

## WOMEN DO MUCH FOR THE Y. M. C. A.

Auxiliary Board Responsible For Many Good Points at Association

The robust plans for a greater Y. M. C. A. in Harrisburg have found immediate response from an auxiliary which comparatively few persons know about, the Woman's Advisory Committee. When eminent military experts tell us that women will win the war it is no exaggeration to predict that women of Harrisburg will be very influential in the splendid plan to make the Y. M. C. A. a great civic center. Long before a good many of the present generation were born women in this city were co-operating with the Y. M. C. A. although it is strictly an organization for the sterner sex. Did you know that this advisory board had been meeting back in the year 1876? Well, that is the fact, and even since the Harrisburg branch has had the benefits resulting from a systematic work, with this year from good women actuated only by a desire to better the moral standard of the city boyhood and youth.

When you step into the clean, crisp, airy apartments of the building here have you ever considered for how much the patron is indebted to this committee of women, a majority of workers, small in numbers, for there are only six, six at present, who are continually making the Y. M. C. A. a more home-like spot? That is the aim, to make these establishments a genuine home with the necessary feminine touch. That it is needed we see evidenced by the demand for women to help in Y. M. C. A. schools on the battle lines.

**Need Widening Appeal**

What is needed now in Harrisburg is a wider co-operation of women in the churches. A campaign to accomplish this has already started and in a short time it is expected that additional members will be announced from at least a dozen of the big congregations.

No civil machinery in Harrisburg operates so smoothly as the local bank which shoulders the wheel of the Y. M. C. A. Following are the present officers: President, Mrs. Paul A. Kunkel, first vice-president, Mrs. Edwin S. Herman; second vice-president, Mrs. George Kunkle; secretary, Mrs. Meade Detweller; treasurer, Mrs. S. W. Herman. The executive board which includes four members of certain churches meets now once each month and is more generous co-operation from the churches that is most wanted. From Pine Street Presbyterian, the active workers are: Mrs. A. J. Herr, Mrs. Henry McCormick, Mrs. James D. Chamberlain, Mrs. John Campbell, Mrs. Henry B. McCormick, Mrs. E. Z. Gross and Mrs. John T. Boyd. St. Stephen's is represented by Mrs. George R. Ramer and Mrs. Robert A. Lamberton. Zion Lutheran contributes Mrs. Mary E. Russ, Mrs. S. W. Herman, Mrs. Charles A. Kunkel and Mrs. V. Hummel Fager. From Memorial Lutheran is Mrs. E. G. Hoover; from Grace Methodist are Mrs. W. W. Jennings, Mrs. Edwin S. Herman and Mrs. William P. Stark; from Market Square Presbyterians, Mrs. John H. Weiss; Mrs. Meade Detweller, Mr. Edward Bailey and Mrs. W. O. Hickok, and Reformed Salem is represented by Mrs. George Kunkel, Mrs. Paul A. Kunkel, Mrs. William Hain and Mrs. A. E. Shirey.

**Look After Housekeeper**

The entire housekeeping of the Y. M. C. A. is under the supervision of Mrs. A. E. Shirey, but that is only one feature of its aid. Notable are the individual contributions which go to make the building serviceable and attractive. In the last year, for example, Mrs. Henry McCormick installed a large gas range in the kitchen. Mrs. John H. Weiss refurbished the gymnasium. Mrs. Weiss originally equipped the entire gymnasium in memory of her son, Frank. When it comes to team work, nothing is impossible. The purchase of china ware, silver and linen for the use of the "social work" connected with the boys' department amounted to \$452, and it was raised in a jiffy.

On July 11th the boys of the Eighth Regiment were given a farewell dinner in Fahnestock Hall on the 21st of the month. The committee served ice cream and cake to the 500 soldiers. The supervision of the canteen has resulted in a number of organizations making the Y. M. C. A. a headquarters for luncheon. The Rotary Club uses the assembly hall every Monday. Mrs. Phillips catering. All equipment in the dining room was supplied by the women. This committee was responsible for the annual joyous New Year's Day entertainments ever staged here and its members assisted in a body on the evening of January 21, when Mrs. James H. Darlington so delightfully entertained 150 of the aviators in camp at Middletown.

