

THE RED CROSS

The young people and children of America are mobilizing for war work. Hooray! Talk about the morale of the army; the back bone of the citizen-stay-at-homes needs a stiffener, too. Sermons and books on True Democracy and our Duty to Posterity aren't half as stimulating, as to have said Posterity get busy to Win the War double quick.

"It ain't the individual nor the nation as a whole, but the everlasting team work of every bloomin' soul."
—(Adapted from Kipling.)

Many of Medina High's boys pledged their 10 "bones" early in the game. This winter's graduating class, the first to brave the chill of a winter commencement, has voted to sacrifice those manly new suits, flowers and girly la-las; starchy anticipations which have helped over many a hard place in the four years.

The boys and girls in the grades, are taking the preliminary steps for

Junior Red Cross membership. This organization is under the direction of principal and teachers. Twenty-five cents for each pupil is earned or at least collected, before recognition as a school auxiliary. Miss Drake's room has complied with regulations, and is already at work knitting blocks for soldiers' blankets, and collecting waste papers and other salvage, to help the work along. Let the elders register vows not to treat their little spines to an ice bag as they come to us for old rubber, waste paper, two bits for this and that, and all sorts of bothersome spiffle; remember it is their WAR, and since they must perform give up joys that would have been theirs, they would be encouraged to get a glorious good time out of the inevitable.

The knitting committee has made two shipments the past week: 82 pairs of socks, 52 pairs wristlets, 49 sweaters and 17 scarfs. The committee asks that all work be brought in as soon as possible. It is greatly desired that everything be cleared up before the promised new yarn comes in. New instructions recommend wristlets to be knitted 2 1/2 inches to the first hole (golf?), two inches for the thumb hole, three inches between thumb holes. Socks should be washed; do not press the cuff. Other knitted garments are not to be washed. Red Cross members and the public in general are warned to pay no attention to chain letter appeals for contributions to the Red Cross. They are not authorized and their sincerity is always open to doubt.

Lafayette auxiliary made a very helpful contribution to the Christmas packet boxes, which were shipped Nov. 13, in ample time to reach the Christmas ship.

William Allen White, just returned from a trip to France, as inspector for the American Red Cross, said: "It is not probable that our army in France will get into the fighting to any large extent until next spring. The real war work that should interest the people of America this winter is of an economic rather than of a military nature. It will be carried on by the Red Cross in France, its purpose being to relieve needy conditions in the homes of French soldiers who are in winter quarters and in the trenches at the front."

"It is felt by the military officers of both nations that nothing could do more to keep up the morale of the French soldiers than to bring comfort to women and children at home. * * * General Petain is having French officers go right down the lines and ascertain from every soldier whether he has any worries on his mind concerning sickness or want at home. In short, it is the purpose to keep the SPIRIT OF FRANCE bright until the military forces are ready to deal their smashing blow against German autocracy. Thus it is, I say, that the great struggle of the winter will be the economic struggle. The Red Cross practically will fight the American fight until our boys take their places on the firing line next spring."

There is still opportunity to contribute to French Relief. Bring clothing, needles, thread and shears, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. There will be mending to do, also cutting over. The response to the call has been generous, nine boxes having been sent. There will be one box of entirely new clothing, and it is urged that each child contribute a Christmas packet for the forlorn little French refugees. Meeting will be at Mrs. Beedle's millinery store.

On Friday last, only three of the Home Guard called to the colors, (Red Cross sewing), reported for action. General Wightman is about to conduct a court martial.

[Following is our Red Cross correspondent's description of the Lake Division conference and pageant held in Cleveland week before last, and which was unavoidably omitted in the Sentinel last week:—Ed.]

The opening address by Mr. Garfield, division manager, was an earnest, dignified appeal to all Red Cross workers, for loyalty and for patience with the "growing child." So much had already been accomplished under the new organization of thirteen divisions that there is every reason to expect that new demands will be met unflinchingly.

Mr. Fieser, chairman of Civilian Relief, the next speaker, made it quite plain that his department is to be a most important one. It has to deal

with the care of soldiers' families during absence of the soldier, and with his care, if sent home maimed in any way. It is expected that it may contribute immeasurably to the morale of the army, if soldiers are assured that their families will have confidential, skillful aid, with Red Cross backing. He will be a better soldier in service, and a better citizen on his return.

Up to date, Medina has not seen the need of this department, but as the war cloud thickens and rolls up so terrifying, we seem to have been sitting like pop-eyed toads watching the procession go by. Where is the Red Cross War Fund, which has been shelved these many months, waiting for the "nothing that comes to him who waits?" Our soldier boys are marching out according to quota; in Medina too busy or too indifferent to provide its quota for their comfort and welfare?

Friday afternoon's principal talk was by the director of Women's Work, Miss Florence Marshall. She was also expected to answer any and all questions which might be asked about the Red Cross sewing or knitting, which she did in a very able manner. The hospital garments must of necessity be well cut, well made, and as near vermin-proof as possible. It is also much better to have garments uniform, so that they may be packed, labeled and distributed without further handling. In the heated discussion concerning the KNITTING, both Miss Marshall and General Manager Gibson affirmed that a good sock, well shaped, smooth and without knots would be accepted, even tho not made according to instructions. The Red Cross sock is however conceded to be the sock par excellence. Anyone who saw those sent to Cleveland last week by Medina county chapter, would admit that they were as nearly perfect as can be.

