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## RED CROSS PROGRESS HERE.

WHAT THE SUMTER CHAPTER HAS DONE AND WHAT IT WILL TRY TO DO IN THE FUTURE.

Starting With Seventy Members The Local Association Has Made Rapid Strides and Expects Soon to Reach Goal of 5,000 Members Set by Committee.

(By Mrs. Nina Solomons.)

When the realization came upon us that the United States was actually at war with Germany and the call to national service went forth to our men and women from the president, Sumter began at once to agitate the subject of forming a Red Cross Chapter. On April 20th a few men and women met at the office of Dr. E. R. Wilson and discussed this matter and decided to form themselves into an organization committee and to take the necessary steps to secure authority to organize a Sumter Red Cross chapter. At this meeting I was elected temporary chairman, and Dr. E. R. Wilson secretary. Application for a charter blank was sent to headquarters with the request that the adjoining counties of Lee and Clarendon be included in our charter. This blank was filled out by the following: Dr. S. C. Baker, member Medical Preparedness Committee; Judge Thomas E. Richardson, Mrs. J. R. Sumter, commandant for W. S. L. of Sumter; Dr. Walter Cheyne, past secretary for South Carolina Medical Association; Mrs. A. C. Phelps for D. A. R.; Dr. E. R. Wilson, Secretary State Medical Preparedness Committee; Miss Armida Moses for U. D. C., A. C. Phelps, President Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Nina Solomons, president Civic League and Mrs. C. L. Stubbs, chairman Woman's National Service Unit No. 1.

About ten days later authority was granted this committee to go ahead and form a permanent organization and a public meeting was called for May 10th at the Girls' High School auditorium for organization purposes. Dr. S. C. Baker outlined the work

and seventy members of the Sumter Red Cross chapter were enrolled. The following officers were elected:

Chairman, Neill O'Donnell; vice-chairman, Mrs. Nina Solomons; secretary, Miss Mary Wilson; treasurer, Mrs. R. L. Edmunds; executive committee, Dr. S. C. Baker, A. C. Phelps, Dr. E. R. Wilson, L. D. Jennings, Dr. Walter Cheyne, Mrs. J. R. Sumter, Mrs. E. H. Moses, Mrs. H. G. Osteen, Mrs. C. L. Stubbs, Miss Armida Moses and Mrs. Nina Solomons.

Subsequent to that date the executive board has found it necessary to meet once a week to promote the business of the chapter, standing committees have been appointed on membership, finance, supplies, publicity, cooperation, transportation, instruction and education, besides many special committees, which have taken care of special work. The chapter has had one rally known as Red Cross or patriotic day, during the morning of which flags and banners were sold and members solicited. In the afternoon there was a parade and in the evening a mass meeting at the Academy of Music.

The membership committee has been very active and has held several meetings in the county and plans have been made for holding many more. Sumter is working for 5,000 members and expects to get them!

Instructors in first aid, elementary hygiene, and home care of the sick, dietetics and surgical dressings have been appointed by the educational committee and the delay in beginning work has been due largely to the fact that all instructors must be duly qualified and approved by national directors and all classes of instruction must conform to the regulations prescribed by the national Red Cross. In fact, much dissatisfaction has been expressed that the work, as a whole, has proceeded so slowly. But we must remember that the work of this organization is directed by the government, under orders similar to those laid down for the military forces and the work must be done accordingly.

The National Red Cross has set the week of June 18th to 25th as National Red Cross week and Sumter will

## PROCLAMATION OF RED CROSS WEEK.



Inasmuch as our thoughts as a nation are now turned in united purpose towards the performance to the utmost of the services and duties which we have assumed in the cause of justice and liberty.

Inasmuch as but a small proportion of our people can have the opportunity to serve upon the actual field of battle, but all men, women and children alike may serve and serve effectively by making it possible to care properly for those who do serve under arms at home and abroad.

And inasmuch as the American Red Cross is the official recognized agency for voluntary effort in behalf of the armed forces of the nation and for the administration of relief.

Now therefore, by virtue of my authority as President of the United States and President of the American Red Cross, I, Woodrow Wilson, do hereby proclaim the week ending June 25, 1917, as Red Cross Week during which the people of the United States will be called upon to give generously and in a spirit of patriotic sacrifice for the support and maintenance of this work of national need.

