

# RESPONSE OF LOYAL WOMEN ENTIRE STATE TO TRIBUTE

## Success of Red Cross Operations and Other Campaigns in Interest of America's Fighting Men Abroad Is Attributed to Untiring Efforts and Loyalty of Women at Home—"Oregon First" Result.

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LL honor to Oregon women. They have demonstrated in their patriotic service that the state is entitled to the tribute, "Oregon First."

When the country was called to do in a state of war with Germany, the call came for workers in scores of lines of patriotic effort. But even before the call was heard Oregon's women were at work. To do their "bit" was not enough for them. They did, are now doing and will continue to do a great big share of the tasks that are necessary to back up the Government; to help the boys who have offered their lives and to win the fight against autocracy.

Like a flash the Army and Navy League was organized and auxiliaries to all the various campaigns were formed. Social lines were blotted out and such trifles as creed distinctions were swept aside. Oregon women proved that at heart they are big, fine, broad women. They have the spirit of the West, the true patriotic feeling. Those who have their boys knew what it all meant and those who had no boys to give and had the mother heart, knew, too, and so the enthusiasm and interest spread like wildfire and everyone "got busy."

Card clubs stopped playing bridge and rolled bandages. Social organizations abandoned ping-pong and sewed for the Red Cross. Study and literary clubs quit writing papers and made dish-towels and comfort bags. And everyone knitted. They made helmets, sweaters, wristlets. They will work as long as it is necessary. They will deny themselves luxuries and will give of their time and talents and best efforts.

"If you want a thing done, do it yourself." The women want the war to be fought efficiently and to be won honorably and meantime they want the boys well provided for and so they are doing a big part themselves.

**Red Cross Work Extensive.**

With the successful conclusion last week of the Red Cross 15,000,000 membership drive, the American Red Cross has enlisted under the banner of its flaming emblem, the patriotic services of the women of America in practically every line.

To attempt to recapitulate in detail just what these women are doing would fill a large book. In fact, a Red Cross headquarters there is a printed bulletin of some 100 pages recounting simply what women are doing on behalf of the Red Cross.

There are a number of chapters of the American Red Cross in Oregon, the largest being in the city of Portland, which supervises the activities of six counties. Of necessity, a greater scope can be given to the work of the American Red Cross through the Portland chapter.

Primarily, the activities of women under the Portland chapter may be summarized as follows:

1. Woman's bureau:
  - (a) The Red Cross surgical dressing workrooms; (b) the work done at auxiliaries; (c) the work done at auxiliaries knitting, etc.; (d) individual work at homes, especially knitting.
2. Military relief:
  - (a) The canteen service for soldiers en route to cantonments, etc.; (b) special work, such as that entailed by the Christmas packages; (c) the major activities of which were all in the hands of women.
3. Civilian relief:
  - (a) Caring for the families of soldiers; (b) investigating and reporting on cases worthy of the assistance of the Red Cross.
4. Administrative:
  - (a) The volunteering of service by executives; (b) the donation of time by typists, telephone aides, etc.
5. Instruction:
  - (a) Classes conducted in courses to fit those desirous of becoming nurses' aides and the taking of those classes as preparation not only for service in France, but to be fitted to care for wounded soldiers on their return to this country.
6. Special activities in business, such as the Allied Red Cross Bazaar, the Red Cross superfluity shop, etc.
7. Campaign work in helping in war drives and in membership drives.

Multifarious as the foregoing seems, it is but an inadequate sketch of a brief part of the sum total of the manner in which women are putting their combined activities for world democracy. The Red Cross has developed possibilities hitherto undreamed of in women.

Perhaps one most noticeable feature in the manner in which social lines have been obliterated. Go any day into a Red Cross auxiliary workroom. See a leader of society sewing side by side with her maid. Observe a leader in clubdom seated at the same table with her butler. Note how they have some conception of the democratizing influence of the Red Cross.

**Drudgery is a Joy.**  
Conceive of women donating their time day in and day out to the drudgery of typewriting for the Red Cross. There's no honor, no glory, simply work. Not even the glamor attached to making a bandage for a wounded soldier or a pair of socks for one who shortly may be dashing madly "over the top" attaches there. Visit the workrooms. See women who have scarcely ever known hard work literally slaving over a sewing machine, making oakum pads and handling oakum in a manner that once none but convicts would have been able to do. Have some faint idea of what "my country" and true patriotism mean to American womanhood.

