

25,000,000 TOTAL RED CROSS HOST BY XMAS LIKELY

TEN MILLION GOAL OF BIG DRIVE EXPECTED TO BE DOUBLED, GIBSON PREDICTS.

BOY SCOUTS TO JOIN WORK

Merchants in Country Districts to Make Campaign in Automobiles to Win Support for the Army's Right Hand.

"Make Red Cross membership as universal as citizenship," is the new slogan of the Christmas membership campaign committee of the American Red Cross for the Southwestern division, comprising the states of Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma. From the enthusiasm with which the preliminaries of the drive, which opens Monday, Dec. 17, continuing until Christmas eve, are proceeding, officials at Washington expect the original figures of 10,000,000 new members to be doubled.

In fact, if there are only 10,000,000 new members added to the 5,000,000 already enrolled officials will be disappointed, according to a message received at Southwestern division headquarters from Harvey D. Gibson, general manager of the American Red Cross. In Gibson's letter he said officials would not be surprised to see the total membership for the nation on Christmas eve reach a total of 25,000,000.

According to John L. Johnston, chairman of the campaign for the Southwestern division, the drive in many counties already is under way, especially in the rural districts.

3,000,000 Members Wanted.
The Southwestern division, under the original quota of 10,000,000 members, is allotted 2,000,000, but Chairman Johnston predicts his division will pass this figure by 1,000,000, apportioned as follows: Missouri, 750,000; Arkansas, 250,000; Texas, 1,000,000; Kansas, 500,000; Oklahoma, 500,000.

Already the headquarters of the Southwestern division membership committee has begun to assume the aspect of a military headquarters. From counties in the division where the Red Cross armies already have "gone over the top" in the big drive, messages are arriving reporting progress and asking for supplies.

From counties where the intensive campaign has not begun, but where committees are making detailed plans for their drive, the requests, both by letter and telegram, for supplies, circulars, posters and general information are even more numerous. An extra corps of stenographers is kept busy forwarding information, issuing directions and sending telegrams and letters.

The storeroom at division headquarters carries the similarity to a military base even further. Every mail and express delivery brings parcels and boxes of supplies from Washington, circulars, posters, handbooks, buttons and window cards, the ammunition to be used in the big drive.

What Service Flag is.
One of the most striking emblems of the campaign is a transparent window card, designed as a service flag. A large Red Cross on a white base is the central figure. Smaller crosses for each additional member of the family who becomes a member of the Red Cross can be added to the card. One of these card service flags will be placed in the window of every home where a membership is obtained. On Christmas eve it is planned to have a lighted candle placed behind these flags. If the canvass equals the expectations of Red Cross leaders there will not be a home in the division Christmas eve that does not have one of these flags in the window.

Boy Scouts Are to Join.
Boy Scouts are being organized to gain memberships. School programs, signaling the coming of the holidays, will have an appeal for the Red Cross. The work of the children, Red Cross workers feel, will be an important factor in the success of the membership drive.

In country districts merchants with wide acquaintance among farmers are devoting their time, or have promised to do so, making auto trips throughout the country, stopping at every home and urging every member of the family to take out a Red Cross membership.

In some cities a census is being taken of every block, number of houses and apartments in the block being registered. The squad assigned to a particular block is given a number of service flag cards equal in number to the number of families in its territory. Every flag a worker leaves in a window is counted as a victory on his score. Every flag he brings back is chalked up as a defeat.

In other cities merchants have promised the assistance of their clerks during days of Christmas shopping. Every purchaser will be urged to include a Christmas membership among the gifts for husband, wife, brother, sister, parent or child.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Deeds filed in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Lexington, Lafayette County, Mo., week ending Saturday, December 15, 1917. Compiled by Lafayette County Abstract Co., Lexington, Mo. Ike H. Noyes, Manager

Abstracts & Farm Loans.
James C. Burgess and wife to William L. Baird W. D. \$2000 lot 17 Hinkles addition to Wellington.

Charles S. Pointer and wife to John F. and Agnes L. McElroy W. D. \$1050 lots 7, 8, 9 and 10 Block 8 Waterhouse & Ridings addition to Mayview.

