

# ASTONISHING ENTHUSIASM IS REVEALED

### First Work Began Without Organization and Has Grown in Seven Months to a County-Wide System of Auxiliaries of the American Red Cross.

[The Outlook is indebted to Mrs. Alta Gentry for the work of gathering and compiling the information in the following report of the activities of the Local Auxiliaries of the American Red Cross in Eastern Multnomah and Clackamas Counties.]

The Red Cross is an international institution for the relief of suffering whenever and wherever found, and each nation is pledged to guard and protect the symbol of the Red Cross under any circumstances, and the deliberate breaking of this pledge by bombing plainly marked Red Cross hospitals full of wounded men and their nurses who were giving care to friend or enemy alike, was one of the things which aroused peace-loving America to see that she as a Christian nation must lend her aid, to the uttermost part of her resources if need be, to destroy the tyranny which for love of power and dominion would use its strength in the heartless destruction of the helpless.

And while the Red Cross is officially recognized by the American government and accorded every possible privilege in matters of transportation, etc., it is not a government institution but is supported by voluntary offerings of money and services from the individual members of the nation, and in their means of quickly and effectively applying aid when disaster of any kind strikes a people. It was only a few hours from the time news arrived of the terrible destruction at Halifax last week until a train moved out of an eastern city loaded with hospital supplies, garments and other things, and carrying 100 physicians, surgeons and nurses. It was the American people—through the Red Cross—giving their first aid to a stricken and desolate city. Those who think the Red Cross a great war machine should read of its wonderful activities in peace times to learn that it is only the greater need that brings it before the public eye in such times as these.

With all the suffering in Europe today can we wonder that this institution needs our help more and more to carry on its Christlike ministrations? With our boys going by the thousands to represent us in the fight for the weak and oppressed, is it strange that in response to the call for aid from the American Red Cross, thousands, yes hundreds of thousands, of women from all over our land responded to the call, thankful that there was a work for them to do, and Oregon and especially eastern Multnomah and eastern Clackamas is entering into the work heart and soul. Almost every community has its Red Cross auxiliary or a society which is devoting its time to the work which is so urgently needed to relieve at least in part the suffering which inevitably follows in the footsteps of war, no matter how high the principles for which men are fighting.

It may be possible to enumerate the number of articles, of various kinds which the women of this country have made, but to try and give expression to the thoughts and feelings of a group of women with sons, brothers and husbands "somewhere in France, or on the way back" is a task beyond the power of any pen.

How many tears and sighs are sewed into seams of a hospital shirt or patiently clipped into comfort pillows only the women themselves know, for only once in a while is the thought given expression that perhaps some of their own boys may wear these garments and then some cheery soul always answers, "Yes, but what if they didn't have them?" and so the work continues with added vigor, for such a possibility is not to be thought of as long as material can be obtained. Following are reports from various auxiliaries, units and societies in Gresham and in the surrounding localities of eastern Multnomah and eastern Clackamas.

## PLEASANT HOME

The ladies of Pleasant Home and vicinity have been doing Red Cross work all during the summer and fall months, although they have never organized into a Red Cross auxiliary but have worked under the various societies of the neighborhood, everyone doing what they could and furnishing their own material. As no records have been kept it is impossible to state the number of articles made by the different societies, but a large quantity of handkerchiefs, napkins, tray cloths, wash rags, comfort pillows, hot water bag covers, bed socks, etc., have been made and turned into the Portland chapter where it has been gladly received. The home of Mrs. Lenartz is open on Fridays to give one to come either for the full day or the afternoon and contribute her bit in time or material.

The Enthusiasts club of which Mrs. Geo. Blackburn is president is one of the groups working for the Red Cross at Pleasant Home and its membership is drawn also from the adjoining districts of Lusted, Orient, Cottrell and Seenic. An effort is being made by these ladies to obtain work from the Portland chapter, but the new rulings of the chapter that the society obtaining work must become a unit, that no work can be taken home, and that there must be one meeting place makes it rather difficult for women in farming districts to do this work. A meeting was held this afternoon for the purpose of making definite plans for organizing a society for the work of the Red Cross. A most delightful evening was re-

