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Red Cross Auxiliary Organized in Forest Grove

The Forest Grove Red Cross auxiliary was given a big boost at Marsh Hall last Thursday evening, when four hundred men and women gathered to hear speakers explain the nature of the work being done by the American Red Cross and the great needs of more members and funds by that organization.

Dr. Ralph Mattson of Portland, recently returned from the front, was expected to address the meeting, but was unable to be present and Henri Labbe, French vice consul at Portland, took his place, explaining at considerable length the needs of and for the Red Cross. He gave a brief history of the organization and told of the excellent work the American Red Cross was doing in foreign fields and the necessity for recruiting it for service in case America put soldiers in the field. Up to a few months ago, Oregon was the only state in the union without the Red Cross, but the work of organization is now being pushed all over the state. The Red Cross was giving relief and first aid to all nations in the big European war and so highly-respected is the organization that even the "unspeakable" Turk was careful not to fire on a Red Cross ambulance or depot. There is in Portland a branch of the British Red Cross which is sending weekly \$200 worth of supplies to England and France.

After Mr. Labbe's address, E. E. Williams read the names of twenty-five men and women whose names had been suggested as a board of directors. On motion those named were elected, as follows:

Messrs. W. H. Hollis, Roy Hesseltine, A. G. Hoffman, C. A. Littler, W. W. McEldowney, W. C. Benfer, J. P. Hurley, A. E. Scott, W. J. McCready, E. E. Williams, H. J. Goff, W. C. Emmerman, Mesdames B. F. White, C. E. Walker, Chas. Hines, E. E. Williams, Eva Abbott, John E. Bailey, M. S. Allen, A. B. Todd, George Paterson, Dorothy Seymour and Misses Mary Farnham, Manche Langley and Marjorie Forbis.

Judge Hollis and Rev. R. E. Dunlap then made appeals for members, stating that the annual dues were \$1.00 with a dollar extra for those who want the Red Cross Magazine. Eighty names were enrolled, in addition to twelve that had previously enlisted. Five Boy Scouts were among those joining the ranks.

Mayor Paterson presided at the meeting, which opened with the singing of the "Star-Spangled Banner" by the audience, led by Thos. E. Isaacs and Mrs. F. W. Jones.

The Boy Scouts went through their flag-raising exercises while the national air was played by Mrs. E. E. Williams, piano and S. A. Walker, violin.

Scoutmaster Ray T. Williams presented sixteen Scouts with certificates of promotion.

Sixteen of the directors met Sunday afternoon at the office of Hollis & Graham and selected the following officers:

W. H. Hollis, Chairman.
Miss M. F. Farnham, Vice Chairman.
Mrs. Dorothy Seymour, Secretary.
Roy Hesseltine, Treasurer.

Chairman Hollis then asked Messrs. Hoffman and Littler to nominate an executive committee of five and the committee named E. E. Williams, H. J. Goff, W. W. McEldowney, Mrs. A. B. Todd and Mrs. B. F. White as such committee. The directors elected the five named as the executive committee.

The naming of the other needed

committees was left to Chairman Hollis, who named the following chairmen, who will select their assistants:

Civilian Relief—Mrs. A. B. Todd.
Military Relief—H. J. Goff.
Membership—Mrs. B. F. White.
Finance—Roy Hesseltine.
Publicity—W. C. Benfer.
Educational—E. E. Williams.

Mrs. B. F. White, who started the good work in this city, reported that the K. of P. lodge had reported seventeen memberships and enough others had come in to bring the membership up to 102, including one life member, who paid \$25. She read a letter from the secretary of the Portland chapter, which states that all organizations in Washington county would be auxiliary to the Portland chapter, to which all membership fees would be sent. The Portland chapter will supply the locals with supplies and materials for making articles needed at the front. It was reported that Hillsboro already had 600 members and the membership committee is instructed to boost the enrollment of the local auxiliary.

The City Council Contributes Money

At a special meeting of the city council, all members present, held Friday evening the council voted the Commercial Club \$100.00 toward defraying the expenses incident to handling the state encampment of the G. A. R. and W. R. C., to be held in this city the last week in June.

Council also decided to give to Pacific University free water, to the average amount used during the past three years, all in excess of said average to be paid for at regular rates; also electric current at 4c per kilowatt hour.

Ordinance granting a franchise to the Portland Gas & Coke company was given first and second reading and referred to our city attorney (E. B. Tongue of Hillsboro), to be acted upon at next regular meeting. The franchise is for 25 years, is not exclusive; agrees that so long as the city operates its own light plant said company will not furnish gas for lighting purposes. The rate is to be the same as in Portland—\$1.00 per 1,000 feet, with a minimum charge of 50c per month.

