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MANAGEMENT COSTS LOW FOR RED CROSS

National and Division Headquarters Take Less Than 4 Per Cent of Funds.

Red Cross Roll Call—the fourth annual re-enlistment of members in the American organization—will be held here November 11 to 25. Officers in charge of the Roll Call for the chapter of which this city forms a part, however, feel that the canvass in this section practically can be completed within the first week of the time set should the present plans for intensive work be followed out.

In all its work preparatory to the Roll Call the Red Cross this year, as last, has laid stress on the point that the movement is purely a dues-gathering activity, and not to be confused with "drives" or other campaigns. The national body also is laying emphasis on the fact that more than 50 per cent of all membership fees secured here remain in this community, and on the low "overhead" cost of the organization.

"While the Red Cross has not been subjected to that violent criticism of extravagance and waste which has been attached to some activities resulting from the war and its after-effects," said an officer of the national body recently, "we are pleased to be able to make public the fact that management cost at national headquarters and in the 14 divisions has amounted to less than 4 per cent of the total expenditures by the organization. This is a turnover expense so small as to establish a mark for many a commercial concern to work toward, and on its face proves that for the Red Cross, organization efficiency and economy are not only ideals but achievements."

The 75th birthday of Mrs. Geo. W. Davidson and the 83d birthday of Mr. Davidson were pleasantly observed October 31 at their home on north Broad street. A bountiful dinner was served. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Davidson and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Davidson and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Purcell and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Purcell and family, Mrs. Amy Venn Skiver; the Misses Mary, Ethel and Etta Camren.

Pleasing Piano Recital

A delightful event of Sunday afternoon was the piano recital given at the residence of Mrs. Lillian Fredericks by the Misses Pauline Rayborn and Dorothy Tweedy. The program numbers were given entirely from memory and were enthusiastically received by the guests present. The achievements of the young ladies are considered quite remarkable, inasmuch as Miss Tweedy has had but six months' instruction, while Miss Rayborn has just completed her first year of study. The solos contributed were as follows:

(a) Lovely Flowerlet, (b) March of Little Nages—Miss Tweedy.
(a) Shepherd's Tale, (b) The Happy Farmer—Miss Rayborn.
(a) Impromptu, (b) First Piece of Star Performer, (c) Song of Contentment—Miss Tweedy.
(a) Flower Dream, (b) Voices on the Water—Miss Rayborn.
(a) Sing, Robin, Sing, (b) Waltz for Grandpa, (c) A Pleasant Story—Miss Tweedy.
(a) Black Hawk Waltz, (b) Petit Galop, (c) Star of Hope—Miss Rayborn.

An informal social hour followed, during which time a delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Fredericks. Miss Velma Banister played in a charming manner, "Narcissus" and "Reverie." Among those in the audience were: Mesdames Mark Henderson, C. W. Avery, E. R. Van Winkle, Thomas Brace, James King, Ross King, H. Goodwin; Misses Ruth Jackson, Velma Banister, Minnie Chapin, Helen Rayborn.

S. A. Barnes, local chairman, is now making up his committees for the annual Red Cross membership campaign, which begins November 11. Mr. Barnes is confident that the Weston community will do its full share in this campaign, in view of the wonderful work done by the Red Cross for the relief of the world's suffering peoples, and in further view of the fact that much of the local contribution has been spent in the past and will be spent again in local relief. Weston's quota this year is \$400, and the community will be called upon to raise every dollar of that amount. Last year Weston fell much below its membership quota.

House to rent. Mrs. Frank Hildebrand.

WILL SPEAK AT THE METHODIST CHURCH



DR. LINCOLN L. WIRT

Dr. Lincoln L. Wirt will deliver a lecture next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Methodist church in Weston on the subject, "A Modern Crusade in the Garden of Eden." All of the churches will unite in this meeting, which is preliminary to the campaign for Near East relief. No appeal for funds will be made at the meeting, however.

Dr. Wirt is among the best known platform men in the United States. He has but lately returned from Armenia and is in complete touch with conditions in that unfortunate land. When Dr. Wirt was in Palestine on a tour of survey for Near East relief, he flew over Jerusalem in an airplane and dropped thousands of roses of Sharon upon the British headquarters in recognition of the British feat of arms in wresting that city from the Turk.

Dr. Wirt is a Congregationalist minister and author. He has been Superintendent of Education in Alaska, Red Cross Commissioner for Europe, and Director of United States Relief Expeditions to the Near East.

The Los Angeles speaks of him as "a splendid story teller, a most charming raconteur," and Doctor Gansaulus says: "Dr. Wirt's lecture brings back the fine old days of the lecture platform."

