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## RECORD DISASTER YEAR KEPT RED CROSS BUSY

In 192 Places in United States Its Relief Operations Cost \$737,603.

One hundred and ninety-two disasters resulting in 735 deaths and injury to 1,832 persons, rendering nearly 41,000 homeless and causing property losses estimated at more than \$44,750,000, established a new record in the United States in the year ended last June 30, according to reports of the American Red Cross. In all of these disasters immediately relief activity was applied by the Red Cross, which expended \$737,603.37 through the national organization and the local chapters in assisting stricken communities.

As the nation's chief relief agency whose service covers over 43 years, the Red Cross is expected to be on duty almost as soon as disaster strikes any locality. This trust and confidence is amply justified by the increasing equipment of the Red Cross, which recently organized a mobile disaster unit of experienced workers ready in all parts of the country to respond on the instant to a call for active duty. This unit is capable of operating in several disaster areas at one general direction, and render one general relief in seven communities in five states at the same time.

Ability, alertness and increasing skill of volunteer workers in more than 3,500 chapters are reasons for the preparedness of Red Cross for disaster operations, be the call for a disturbance in a restricted local area or for millions in relief funds for a staggering catastrophe such as the earthquake in Japan.

The Red Cross, however, is far from being self-satisfied, for the organization is giving the most serious consideration to measures for preventing disasters. Its relief administration and rehabilitation policies have won for it nation-wide regard. That this important work can always measure up to every demand needs the continued support of the American people through Red Cross membership. The annual enrollment will begin Armistice Day, November 11, and every American is urged to join or renew membership in the Red Cross.

Help yourself by helping others with your dollar Red Cross membership. The dividend in good works is guaranteed.

## Tryon Gets Laundry --Modern Equipment

N. B. Jackson to Install Laundry and Maintain Call and Delivery Service. Rough and Finished Work Handled.

A new industry, and one that will fill a long-felt want in Tryon and surrounding territory, is the new laundry which will be in operation by early Spring. This welcome addition to Tryon business enterprises is being established by the Home Ice Plant, which has operated so successfully under the capable management of N. B. Jackson, who will also assume management of the laundry.

It was established in answer to the urgent demand from Tryon housewives and from tourists who have found hand laundry work here a problem hard to meet. The new laundry will meet every demand, for all classes of modern laundry services will be offered to the public at moderate charge.

There will be maintained a regular call and delivery service with prompt and efficient drivers. Bundles will be returned finished the same day as received if desired. The plant will be steam and electrically operated by experienced laundry operators.

Contracts for the machinery, which is the last word in modern equipment, have been awarded to The Willey Company of Philadelphia, who will soon begin installation and the plant will be in operation within the next few weeks. The Home Ice Plant, and Mr. Jackson, deserve a lot of credit for their progressiveness and initiative in helping make Tryon a better place to live.

## Wingo Visits Tryon

Mr. R. S. Wingo, of the Wingo Everstick Company, was looking after business matters in Tryon Thursday. The Everstick Company, starting in a small way, has built up a splendid business in a comparatively short time, and their advertisement, "Wingo Everstick Patching Saves A Tube" appears in the News Roto section as well as other leading papers of the South. The name and trademark has been registered and the product patented in the United States and foreign countries, and is said to be one of the finest articles of its kind used in the repair work.

# Join Your Red Cross Chapter

Drive for Members Now In Full Swing in Polk County. Delayed Because of Illness, Local Executives Get Busy. Membership Buttons and Cards In All Business Houses. Ask Any Clerk In Any Store for Information

## Cornell Music Club Visits Greenville, S. C.

Lawrence Doubleday of Tryon Member of Famous Organization.

