

# RED CROSS TO LAUNCH DRIVE

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—On the eve of the annual drive for new members and maintenance of its standing army of supporters intact, Chairman Payne of the American Red Cross announced that the society's budget for the year ending June 30, 1926, had been fixed at \$7,155,251, a majority of which will go toward special services, including disaster relief.

Special services of the relief organization will absorb \$4,357,332 of the budget. This phase of the society's work includes relief for service and former service men, and \$1,400,000 is set aside directly for camp, hospital and labor services in their behalf. Grants and loans to former service men and women are expected to total \$20,000; transient service, including former service men's welfare, \$140,000; emergency work for these men, \$25,000, and creation of convalescent homes, \$150,000.

A sum of \$200,000 is tentatively fixed for disaster relief, which is the amount set aside each year because of the impossibility of calculating the relief demands in this respect. As an example, Judge Payne pointed to the contributions in the mid-western tornado relief operations which amounted to \$2,444,220 up to June 26, last. This

# HAY BAILER AT CLOVER CREEK

CLOVER CREEK (Special)—The Mart Gilkison hay baler arrived at Clover creek last Wednesday morning and started work. They broke a casing shortly after starting and are yet unable to resume operations.

Ed and Willard Miles of Union, were Monday visitors to Clover creek.

It snowed here last Tuesday.

Mrs. Edison McCasne and her brother Albert Sailor, of Aurora, Oregon, arrived at Clover creek Wednesday.

Charley Cross, of Union, visited his son this week.

Elmer Jacobs was a business visitor in the upper end of the valley the first of the week.

Lowell Williamson of La Grande was a business visitor to this vicinity recently.

Cattle are now being gathered from the range in this section.

Mart Gilkison slipped and fell from his engine while on his way to Clover creek with his hay baler. His hip was injured to the extent that he has been lame for several days.

Jacobs brothers expect to continue logging operations in the vicinity of Clear creek for the winter soon. They expect to saw the

# Riffles 'Er

who have traveled far to hear the music in its original setting. The song is usually one which was never written. It may or may not be one already worked out and familiar to those participating. A negro does not have to "know" a song to join with his fellows in singing it. Every farm group has a "leader." This person "strikes" his key—and the group is off.

The same song may be sung for an hour or all day. It never becomes monotonous because of its variations. The present-day jazz artist boasts of his "barbershop." He knows nothing of "in-



# Seek to Preserve Harmony Of Negro's Famous Songs

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—The New South is fast losing one of the cherished traditions of the Old South—the "spirituals" and unmatched harmony in the song of the negro.

Industrial progress is believed by music critics to be largely responsible for the changed conditions among the race. The large plantations of Dixie at one time were the homes of the south's chief negro musicians.

The different now. The best musicians of the race are to be found in the cities and centers of population. But many of these who have become urban citizens have acquired cultural attainments which have detracted from the old-time song.

Big cotton farms in the far south have been cut up into many smaller tracts. The cotton planter who boasted once of "1,500 plows" can't be found. His negro tenants have found more profitable employment in the cities—in the factories, on the highways, in structural work.

With the scattering of farm help the old-time harmony is passing. One must journey far into Alabama to find negro singing which even approximates the harmony that once existed over the entire south.

Tanagee institute is making serious effort to preserve for both the white and negro races the spirit of song originated by the negro. The institute has produced some of the finest singers. During the last college year, its glee club presented an interpretation of the negro songs of other days which was described as being as nearly perfect as reproduction could be made. Fisk and Hampton likewise have given much thought along similar lines of endeavor at the instance of leaders of both races.

Those who have never heard the real cotton-patch harmony can scarcely appreciate the apprehension of music lovers that this art is about to pass. Fifty negroes, of varied ages, in one cotton field are capable of producing an impromptu program of song, chant, whistling and chatter that can be found nowhere else on the globe, in the opinion of music critics

in the participation of 356 clubs for the French cup. In the opening matches, 2054 athletes played football before total crowds variously estimated between 500,000 and 1,000,000 people. There were 114 teams entered in 1925.

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# Tray Now Only Rarely Used

For Funeral Announcements  
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During the earlier days of Florida's capital, funerals were always preceded by announcements, in the form of invitations, written with a pen and in bold handwriting upon large cards. The cards, bordered with wide pieces of black ribbon, run through each end, were placed upon a saucer. An old negro, clad in black silk, carried them through the streets and to the homes of the close friends of the departed.

The duties of bearing the invitations about were not assigned to just any old negro. There was always a particular one for the work. For many years before and after the Civil War, Primus, the ex-slave of a prominent local lawyer, bore the tray. James Spotton, an agent at the Elks Club, is used now, whenever the custom finds spasmodical renewal.

# SALEM PLANS ZONING

SALEM, Ore.—Mayor Gless selected seven Salem men, who with the mayor, city engineer and city attorney, will comprise the local zoning commission. Appointment of the commission was delayed for several months pending a decision of the supreme court in connection with the constitutionality of Portland's zoning ordinance.

Members of the Salem zoning commission include George H. Grabenhorst, C. H. McCullough, Corneilia Marvin, Harry Crain, William Bell, Cuyler Van Patton and William Hamilton.

# MEDFORD HAS CRIME WAVE

MEDFORD, Ore.—Medford had a small orgy of crime over Sunday, comprising burglary, passing of bad checks, clothing store thieving and other petty thefts. More than \$150 worth of jewelry and clothing were stolen.

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