WOODROW WILSON

Washington, D. C., May 25, 1917.

not be found wanting in the part she is called upon to play in meeting the urgent call of the government that she help make this branch of the service a "big brother" to the military force. To help accomplish this a mass meeting will be held in Trinity Church on Monday evening, June 18th at 8.30 p. m. A splendid program that will interest everyone has been prepared and every man, woman and child in the county who can possibly do so should attend the meeting and do their share. Reports of work already done and the planning of new endeavors, good music and

interesting speeches will compose a part of the program.

The committee on Red Cross headquarters announces that the Dixie Electric Co. has generously donated the front part of their store, in the Reid block, for headquarters and that this will be open to the public every day, beginning Monday, the 18th. Some one will be in charge to give information and distribute literature and as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made this store will be a working center, supplies will be stored there and work carried on under the proper instruction. Realizing

## RED CROSS NOTES.

If each individual American now contributes his "bit," there can be no failure.

Battlefield relief will present a field of increasing opportunity in which the Red Cross organization is especially adapted to serve—Woodrow Wilson.

Hundreds of American doctors and nurses are already at the front. A force of 12,000 American engineers will soon be rebuilding the railroads of France.

"The close cooperation between the American National Red Cross and the military branch of the government has already suggested new avenues of helpfulness in the immediate business of our organization for war"—Woodrow Wilson.

We should do something and do it immediately to lighten afflicted Russia. On the Russian line of 1,000 miles there are only 6,000 ambulances, while on the French front of 400 miles there are 64,000 ambulances fully equipped.

Gallant Canada from 8,000,000 population raised an army of 450,000 men. Eighty thousand are dead or injured, and Canada has raised in value \$16,000,000 for the Red Cross to relieve her sick and wounded. Her Red Cross, thus vitalized by the sacrifice of those at home, has been able to save thousands from death or misery.

the amount of work which will confront us and which will increase in scope and importance as the months of the war roll around, we must build upon a secure fourfold plan and plan to work among the most efficient lines, not to overlap our endeavors, not to allow our enthusiasm to carry us further than our authority warrants, realizing that there will be sufficient work for all to do at the proper time, in the proper way.

## SERVICE FOR ALL.

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More Workers and Supplies are Needed Since Old Red Cross Treaty is Nothing But Scrap of Paper—Girls' High School Equipped to Train Those Who are Anxious to Help The Country.

(By Dr. Walter Cheyne.)

The American Red Cross is founded on the treaty of Geneva, made in 1863. This treaty provides for the exchange of wounded prisoners, for their proper treatment, by their own or enemy surgeons, while they are prisoners. It recognizes the surgical staff as non-combatants, by their not carrying arms, and respects the Red Cross flag as immune to attack. It also provided respect for the flag of truce in the field, for the exchange of prisoners.

Today we know of course, this is a scrap of paper, the vilest inhumanities being practiced by the Germans, and the death rate of the medical and surgical corps even exceeds that of the aviation corps.

Russia, Japan, France, England, Switzerland, Spain and Italy, all had members of the Red Cross Society at the beginning of the war, in their individual kingdoms of over a million each. The United States had but 250,000 members of the National Red Cross Society. An immediate demand for a vast increase of membership was at once created for the American National Red Cross is the only voluntary society now authorized by the government to render aid to its land and naval forces in time of war; any other society desiring to render assistance can do so only through the American National Red Cross Society.

The Red Cross is obliged to furnish the army and navy with: (1) Personnel, (2) Supplies, (3) Transportation. The personnel required consists of surgeons, physicians, dentists, pharmacists, nurses, nurses' aids,

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## Some Service Thoughts.

SERVICE is probably the biggest little word in the English language.

In war or peace, in business or social life, SERVICE always brings the greatest return for the enthusiasm and money put behind it.

Now is the time for SERVICE, and its everybody's time and everybody's enthusiasm and funds are needed.

If its going to give real SERVICE the Red Cross needs your support, your neighbor's aid, and your neighbor's neighbor's help.

This war must and will be won, but it cannot be won quickly or finally unless the Red Cross workers are adequately equipped and on the job every minute.

Sumter has been doing her bit right along, but now must do a bit more than her bit, if you want to put it that way.

Therefore, let's all pull together NOW and put Sumter in the limelight as the greatest city of SERVICE for its size in the country.

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