

MONTHLY RED CROSS REPORT

A Detailed Account of Just What the Local Red Cross is Doing in Medford and Jackson County.

The month of April was busy, but employment continues good and there is less of the dreary and hopeless conditions of the winter months—that is there is less of a struggle for those who have earning capacity—for jobs and opening up in orchards, lumber mills, etc., and many men are getting good places.

The problem cases continue on the same average however, as only a certain portion of our work is influenced by employment conditions.

The month has been of very great value to the secretary because the board kindly accorded me a leave in which to go to Portland, and there I got a bird's-eye view of our problems as they came into contact with all the state bureaus through which we cooperate.

I left for Portland on Tuesday, April 24th, and returned on Thursday of the following week. While in Portland I called on the Portland Welfare commission and went through their problems as they relate to ours taking about two and a half hours to do this. Also I visited the court of domestic relations with which we were co-operating on a child case and went to the Veterans' association and to the Veterans' bureau. The latter was an especially important contact as matters relating to the ex-soldier are becoming more vital rather than less so. There was a time when the machinery was so inadequate that we could not handle soldier cases with any degree of satisfaction, but now the methods are better every month.

Also I visited the State Child Welfare commission through which we have handled numbers of important child cases, making investigations in cases of neglected and abandoned children, etc.

I also visited the Portland Red Cross, where they are handling 700 ex-soldier cases a month. Also I visited the dispensary where there was opportunity to observe the later stage of orthopedic work program and to discuss with Dr. Dillehunt a case on which we were co-operating, the Red Cross serving as agent in this case for the county. It is the case of a man with an infected spine. The plan is to have him operated on, three vertebrae to be made from the skin bone.

There is immeasurable value in being every now and then on the ground to actually come into direct contact with work as we are handling it, to bring to the bureau our own knowledge of our own territory and to obtain from them the knowledge they can give to us of the angle from which they treat the same problems. I found an appreciative attitude in all the bureaus for the work we are doing through the Red Cross of Jackson county.

There is nothing that is more discouraging to the secretary than the idea that our office is of very little service to the county because we do not pile up grocery orders for the poor. I wish we might all of us be able to spread the knowledge of just what our activities are. I feel sure that when understood the public will back us constantly.

For instance this month we have had two mental cases and one small-pox case (all ex-soldiers). Just to give details: One of the mental cases is that of a young fellow who has been discharged from the Veterans' Bureau hospital as having reached the maximum mental rehabilitation. He comes in to see me about three times a day. We have to help him make the slightest decisions. If we think he is losing ground it is up to us to get him back to the hospital before he harms himself or others.

I wonder if people realize what such a service is in protecting their community.

The other mental case is that of a man with a wife and two children. He is tubercular and a mental case. He is a danger to himself and family. He has refused to stay in the hospital and keeps constantly returning to his home. He draws an adequate pension from the government, but he has not the ability to spend it wisely. He runs up bills everywhere, loses and squanders the money and leaves his wife penniless. In conjunction with the American Legion the case has been satisfactorily handled and the family are under supervision in the city where the man is now hospitalized.

The other case mentioned was of a young fellow, an ex-soldier who was sick and out of work. It developed that the case was smallpox. The young man made a splendid recovery. We have obtained him a job and got him lodging and until he had some money, paid for a few meals for him. One of the most important cases of the month was of a man from a lumber camp in an outlying section of the county. It was telephoned to the Red Cross that the man was unconscious from high blood pressure. He had been working hewing wood for a mill. We arranged to have him sent down at once on the speeder and had the ambulance meet him. We waited from 6 p. m. to 8:30 p. m. at the station for the speeder to arrive. Finally the little car came bumping in—the man was slipped on to the stretcher. It was necessary to give him constant attention in the ambulance. On getting him to the hospital a physician was immediately summoned to attend him. We are paying rent for his wife and child and are also giving them the necessary grocery order through the country store where they are living and where the man was employed. His claims for compensation will be submitted through our office to the government.

This work is certainly vital. It may not make the showing in dollars and cents of other activities, but it is of tremendous importance to the welfare and integrity of the community.

The cases mentioned have all been ex-soldier cases. There have been many others of these and they demand immediate and prompt attention.

