

WATER SPORTS SAFER FOR RED CROSS WORK

Expert Life-Savers and Many Thousand Swimmers Reduce Annual Water Toll.

Water sports in the United States have never been so safe as they are today, a survey of the work done by Life-Saving experts of the American Red Cross in the past year indicates. Thousands of adults and young people were taught to swim proficiently by these experts during this period. In addition, 5,681 men, 4,187 women, and 13,024 juniors successfully passed the rigid tests of the Life Saving Service of the Red Cross. The total thus trained during the year—22,892—is 5,041 more than last year's results. The total membership of the Life Saving Corps of the Red Cross on June 30 was 72,810 persons.

Meeting the demand for qualified instructors and counselors in these camps, are the college men and women of the country, many devoting whole or part of their annual vacation periods to this field. Meeting the need of standardized instruction in Life-Saving, First-Aid, and kindred subjects, the American Red Cross conducted nine First-Aid and Life-Saving Camp Institutes this year with a total attendance of more than 600, in Maine, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, Indiana, Wisconsin, Oregon, and California. Representatives of Red Cross Chapters, summer camps, life guards at municipal pools and beaches, directors of physical education in schools, and others of this calibre made up the student body.

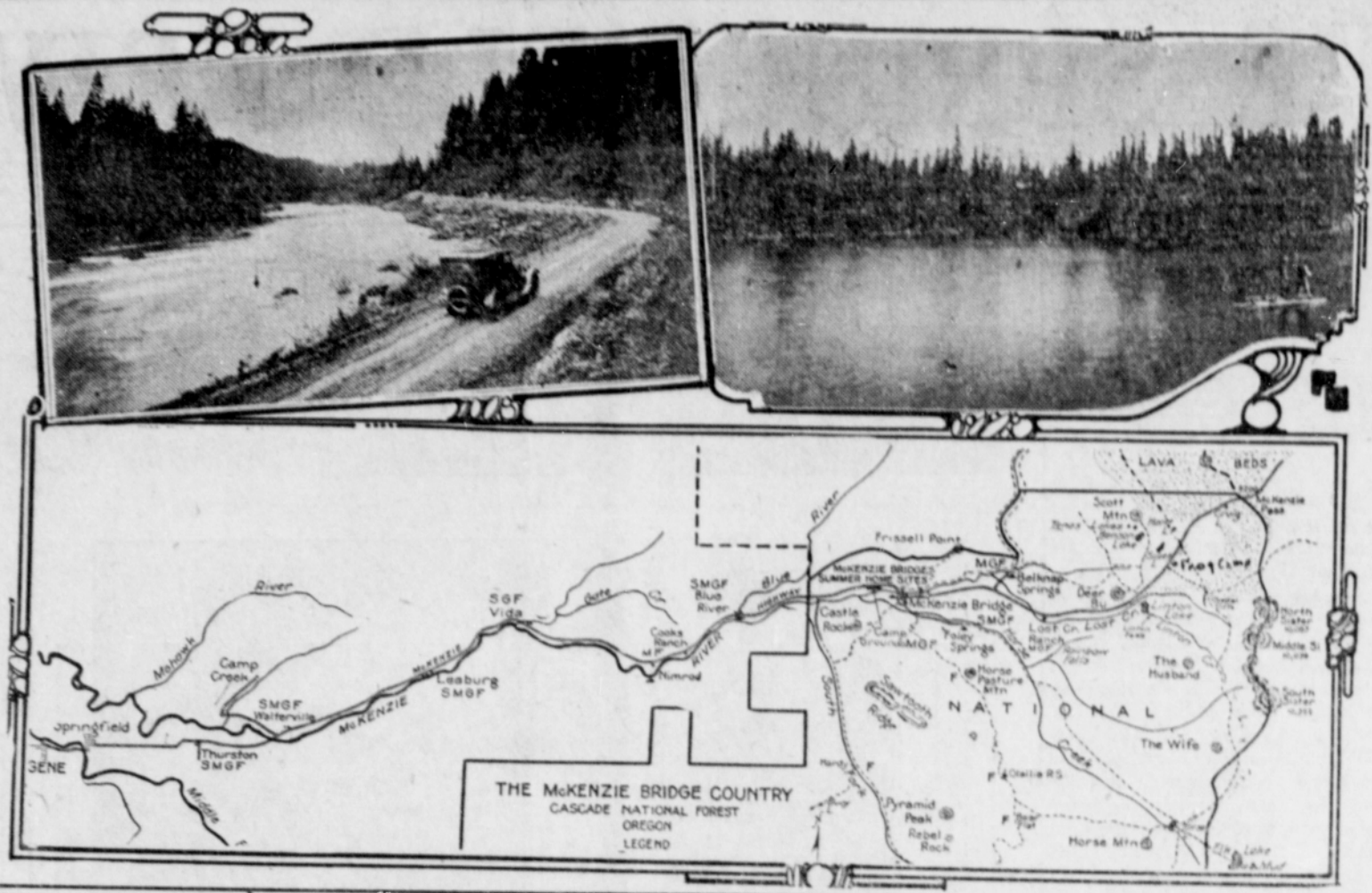
A number of city or regional institutions were conducted also during the winter at indoor pools to develop local experts. The aquatic school conducted by the New York Chapter was especially successful, it is stated. Inspired by this system, many camps, pools, bathing beaches, etc., have adopted in whole or in part, the Red Cross Life Saving and water-safety program. In the New England states alone, more than 180 camps employ counselors trained in these methods. A partial survey indicates more than 20 cities using the Red Cross senior test as a minimum requirement for their municipal life guards. Educational institutions have turned to it with enthusiasm.