James H. Graham to Walter W. Graham W. D. \$1 and Exchange SW NW 34, S sd N NW 34 E end S NE 33, SE cor N NE 33-49-26.

Walter W. Graham to James H. Graham W. D. \$1 and Exchange Part Sects 27-28-33 & 34-49-26.

Eph B. Blevins and wife to Edward & Ora Speas W. D. \$5000 28 acres W side NW NE 22-50-27.

Joseph A. McFadin et al to Joseph B. & Ethel Williams W.

D. \$15800 75 acres NE corner NW 1/4, 36-51-27.

Walter Waddell and wife to Joseph B. & Ethel Williams W. D. \$4000 20 acres S end 51 1/2 acres E side E 1/4 SW 1/4 25-51-27.

Joseph Perry by Exr. to John W. Perry Exr. D. \$5000 SW SW 32-50-25.

W. H. George and wife to Anna E. Martin W. D. \$1 etc. NW NE 22-49-29.

W. H. George and wife to Susan B. Dolan W. D. \$1 etc 1/2 interest in SW NE & W 50 a E NE 22-49-29.

Henry Rinne and wife to Robert L. Chamblin W. D. \$2000 part SW NW 6-49-25.

Martin Pauling and wife to Charles P. & Jirdean Dysart W. D. \$725 part lots 43, 86 & 87 Dover.

Robert L. Chamblin and wife to Henry Rinne W. D. \$3250. 4.06 a part SW 1-49-26 in West Higginsville.

Elmira Meng by Exr. to Wm. T. Wernweg Exr. D. \$5100 part lot 12 Block 43 1st addition to Lexington.

Ed Aull & M. D. Wilson to Walter B. Waddell W. D. \$5000

undivided 1/3 interest in lot 5 Blk 3, lots 2, 3 & 4 Blk 6, lots 14, 15 Blk 6; lots 12, 14 & 15 Blk 7; lots 2, 14 & 15 Blk 8; lots 1 & 2 Blk 10 South Side add Lexington, lots 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 Block B, lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Blk 6; lots 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14 & 20 Blk D; lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 & 12 Blk "E" Second south side add Lexington, 40 acres S side SW 1/4 3, 103.24 acres part NW 1/4 & NE 1/4 10-50-27.

August Anderson and wife to George W. & Josephine Sherrow W. D. \$3600 26.49 a part SW 1/4 29, 7 a part SW 1/4 29-50-27.

Henry S. Kroeck, Jr., and wife to Trustees Machpelah Cemetery W. D. \$450 Strip of land adjoining Lexington.

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E. L. HENDRICKS, President.

Mrs. G. C. Wright and Miss Katherine Schwab went to Kansas City Friday to spend the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kipp went to New Haven, Mo., Friday for a few days' visit.

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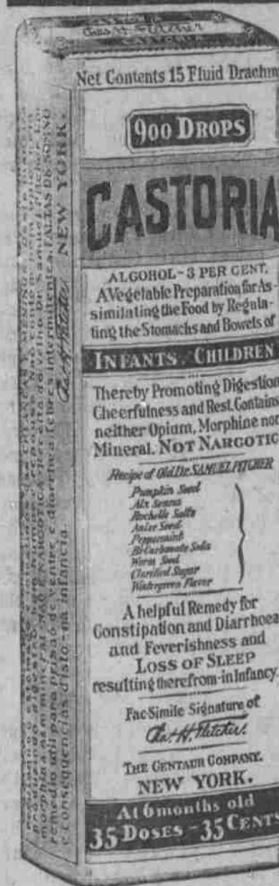
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Third Prize..... 2.20

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"A HOME FOR EVERY FAMILY"

In order to make good on this slogan the American Lumberman of Chicago offered prizes to the lumbermen and the children in return offer the above prizes to the children in the public schools. There will be thousands of contestants from all over the United States, and the children receiving the prizes in this contest will have their papers entered in the nation-wide contest. What better use of the holidays could children make than use a part of it in writing a paper on this subject?

J. R. Moorehead