# LITTLE KNITTERS WORKING FOR THE SOLDIERS



"Come, children; it's time to go to bed." "Oh, please let us knit some more. Just one more row and I'll finish." This is the scene which S. C. Bratton and Mrs. Bratton rehearse every evening for their two little girls, Kathryn, Frances and Jane Webb Bratton, aged 7 and 5 years respectively, have become great deal, they know, in their small way, all about sugar con- serving a stand on candy. Although they are not allowed a servation, and talk it among their playmates and at home. Little Braze street, Portland.

ported as being spent at the Baptist church Saturday where the people of Pleasant Home, Lusted, Seenic and Cottrell were delightfully entertained by a musical program arranged by Miss Hilda Byers. Mrs. Jennie Oswald of Gresham delighted the audience with several solos sung in her usual charming manner and was especially appreciated. Glenn Rusher of Gresham sang two beautiful solos in a pleasing way and Miss Byers accompanied the singers on the piano. Mrs. Robt. Lansdowne and Miss Hazel Fowler of Cottrell favored the audience with recitations and three little girls, Verna Hutchins, Ester Jones and Edna Beers gave a much enjoyed selection on the piano. The proceeds of the entertainment amounting to \$26 are to be given to the Portland chapter of the American Red Cross.

## BORING-UNION

Another live auxiliary at Damascus is known as the Boring-Union auxiliary and was organized August 14, 1917, and commenced work August 30. They have met every alternate Thursday since that time, but beginning with the new year of 1918 will meet every Thursday in an all-day session. With a membership of twenty they have had an average attendance of twelve.

Work has been carried enthusiastically along as is seen by their report of finished work. Thirty-six shirts, thirty pajamas, sixty arm-slings, thirty-six abdominal bandages, nine pairs knitted socks, nine pairs knitted socks—a total of 268 pieces—besides making 2000 gun wipers. The meetings are held at the home of the chairman, Mrs. J. C. Elliott, with an average attendance of fifteen. Five sewing machines are loaned for the work which is being rapidly finished and returned.

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## CEDARVILLE

One of the smallest auxiliaries near Gresham with reference to numbers is the Cedarville auxiliary, but what it lacks in numbers is made up in the activity of its ten members. A room has been fitted up in Cogswell's grocery store where they meet every Thursday. They have three sewing machines at work and have completed two dozen bottle bandages, one dozen shoulder wraps, eighteen hot water bottle covers, one dozen hospital shirts, with another dozen not yet completed, besides snipping pieces for comfort pillows. A large box of pieces of elderdown and outing flannel scraps was given them at Headquarters for snipping and they requested and were gladly given permission by the Portland chapter to cut the larger pieces in blocks to be pieced into extra blankets for hospital use. They snip the remaining scraps for pillow filling.

They have been knitting at home and have made twenty-five pairs of socks, one sweater and several pairs of wristlets, besides knitting odd scraps of yarn into Belgium squares to be sent to France. These are twelve inches square and on their arrival in France are joined together into blankets. Cedarville auxiliary has about one and a half dozen squares ready to turn in. The average attendance has not been more than eight, but they expect to participate in the great drive for new

members next week and are sure of gaining a number of new members for their society. Miss Cora Glese is chairman; Mrs. Percy Glese, treasurer.

The other members are: Mrs. Mary Lambert, secretary; Mrs. J. V. Cozwell, Mrs. Arthur Grant, Mrs. Andrew McMillan, Mrs. Hendrick, Mrs. G. Hughes, Mrs. P. Rueger, Mrs. Dhuist, Mrs. Jane Forbes.

The ladies have already secured the names of two ladies for the Red Cross drive next week—Mrs. May Rueger and Mrs. Hotbet. The auxiliary was organized about the 16th of November and until very lately has been meeting at the home of the chairman, Miss Cora Glese, who kindly opened her home for the work.

## DAMASCUS

Red Cross work has been going rapidly forward in the Damascus auxiliary, as a list of the completed articles shows. The society was organized November 2, and commenced working November 7. Since that time it has completed seventy-two hospital bed shirts, thirty-six shoulder wraps, fifty-eight arm slings, twenty-four suits, pajamas, nine pairs knitted socks, half dozen abdominal bandages, one dozen handkerchiefs, nine pairs knitted socks—a total of 268 pieces—besides making 2000 gun wipers. The meetings are held at the home of the chairman, Mrs. J. C. Elliott, with an average attendance of fifteen. Five sewing machines are loaned for the work which is being rapidly finished and returned.