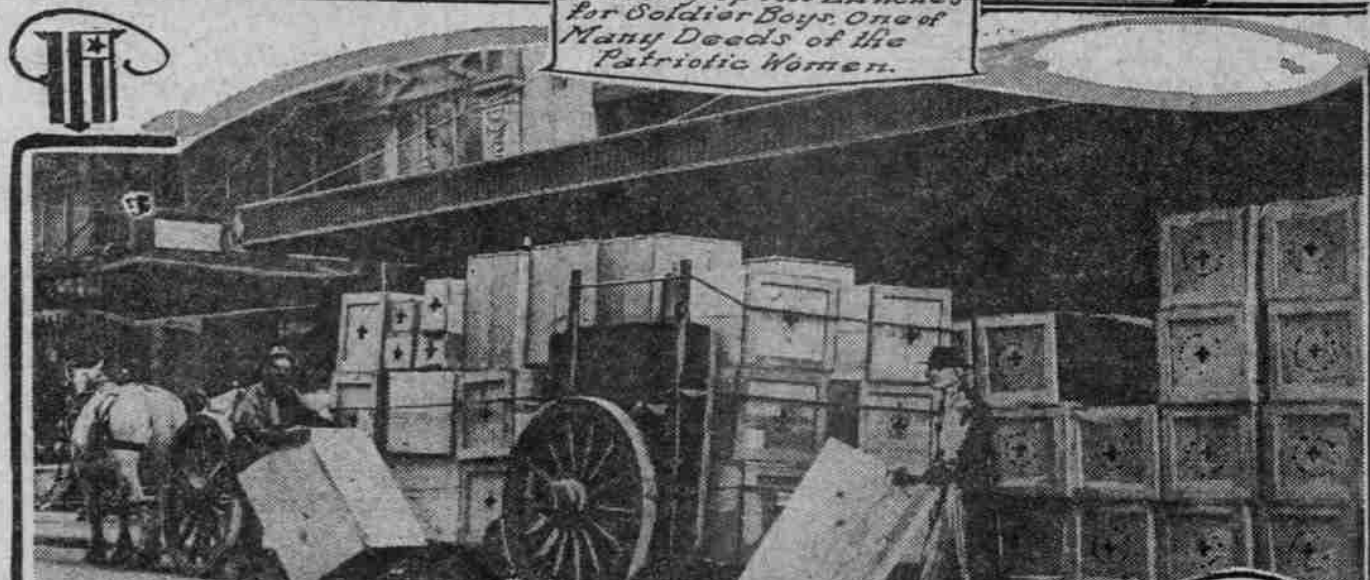
The Red Cross has not met yet with failure. Its every activity has been crowned with success. Wherever there was a brake apparent, wherever the wheels of progress slackened a little, at that moment you would find dash to the rescue a group of women donating their brains, their work, their effort to bringing order and success out of chaos.

When the great war is over there will stand out for historians to comment upon the outstanding manner in which American women made the cause of the soldier theirs by fighting just as hard in the Red Cross workrooms and in the home as did he in the trenches.

