

COLOUREDS.

<u>POSITION.</u>	<u>PRESENT GRADE.</u>	<u>SUGGESTED GRADE.</u>
1. Social Welfare Officer (with Degree)	Male: £180 x 15 - £240.	£200 x 20 - £360.
	Female: -	£180 x 20 - £300.
2. Social Welfare Officer (with Diploma)	Male: £150 x 15 - £200.	£180 x 20 - £280.
	Female: -	£150 x 20 - £250.

NATIVES.

1. Social Welfare Officer	Male: £108 (Flat Rate)	As for Coloureds.
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- THE SOCIAL WELFARE BOARD. -

Representatives of the Social Welfare Board recently gave evidence to the Select Committee appointed to consider the subject of the Welfare Organizations Bill. As a result of the recommendations and comments made by these representatives, the Select Committee requested that the Board should redraft the Bill in such a way as to embody all the alterations and amendments recommended by the Board. This has now been done, and the redrafted Bill has been submitted to the Select Committee for consideration.

Apart from its usual function of the registration of Charitable Institutions and the review of legislation affecting social welfare, the Board has concerned itself with social problems in its area. The incidence of gambling in the streets outside Tattersalls has been

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reported to the Police and it has been noted with satisfaction that persons who have contravened the law in this respect have been arrested by the Police since their receipt of this information from the Board.

In addition, the Board has passed a resolution providing that information received by the Board may be made available to welfare organizations after due consideration of the merits of each application for such information.

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- "STREET CORNER SOCIETY." -

- William Foote Whyte.

"Street Corner Society" is about "Cornerville" a slum district in the heart of "Eastern City", America. Its inhabitants are Italians - immigrants, foreigners. They are people who appear as social work clients, as racketeers, as criminals, and so the rest of "Eastern City" think of "Cornerville" as a mysterious and a depressing area but not as a community of homes and of families.

The history of the "Cornerville" of today, begins in the 1860's when a small group of Genoese settled together on an alley in one corner of what was then an Irish district. The interests of the first generation of immigrants were centred primarily in the family, but the younger generation has built up its own social interests relatively independent of the influence of its elders.

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Within the ranks of the younger men there are two main divisions: corner boys and college boys. Corner boys centre their social activities upon particular street corners and adjoining lunchrooms, pool-rooms, or clubrooms. They constitute the bottom level of society within their age group, and make up the great majority of the young men of "Cornerville". Few complete high school. The college boys are a group of young men who have risen above the corner-boy level through higher education. They try to make places for themselves as professional men, and they are moving upward in the social strata. In "Cornerville" the "big shots" are the racketeers and the politicians.

The social activities of the corner boy circulate around his gang. Except when he eats, sleeps or is sick, the corner boy is rarely at home and his friends always go to his corner first when they want to find him. Married or single, he can be found on his street corner almost every night of the week, though, perhaps, the married man may regularly set aside one evening a week to take out his wife!

Doc, leader of the corner boys, says of Chick, a college boy leader: "I got him to admit it - that he would turn against his best friend if he could profit by it." Both the college boy and the corner boy wish to succeed, but the college boy either does not tie himself to a group of close friends or else is willing to sacrifice friendship with those who do not advance as fast as he does. The corner boy is tied to his group by a network of reciprocal obligations from which he is either unwilling or unable to break away.

/Chick

Chick Morelli came to "Cornerville" when he was eight years old. "I wasn't satisfied to stay just where I was" he said. So Chick bought a book on etiquette and cultivated friendships with the sort of people who could advise and guide him, such as Thomas L. Brown, a prominent lawyer in the City. Eventually Chick graduated from a Law School. In "Cornerville" he organized the Italian Community Club which had a dual purpose: the social betterment of the members and the improvement of "Cornerville". Chick eventually started a political career when the Attorney-General appointed him to his staff. In "Cornerville" a man can succeed either in Republican or Democratic politics.

The Republican politician draws to himself the attention of the upper-class people who control the party in the state, and in so doing, draws himself away from "Cornerville". The Democratic politician gains his strength from the "Cornerville" people, and this means from the support of the most influential corner boy gangs.

"Street Corner Society" as the sociological study of a slum area, deals chiefly with the structure and leadership of the corner boy gangs. The great struggle to "get up" in the world, to rise to the middle classes, to be someone, is brought out and a clear picture is given of how poverty hinders and chokes these ambitions, indeed, dictates the whole way of living in "Cornerville".

N.L.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AFRICAN SOCIAL
PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY
ASSOCIATION HELD AT 8 p.m. ON WEDNESDAY 8TH
AUGUST, 1945, IN THE BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE,
ELOFF STREET, JOHANNESBURG.

P R E S E N T.

Mr. A.S. Thorburn.
Mr. D.H. Darling.
Mr. B.E. Koko.
Mr. S.J.J. Lesolang.
Mr. J.G. Malie.
Miss. D.A. Mamabolo.
Mr. S.S. Ntombela.
Mrs. E.H. Myati.
Mr. B.O. Sibeko.
Mr. O.R. Tanebo.
and
Miss. E. Conradie. (Hon. Secretary)

1A. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

RESOLVED

That leave of absence from this meeting be granted to
Miss Dzinane, Mrs. Malie, Mr. Masekela, Miss Meyers,
Mr. Myati and Mrs. Robertson.

1. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 27TH JUNE 1945.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 27th June,
1945, be taken as read and be confirmed.

2. ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN.

On the nomination by Mr. D.H. Darling, seconded by Mrs.
S.S. Ntombela it was

RESOLVED

That Mr. J.G. Malie be appointed Chairman of this Committee.

4. ADDRESS BY Mr. ELISON KAHN.

An address was delivered by Mr. Elison Kahn on the general
aspects of Social Security. The Chairman thanked the
speaker for the address and explained that it had been
particularly interesting as this Committee was at the
present moment acquainting itself with the position in
South Africa.

5. GENERAL.

a) Quorum.

RESOLVED

That a quorum for meetings of this Committee shall consist
of nine members.

b) Date of next Meeting.

That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Wednesday
5th September, 1945, at 8 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at
9.30. p.m.

DATE

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