A rare treat, as well as a wonderful opportunity for Tryon music lovers, will be the concert given by Cornell Musical Clubs at Greenville, S. C., which city is included in this organization's itinerary when its 31st annual tour will take it through the South. The concert will be given New Year's eve, and will fit in beautifully with other New Year festivities for our people. This is Cornell Musical Clubs' first tour into the South for six years, and is one of the most extensive ever taken by them. Over 60 men will participate in the trip, and the cities to be visited are Wilmington, Del., Baltimore, Birmingham, Atlanta, Greenville, and Washington, D. C. Many elaborate social functions have been planned for the clubs in these various cities. In Greenville, Anthony F. McKissick, Cornell '91, state Senator from South Carolina will have charge of the program and subsequent entertainment. At Washington, D. C. the concert will be given in the New Willard Hotel, followed by a ball and in the afternoon, a tea dance in honor of Alfred Sze, Cornell '01, Chinese Ambassador to the United States. This announcement carries with it a local feature, in that Lawrence Doubleday, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Doubleday, of Tryon, is a valued member of this famous musical organization, and many Tryon folk look forward with pleasure of spending New Year's night in Greenville.



## Tuberculosis Association Sells Christmas Seals

A. T. Whittlesey Heads Local Drive

The annual drive for the sale of Christmas Seals is now on, and, as in previous years, Tryon, as well as Polk county and its prosperous towns, will go the limit to aid the stamping out of tuberculosis with Christmas Seals.

As is well known, there is an organized war against tuberculosis carried on by the Tuberculosis Association. Its object is to keep you well and strong, and stamp out the disease so that others will not be infected. This war is financed by the annual sale of Christmas Seals.

Christmas Seals save the lives of nearly 100,000 people every year. Indirectly they have been the means of saving yours. And, in buying Christmas Seals, you not only protect yourself, but you help others not so fortunate.

The design this year is both attractive and purposeful, that of Victory, holding aloft the torch in the right hand, and the shield in the left, while the words "Health Christmas, 1924" appear in the upper right hand corner. Placed on every outgoing parcel at Christmas time these seals mean that the sender has a thought for suffering humanity, as well as for the happiness such gifts will bring the recipient. Christmas Seals are used in hundreds of ways, and many large firms stick one on every statement rendered the 1st of December. Dairy firms use them on milk bottles. Theatre managers stick them on all tickets sold on one day during the sale. Other original uses may be thought of individually, but the point is to buy them—BUY THEM! Mr. A. T. Whittlesey is head of the Christmas Seal sales in Tryon, and hopes that this may be a banner year in the history of this great and worthy cause.

Miss Lyda Aldrich, of Saluda, was in Tryon this week visiting Mrs. LeRoy Williams, who has been very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Foster, of Asheville, were in Tryon this week to be with Mrs. Foster's brother, Grady, who is in the Tryon infirmary. Grady was the lad who lost his leg in the horrible Saluda bus disaster several weeks ago, but considering his condition, is getting along splendidly.

Misses Mable and Sybil Capps spent Thanksgiving Day in Tryon with their mother, Mrs. B. F. Capps.

Mrs. R. A. Carruth, of Landrum, was a dinner guest Thanksgiving Day of Mrs. R. A. Leonard, in the Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Jackson were in Spartanburg Wednesday, attending the DuPre-Cates wedding which was one of the social events of the season. Young Nelson Jackson, 3rd was one of the junior waiters.

Mrs. Wayne McKinney, of Chicago, is in Tryon, the guest of Mrs. Gertrude Stone, of Mountain Industries. Mrs. McKinney with her husband, spent their honeymoon at the old Mimosa Hotel twenty years ago, and this is her first visit here since then. The McKinneys are located in Palm Beach, Fla., and after her visit here, Mrs. McKinney will return to Chicago, to complete preparations for moving to that charming Florida city.

CHAIRMAN CLEM SHAVER of the Democratic National Committee lost no time in cleaning house at headquarters here after the election. Some two hundred employees, all drawing fine fat salaries were dismissed, and only a skeleton force is taking care of the odds and ends left over from the campaign. The National Committee finished its presidential campaign on Nov. 3rd with a deficit of \$200,000, which Shaver guaranteed to pay. When this debt is wiped out he plans to resign from the Chairmanship.

## JUNIOR AMERICAN RED CROSS ARMY 5,596,663

Children of 29,942 Schools Now Enrolled in Movement of Service to Humanity.

The American Junior Red Cross, which was organized as a children's auxiliary during war-times especially to help the young refugees in Europe, and to exemplify in peace-time the Red Cross ideal of service, has now a membership of 5,596,663 in the schools of the United States and the insular possessions.