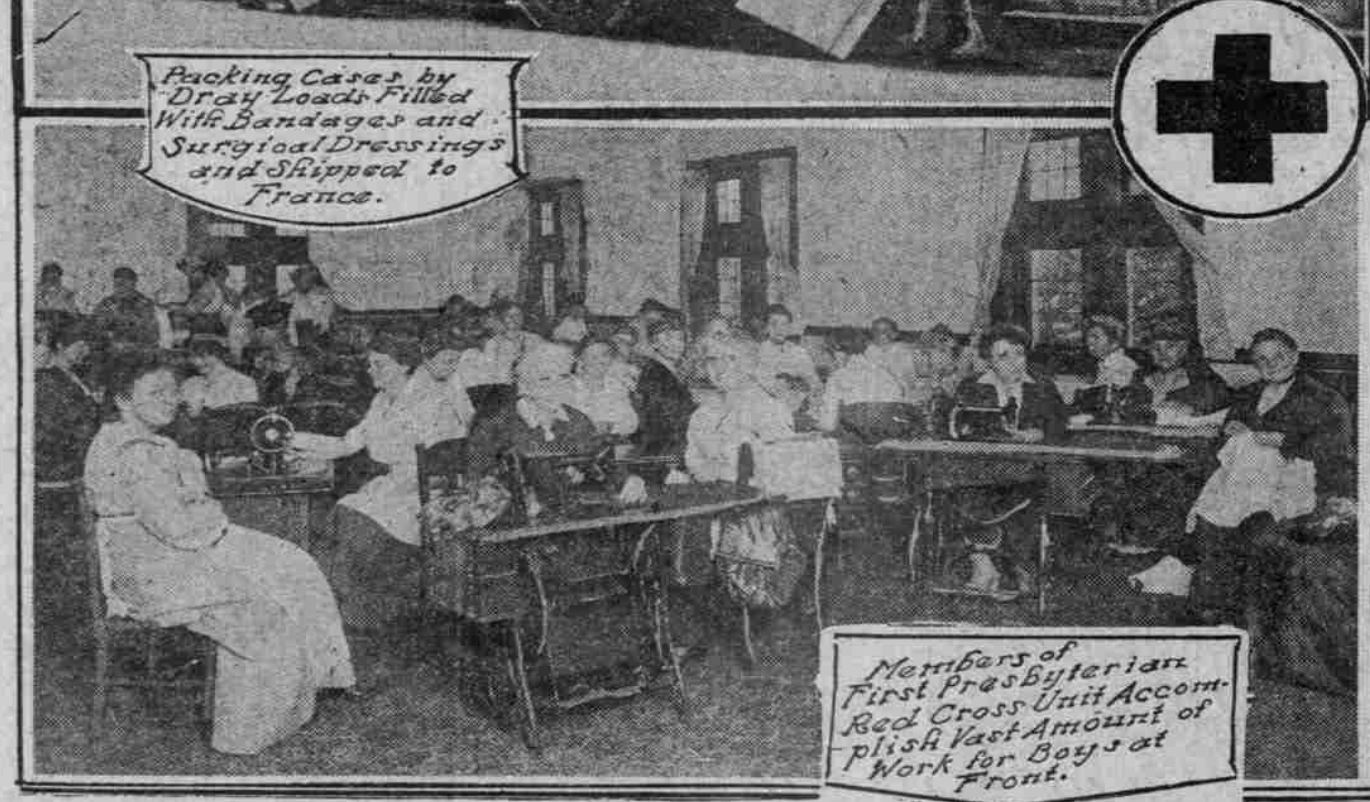
**War Work is Great Leveler.**  
Mrs. Thomas Honeyman, manager of the Red Cross workrooms in the Lipman-Wolfe building, went to New York in the Fall and took a special course in the Red Cross Training Center in the metropolis. The workroom here is regarded as one of the best equipped and most efficient in the country, and its output has been simply remarkable. Dray loads of dressings, gowder bands, socks, sweaters, supplies of all sorts that are needed by the Red Cross have been sent out from this place. Mrs. Honeyman and her workers have done nobly.



Some at the Armory—Fitting Up 100 Lunches for Soldier Boys. One of Many Deeds of the Patriotic Women.



Packing Cases by Dray Loads Filled With Bandages and Surgical Dressings and Shipped to France.



Members of First Presbyterian Red Cross Unit Accomplish Last Amount of Work for Boys at Front.

olunt, the P. E. O. Sisterhood, and, in fact, all the important organizations, took a lead in war work. Some of the clubs formed units of the Red Cross and arranged to meet in the auditoriums of the big department stores, where space was donated. Lipman, Wolfe & Co., Meier & Frank Company and Olds, Wortman & King gave space and material help. The earnestness of the women inspired the business men to assist.

The surgical dressings committee, that had met for some time in making dressings and bandages, held extra meetings and turned out an almost unbelievable quantity of hospital supplies.