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## PLEASANT VALLEY

The Pleasant Valley grange auxiliary was organized October 8th and has about fifty members, which goodly number they expect to double next week in the Red Cross membership drive. The chairman is T. R. Berry, secretary, Mrs. Lehman; treasurer, E. S. Jenne, and they have a number of committees which cover a broader field of work than is the case with most of the units. Mrs. E. S. Jenne is chairman of the sewing committee, of which Mrs. P. P. Jenne, Mrs. T. L. Berry, Mrs. W. U. Moore and Mrs. Sara Frost are members. The ladies who are sewing average twelve and meet every Thursday afternoon. They have made two and a half dozen pajamas, 1 dozen bed shirts, 2 dozen shoulder wraps, one dozen hot water bottle covers, two dozen arm slings, two dozen pillows. They are also doing some knitting. Meetings of the entire auxiliary are held the first and third Monday evenings of every month. Enthusiasm runs high and every one is doing what they can. Members and committees follow: Sewing Committee—Mrs. E. S. Jenne, Mrs. P. P. Jenne, Mrs. W. U. Moore, Mrs. T. L. Berry, Mrs. Sara Frost. Civilian Relief Committee—E. S. Jenne, W. U. Moore, J. W. Frost. Members—Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Berry, Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. H. Popple-

ton, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Masters, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rhoads, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Jenne, Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Jenne, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Frost, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hostetter, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Forsgren, Mr. and Mrs. John Forsgren, Mrs. Ross, Miss Georgia Butler, Mrs. Ethel Kesterson, Mrs. Frank Richey, Mrs. Mary Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hodson, W. W. Schaefer, Mrs. Sadie Kesterson, Mrs. W. Frank Richey, Mrs. Mary Grant Sager, Lloyd Giesy, Miss W. Roman, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Olson, Mrs. Fred Matthias, Ole Dahl, Miss Edw. Kelly, James Kelly, F. H. Gilchrist, J. J. Bunnell, Gus Richey, Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Parrot, Theo. Schacht, Clyde Moore.

## BORING

The Boring auxiliary was organized last Tuesday with twenty members, ten of whom were transferred from the Portland chapter—and ten new members who joined that afternoon. Mrs. J. G. Gillingham of the Portland chapter of the American Red Cross was the speaker of the day and gave the audience much valuable information on the Red Cross work and assisted in organizing. Knitting is already being done and sewing will be obtained for the next meeting to be held Tuesday, December 18. The place of meeting is not yet decided upon as arrangements are being made to obtain a permanent meeting place. Everyone is invited to attend. The list of members is as follows: Mrs. J. C. Fruits, chairman of military supplies; Mrs. L. A. Coldwell, vice chairman; Mrs. W. H. Telford, Mrs. C. M. Anderson, G. H. Knox, O. W. Boring, Mrs. Lucy Boring, W. H. Boring, Mrs. Harry Bickford, Mrs. E. Wolfe, Mrs. Cannin.

## MELROSE AND VICTORY

For a number of years it has been the custom of the ladies of this community to meet for a social afternoon twice a month and spend a few hours visiting and exchanging patterns and new ideas for fancy work. Last May the patriotic fires began to burn a little brighter all the time and finally it was decided that the time spent for fancy work could well be devoted to the Red Cross. The work was commenced with the old material on hand and a quantity of substitute handkerchiefs, tray cloths, napkins, gun wipers, etc., were made and taken in to the Headquarters of the Portland chapter where they were gladly received.

The managers very kindly agreed to furnish the ladies with work and they have finished and turned in twenty full size sheets, forty draw sheets, six and a half dozen hospital shirts (and have 2½ dozen which will be ready next week), two dozen arm slings, and have put tape on two dozen arm slings for the Portland chapter. They have also made RED CROSS—GALLEY THREE nine dozen handkerchiefs, sixty wash clothes, thirty-five rolls of gun wipers and a quantity of napkins and tray cloths. Their motto is "no matter what we think, follow to the last detail instruction from Headquarters" and the results have been very satisfactory to the ladies and to those receiving at the Headquarters. During the summer attendance was seldom more than a dozen, but has increased to about twenty, some times more. The ladies have been greatly handicapped by lack of a regular meeting place and sewing machines. An effort is being made to fit up a vacant school room at Cedar school for their use and if

this succeeds as it probably will machines will be rented or borrowed and work will go rapidly forward in permanent quarters. Snipping is done when other work fails, with the result that they have made and filled thirty-one of the large-sized comfort pillows. The club is now known as the Willing Workers.

