights, Wormleysburg, West Fairview, Enola and the territory between the towns. "The school," he says, "should be centrally located at some point about Fort Washington or Wormleysburg, where children in all the towns could have easy access. The Valley Railway Company carries students for 2 1/2 cents and this cost would likely have to be borne by the school boards in the towns where the children live. There are so many advantages to be found in the community high school that I feel sure that at some time soon plans will be made for the establishment of one in this vicinity. The present standard of the West Shore high schools, if they untied, would be considerably raised and the hundreds of school children on the Cumberland side of the river would receive the benefits.

"There's another thing which I believe organization can bring about and that is the improvement of roads. Now the Washington Heights territory all of the roads are on private property. They were opened by land owners for the benefit of the public, but were never taken over by the township or county. They are in very bad condition at present, and unless we who live on Washington Heights repair the roads ourselves they will continue to be in bad condition. If we could get together on the road question I believe

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IGNORANCE PLAYS IMPORTANT PART

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a child whose badly infected arm was poulticed with cabbage and onion. In another case a severe burn was bathed with ale and ringworm, that troublesome skin parasite so common with school children, was painted with black ink.

Lack of Knowledge Responsible
It is not always lack of money with these people. A little Italian in the Harris Park building showed very plainly anaemic and poorly nurtured condition. When the teacher inquired into his home life she was amazed to find that the family were accustomed to buying potatoes by the barrel, cabbages by the sack, etc.

"It is simply a lack of knowledge of the way to prepare food so that it will give sufficient nourishment," she confessed. "You might call it complete ignorance of dietetics. We have so much of that sort of thing to contend with here. Of course, it has its effect upon the children and makes it more difficult to teach them."

This ignorance does not stop with our foreigners. Even in so fine a building as the Camp Curtin school and among a class of children whose fathers draw comfortable salaries it is to be found. Such mothers are filled with righteous indignation at the mere suggestion that they do not feed their children correctly, but there are numerous cases of malnutrition. A little chap was asked one day just what he had for breakfast and he explained that it usually consisted of fried meat and potatoes. He boasted that he never went to bed before eleven o'clock and he usually had "something good" just beforehand. The natural result was badly assimilated food from an upset stomach.

One Story of Distress
In a very large number of cases throughout all our poorer districts the mother of the family "goes by the day." This means that she rises early and leaves home before the children are awake and returns at dark. There

is one family where such a woman, the aunt, is sole support of seven children and a blind mother.

"We have a boy," said a teacher, "whose mother gives him five cents a day for his breakfast. She goes to work before he gets up. But do you suppose little David buys himself anything warm or nourishing with that money? No, indeed. He spends it on candy and other sweets. He is continually munching something yet he is thin and pale."

One very little chap in the Penn building when asked how he secured his midday meal answered:

"From a lady what lives in the same house and it's most always dry bread and coffee."

It was here that one of the teachers in sheer comparison for a pale, half fed little girl once brought from her own home a separate package of lunch for the child. This continued week after week. She said that the youngster's anticipation was pitiful as the paper was unwrapped.

There is much said about improved industrial conditions in Harrisburg. It is true that many men who are at work to-day were idle this time last year, but poverty grinding poverty is all about us in a degree unbelievable to those who are comfortably housed and fed. A certain doctor in the upper end of the city when approached upon the subject shook his head.

"I cannot see that conditions are much improved yet," he said. "To anyone with a spark of humanity there are many homes in this city where, could he enter and understand the conditions, it would wring the very heart."

One time I was called to a family where the mother was ill. They seemed to be in terrible straits and upon my return I asked my wife to fix up a basket of food for them. Our daughter took it and when she returned she was in tears. She had no appetite for her supper. She could

not erase from her mind the impression she received upon entering that home. A little lad of seven or eight was sitting at a table with a bowl of water and a crust of bread. When he saw her bearing a basket of good wholesome food he sprang from his chair and fairly jumped about her in a transport of delight."

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