All are invited to attend.

tus is modern in every particular and was purchased to facilitate the doctor's needs in his growing practice. The machine was installed and in demonstrative operation yesterday.

Leroy McCubbins suffered a badly fractured foot last Sunday morning, when the horse he was riding, fell on the slippery pavement near the Oliver-Dickson place, below town. Leroy managed to walk quite a distance and caught the horse, which he mounted and rode to town. Four bones in the foot were found to be badly fractured, by Dr. Smith. He is now at the Geo. Thompson home on High street, where he is nursing the injured foot and reflecting on one disadvantage of good roads.

Clifford Stone came down from his farm near Colville, Wash., last week and took home his wife and three little daughters who have been visiting his mother, Mrs. Jerry Stone here.

Dr. Watts is now fitting up his optical room for refraction work, and expects to have same completed next week.

The local Rebekah and Odd Fellow lodges will entertain tonight at their hall with the grand master as guest of honor. Also the Adams lodges of Rebekahs and Odd Fellows will come as guests.

The school district and the business men of Athena this week subscribed nearly \$400 for the purchase of suits and supplies for the high school football team. The money was raised in a few hours by the high school boys, who are gratified at the response to their solicitation for funds. The team was defeated by Umapine High last Friday, by the score of 20 to 0, and the showing made by the team in this game, which was the first it had played, is considered good by those who witnessed it.

Surprise at Athena Election

On the statement of H. A. Barrett that he did not desire a second term as mayor owing to demands of his business interests, W. P. Littlejohn was prevailed upon to accept the office, and his petition, bearing names of practically every business man on Main street and the names of several women, was filed, and that phase of the election was supposed to be settled with the candidate's election assured—but here is where the surprise package was untied.

When the ballots were counted, it was found that one of the largest number of votes ever cast in an Athena city election had been polled. Mr. Barrett received 150 and Mr. Littlejohn 90 out of a total of 242 votes cast for mayor. The candidates for the remaining offices received the following vote:

Councilmen—Wm. McLeod 212; O. O. Stephens 163; E. C. Rogers (name written in) 69; W. E. Haynie (name written in) 24.
Treasurer—E. A. Zerba, 224.
Recorder—B. B. Richards, 223.

RED CROSS CHEER IN SOLDIERS' HOSPITALS

Cretonne Curtains, Pianos and Phonographs Remarkable By Writer.

By J. F. LANDER

"As dreary as a hospital."

It's an often-heard statement, originating probably with someone whose father or mother or baby had lain in a hospital for days—someone whose experience had stamped on his mind forever a picture of white, plain bed; white, plain room; white, silent corridors deserted by all but white-clad, silent nurses. There are many such.

Hospitals now are being established by the score, institutions of the United States public health service which are to care for the former service men who need medical or surgical attention. Some of the patients will make short stays. Some will be there years. Many are tuberculosis wrecked, with none too much joy in life ahead at best.

The public health service has a full-sized task on its hands in actual medical and surgical work. There must be something more if these institutions—some of them here in the Northwest, at Tacoma, Boise, Port Townsend—are different from the hospitals too many of us have known.

The Red Cross is that something more. I learned that when I went out to the old Cushman Indian school, now a new public health service hospital. The buildings were old and alteration work had progressed just far enough to permit of the reception of forty-odd patients who couldn't be crowded into the older institutions; paint was lacking everywhere; it looked dreary enough to be a hospital.

Then I found the Red Cross building, headquarters for the social service workers assigned to the institution. I found the recreation hall—cretonne-curtained, equipped with piano, phonographs, books, and furniture which wasn't white and square. I found it filled with "walking cases" listening to Ted Williams' Jazz Band and Al Johnson.

I went with the Red Cross workers to boys who two years ago were fighting men but who now spend day and night in bed. They were not nurses' visits; they were the talks of friends. I saw the auditorium; the motion picture machine from the national Red Cross; books, music, nice things to eat, magazines, tobacco, from the local chapter of the organization. I saw a strange thing—hospital patients who all were happy.

After all, they really don't need to be "as dreary as a hospital."

Brick house for sale, with six lots (one-half block.) Five rooms, with bath, lavatory and toilet. North Water street, on state highway. C. F. Bullfinch.

Taxicab service. Wm. Beaton.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN To the legal voters of School District No. 19 of Umatilla County, State of Oregon, that a SCHOOL MEETING of said District will be held at School House, on the 23d day of November, 1920, at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon to vote on the proposition of levying a special district tax.