The woman's committee is particularly interested at present in the welfare of Mr. Dinsmore who though he has been a charge of boys' secretary here a short time has made himself very popular. Almost the entire second floor has now been given to him for his department and the space is inadequate. "Every mother and father on the board should help Mr. Dinsmore to further the good work he has begun" counseled the president.

**NO HEADACHE OR NEURALGIA PAIN**

Get a 10 cent package of Dr. James' Headache Powders and don't suffer.

When your head aches you simply must have relief or you will go wild. It's needless to suffer when you can take a remedy like Dr. James' Headache Powders and relieve the pain and neuralgia at once. Send someone to the drug store now for a dime package of Dr. James' Headache Powders. Don't suffer. These moments you will feel fine—headache gone—no more neuralgia pain.

**DR. CHASE'S Blood and Nerve Tablets**

Weight Yourself Before Taking.  
Price 60 Cents, Special 30 Cents.  
Dr. Chase's 224 North Ninth St., Philadelphia, Pa.

## NEWS OF STEELTON TAX RATE INCREASE CERTAIN NELLY TELLS BUSINESSMEN

In order to meet the unprecedented financial conditions of the year 1918 an increase in the present tax rate of between three and four mills will be necessary. This was the consensus of opinion of businessmen, taxpayers, and borough officials at a meeting held Saturday evening at the home of T. J. Nelly, president of council. The tax rate has been nine and one-half mills for almost ten years.

The high cost of material and labor are given as the reasons for the additional millage. Although the awarding of a contract for the collection and disposal of the borough's garbage is not likely, the increase is compulsory, councilmen say. A deficit of more than \$8,000 during the year 1917 must be wiped out with this year's money, it is understood.

President Nelly pointed out that the taxation of the borough is \$6,000,000 and only \$55,000 was collected in taxes last year. In talking of the finances of the borough last year he said that the total expenditure was \$295,592.76; money collected from all resources, \$287,566.25; and the total income \$310,723.8. On January 1, 1918, there was a balance of \$15,129.42 on hand. The 1916 balance was \$23,156.93, which makes a deficit of \$8,007.51 for the year 1917.

**1918 Resources Small**

The total indebtedness of the borough is \$442,000 with a sinking fund of \$9,659.25. This leaves an account of \$351,340.65. The borrowing capacity is \$420,000 of which \$351,420 has already been borrowed. Now the borough can only borrow \$68,592.5. Mr. Nelly emphasized the fact that the resources of the borough during the coming year would not be more than \$95,000, and that the budget without an additional increase in any department is listed at \$130,220. He said it would be impossible to run the borough on this amount of money as officials will be compelled to raise wages, meet the increased cost of materials and make other improvements that will take money.

**Frank Robbins Talks**

Frank A. Robbins, Jr., general superintendent of the local steel company in a brief talk said: "The Steel Company was asked to do anything to help the borough of Steelton." He said that the garbage will be disposed of tonight. The bids were opened yesterday by Borough referee Charles P. Field several weeks ago.

### STEELTON FACES WATER FAMINE

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laying two lines of hose from the Harrisburg fire plug at Cameron's Front and Gibson streets a distance of about 1,500 feet. The Baldwin and Citizen's pumps will alternate in forcing water through the mains of the borough. Officials hope to have water running through the main at not later than 3 o'clock.

With a million gallons of water being supplied by the filter plant running half capacity and three-quarters of a million which they hope to get from Harrisburg, borough officials believe the scarcity will be relieved shortly. More than half a million of water is being held in the reservoir as a reserve supply in case of fire.

The trouble in the filter plant has been coming on for about a month, members of the water board declared this morning, but did not begin to seek until Friday evening. It was necessary at that time to shut down the pumping station for two hours. This did not relieve the situation any and at noon yesterday the supply from the town through the reservoir was shut off.

**Water Until To-day**

The town has waited until early this morning, when women made efforts to draw a supply for washing. This drained the pipes with the result that before 7 o'clock this morning no water was available Second street.