Following is a list of workers: Mrs. G. W. Allier, president; Mrs. Alex. Thompson, vice president; Mrs. Lena Cooley, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. J. C. Duke, Mrs. H. W. Cooley, Mrs. I. T. Wood, Mrs. Olive Strebin, Mrs. Thos. Wilson, Mrs. Ed. Buchstrand, Mrs. Ed. Rosene, Mrs. Alta Stafford, Mrs. Ella Hensley, Mrs. John Strebin, Mrs. Henry Bonthit, Mrs. Grace Fritz, John Loder, Mrs. H. Wilson, Mrs. Ed. Osborn, Mrs. Alta Gentry, Mrs. Edgar Wilson, Mrs. W. S. Wood, Mrs. Jim Barnes, Mrs. Robt. Kerlake, Mrs. J. H. Moran, Miss Kate Maloney, Jennie Strebin, Henrietta Wiley, Bessie Strebin, Gertrude Ickler, Mable Wood, Anna Morgan, Dolly Morgan, Mrs. George Andrews, Miss Edith Andrews, Dorothy Caddy.

## FAIRVIEW

The Fairview Red Cross unit was organized October 17, with ten annual members. The officers elected were Mrs. Jonas, chairman; Mrs. Windle, vice chairman, and Mrs. McKay, secretary and treasurer.

The meetings are held every Tuesday afternoon in the Council room. Fairview grange donated \$10 to be used for home expenses. The city council voted the use of the council chamber with fuel and janitor service free.

Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Heslin gave the use of sewing machines, and all the women in the community are interested in the work. In the sewing they have made shoulder wraps, arm slings, bed shirts, bandages and pajama suits. One hundred and twenty-five substitute handkerchiefs and twenty dish towels have been donated.

The secretary says: "We are very proud of our knitters, twenty-one pairs of socks and a sweater have been made. We have ten experts whose ages range from 75 to 15; perhaps we have the youngest knitter, Margaret Jonas has finished three pairs of socks since we organized, besides two pairs donated by her during vacation."

Mrs. Kate Jonas, Mrs. J. C. Windle, Mrs. J. Strucken, Mrs. S. B. Hall, Mrs. J. Turner, Mrs. A. L. Kronenberg, Mrs. J. W. Townsend, Mrs. Eliza Stone, Mrs. Janet Grant, Mrs. Margaret McKay, Mrs. D. S. Dunbar, Mrs. Wetmore, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. A. L. Stone, Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Ruth St. Clair, Mrs. G. Shaw, Mrs. J. Moller, Mrs. J. Peterson, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. J. Bliss, Mrs. Gladys Turner, Mrs. Shepherd, Mrs. Fancher, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. J. Shover, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Cleveland, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Briggs and Mrs. Slaughter.

## SNIPPING

No part of the work being done for the Red Cross can be so universally engaged in as snipping rags to fill comfort pillows. Any child who can handle a pair of scissors loves the work; it helps pass the time for shut-ins who are unable to do other work, and it is surprising the amount of rags that one can clip in just the spare minutes of a busy day.

The only equipment needed is a pair of scissors, as sharp as possible, and perhaps a little arnica or some soothing lotion for blistered fingers if one becomes too fascinated with the work. One five-year-old boy snipped pieces enough for a small comfort pillow while attending auxiliary meetings with his mother, and the Melrose-Victory societies report the receipt of five pounds of clipped

# REMARKABLE CAMPAIGNING IN THE WORK

### Hundreds of Women Who are Knitting and Sewing in their Clubs, Making Eastern Multnomah One Hundred Per Cent Efficient in Red Cross Records.

rags from Mrs. J. H. Wood, who was unable to meet with them. Snipping furnishes opportunity to those who wish to help but who are for any reason unable to meet with a Red Cross society. Also it furnishes opportunity for numerous social gatherings, as all can do the work. Snipping parties should become quite popular.