The total amount of money needed by the district during the fiscal year beginning on June 30, 1920, and ending on June 30, 1921, is estimated in the following budget and includes the amounts to be received from the county school fund, state school fund, special district tax, and all other moneys of the district:

BUDGET—ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	
Teachers' salaries	\$14,400 00
Apparatus and supplies, such as maps, chalk, erasers, stoves, curtains, etc.	500 00
Flags	50 00
Repairs of schoolhouses, outbuildings or fences	550 00
Janitor's wages	1,250 00
Fuel	115 00
Light	900 00
Water	60 00
Clerk's salary	36 00
Postage and stationery	75 00
For the payment of bonded debt and interest thereon, issued under Sections 117, 144 to 148, and 422 of the School Laws of Oregon, 1917	25 00
Total estimated amount of money to be expended for all purposes during the year	\$18,551 00

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	
From county school fund during the coming school year	\$ 2,502 00
From state school fund during the coming school year	525 00
Estimated amount to be received from all other sources during the coming school year—High School fund	1,048 00
Total estimated receipts, not including the money to be received from the tax which it is proposed to vote	\$ 4,075 00

RECAPITULATION	
Total estimated expenses for the year	\$18,551 00
Total estimated receipts not including the tax to be voted	4,075 00
Balance, amount to be raised by district tax	\$14,475 00
Dated this 28th day of October, 1920.	
Attest:	FRANK PRICE, District Clerk.
	J. M. BANISTER, Chairman Board of Directors.

The Telephone Situation

In the engineering of a telephone plant—switchboards, conduits, cables, pole lines and general mechanical equipment—we have always tried to anticipate the growth of a community and provide therefor by advance construction. This course has enabled us to more promptly comply with requirements for service with better construction and at an ultimate expense less than that involved in waiting to meet demands as they arise.

In the war period we were unable to maintain this reserve plant, as the very things we needed for telephone purposes were required and necessarily taken for government purposes. The demand for telephone service did not decrease and our reserve facilities were practically absorbed in meeting it.

As every business man knows, the problems of reconstruction following the war have been acute and prolonged to an unexpected degree. Unusual conditions are prevalent throughout the entire manufacturing, mercantile and social world. The telephone industry has had to meet all the difficulties and handicaps of retarded production, distribution and transportation.

This advertisement is not meant to be one of apology, but one of explanation and even accomplishment. In the face of an unprecedented demand for telephone service in the last few months, hampered by the exhaustion of our reserve plant and difficulty in securing materials, we have added more telephones thus far this year in the State of Oregon than in any similar period of telephone history.

In the State of Oregon, in the eight months ending August 31, we have added 6863 telephones. In the eight months ending July 31, 1917—before the war—we gained 2655 telephones.

In the State of Oregon we have approximately 2600 unfiled applications for telephone service. A similar situation exists all over the United States. We will continue to secure all the equipment possible, and the desires of the public will be met as soon as it is humanly possible to do so.

The Telephone Company regrets the inconvenience to prospective subscribers. It is as anxious to give service as the patron is to receive it. The Company is doing all in its power to remedy conditions and furnish service in accordance with normal standards.

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co.

"OVER THE HILL"

It is expected the road work on the Weston sector of the State highway will be completed for the winter on next Tuesday, after which the street work in Athena will be resumed. It will take the greater part of next summer to complete.

Robert Prouditt has purchased the residence property of Mrs. Samuel Haworth on Adams street, and so soon as necessary repairs can be made, his family will occupy it and later the residence will be completely remodeled. For a time it seemed that "Bob" was destined to move back to his Weston residence on account of no house being available to rent in Athena, but now he and his estimable little family are permanent Athenaites.

The Athena Civic club will be visited at its next meeting, November 16th, by Mrs. Edith Van Dusen, county demonstration agent, for the purpose of giving instruction in any of the branches of domestic art to be determined on at the meeting.

The Star club will be entertained next Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. H. Smith on Jefferson street, when all members and those eligible to membership will be welcome. Mrs. Smith will be assisted in entertaining the club by Mrs. E. C. Rogers.

The high school play, "When Smith Stepped Out," will be given on the evening of November 19, in the high school auditorium.

Tilghman Beckner, well known farmer, is visiting friends at Colorado Springs. Mr. Beckner formerly resided in Colorado, where he was foreman of a ranch. Before returning home he will take a hunt for big game.

C. L. McFadden of the McFadden Pharmacy furnished a fine program of phonograph music at the Commercial club rooms Tuesday evening, for the entertainment of those who gathered there to await the election returns.

Mrs. Thomas Booher and baby daughter were Athena visitors from Weston, Wednesday.

Hereafter it will not be necessary for Athena people to go away from town for X-ray examinations, for Dr. C. H. Smith has installed one of these machines in his office. The appara-