Some departments of the steel plant and the borough schools with the exception of three buildings were forced to close down. Steel plant departments depending on electricity supplied by the York Haven plant were forced to close down. These were owned by Mr. Bent and French buildings which are heated by hot air systems were not forced to close. All other buildings are equipped with steam heating plants. Prof. L. E. McGinnis, superintendent of borough schools announced to-day that the schools would open to-morrow morning at the usual hour.

**State Officials Help**

State Health Department officials conferred with borough officials this morning and advised them to ask Harrisburg's assistance. The first method of overcoming the situation was to stop pumping water into the tanks without running it through the filter plant. State officials said this was the last step to be taken on account of precautionary measures.

The state officials suggested that as soon as a small reserve supply is accumulated in the reservoir one of the filters be placed out of use and tapped so that the air can escape. As soon as the trouble is located and overcome in the one filter it can be placed into use and another section of the filter placed out of use temporarily. By following out this suggestion, state officials claim the borough can overcome its difficulty.

**Asked to Save Water**

Oliver P. Baskins, superintendent of the water department in a statement appealed to the residents of the borough to conserve water until the danger of a famine is passed. Superintendent Baskins when asked what forced on the trouble declared that it was running the plant over its capacity during Harrisburg's scarcity. The official explained that during that time the plant which has a capacity of two million gallons per day was running at one-quarter millions. The cold weather he stated also contributed largely to the trouble. Mr. Baskins said that during the warm weather the filters do not cause any trouble. This is the first trouble with the filter in ten years.

## INSTITUTES TO END THIS WEEK

Attendance Not So Large as in Previous Winters Because of the Weather



State farmers institutes, which began in November, will close this week, with lectures giving special attention to soil conservation and increased foodstuffs at towns in the northern part of the state and a few counties like Fulton, wherein big snows prevented institutes being held at the time scheduled. It is believed that the attendance at the institutes this season will fall below that of the last season, when over 160,000 attended the meetings because of weather conditions.

State and national authorities co-operate in the institutes by sending lecturers and giving attention to the soil conservation and general demands for seed corn etc.

**Conference Called**

General Charles A. Snyder has summoned the traveling auditors of his department to the Capitol for a conference to-morrow in regard to installation of a uniform system of institutes.

This conference will be followed by reports on observations of three months as a meeting was held in December at which auditors were instructed to note the way accounts were being kept and to suggest changes.

The auditors will meet March 15th.

**Trees Program**

If the labor problem can be worked out, thousands of young trees will be planted on lands of citizens still forest reserves and on properties of coal companies this year according to reports which have come to the State Capitol.

**Hickernell Suggested**

It is understood that state administration in Lebanon are seeking men to plant hundreds of thousands of young trees which have grown in its nurseries and has offered free trees to owners of land desiring to reforest some instances, companies owning numerous land near reserves of the state, have asked for men, reporting they are unable to get hands, but are willing to pay the cost of planting.

**Howard Headman**

Howard Headman was heard to-day to the Public Service Commission on the complaint of ex-Mayor John Weaver, of Philadelphia, against the rates of the Overbrook Steam Co., a case which has been before the commission for weeks. Fred S. Drake and W. B. Linn were counsel who presented the case.

**Royer Investigates**

Conditions at Ford City, Freeport and Brecknock ridge, where typhoid has been prevalent, were to-day reported as being investigated by Acting Commissioner B. F. Royer, who has detailed inspectors to those places.

**Public Service Notes**

Chairman

rest, was freed Saturday when contracts were signed.

**Ask Bids Again**

Highway Commissioner O'Neill has asked for bids again for roads in Blair, Lawrence, Allegheny and Butler counties. The former bids were not satisfactory. Men connected with the Pennsylvania railroad where he was employed, attended in a body. The flowers were numerous and beautiful.

**Court Meets**

The Superior Court is meeting to-day in Scranton. It is to sit here next week.

**Three Mentioned**

In addition to the Temple Coal Company, the old iron foundry at Wyoming, the man of Frederick W. Pleiter, formerly connected with the state government and active in affairs, left an estate of \$200,000.

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