

### RED CROSS EXPENDS EIGHT MILLIONS FOR RELIEF IN DISASTER

#### Year Just Closed Put Heavy Task on Society—120 Calls for Help Were Met.

An unusually large number of disasters in the United States and its insular possessions have required assistance from the American Red Cross during the year just closed. The organization sent emergency relief workers to the scenes of 120 tornadoes, floods, fires and other types of catastrophes and expended \$8,020,000 in relief and rehabilitation of the victims.

Calls for aid came from eleven other nations in which earthquakes, floods and other problems caused distress to large populations, and the Red Cross sent \$76,200 to help in relieving the suffering.

The catastrophe causing the greatest loss of life and most widespread devastation was the West Indies hurricane of September, 1928, in which more than 2,000 lives were lost in Florida, Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands. A relief fund of \$5,883,725.62 was contributed by the public, following a proclamation by the President of the United States, to which the Red Cross added \$50,000 from its own treasury, and the society was enabled to give relief to more than 700,000 persons.

In the early Spring, river floods in the southeastern states cost a heavy loss to many persons, 76,000 inhabitants being affected in four states. The Red Cross assisted 4,333 families, approximately 28,000 persons, with food, clothing, temporary housing, feed for stock and seed for replanting.

In all, thirty-eight states were visited by calamities during the year, affecting 364 counties. Twenty-eight counties were devastated twice by storms, fires and floods.

Red Cross expended \$434,000 from its treasury in giving relief in these disasters, and at one time had as many as 120 disaster relief workers, nurses and other representatives in the field.

Funds for this relief work are obtained in the annual roll call for members, which occurs from Armistice Day to Thanksgiving Day, November 11 to 28. Only once a year—during this period of Roll Call—does the Red Cross ask public support to carry on its many activities.

### COFFEE CROP AIDED BY RED CROSS IN ISLANDS

Disaster relief given following the West Indies hurricane which struck Porto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Florida, as well as other islands in the Caribbean Sea, presented one of the largest tasks yet undertaken by the American Red Cross. In Florida, where 1,810 lives were lost, the Red Cross aided 41,236 persons. In Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands, where the loss of life was not so great, but where the devastation was almost complete, the Red Cross aided 731,712 persons.

Destruction of the coffee plants was the gravest loss, and the Red Cross aided in rehabilitating this industry by employing 67,000 natives to clear the coffee-land, so that replanting would go forward immediately, thus providing work and wages for thousands.

### LABOR HEAD URGES SUPPORT OF RED CROSS

"Invariably it is the masses of the people which suffer most when disasters occur," stated William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, recently.

"Because they suffer most and because of their helplessness, the ministrations of the Red Cross organization take on added significance and importance. No doubt many lives among these particular groups are saved through the prompt service which this organization gives."

"Because the American Federation of Labor appreciates this fact, we have supplemented the appeal of the American Red Cross at each Roll Call period for memberships from the great mass of working men and women and their families."

"The continued service of the American Federation of Labor in this most humane and unselfish work will be most cheerfully rendered."

Mr. Green is a member of the Board of Incorporators of the American Red Cross.

### NURSES ENROLLED WITH RED CROSS FOR SERVICE

Enrolled with the Nursing Service of the American Red Cross at Washington are 49,000 nurses, qualified under the society's regulations, who may be summoned to service in time of disaster or other emergency. From the Red Cross enrollment were assigned 20,000 nurses in the World War. These Red Cross nurses are the standing reserve of the Army and Navy Nurse Corps of the United States, and are also called upon for service in other governmental health services.

Little St. Eustatius Island in the Dutch West Indies gave refuge to American ships during the Revolution. The hurricane of last September struck the island, causing heavy loss. The American Red Cross was called to

### S. H. S. STUDENT BODY WILL PRESENT PLAY ON FRIDAY EVENING

Members of the cast of "Bab," the play which the student body at the high school is offering in conjunction with the dramatics club at the high school auditorium on Friday night at 8:15, are busily at work learning their parts and the characterizations they are to portray.

"Bab" is a four act comedy written by Edward Childs Carpenter, from the novel of Mary Roberts Rinehart. It is a rollicking comedy, filled with much wit and humor. Bab, the young girl around whom the action centers, is always trying to prove to her family that she has finally grown up.

