

Employees Volunteer for Hospital Work

By BETTY DOTSON

A total of over 5,000 volunteer hours of hospital work have been given by 43 women state employees in Salem. These women have been trained as Volunteer Nurses' Aides by the Marion County Red Cross Chapter. Of these Aides, 23 are at present on active duty several hours every week at one of the local hospitals. Three others have entered the Army Nurses' Aide Corps, four joined the WAVES, two entered nurses' training, and two have transferred to duty in California. Of those trained only three have dropped out before the required 150 hours were donated. In the latest class, which will be capped about April first there are six state employees, bringing the total number trained to 49. The number of State employees working in hospitals in other parts of the state is not available at this writing.

Mrs. Maxine Rasmussen of the Public Utilities Commission has earned the distinction of receiving an award for 500 volunteer hours of hospital work.

All women employees are urged to investigate the need for Aides in their local hospitals. Any woman with the time and physical capacity for this important work will learn the deep satisfaction of serving others and will gain experience of lasting value to her.

Jack Mayes of the State Civilian Defense Office recently notified Mrs. Louise Arneson, director of the Marion County Nurse's Aide Corps, that this corps is rated first on the Pacific Coast and third in the nation. This standing is based on the number of Aides trained, the number actively retained on duty and the total hours given. Since December 1943 the 132 active Aides have given 34,150 volunteer hours at

the Salem General, The Deaconess, and the State Tuberculosis hospitals, at the Marion County Health Department clinics and at the Salem Blood Bank.

COURAGE

I do not need to pray, dear Lord,
For courage, when the sun
Has tipped with rose the hills
For work is just begun,
And I have youth, and I have strength
And life with purpose thrills.

I do not need to pray dear Lord,
For courage, when the day
Has reached the noon time hour,
For friends along the way
Have given love, and brought me
strength
And filled my life with power.

But now I need to pray, dear Lord,
For courage, for the night
Has dimmed the sun-lit way,
And faded from my sight
Are those I loved and held most dear,
'Tis now I need to pray.

By Jessie C. Singleton
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Who are you? Where did you come from? Where are you going? What are you doing here? Success and happiness are dependent upon correct answers to these questions. Getting right on them acts like a compass to a mariner. There's a definite port, and there's a way of reaching it.

—*Ad Vantage*

He who is false to the present duty breaks a thread in the loom, and you will see the effect when the weaving of a life-time is unraveled.—*L. Channing*