Any kind of clean material is used. The older and more worn it is the better, as it is cut into small pieces. Soft material does not need to be cut as fine as newer or stiffer material; the clipped rags must be free from lumps making a smooth firm filling for the pillows which are used in the hospitals. Almost all the auxiliaries are making comfort pillows more or less, and would be glad for aid in clipping. The pillow that you help to fill, will do your bit by giving a few minutes rest to a boy weary of lying so long in bed; a comfort pillow of the proper size, and they are made in all sizes, skillfully placed by a Red Cross nurse will give the rest and sleep perhaps that will start him on his road to recovery and home. Start snipping now and help supply the need but be sure your cloth is clean and your scissors sharp.

## KELSO

A Red Cross auxiliary was organized at Kelso November 14, with a membership of ten which has since increased to seventeen. The officers are: chairman, Mrs. Max Kligel; secretary, Mrs. A. Baumbach; treasurer, Mrs. Joel Jarl. Robert Jonsrud donated a cottage to be used as the auxiliary's workroom in which the first meeting when work was done was held Wednesday, December 5. Hereafter the auxiliary will meet all day on Thursday of each week, each member bringing her lunch. The present work of the auxiliary is hemming bandages and making hospital shirts.

The auxiliary's finance and soliciting committee consists of the following members:

Mrs. Robert Jonsrud, Mrs. E. V. Erickson and Mrs. Phineas. Other members are Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. John Revenue, Mrs. Joe Hall, Mrs. John Dunn, Mrs. Gasworth, Mrs. C. Timmerman, Mrs. C. Hite, Mrs. Minnie Maroney, Mrs. D. Hite and Mrs. Minnie Platt.

It is the purpose of the auxiliary to raise money for the Red Cross from time to time by entertainments, also the finance and soliciting committee is expected to bring in new members and solicit financial aid.

## GRESHAM W. C. T. U.

The Department of Patriotic Relief work of the W. C. T. U. of Gresham has in the past six months done a great amount of work for the soldiers and for the Red Cross. Most of the material they have furnished themselves, although a part has been supplied by the Portland chapter of the Red Cross.

Following is a list of the amount of work accomplished in this department by the members: one hundred and ninety-seven handkerchiefs, seventy-six napkins, twenty hot water bag covers, thirty-four tray cloths, 121 wash cloths, seventy dish towels, twenty-one pairs wool socks, forty-three pairs bed socks, forty-two many-tailed bandages for the British hospitals. They have donated and prepared sixteen pounds of cotton and linen for hospitals, also 57 pounds gun rags, and have made and filled forty-six housewives and comfort bags and filled twelve others. Drugs to the amount of \$8 were sent Camp Withycombe. The total amount expended on the various articles has been \$79.38.

## BRIDAL VEIL

The ladies of Bridal Veil organized an auxiliary to the Portland chapter of the American Red Cross October 24, 1917. They have at the present time forty members with an active membership of twenty.

They have made in the past two months twelve hospital bed shirts, twelve shoulder wraps, six pairs pajamas, twelve hot water bottle covers, twelve abdominal bandages, and have also turned \$124.90 to the Portland chapter. Mrs. C. S. Keller is chairman of the society but names of other officers and members were not included in the report and could not be obtained in time for publication.

## ROCKWOOD

At the last meeting of the Rockwood grange a committee was appointed to look up the matter of the ladies taking up Red Cross work, but as the next meeting of the grange is not held until the third week in December no action has been taken. It is likely that the work will be taken up in the near future by the ladies of the grange or some other organization in that locality.

## PALMER

Probably the first auxiliary to be organized in Multnomah county outside of Portland was at the little sawmill town of Palmer above Bridal Veil, where only about one dozen families reside. They organized in May 31, 1917, and have twenty active members. Their membership, which is drawn also from the young men of the camps, number over 100. They have turned in twelve bed shirts, twelve operating sheets, 155 hand towels, twelve dozen handkerchiefs, forty-eight slips, forty-eight tea towels, twelve pair pajamas, six dust cloths, twelve hospital bed shirts, sixty wash cloths, many of which are knitted, and six knitted garments, making in all 555 pieces.