All three Red Cross authorities, Mr. Davison, Mr. Gibson and Miss Marshall, emphasized this fact, that Red Cross work should be 90 per cent good common sense and 10 per cent instructions. Also much stress was placed upon the great demand for knitted garments especially sweaters and socks.

Another point of general interest discussed was concerning the charges of GRAFT in Red Cross management. Mr. Davison, who gave up a banking position, second to none in the U. S., to take the unsalaried position of National Chairman of Red Cross, said that "for every dollar put into Red Cross, one dollar and two cents is spent for relief." Books are always open to prove the statement.

The Red Cross Parade in Cleveland, Saturday, was wonderful and inspiring perfect weather and unrestrained effort brought results highly gratifying to the cause. Even the visitors in whose honor the pageant was given, marched. Medina's banner, carried by Scoutmaster Olds, was in line with other outlying chapters.

"Well, just how does a sweater get to a soldier in the trenches, or to a soldier in America?" questions a chairman in Indiana.

Sweaters for the battle front are shipped from the chapter to one of the division warehouses, where they are inspected before being repacked, and shipped to the great Red Cross warehouse at the foot of Fifty-seventh street, New York City. From New York the sweaters, together with many other articles for Red Cross use abroad, are given tonnage and carried overseas to Major Murphy's Red Cross relief forces, "Somewhere in France."

Major Murphy's forces distribute them by means of thirteen warehouses and a force approximating something like 900 men, many of them volunteers, working without pay.

A sweater for delivery at a cantonment, is forwarded by the chapter to a division, or by special permit may be shipped direct to cantonment. All such consignments are addressed to the Red Cross field director for that particular camp.

Martin Tilsen, Field Director, Camp Sherman, was one of the most forceful speakers, at the Lake Division conference. It is part of his duty to report home problems of enlisted men, back to local civilian relief.

Christmas packets for the soldiers in France were packed and forwarded on Nov. 14. Twenty bags from Leroy

Auxiliary went "Over the top," being the most complete and beautiful yet seen. G. L. C. girls made and filled twelve in a very generous and particular spirit. Something over forty packages were in this shipment.

The need that exists in Europe for the various activities which the American Red Cross is carrying on abroad is reflected in a letter from Dr. Hugh Birkhead, of Baltimore, a Red Cross Inspector, recently published in the Baltimore Sun. Speaking of United States soldiers already in France, he said:

"The fellows now in France are bearing the hardest burden that is to be borne by our armies, because they are in the first rank of the thousands which we must send across the sea. And as I think of the winter that lies before them I earnestly pray that we may reach them with every comfort and encouragement that we can."

"We need a combination of the American business man and the American who has had scientific training, but we also need those who know and love their own kind and whose business it must be to keep up the morale, to feed the spiritual and mental life of the American soldier. They need entertainment to help them to laugh away some of the grimness of the present and immediate future."

"They need the right sort of literature and a place to go when they want to keep quiet and they need most of all men who understand the American boy, who are able to win his respect and love and who will be a friend who has no other motive but to bring cheer and helpfulness and good will into the hearts of the young Davids we have sent forth to meet the great sinister Goliath who threatens the peace of the chosen people of God."

Appointment of directors of Civilian Relief in all thirteen National divisions of the American Red Cross has just been completed. The principal duty of these directors will be to organize and supervise Home Service work by the chapters in each division for the benefit of the families of soldiers and sailors. The appointments are part of the new decentralized system of the Red Cross, and the new directors now administer and manage Civilian Relief work in their own division, although under the supervision of W. Frank Persons, Director General of Civilian Relief.

Through its home service sections of all chapters, the Red Cross aims to help families of soldiers and sailors to solve the problems confronting them during the absence of husband or father, and to help them adapt themselves to the exigencies of war times.

The policy of the Red Cross War Council in looking after the families of soldiers, as announced with the organization of Home Service is:

"Obviously the task of providing for the financial assistance of the families of our soldiers and sailors is so large that the government alone cannot assume it. In no other way can the burden be discharged fairly and as a matter of right rather than charity. No voluntary organizations could adequately cope with a duty of such magnitude."

Whatever financial assistance is furnished by the Red Cross to those families will be merely supplementary to the payment provided for dependents by the government. The real purpose of Home Service is not merely to offset the loss of income that the absence of the head of the family involves, but to conserve the same ideals of living that during his presence were in force.

TO MAKE SOAP

It is patriotic to use left-over fats not needed for food in the making of soap. A soap that is good for cleaning is made as follows: Dissolve 1 can of commercial lye in 3 1-2 pints of cold water. When this mixture has cooled, add to it 5 1-2 pounds of left-over fat that has been clarified by heating with slices of potato. Stir the mixture well with a stick. As it becomes a little thick, pour into molds of the desired size. Set in a moderately warm place until hard. Do not put lye into anything but enamel or earthenware utensils. The molds for the soap may be boxes that are lined with oiled paper.

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