**Portland Woman, Aged 88, Knits for Soldiers.**



Mrs. Roberta H. Brown, of Irvington, although aged 88 years, is a most diligent knitter. She has made several sweaters and other articles for the soldiers, putting the mother love and the skill of an expert into her work. Mrs. Brown is the mother of Mrs. Samuel White, Asa L. Brown and Miss Ella L. Brown. Mrs. Brown is the widow of Albert H. Brown, who was State Treasurer from 1874 to 1878.

Chairman, Mrs. C. H. Castner, Hood River; first vice-chairman, Mrs. Jennie M. Kemp, Portland; secretary, Mrs. C. F. Fleher, Portland; treasurer, Miss Alice Collins, Portland. At a meeting held shortly afterward it was voted to name the presidents or their representatives of all affiliated organizations, and to date 18 of the leading women's organizations of the state are affiliated.

The object of this committee in each state, organized after the plan of the National committee, is not to create a new organization but to link into close working co-operation all existing women's organizations for greater efficiency in war work, and as has been said by a National leader of women, "that we may find our place in war work, and that those in authority may find us if necessary."

The first step after perfecting the state committee was to organize the women in every city and town in the state into similar committees, and to this end a letter was sent to each one, naming a reliable woman as temporary chairman and asking her to call together the women's organizations in her city and elect a permanent committee. This was done in a most satisfactory manner, and at this time more than 300 local units are organized, covering all cities of any size. County units now are being organized and the women are all gladly adding this new responsibility to their already crowded time.

Home Service is General.  
The first instructions sent out from the National committee were for a registration of the women of the state for war service. Cards for this purpose were sent from Washington, and at the request of the state chairman, Governor Withycombe issued a proclamation setting aside September 15 as a day for the registration day. The day was observed very generally and those who found that all women did not understand the request as coming from the Government, extended the time until all received an opportunity to register, and the returns are showing that the average will be about 70 per cent of the great majority registering for home service only.

hearty co-operation and loyal service. With all the new activities that have been placed upon them brought about by the world conflict into which their country has been drawn, with all the tugging at the heartstrings of motherhood, Oregon club mothers have not for one moment deserted the club cause, but have so adjusted their time and interests as to fit the new needs into the old interests, and in their usual big-spirited manner are carrying on all these combined interests and activities.

Through the organization of the Oregon division of the woman's committee, Council of National Defense, club women have given generously of their time and service, and in a majority of all local units club women are the chairmen.

**LA GRANDE BOY PROMOTED TO RANK OF SERGEANT.**



Sergeant William D. Sargent, now at Camp Merritt, N. J., who joined the 14th Regular Field Artillery, Battery B, last July at La Grande, has notified his wife in this city that he has been promoted to the grade of instrument sergeant. He was married in La Grande August 4 to Miss Leora M. Olyphant, a linotype operator on the Observer.

Sergeant Sargent is widely known throughout Oregon, as he was engaged in the insurance and railroad business for several years before he enlisted. He is the son of William B. Sargent, a well-known La Grande business man, and was born in that city 24 years ago.

The Oregon soldiers' hospital fund has been the means of club women offering material aid to the Oregon boys in a fund that is distinctly one of their own.

The securing of the crippled children bill in the 1917 session of the Legislature has been the means of establishing the work of this important committee in the State Federation upon a basis that gives hopes of accomplishing definite results.

Notwithstanding the almost unceasing demands made upon them for patriotic service in financial campaigns, club women have contributed more to their scholarship loan fund than in any previous year of the fund that it has been, and the point with great pride to the 141 girls that have received assistance from their major work.

"Obedience" and "service" were the calls made by the president in her annual address to the club women for the coming year, and that this will be needed in more than one respect, as plans made in the reports of all chairmen of standing committees during the convention, and, as one speaker said, quoting a noted author:

When the whole world rounds with rude alarms of warring arms,  
When God's good earth, from border unto border, shows man's discord,  
Let us not waste our power of moral might  
In striving ever wrongs and causing right.  
This is our task—amid discordant strife  
To keep a clean, sweet center in our life.  
And though the human orchestra may be playing out of key,  
To tune our souls to symphonies above, and sound the note of love.  
This is our task.  
So this will be the task of all club women this coming year.

