

# Surgical Dressing Production in May Tops All Records

Surgical dressing production in Klamath county during May topped all previous records, with a total number of 50,491 dressings. Nearest approach to this number was reached in March, when over 48,000 dressings were made.

Quota for the county for all months has been set at 70,000 dressings, according to Mrs. R. R. Macartney, instructor for the Klamath county chapter of Red Cross. Amount of dressings produced has increased steadily since the project was started in December of last year, when 11,000 dressings were made. Only once did the level fall below that of the preceding month, when the April total of about 45,000 dropped below the March production of over 48,000.

Dressings are produced in the Klamath Falls center, and in six auxiliary units through the county. Auxiliary units are at Mills addition, where the schoolhouse is used as a center; at the Red Cross headquarters in Tulelake; at the Altamont schoolhouse; in Merrill above the First National bank; at the former Sanford Jones store in Malin; and the former club room in the Gilchrist community center, which was donated for this purpose.

Dressings now being made are of the surgical sponge type, which are used for swabs and drains, and are in direct contact with wounds. The sponges come in three sizes, 4 by 8 inches, 4 by 4, and 2 by 2. They are sterilized, but not inspected after they are received by the army, and are not opened again until they are put in use. Dressings which are not acceptable under army-Red Cross standards are destroyed at the production center.

After the dressings are made they are shipped to various army depots, usually at inland stations, before being put on supply trains to seaports where they are loaded in ships carrying food, ammunition and other supplies for shipment to overseas forces.

The work is cleared by the Red Cross for the army, which furnishes materials, shipping boxes and labels to the production centers. Red Cross headquarters in San Francisco assign quotas of specific numbers of certain types of dressings to be made at west coast production centers. The Red Cross makes 80 per cent of all surgical sponges to be used by the armed forces.

Shipping orders for the dressings are sent from San Francisco headquarters to the various units, but these orders originate from the army. All surgical dressings are shipped overseas, according to Mrs. Macartney.

Red Cross workers making surgical bandages receive official recognition after 50 hours' work, and receive the Red Cross insignia. Instructors wear a stripe on their caps. There are about 24 supervisors in the county now and each of these women devote two full days each week to their Red Cross duties.

Classes in Klamath Falls are from 9 to 4 each week day, and on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 10. Monday night is especially for men, although women may attend with their husbands. Women are required to wear freshly-laundered wash dresses and coverings for the head. Men remove their coats and vests and wear clean cotton shirts and wear clean cotton shirts over the ones they wear to the center. Street clothes must not be worn in the surgical dressing room, said Mrs. Macartney.

## Remodeling Done At LaPointe's

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VandeKamp says in his complaint that because the company failed to provide limbing saws,

he was forced to cut tree branches with an axe, this being so awkward that the axe handle struck him on the knee, causing permanent leg injury.

U. S. Balentine and W. Lamar Townsend are attorneys for the plaintiff.

## Fire Suppression Crew Organizes

NEW PINE CREEK—At a fire meeting held at the Grange hall last Thursday evening, a volunteer farm fire suppression crew

was organized with Jack Hayes, Modoc agricultural agent, presiding. Lawrence Smith, retired Buck Creek forest service ranger, and war time fire warden, was unanimously elected leader with Lee Perry and Garland

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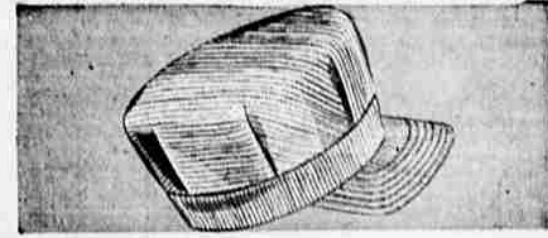
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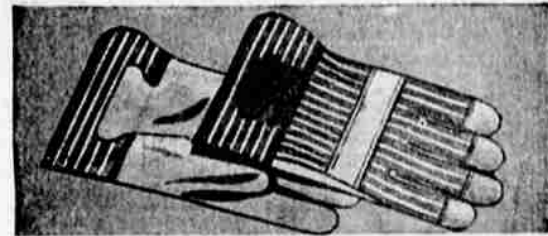
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