



"Answer The Call"

By Olive Starcher

Each year the month of March is devoted to the annual American Red Cross fund drive. While March is called Red Cross month, many women of Jackson county devote part of every week the year around to volunteer Red Cross work. Some have years of this volunteer service to their credit. They have "answered the call."

One of these devoted Red Cross workers is Mrs. J. P. Naumes, (upper left) who is now in her 11th year as a volunteer in the production and Grey Lady corps of Jackson county chapter of Red Cross. Women of the Grey Lady corps help to staff the Red Cross office at the Camp White veterans domiciliary, and carry on a program of service to the veterans. Mrs. Naumes, chairman of the corps, is shown here interviewing one of the men at the domiciliary.

Home nursing classes are being stressed this year by Red Cross at the request of national civilian defense officials, and eight new instructors are now being trained. Members of the instructors' class are shown (center left) during one of the training sessions last week. Left to right are Mrs. John Heckert, Miss Gertrude Malloy, Mrs. Noel Davis and Miss Hazel Swayne. Also taking the class are Mrs. Ruth Amer, Mrs. Margaret McKechnie, Mrs. Ettie Pair and Miss Eunice Gray. Mrs. Lester Gilman is home nursing chairman, and is planning classes which the new instructors will teach.

Another branch of the Jackson county chapter is Junior Red Cross, which has new headquarters in a city building on East Jackson street. Young people of the county work at the headquarters room making articles which are sent to veteran hospitals and domiciliaries. Entertainment programs are planned for the Camp White domiciliary members, and with the cooperation of grade school children throughout the county, articles are collected and packed for overseas shipment. Pictured (lower left) is a group of young people at Junior Red Cross headquarters with the director, Miss Vera Humphrey, at left.

The county chapter is also proud of its second Grey Lady corps, which carries on a program of service to the community. The idea for such a corps was conceived in this county, and the program here is considered most successful. Other chapters are now copying the idea. Women of the corps aid in many ways such persons as the blind, the underprivileged and the chronically ill. Shown (upper right, left to right) are Mrs. Max Peirce, co-chairman and Mrs. S. M. Tuttle, chairman of the corps.

The far-reaching Red Cross program also includes aid to servicemen, veterans and their families in times of emergency, relief to those stricken during disasters and many other services on a local, national and international level.

The drive here will open March 10, and already much of the advance planning has been done. Jack Fitzgerald will again be chairman for the fund drive, and he will be assisted by scores of county residents. Shown (lower right, left to right) are Mrs. Robert A. Shaw, who will be chairman of solicitation for the east side section of Medford, Mrs. C. H. Pence, staff aide of the chapter who will help with the drive, and Mrs. John S. Day, general chairman of all the service corps of the chapter.

—(Photos by Brainerd)