**Grade Teachers' Association Shows Steady Growth.**  
Organization Has 600 Members and Broad Field of Activity—Patriotic Efforts Bring Results.

THE Portland Grade Teachers' Association, now in the sixth year of its existence, numbers about 600 members. It is the largest women's organization in the state.

Its field of activity is broad, its work embracing various lines of professional advancement as well as social and civic betterment, and active support of educational, philanthropic and patriotic enterprises, both local and National.

The patriotism of the association led it to devote this Summer to sewing for the Red Cross. About 600 articles of clothing and bedding were completed during the vacation.

The association has held two patriotic bazaars within the year, the proceeds of which, \$1500, are devoted entirely to such causes as the Y. M. C. A., the Red Cross of the Third Oregon and the Ambulance Fund.

Besides investing \$1000 of association money in liberty bonds, the individual teachers invested to make a total of 100 per cent, many teachers buying more than one bond and the same percentage is true of Red Cross membership.

Through the Grade Teachers' Association teachers have been awakened, as never before, to a sense of their professional, social and civic duties. The teachers have taken advantage of the various university extension classes, night schools and Summer schools and have formed advanced classes for the study of professional subjects, thus keeping alive to the demands of their profession.

The association publishes a monthly bulletin which serves as a professional organ through which the work of the association is brought home to every member. The magazine contains articles that is new and worth while in educational thought and advancement, and teachers and educators outside the corps are contributors. A high professional standard is maintained and the magazine is much sought by Eastern exchanges.

The officers of the association for the current year are:  
President, Jessie McGregor, Campbell Hill, Meier & Frank building.  
Recording secretary, Lulu E. Calk, 421 West Park street, Main 9877.  
Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Laura E. Black, 210 East Ninth street, East 9051.  
Treasurer, Mrs. Jennie Richardson, Weaver Street, 108 Washington street, East 9016.  
Vice-presidents professional committee: Sixth grade, Anna Dudley, chairman, Irvington street, Woodlawn street, Main 3241; Belle Joseph, 822 Overton street, Main 3241; Fifth grade, Emma Dobbie, 155 East Fifteenth street, East 9047.

Vice-presidents civic committee—Second grade, Mrs. Cora Fraire, chairman, 435 Fourth street, Main 3254; First grade, Mrs. Joseph, 822 Overton street, Main 3241; Fifth grade, Emma Dobbie, 155 East Fifteenth street, East 9047.

Vice-presidents social committee—Eighth grade, Mrs. E. E. Brown, 21 West Jessup street, Woodlawn 5403, third grade, Marie Bruce, 148 East Sixteenth street, East 3280; fourth grade, Anna Biesen, Glenn apartments, Tabor 6644.

Trinity Guild will meet Wednesday, January 2, in the parish house.

Chapter E. P. E. O. will meet with Mrs. J. F. Kinder, 1316 Belmont street, January 3, at 2 o'clock.

Brooklyn Mothers' and Teachers' Club will meet on Thursday at 2:30 P. M., when W. L. Finley will give a stereopticon address on "Birds."

**NEW PRESIDENT OF LAVENDER CLUB PRESIDES AT BIRTHDAY MEETING.**



The Lavender Club, Branch 1, enjoyed a delightful birthday luncheon on Friday, when the members met in their new quarters, the East Side Business Men's Clubhouse, Grand avenue and East Alder street. Mrs. Letitia Ross, the new president, presided. The table was attractively decorated in lavender and white and in holly berries. An interesting feature was an address by Mrs. R. R. Rohr, president of the Mental Culture Club, who spoke on patriotic work and woman's opportunity and her ability to participate in the affairs of the Nation as a factor for good.

The club plans to have an interesting programme at every meeting. It is growing in strength and is meeting a long-felt want in that it is an opportunity for women over 50 years of age to come together in congenial surroundings and friendliness. The club members are all active in work for the Red Cross and the various auxiliaries.

Wednesday evening, December 13, in the assembly hall at the Y. M. C. A., Mrs. Freeman plans to give frequent concerts of this nature. On December 13 Mrs. G. V. Grayson was hostess Monte club, at which time an interesting domestic science demonstration was given by the members in the preparation and mixing of a large economical and delicious fruit cake. Mrs. C. McHinton will be hostess Thursday, January 3, 7:30 P. M., at her residence, 323 Tibbetta street.

