

## January Floods Reveal Strength of Red Cross

Aid Given 1,062,000 Persons Through Set-Up by Agency

The elasticity and scope of Red Cross disaster work is shown in a recent report on Red Cross relief measures during the unparalleled Ohio-Mississippi Valley flood of this year.

At the height of the emergency Red Cross relief offices were established in 182 inundated counties and in 146 counties where refugees were cared for, the report stated. Eight regional headquarters offices controlled the 328 county offices, and were in turn supervised by the National Red Cross in Washington, D. C.

A statistical summary of persons aided by the organization indicates that the floods constituted the greatest peace-time emergency ever faced by the nation. The Red Cross gave some form of assistance to 1,062,000 men, women and children. From January to August hundreds of trained workers helped by thousands of volunteers administered to the sufferers.

A Red Cross rescue fleet of 5400 boats was organized, according to the report. Emergency hospitals established totaled 300 and 3600 nurses were assigned to flood duty. In more than 1,000 refugee centers the victims of the flood were sheltered, clothed and fed. Through the Red Cross medical health program and the work of public health agencies sickness was kept to normal for the time of year in all inundated areas.

Because of its disaster experience the Red Cross was directed by the President of the United States, who is also president of the Red Cross, to coordinate the effort of all federal flood relief groups. Government and Red Cross officials met daily at the Red Cross headquarters building in Washington to plan relief measures and prevent duplication of effort.

"We were fortunate in having 56 years of disaster relief experience to call upon in meeting the emergency," Admiral Gary T. Grayson, chairman of the Red Cross, said.

It was found that 97,000 families composed of 436,000 persons had to have their resources supplemented or an entirely new start provided by the Red Cross, the report stated. Red Cross emergency and rehabilitation assistance was as follows: rescue, transportation and shelter for 62,000 families; food, clothing and other maintenance for 193,000 families; building and repair for 27,000 families; household goods for 90,000 families; medical, nursing and sanitation help for 15,000 families; agricultural rehabilitation for 10,000 families; other occupational aid for 3,000 families and other types of relief for 4,000 families.

"Credit for this largest peace-time relief operation in the history of the nation must go to the American people who contributed a Red Cross relief fund of more than \$25,000,000," Admiral Grayson said.

During the year the Red Cross gave aid to the victims of 105 other disasters in 36 states, Alaska and the District of Columbia. The Red Cross financed the majority of these relief operations from money contributed through memberships during the annual Roll Call last November, since it is only in case of large scale disasters that a national drive for relief funds is made.

This year the Roll Call is from November 11th to the 25th. The Red Cross seeks a greater membership to meet its disaster relief and other service obligations during 1938.

Last year Red Cross Chapters gave vital help to 120,000 needy families.

### Red Cross Replaces Farm Family Losses

The Red Cross gave agricultural rehabilitation to 10,116 farm families following the severe eastern floods of last winter. Types of aid included feed, seed, livestock, farm tools and machinery and other items essential to agricultural productivity. More than \$599,000 was expended by the organization to meet these requirements.

In addition to occupational assistance, rural families hard hit by the flood waters were rescued, clothed, fed and sheltered by the Red Cross. Where it was necessary the Red Cross repaired and rebuilt out-buildings, barns and other structures. Medical and nursing care were provided and homes refurnished.

Red Cross agricultural rehabilitation benefited nearly three times as many families as received all other types of Red Cross occupational rehabilitation combined.

Labor's advocacy of the Red Cross program is attested by recent statements from William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor and John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America.

"Red Cross aims and purposes are highly commendable and deserving of the support of all classes of people," said Mr. Green.

"The activities and service of the American Red Cross satisfy a great need of the people, and I strongly urge that it receive the unqualified support of all during its annual Roll Call for members," Mr. Lewis said.

## LOCALS

The Central Point health unit will attend the meeting in Medford this afternoon of the bi-monthly meeting of the County Health Ass'n.

The Central Point Library has just had a very fine bookcase completed. Mr. Ockerman built the bookcase which will hold approximately 350 books.

Sweat shirts and athletic socks at the Men's Shop.

Mrs. Mary Richardson who has been working at the J. S. Week home returned to her home Wednesday before returning home she visited at the Ed Pense home for several days.

John Ross is putting the finishing touches on the new woodshed and garage which he is building at his home. The new structure is attached to the rear and side of his house and contains a garage, woodshed and screened porch and when complete will be very convenient. Mr. Ross purchased practically all the material for the new building from the Central Point planing mill and lumber yard.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Wright finished redecorating the interior of their home on the old stage road. They were helped in painting and papering by their son-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jones spent Wednesday in Ashland combining a business and pleasure trip.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Jolley who have been packing apples in Washington returned home Sunday night. They will make their home on Lake Creek.

This office is in receipt of seven different kinds of beans raised by Mr. Arnold Bailey and also some very delicious sorghum also made by him.

Mr. and Mrs. William Colliers of Red Bluff visited at the home of Mrs. Collier's sister, Mrs. Furry. They were on their way to Portland to visit another sister there.

Mr. John McBride of Santa Rosa is visiting friends in Central Point for a few days. He is making plans to spend the winter in Redding.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Babb of Nappa were recently visitors at the home of their niece Mrs. Clarence Long and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Long were very pleasantly surprised Monday afternoon when Mrs. Long's aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Verne Haveland of El Monte, Calif., arrived unexpectedly. They hadn't seen them for three years. Mr. and Mrs. Haveland had a cottage at Hotel Valandra, and left for their home Wednesday morning. They were greatly pleased with their cabin and the Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Faber and Rev. Charles Lewis and Mrs. Lewis enjoyed a dinner party at the home of Mr. George Wallace. Mrs. Roe, Mrs. Lewis's sister was also present.

John Tharp, Ed Garrett, Justice Muse and Dow Skagg are leaving for a trip to their old home in Missouri. They may send us an interesting account of their trip.

Mrs. Eber Weed of Medford and Dr. Ollie Johnson of Denver visited at the W. J. Gebhard home last Tuesday. Mrs. Johnson was formerly of Kansas and a good friend of the Gebhards when they resided in Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Britton of Klamath Falls called at the Schell home Sunday.

Mr. Sanford J. Richardson who has been working for Copco at Dunsuir has been transferred to Wolf creek and was able to stop for a short visit with his family Wednesday.

Mr. W. A. Schell is installing a bath in connection with the barber shop.

Don Patterson left Saturday for a short visit with friends in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Tubbs and Mr. and Mrs. Tubbs of Kansas visited at the W. J. Gebhard home over the weekend before continuing on to Oakland and Los Angeles on their return to Kansas. Mrs. Dale Tubbs is a niece of Mr. Gebhard. A Kansas dinner was held for them in Medford during their visit here.

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