This widespread instruction besides creating unprecedented numbers of expert life-savers, is developing a vast body of Americans who are at home in the water. All contribute so safely, the year-round, for swimming is a recognized all-year sport today, records show.

The danger from water accidents is ever-present however where proper safeguards are not taken and to broaden this valuable Red Cross Service is one of the reasons why increased membership in the Red Cross is urged. The Annual Roll Call, during which the opportunity to assist all Red Cross work in many lines of endeavor is extended, will be held from Armistice Day to Thanksgiving, November 11-26.

Large Volunteer Work of Red Cross. Volunteers under the Red Cross all over the United States are doing constantly for others, among their products being more than 90 per cent of the Braille reading matter for the blind, and a vast production of clothing and surgical dressings.

Portland Man Here—George Downey, of Portland, coast representative of the Simons Steel and Saw company, was a Springfield visitor Saturday.



Confidence By Flo

Dear Miss Flo:—I have been married only six months, but I am afraid my husband is already growing tired of me. I am pretty—everybody says so—I am a good cook, a good caterer—fairly easy to get along with but in spite of all that is being said about men liking girls who can make them comfortable, my husband spends little time at home. I think he is becoming bored because I am not terribly clever. The other evening we were entertaining some friends it was a couple of days after election, and I hadn't heard who was elected. Jealousness, I didn't think that was such a terrible thing, but everybody laughed, and my husband was furious. Mother said the less I know about politics the better off I would be, but Dad said that it wouldn't hurt me to get a little more inside my head—that men wanted something more these days than a baby stare. What shall I do? I am not intellectual—I couldn't be if I tried, but I want to read my husband and I want people to like me. Nettie.

The old idea that men prefer women without ideas or knowledge out of the strictly feminine province of the home—that they prefer girls and women in whom they are interested should be sweetly ignorant on any subjects except the fundamentals of domesticity is a past age. You see proof of this around you every day. The girls men like to talk to, take around and introduce to their friends, and the wives who carry into matrimony that surest guarantee of success are the girls and women who have at least a generous smattering of up to date information, who can listen intelligently to a man's ideas and hobbies, who can come back with something more than a blank look

When the conversation becomes exclusive of all that is going on in the big world around us.

Of course, you can meet with exceptions almost anywhere, and you can find girls who apparently have not an idea in their heads, but who appeal to clever men. The witicism of physical beauty can sweep a man from his feet for a time, but it often happens that such a girl, unless she supplements her physical charms with other of the deeper qualities of mind and soul, does not succeed in holding men or continuing into marriage as successfully as many other girls less richly endowed with beauty, but also make up for its lack by a combination of intelligence and sympathy and companionship.

The desire to be liked is one of the deepest and most fundamental things in human nature. And a thoughtful, sincere, intelligent interest in others and a ready sympathy both are attributes which go far toward insuring this liking. But interest and sympathy both imply understanding. One could not be deeply interested or sympathetic with a man who spoke a different language and with whom one had no possible way of exchanging ideas. Yet many girls try to hold a man without any real knowledge of what he is interested in, what his ideas are, what field his ambitions may cover, and where his hopes trav-

el. Strive to make your conversation intelligent, interesting. Read the daily paper, a few of the better class current magazines, some of the talked about books, and you will have sufficient information to know what the average man is talking about—and you'll find your husband not only interested in his homelife—but more interested in you. Isn't that what you want?

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The Douglas county agricultural economic conference was held at Roseburg with a good attendance. The conference arranged by the Oregon Agricultural college will have a thorough survey of all of the various agricultural activities in the county, market conditions in the county, state and nation, and from the material so obtained will formulate a program for future agricultural development.

Three men were injured in premature dynamite explosions in Klamath county. George Lapowt, employed on a road construction crew near Donaxia, lost the sight of both of his eyes when a charge of dynamite exploded unexpectedly and H. Westfall and Robert Mahan, employees of the California-Oregon Power company, were badly cut about the face with flying rocks when another charge exploded.

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