The regular meeting of the Portland Parent-Teacher Council will be held in room A, Library, at 1:30 Friday; social service department, room G, 10:30; pure literature, room H, 10:30.

For the programme for the "package party" to be given at the Co-operative clubhouse, East Tenth and Welder streets, January 9, artistic musical numbers will be contributed by Signor Roberto Corruccini, Mrs. K. Corruccini, Miss Eloise Anita Hall, Karl Herbring, Miss K. Dinmore.

There will be no meeting of the Portland Woman's Social Science Club on Tuesday, Wednesday, however, the members will assemble in the Meier & Frank building for their regular Red Cross work from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M. A hearty response is asked, as the Red Cross needs more workers.

The current literature department of the Portland Woman's Club will meet on Thursday with Mrs. Henry Waldo Coe, assisting hostesses will be Mrs. B. Alexander, Mrs. James Beever, Mrs. Nettie Greer Taylor. Luncheon will be served at 1 o'clock and afterward Mrs. Helen Miller Senn will give a reading. Members will take Monte Villa car to 190 Royal Court, Laurelhurst.

The magazine recently published by the Girls' National Honor Guard is a sample copy, and it is announced that all who wish to obtain numbers may call at the state office of the Honor Guard, 601 Elm street, Portland. The office is open from 8:30 in the morning until 7 o'clock at night. There is a copy for each member, whether active or inactive.

Those who wish to subscribe to the magazine at the rates therein listed are asked to sign the subscription list, giving their telephone number and address.

A letter has been received from Kelley Field, Tex., the large aviation field, where a "housewife" from the Oregon W. C. T. U. when he passed through Portland.

"I did not appreciate the 'housewife' very much when I received it, but when I got down here, where I need it and use it every day, I begin to realize that it is the handiest thing a fellow can have," he writes.

"There are only a few in our company and five fellows have asked me if I would not write the sep if you would not send them one."

Mrs. Ward Swope, the president, sent five at once.

William McKinley Post and Women's Relief Corps No. 45, G. A. R., will hold a joint installation at the hall, East Eighth and Gilliam streets, Thursday, January 3.

The Auxiliary to Company C, 162d Infantry, will meet Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock in the Library.

**Masonic Officers Elected.**  
HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special)—Officers of the local Masonic Lodge have been elected for the ensuing year, as follows: P. F. Johnson, master; George R. Castner, senior warden; R. B. Bennett, junior warden; Truman Butler, treasurer; D. McDonald, secretary; and A. J. Darby, trustees. The Chapter of Royal Arch Masons elected the following officers: George R. Castner, high priest; J. K. Carson, king; C. S. Field, scribe; A. P. Howe, captain of the host; E. O. Blanchard, treasurer, and A. D. Moes, secretary.

**Cottage Grove Man Hurt.**  
COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special)—M. P. Babcock narrowly escaped being killed recently. He and his son, Edward, were in the woods getting bark for firewood, when a large mass suddenly loosened above them, fell and struck Mr. Babcock, knocking him down and burying him underneath. Edward jumped and escaped injury and promptly rescued his father from his dangerous position. Mr. Babcock has been confined to his bed most of the time since, but is slowly improving.

**War Dance Nets \$122.50.**  
HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special)—A net sum of \$122.50 was the proceeds from a dance given at Hellbranner hall last night by the Knitting Club. The proceeds will go to the orphan fund. The big hall was beautifully decorated with greens of the Cascades and Christmas emblems.

**Portland Boy One of Two to Qualify for Aviation Course.**  
Bernard L. Metzger.  
Bernard L. Metzger, aged 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Metzger, 670 East Broadway, was yesterday notified that he was one of the two successful candidates in a class of 28 to pass the recent examination held at Seattle for service in the Aviation Corps. Mr. Metzger is awaiting orders to report at Berkeley, where he will take a six weeks' aviation course preliminary to a second examination. If he passes this test, he will be sent direct to the aviation training camp at San Diego.