

ANNUAL MEETING OF RED CROSS

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sale of the Red Cross Seals beginning on Thanksgiving at the termination of the roll class were discussed, and it was requested that no seals be sold before that date, in order to prevent the overlapping of the two drives.

It was with deep and sincere regret that the Association said "good bye" to Mrs. Leonard Tufts whose presidency and chairmanship has extended over two years, but whose health has made her resignation imperative. As in her final address, Mrs. Tufts has set forth so clearly the organization of the Association three years ago, its present work, and future possibilities, it seems most fitting that it should be printed at the end of this article for the benefit and information of those who are at present ignorant of the work and aims of the affiliated organizations.

At the end of her address, a basket of roses, given by the incoming president and chairman, Mrs. Francis T. Keating, and presented with a gracious speech by Mr. Morton, was accepted by Mrs. Tufts. Mrs. Keating, on taking office, gracefully expressed to the Association her sincere interest in the work and her aspirations for the future, which with the hearty co-operation of the members should be well assured.

Other new officers include Mrs. Suttonfield, of Pinebluff, as first vice president; Mrs. Phillips, of Carthage, as second vice president; Mrs. Mudgett, of Southern Pines, as third vice president; Mrs. Jessie Page, of Eagle Springs, as fourth vice president, and Miss Marcia Hill Haskell, of Pinehurst, as corresponding secretary, a new office created to relieve the recording secretary of correspondence. Dr. Alice Presbrey continues as recording secretary, W. P. Overman, of Carthage, as treasurer of the local chapter of the Red Cross, and R. N. Page, Sr., as treasurer of the Health and Welfare Association.

MARCIA HILL HASKELL, Corresponding Secretary.

Standing here for the last time as your president and chairman, three things seem to me as outstandingly prominent in my experience during my two years of service in your organization. The first is an intense and constantly growing interest in the work; the second an increasing realization of its worth and the consequent necessity for it; the third is the friends made during these two years. Since those days when we, lining up with countless other chapters over the United States, were busy with sewing and the making of hospital dressings for the Red Cross in time of war, I have always felt that the friendships made when working shoulder to shoulder, in a good cause, were of a more solid and lasting nature than those made in any other way. Therefore, I want to express my gratitude for the opportunity I have had to know the ladies of this section and for their kind forbearance of my grievous short-comings as president, and their co-operation and friendship.

As our Association and its organization has not always been thoroughly understood I want to take a few moments for a review. Three years ago Mrs. Whitaker, of Southern Pines, organized the Health and Welfare Association with the idea of a county association to support the work of the Red Cross nurse and the county welfare worker. Briefly, the organization is an affiliation of the Moore County Health and Welfare Association and chapter of American Red Cross—a president who is also chairman, vice presidents and vice chairman and branch chairman in as many places in the county as were willing at the beginning to join the central association. One officer serves for the two bodies with the exception of the treasurer. As Red Cross funds have to be kept separate, and an accounting of them made to National Headquarters each year, there is a separate treasurer for each association. The branch in each place is supposed to be independent, raise their own money, of which a quota is supposed to go to the central body, and handle their own problems insofar as is possible, but particularly that they be ready to give the two workers assistance in every possible way to aid their work. The branches are a very vital part of our organization. As a chain is only as strong as its weakest link, so is our organization weak where the branches are weak. A branch chairman is appointed not merely to attend the monthly meetings of the association but as the first step in forming an active unit of the whole. She should organize a committee of those who are interested, and willing for service. If then, the welfare worker and nurse knew the members of the committee in each place and that by applying to them they could get assistance or advice for needs arising in that place; if, for instance, each place had a loan closet, as a number have, for sickness in homes where there is little to do with; if among the members of each committee there were one or two willing to give the use of their car to take cases to hospitals, doctors, etc., think what a help it would be to the nurse and welfare worker. Of course even in the experience of the most perfectly organized branch there would be many cases too intricate, or needing too great an outlay for a small place to cope with; with such the central organization should deal.