Julia May plays the role of "Bab" in the play. She is supported by Mr. and Mrs. Archibald, her parents, who are Jesse Sumner and Evelyn Buell.

The other members of the cast and the parts they portray are Leila Archibald, sister of Bab, Marjory Prochnow; Hannah, a maid, Mina Peterson; William, a butler, Richard Prochnow; Carter Brooks, Freeman Squires; Jane Raleigh, Faye Parsons; Clinton Beresford, the young man in the case, Everett Squires; Eddie Perkins, John Lynch; and Guy Grosvenor, Clifford Darr.

The play is being directed by Mrs. William Baker. Raipa Hughes is in charge of the ticket sale, and Ruth Bettis is in charge of the advertising.

Tickets are being sold by members of the student body at the school. The general admission charge is thirty-five cents.

### Queen of the Ice



Senja Henie, 17 year old world champion amateur figure skater of Norway, is due here to exhibit her skill at Madison square Garden, New York, at the benefit to be held for the New York Music Week Association.

### BENNIE McELFRESH DIES OF ACCIDENT INJURIES

Bennie McElfresh, the seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin McElfresh, who live on South Second street, died Tuesday at the Eugene hospital of injuries sustained when he was knocked unconscious on Main street here more than a month ago by an automobile being driven by W. D. Morgan, of Eugene.

Bennie was thought to have lost his hearing after the accident, but later recovered it and was apparently making fine progress when he died suddenly.

Surviving him are his parents, two sisters, Helen and Lili; one brother, Ayers, and his grandmother, Mrs. Ida Thurston, Berkeley, California.

The funeral was held this morning from the Brandstetter chapel at Eugene. Rev. Ralph Clark, of the Fairmount Presbyterian church in Eugene, conducted the services and interment was made in the Laurel Hill cemetery.

### C. J. McKEE TO MOVE HIS FAMILY HERE SOON

The rooms above the New Home bakery in the Melvin Hansen building on Main street are being repaired and redecored this week preparatory to their being occupied by the family of C. J. McKee, proprietor of the bakery.

The family have been living in Eugene for the past several months, and expect to be settled in their new home by December 18.

### DEGREE STAFF PLANS CHRISTMAS PARTY FRI.

The progressive degree staff of the Rebekah lodge will have their annual Christmas party at the regular monthly meeting of the group on Friday evening. They will have a Christmas tree and each member will bring a gift, which will be exchanged with other members.



Major "Mite," 21 years old, walking between a New York traffic cop's legs. Born in Seattle, Wash., he's the world's smallest man.

### TELEPHONE COMPANY TO CUT SERVICE CHARGES

Extensive reductions in many of the standing charges for telephone service will be made in Springfield on January 1, as part of a state wide phone rate reduction, according to recent reports issued by high officials of the telephone company.

The cuts will not effect the basic rental charges, at least for the present, but big reductions are made on installation charges and on charges for extra connections in business houses.

The action reducing the charges was taken at a meeting in Portland last Friday, when members of the Oregon public service commission and officials of the telephone company met.

Under the new schedule the charges for connections of service will be entirely eliminated in one case, and reduced from 14 to over 50 per cent in other cases. Monthly rates for extension telephones will be cut from 20 to 33 and one-third per cent.

The \$1.50 charge for connecting service commonly known as the change of name charge, will be eliminated.

The service connection charges for business and residence extension telephones will be \$1.50; the former rate was \$2.00.

The service connection charge for P. B. X. telephones will be \$1.50; the former rate was \$3.50.

The service connection charge for residence telephones will be \$3.00; the former rate was \$3.50.

Reductions of 25 cents a month were announced for business and flat rate extensions.

### "THE VIRGINIAN" IS COMING TO McDONALD

From musical comedy to college drama is the gamut of the versatile Cliff (Ukelele Ike) Edwards, vaudeville and musical show entertainer, who plays his latest fun-making role in "So This is College," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's all-talking campus romance now playing at the Fox McDonald.

Edwards, who came to the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios to be featured in the "Hollywood Revue," plays the college cut-up in the new picture and, with his trusty ukelele and his comical songs, produces many a laugh.