But our civilian work continues to be our main program and is just as pressing. This month we have had one family to transport to California. It meant opportunities for work and family reunion. The woman was able to obtain work in the cannery. We also had the case of a little boy who had come to our attention for defective vision. We had him examined by Dr. Emmens, who said he was in very bad shape because of his diseased tonsils. We arranged for and paid for his care in the hospital while Dr. Emmens performed the operation without charge. It meant taking him and his mother to the hospital before eight o'clock in the morning. We have had a tubercular man whose family through his illness, was reduced to poverty. Relatives are assisting and the man has a good chance of recovery.

There has been the case of a sick widow, and of two aged men, and of a young fellow who came down after six p. m. to the office to get a loan for a blanket. We got him a blanket and sent it up to the mill after him and will receive the amount for it out of his wages. We have had some fairly good results in staking men for blankets to be refunded from wages.

We got leggings and shoes for an ex-soldier, also obtained his compensation claims and had the money for the leggings and shoes refunded to us. It would require too much space to fully outline the cases of handicapped, unemployed, sick, deficient, or otherwise ill-conditioned persons that come to us for advice, help, treatment and encouragement.

The committee on work with the handicapped is a helpful committee and Mrs. J. C. S. Wells is doing excellent service for it as chairman. Mrs. H. D. McCaskey is generously assisting us in one aged case. Our friends are probably on the increase. Our stenographer is doing remarkably intelligent work and proving that youthful persons may have wise heads. The board's kindness, faithfulness and welcome counsel deserves special appreciation.

Here follows the statistical summary of the work for April:

Office interviews:
By secretary 51
By stenographer 173
Total office interviews 224
Phone interviews and inquiries:
By secretary 33
By stenographer 225

Total phone interviews, inquiries 258
Calls for jobs by men 62
Calls for jobs by women 75
Total calls for jobs 137
Jobs secured 20
Contacts with employers 66
Towns visited by secretary and number of times for social work:
Central Point 3
Jacksonville 5
Ashland 2
Grants Pass 1
Applegate 1
Gold Hill 3
Sams Valley 1
Total number outside localities visited 7

Total number times visited 16
Number of social visits made in each locality by secretary:
Central Point 9
Ashland 3
Grants Pass 2
Gold Hill 3
Applegate 1
Jacksonville 2
Total number outside visits 20
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Number of social visits to clients 11
Number of social visits in interest of clients 16
Total number social visits in Medford 27

Total number social visits paid by secretary in April 47
Types of cases and number of contacts with problems:
Ex-soldiers 13
Transportation 2
Child welfare 10
Sickness 4
Jail 1
Family welfare 3
Tuberculosis 3
Aged 6
Widows 6
Co-operation with cases:
Public Health 6
Hospital 5
American Legion 2
Doctors 17
Water department 1
Phoenix P. O. 1
Medford P. O. 1
Court 5
Christian church 1
Court of domestic relations, Port. 1
U. S. Veterans' bureau, Portland. 6
Pacific division A. R. C. 1
Portland Red Cross 1

Total expended for material relief in April:
From Red Cross funds 59.10
Red Cross expense, refunded by county 79.84
Red Cross expense, refunded by individuals and agencies 12.50

Total \$151.44
Total for groceries from Red Cross funds 14.00
Total for groceries from co. 40.33
Total for milk from Red Cross funds 3.30
Total for milk from county 6.00
Total for clothing from Red Cross funds 2.37
Total for clothing refunded by individual 7.50
Total for medicine from Red Cross funds 1.15
Total for medicine from co. 50
Total for hospital and care of sick from Red Cross funds 25.75
Total for hospital, etc., from county 12.00
Total for care of minors, refund by Christian church 5.00
Total for transportation, co. refund 20.36
Meals for transients 7.00
Rooms for transients 1.50
Housing 4.00

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Respectfully submitted,
M. R. HAINES,
Executive Secretary.

S. F. BROKER JAILED FOR HAVING BOOZE

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—Peter C. McDonough, prominent ball bond broker was given a jail sentence of fifteen months and fined \$1000 in the United States district court today after having been found guilty with his nephew, Harry Rice, of a violation of the prohibition act. Rice was given a jail sentence of twelve months and fined \$1000. McDonough and Rice were convicted on a specific charge that they sold five gallons of whiskey valued at \$175. They filed notice they would take the case to the United States circuit court of appeals.

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