The organization as a whole is responsible for six months of the nurse's salary—the county paying the other six and for her car and its upkeep. The money for this comes presumably from the membership roll call. In reality, Moore County has never raised enough at that time to cover this expense and right there you have one of the main reasons for the organization of the Health and Welfare Association. With an organization needing assistance to support its nurse, and a welfare worker, needing, at least, financial assistance to help her cases, why not combine the two? Therefore, the Health and Welfare Association has tried, not only to help pay the nurse's salary but to try and have enough money to give a small amount each month to the welfare worker for little expenses that she was constantly having to meet if she was to make her work really effective and which did not come under any relief given by the county or was a large enough sum to present before the Association.

This work we have tried to finance by roll call returns of which, as you know, 50 cents from every membership goes to National Headquarters to be used for their splendid work—also the State Tuberculosis Association has very generously turned over to our organization the allotment usual for local work from the Christmas Seal sale. This fund can be used only along certain lines as anything that will help to build up general health, especially among children, and therefore, make tuberculosis less liable. This of course includes its direct use on cases of tuberculosis already developed—we have kept a number of cases at the Sanatorium, both white and colored. Besides these two sources we have the Health and Welfare dues and contributions of any nature.

I am afraid it would take too long to go over the work of these two years in any detail. In no respect have we been able to do all we would have liked. The reasons for this are, first, a very poorly supplied treasury and second, the fact that two workers, however efficient they may be, cannot cover a whole county, and more than make a beginning on the work. For a nurse there are many lines of work and we have to choose those that seem to be most important for our county and our people. Beside nursing, remaining any length of time on one case is impossible, but she can visit sick cases, make suggestions and instruct members of the family in the care of the patient. In a larger way, classes in home hygiene and care of the sick cover this phase of a nurse's work; classes in first aid are also of value and often mean that a life may be saved or pain relieved in an emergency by a class pupil. School lunches we have found of value not only to the general health of the children but of value in a way of which we had not thought, namely, to improve attendance and produce better school work. A child who was accustomed to bringing a cold boiled sweet potato for its luncheon found the addition of a cup of hot chocolate or of hot soup, both an incentive for attendance and a strengthener of interest in work. Some of the places we helped finance lunches, realizing their value, have continued to carry them on when our help was withdrawn. Baby clinics, pre-natal work and examination of and help for school children who seem under par are other phases of our work. Among the cases handled during the last year were two crippled children taken to Gastonia for treatment, both of whom are at home now and doing well; 18 bad eye cases taken to Fayetteville to be fitted for glasses and a baby case, a school boy and a seriously complicated pre-natal case at different times to the hospital, also five adults to octors for special treatment. We had an undernourished boy of about 12 years who is sole support of a family of three—him we helped to have the food he needed and could not afford.

Red Cross headquarters has applied a number of times for information on home conditions of either disabled soldiers or men in service who are asking their discharge. This is one form of the service due from the Red Cross to the government. As there are only a few of these cases here, your chairman has not felt it necessary to appoint a special chairman for that work but has handled it herself or through the assistance of a branch chairman.

We have a life saving chairman, Mr. Adams, of Southern Pines, who has promised to tell us of his work a little later in the year. This is an important activity, considering the growing interest in swimming and water sports and the opportunity for them in the county.

Of the contributions that poured in to go to the suffering people of the Florida and Mississippi disasters I need hardly refer. Good publicity was given this work and our chapter may be justly proud of the part it played in the relief given, the splendid work done in the branches and the generous response from every place.

In closing I should like to make one or two suggestions for the greater efficiency of this organization. You need a more active president, one who will not only see things to do but do them. If I had had strength to do one half the things I planned I would be much better satisfied than at present. As I intimated above, the branches need to be more active. I believe much of their trouble is misunderstanding of their part in the organization. It seems to me that a branch of our organization might well be part of any local organization such as a committee of a club

or a church auxiliary or of a parent-teacher association. This would avoid making a separate organization in a small place and would automatically gain the interest of a larger number of people. Associated with these two needs is that for a larger income. The work cannot be carried on with-

out money and we all know that is what we are very short of at present.

George Barnhardt, of Rowan county, planted three acres of alfalfa last year and reports that it is the most

profitable crop that he ever planted. He harvested four tons of cured hay per acre and his cows grazed over the fall growth which increased their milk flow.

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