H. W. Scott wants to sell the city 160 acres of land adjoining the city's water-shed holdings and the matter was referred to the Hillsboro city attorney for Forest Grove.

Barendrick Made Good

In the prohibition oratorical contest at McMinnville last Saturday Miss Edith Garrison, of Willamette University, won first place and the \$50 prize. Her oration was "The New Reconstruction."

Erwin Barendrick, of Pacific University, won second place and the \$10 prize with his oration on "Substitution Versus the Saloon."

Walter Elselder, of McMinnville, took third place. The other contestants were Cecil Tupper, of the Eugene Bible University, and Miss Amy Carson, of the University of Oregon.

Ray T. Williams, who recently took an examination, in Portland, for a commission in the regular army, has been notified that he passed with high standing and may expect to be called between May 1st and 8th.

A trial order is all we ask; next to postoffice. Ruggles Cleaning Works. 52

Teachers Selected

At a recent meeting of the school board, the members offered positions to Superintendent Inlow and the following teachers and it is understood all will accept:

High School—J. H. Pruett, principal; Alice Cole, Mary Cole, Anna Taylor, Edna Mills, Delia Hunkins, Verna Menefee, John A. Dopp, Richard Abraham and C. L. Bump.

Grades—G. E. Richards, principal Central school; Elsie Lathrop, principal Lincoln school; Amy Pechin, Laura Bell, Nan Miller, Edna Clarke, Opal Hyde, Florence Enchede, Catherine Crafsic and Floy Norton. There is one teacher less than last year.

Y. M. C. A. Workers Prepare for Service

Fifty-two local men and women attended a meeting and enjoyed an excellent supper at the Christian church last Monday evening, the meeting being called to arrange financial support for the Y. M. C. A., which is trying to raise \$40,000 in Oregon to put workers in the military training camps to look after the spiritual and moral welfare of the boys in khaki. The supper came first and it was a good one, served by the ladies of the church. Then came a crisp talk by B. J. Simpson, who told of the great need of uplift work in the training camps. He introduced Mr. Dillon of Portland, who was with the troops on the Mexican border last fall. This speaker told of the great temptations which beset the boys; how their inactive lives in the camps made them easy prey to evil-minded persons of both sexes, who swarmed about the soldiers to lead them astray and relieve them of their money.

Mr. Dillon stated that it was the aim of the Y. M. C. A. to erect two hundred plants, including libraries, gymnasiums, etc., near the military camps, with one thousand trained workers to look after the boys. This would require \$3,000,000 and it was estimated that Oregon should furnish \$40,000 of this amount. Portland would take care of \$25,000 and the rest of the state should raise the remainder.

An Executive Committee composed of B. J. Simpson, M. R. Johnson, John Thornburgh, W. H. Hollis, G. G. Paterson, H. L. Bates and R. F. Clark was chosen and these members, with Messrs. A. G. Hoffman, Dr. H. B. Moore, T. E. Isaacs, C. A. Littler, W. P. Dyke, F. C. Taylor, W. J. McCready and M. J. Fenenga, with others to be chosen at a meeting to be held at the Rogers' library at 7:30 next Tuesday evening, will be a committee to solicit funds to finance the campaign planned by the national officers.

The following were selected to visit the outlying churches on Sunday May 6th, or Sunday, May 13th, on the same mission:

W. J. McCready, Gaston and Cherry Grove; Dr. Bishop, Cornelius; W. P. Dyke, Dilley; Rev. Daniel Staver, Gales Creek; Rev. Barber, Hillside; Rev. Dunlap, Laurelwood and Thatcher; B. J. Simpson, Kansas City; A. R. Keagy, Watts.

All the pastors of the city will be asked to talk on this subject Sunday, May 6th, which has been designated as army "Y" day.

Carlton E. Spear, aged 73, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. G. Gibson, Laurelwood, last Monday and funeral services were held at the Gibson home at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Elder E. H. Emerson officiating. Interment was in the Hill Cemetery. Deceased leaves a widow, three daughters and one son. Mr. and Mrs. Spear came from California last June.

Preparing to Entertain Encampment Visitors

The Commercial Club has been holding a series of meetings to arrange for the G. A. R. Encampment, June 27th, 28th and 29th, and committees are at work in making the arrangements.

It would be highly satisfactory to the members of the Commercial Club if everyone in the city would consider himself, or herself, a committee of one to help carry on this work.

It has been decided to procure a flag and flag pole and dedicate the same to the Boy Scouts in recognition of their willingness to assist in any way possible during the encampment, and also to demonstrate in a practical way that the Commercial Club and citizens of Forest Grove are interested in the work the Boy Scouts are doing. This is made possible by the action of the City Council in setting apart a fund for that purpose.

