

RED CROSS FIRST AID REFRESHER CLASSES PLANNED

Carl Carpenter, first aid chairman of the Josephine county Red Cross chapter, today announced plans for refresher courses to be held in the near future with an eye to reorganizing the entire first aid set-up in the county.

Present plans include visits from field representatives of the Red Cross, who will present instruction on the new texts compiled from developments growing out of the war. Re-establishment of first aid stations throughout the county is another feature of the first aid division to be revived.

Carpenter, in an effort to make an up-to-date list of those holding first aid certificates, standard, advanced, or instructors', has asked that anyone in the county with these cards still in force, contact the Red Cross office in the county courthouse by letter or by phoning 521 and reporting the type of card held.

To be "in force" the card must not have been issued more than three years ago. Those holding cards dated more than three years ago must have had a refresher course within the past three year period or the entire course must be repeated. The standard first aid course consists of 20 hours of instruction and practice; the advanced course, ten additional hours; and the instructor's course, 15 hours in addition to the two other courses.

Anyone wishing to take the first aid courses, or anyone holding one of the cards still in force but wishing to take an advanced or instructor's course is also asked to contact the Red Cross office in the courthouse.

Card of Thanks

We wish sincerely to thank our relatives and friends for their expression of sympathy extended to us in both floral and kind words, in the sudden loss of our husband and father.

Mrs. May Sawyer
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sawyer
Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Sawyer

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ply of dumping it on any accessible piece of vacant property where it is exposed to insects and vermin.

Conclusions and recommendations:

The present water supply is inadequate in quantity to meet the needs of the entire community for either domestic or fire-fighting purposes. A more ample source of supply, together with increased storage facilities and enlarged dis-

tribution system to meet these needs should, therefore, be provided.

The present methods of sewage disposal constitute both a nuisance condition and a public health hazard. The effluent of a septic tank is far from being a purified liquid, because under average conditions it will still contain at least 50 percent of the original impurities and may, therefore, contain disease producing organisms, such as those which cause typhoid fever or dysentery. When this effluent seeps to the surface of the ground or discharges into the adjacent roadside ditch, the remaining impurities upon decomposition cause obnoxious odors and unsightly appearances. The disease producing organisms which are thus exposed constitute a health hazard to the entire community and especially to the children who play in the immediate vicinity. Because there is no other feasible way to dispose of the water-carried sewage of the community, a regular sewer system and sewage treatment plant should be installed.

A community sewerage system for Cave City should consist of the following: lateral and street sewers 8" in diameter, a trunk or outfall sewer 8 inches or larger in diameter, and a complete treatment plant with the effluent discharging into the Illinois River.

In order to install a publicly owned utility of this type, legal means for acquiring property, financing construction costs, etc., must be provided. For this purpose either a municipality or a sanitary district should be incorporated as authorized by state law. Under the sanitary district law, authority is granted to provide only sewage or waste disposal facilities. The municipal corporation on the other hand has the advantage of

authorizing the provision of all types of public utilities or services such as water supply, street improvements, police protection, etc.

Without the benefit of a fairly comprehensive engineering study or survey, it is not possible to make a reliable estimate of the cost of constructing a sewer system and disposal plant at Cave City. It is our opinion, however, that the cost would not be excessive and undoubtedly would be cheaper in the long run than the cost of installing and maintaining individual septic tank systems. There are several methods available to municipalities or sanitary districts for financing sewerage projects, and by using a combination of these methods the costs can be distributed equitably among all the property owners and sewer users. The methods as authorized by state law include general obligation, limited obligation or self-liquidating bonds; property assessments; and sinking funds created prior to construction. Sewer user charges have been levied by several Oregon cities to finance revenue bond issues or to create sinking funds. A copy of the state laws on this subject is enclosed for your information.

A more sanitary method of garbage disposal is needed because the present system of promiscuous dumping creates breeding places for flies, and harborages and food supplies for rats and other vermin. A controlled system of collection with disposal preferably by the sanitary land fill method should be inaugurated if and when a municipal corporation is formed.

In conclusion, we wish to ask that you feel free to consult at any time either the Josephine County Health Department or the Sanitary Engineering Division of the State Board of Health on matters of public health and san-

itation. —Division of Sanitary Engineering

W. T. Miller was called on for remarks. Mr. Miller gave his listeners much valuable information, telling them where some revenues would come from if the city were incorporated, and explaining that very little expense need be made in the cost of government.

One of the big benefits in incorporating now would be to establish the city's credit. He explained if we incorporated now, it would be a long time before we could get money enough to maintain a water system and lay a sewer system. "You can't start digging a sewer system next year or the year after that; it might be four years before you could build such a system," he said. But if you incorporate now, you are paving the way for this improvement in the future. A city must establish itself on a safe and sane basis before banks or even the government would lend money for improvements. Those were not his exact words, but the meaning is there.

Mr. Roberts, of the First National Bank spoke a few words of encouragement. He is the first banker we ever heard who said we needed a bank, and intimated he would like to help us get one. He also said that he believed we would stand a better chance to get a bank if the city were incorporated.

County Clerk Ben Coutant was called on and he said we gave him a headache, because he had to come out and count noses and find out how many could vote at the election next Monday. He was out Tuesday after the meeting and said that there were 180 voters qual-

ified to vote Monday within the proposed incorporated district. His figure is much larger than was expected.

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