"So This is College," directed by Sam Wood, is a lighthearted romance of the younger generation, laid in a big American university.

Its heroine is Wood's latest discovery, Sally Starr.

A special preview is to be an extra feature of Thursday night.

He sang the mere fragment of a song in "Wolf Song," but his talking voice was never heard by picture audiences before, until Paramount gave him the title role in the all-talking outdoors classic "The Virginian," which comes to the Fox McDonald Theatre for three days beginning on Sunday next.

His name is Gary Cooper, and he is probably the best screen type that could be found anywhere in the ranks of film actors for the part of the lean, lanky, cow puncher hero of this famous play from the novel of the same name by Owen Wister.

"The Virginian" was "shot" and "miked" in the picturesque cattle range country of Sonora county, California.

### STEWARDSHIP IS TOPIC FOR SERMON SUNDAY

"Christian Stewardship" will be the sermon topic at the Christian church Sunday morning. In the evening Veltie Pruitt will talk on the subject "I Am the Way." The Bible school and the Christian Endeavor will have their regular meetings.

### BELL THEATRE TO RE-OPEN SUNDAY

#### Herbert Weiss Takes 30 Day Lease on Theatre From J. M. Larson.

Negotiations were completed last week whereby Herbert Weiss of Eugene, formerly of the Bell theatre from J. W. Larson, and will reopen it next Sunday, December 15, with the Clara Bow feature, "The Fleet's In" as the opening attraction.

Mr. Weiss will be assisted in the management of the theatre by his brother-in-law, Austin Mathews, who is a projection machine operator, and who will operate the machines at the theatre.

The initial lease is being made for a period of thirty days, to test out the willingness of Springfield people to support a theatre in this city. The matter of continuing the operation of the picture house after that depends largely upon the public, according to both Mr. Weiss and Mr. Larson.

If the public backs the exhibitions sufficiently to make them a financial success, then the shows will be made permanent, and talking picture equipment will probably be installed early in the spring.

Admission price will remain at twenty-five cents when the house is reopened. There will be shows every night except Thursdays.

### ROADS WILL BE WORKED OVER ENTIRE COUNTY

The heavy rain which started on Sunday evening has made it possible for the county road maintenance crews to begin active work of scraping and blading all of the 1200 miles of county roads in Lane County. The roads have been too dry and hard before the rain started to permit any successful work on them.

There is not one road in the county which will not be gone over, is the promise of the County Court.

### LEGION ORGANIZATIONS TALK COMMUNITY HALL

The American Legion and Auxiliary met at the Chamber of Commerce rooms last Friday night and had a joint pot-luck supper. After the supper the two groups held individual meetings to transact their business and to discuss the matter of joining a movement to establish a joint community hall in this city.

The sentiment expressed at the meeting was very favorable towards the establishment of such a hall.

### REBEKAH LODGE PLANS CHRISTMAS TREE PARTY

Plans were made Monday night at the regular meeting of the Rebekah lodge for a Christmas tree and program, to be held on Monday evening December 23. It was decided to have an exchange of gifts. Each person is to bring a gift which costs not over fifteen cents. These will then be distributed later in the evening.

Two candidates will be initiated into the lodge at the next meeting on December 16.

### BAKER'S SON WINNER IN BABY PHOTO CONTEST

Carl James McKee, Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. McKee, was adjudged winner of second place in the baby contest conducted recently by

the Wynd Photo Studios, of Eugene. Announcement of the decision of the judges was made Tuesday.

The contest was divided into three groups, and the McKee child was a winner in the group under one year of age. He is almost a year old.

### BENEFIT DANCE TO BE GIVEN BY CIVIC CLUB

A benefit dance will be given New Year's eve at Midway pavilion by the Civic club, according to a decision made at last meeting. The best music will be secured and a splendid New Year's party arranged, according to Mrs. Paul Brattain, of the committee in charge.

### KENSINGTON CLUB HAS LUNCHEON AT ROSE GRAY

Mrs. D. B. Murphy and Mrs. Clarence Chase were hostesses Friday to the members of the Kensington club at a luncheon held at the Rose Gray Inn at the west end of the new bridge.

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