The Boy Scouts have been requested to furnish detachments for assistance as follows:

A detachment of three, each, at the G. A. R. headquarters, W. R. C. headquarters, L. G. A. R. headquarters, and Commercial Club. A detachment of fifteen at the reception quarters and a detachment of five to take charge of the flag during the three days encampment.

Mrs. McEldowney has kindly consented to act as Musical directress and will drill a chorus for music.

The membership of the Commercial Club at the present numbers but about 100, and a campaign will be vigorously carried on during this week to see if its number cannot be increased to at least 200. The Commercial Club feels that the moral support of the membership is worth more than financial aid, but both are absolutely necessary to a successful encampment. A committee on new membership has been appointed and also two teams on finance. The amount necessary to raise in addition to what the Commercial Club now has will be in the neighborhood of \$250.00.

The parade will be in charge of a committee and it is hoped that all organizations will take an active part in preparing attractive floats, and that the very attractive and pleasing feature of the children's parade that was conducted here two years ago may be repeated.

A committee from the W. R. C. has been making a canvass of the city for quarters and that work is nearly completed.

The Commercial Club hopes that not only the business houses of the city will be appropriately decorated with National colors, but that also all resident portions of the city will be likewise decorated and that the entire city may act in harmony to bring about a pleasing effect in the matter of decorations, each individual decorating his or her own home as they may see fit and proper.

An effort will be made to procure some additional lighting for the city during that time.

Below is a list of the committees appointed for service, including the committee appointed by the Woman's club, to co-operate with the Commercial Club:

Reception and Registration—Inlow, Dyke, Bates.
Flag and Flag Pole—Fenenga and Dyke.
Badges—Graham; Johnson and committee from Woman's Club.
Grounds and Seating—Sanford, McCready and Bates.
Lighting and Decorating—Graham, Johnson and Committee from Woman's Club.
Advertising—Graham, Johnson, Scott, Hoffman, Hurley, Benfer.
Music—Mrs. Wilbur McEldowney, directress.
Parade—McCready, Ray Williams,

Dyke and Committee from Woman's Club.
Band Music—Graham, Johnson, Hoffman, Littler.
Invitations—Graham.

After considerable investigation and consultation with the G. A. R. veterans and a committee from the W. R. C., it was decided to recommend that the following rates be adopted and that all people of the city be requested to conform to these rates:

For single bed	.50
For bed occupied by two	.75
Breakfast	.25
Dinner	.35
Supper	.35

Lend Your Hand

Owing to the urgent letters received by the Commercial Club relative to the conservation of food supplies, both State and National, and the extreme demands which will be made upon the United States to supply the world with food during the next year, the Commercial Club appointed a committee to assist in any manner within their power to bring about intense crop raising in this community. The committee consists of Professor Inlow, A. G. Hoffman, W. H. Hollis, Joe A. Wiles and B. F. White.

It is hoped that any one who has vacant lots or spare ground suitable for cultivation, will notify members of this committee. Also any one having surplus seed please notify the committee.

Dean Clarke Elected Acting President

At a recent meeting of the trustees of Pacific University, R. F. Clark, at present dean of the university, was elected acting president for the coming year, which means he will be in full charge after August 1st, at which time President Bushnell retires. The directors have decided to leave the presidency vacant for some time, probably a year, and Dean Clark will be the actual head of the institution. The only comments the Express has heard on this action are very flattering to Mr. Clark, who stands well in the esteem of the students, faculty and townspeople in general.

Honor Guard Girls Need Potatoes

The time for securing seed potatoes and planting them is very short. The girls of the Honor Guard request the citizens of Forest Grove and surrounding country to help them by donating seed potatoes and land.

The Guard will give value received to all donors when the crop is matured. The potatoes are for home use and to help relieve the shortage of food and reduce the high prices.

It is everybody's duty to work in co-operation with the girls in their endeavor. All donors please call Mrs. Ray T. Williams, phone 0343.

All girls belonging to the Guard must be present at Saturday's drill at P. U. gymnasium.

Memorial Services

Memorial services will be held in the Methodist Church on Sunday, May 27th, 1917, at 3 o'clock p. m. A large attendance from the Grand Army, the Woman's Relief Corps and other societies will be appreciated.

Will a representative of the Girls Honor Guard, the Campfire Girls and the Boy Scouts kindly call at my office? I wish to confer with them in regard to this meeting and the Department Encampment, to be held here June 26, 27 and 28th.

W. J. R. Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. John Heisler of Gales City visited their daughters in this city yesterday.

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