This Junior movement gives opportunity for the children to share in Red Cross effort parallel to that of the parent organization. Juniors are therefore identified in varying degree with the health services, disaster relief work, salvage and other suitable activities of value to the operations of the Red Cross.

It is a valiant host marching on under its "I Serve" banner in the cause of happier childhood everywhere and particularly wherever the American flag flies. The enrollment embraces 29,942 schools and 147,436 school rooms, a gain over 1923 of 5,655 schools and 22,414 school rooms. The year's gain in membership was 769,402 children, or nearly 80,000 for each month of the school year.

The educational and social values of the Junior Red Cross movement is thus evidencing the firm and cordial endorsement of school authorities. The government has added the weight of recognition by extending the Junior Red Cross in the schools for American Indian children. The American Red Cross is also planning to develop the Junior program in 600 rural schools in isolated sections.

There is no statement of the exchange of correspondence between schools in the United States and schools in the insular possessions and foreign lands. During the year the Junior Red Cross in part supported operations in twelve European countries. It is a potent influence for the cultivation of international goodwill and its example has been the means of stimulating the formation of Junior Red Cross societies in more than thirty countries.

## RED CROSS RAISES \$10,000,000 IN 21 DAYS FOR RELIEF

Terrible catastrophes, such as the Japanese earthquake, prove the wisdom of the people in maintaining the American Red Cross as their national and international relief agency. The readiness of the Red Cross for duty in the greatest of emergencies was also proved by test.

The record shows: Sept. 3, President Coolidge assigns the duty of raising \$5,000,000 to the American Red Cross; Sept. 4, Red Cross Chapters in over 3,500 communities give fund allocations; Sept. 12, fund totals \$5,563,000; Sept. 17, fund nearly \$8,000,000 and President announces formal closing of campaign; Sept. 27, fund passes \$10,000,000 mark.

In 21 business days the Red Cross doubly performed the duty entrusted to it—all the while keeping a steady flow of relief supplies going out from many Pacific ports to the stricken areas in Japan. Thus was the confidence of the American people in their Red Cross justified and the wisdom of Red Cross preparedness to cope with an unprecedented relief emergency confirmed.

## Locals

In the Mountain Industries you will find tasty suggestions which will undoubtedly simplify your Xmas shopping. We have just received delayed shipments of hand made jewelry, new lines of hand decorated glass, and pottery, including the Holland Godek ware. Also hand woven sport scarfs, and woolen hand bags, yes and many other articles that will save you an out of town shopping tour.

Chas. E. Hagaman who has been head book keeper for Jackson & Gertrude Stone, of Mountain Industries, the first of the week, Mr. Hagaman was an expert accountant, and made many friends, both in a business and personal way, during his stay in Tryon. In Hickory he will have charge of the auditing department of the Hickory Furniture Company.

Mrs. Norman has returned from Dewey Rose, Ga., where she had been the past few weeks visiting her mother.

Mrs. Sheppard and daughters, Misses Susan and Celia, have taken "Wren's Nest" for the winter and will remain here during the season charged, and only a skeleton force is taking care of the odds and ends left over from the campaign. The National Committee finished its presidential campaign on Nov. 3rd with a deficit of \$200,000, which Shaver guaranteed to pay. When this debt is wiped out he plans to resign from the Chairmanship.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cathey spent the week end in Charlotte, guests of Mr. Cathey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Cathey.

## Mrs. W. E. Kilpin Heads Local Drive

The local Red Cross membership drive is under way and practically ever person in the community is enrolling for 1925. Have you done so?

Owing to illness of executives of the local chapter the drive has been delayed, but under the management of Mrs. W. E. Kilpin, who won her spurs as a Red Cross worker during the Great War, things are buzzing, and committees are working day and night.

Membership cards and buttons may be secured in any store in Tryon and there is no excuse for your not joining in this important work for the good of the community and nation.

Miss Marjy Capps spent the day in Spartanburg Wednesday visiting friends and doing Christmas shopping.

Wm. B. Herriott, of Saluda, was looking after business matters and shaking hands with Tryon friends Thursday. Mr. Herriott is traveling for a cement company out of Chattanooga and has made many friends along his route.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Law and family who are now at Pine Crest Inn expect to be in their new home by Christmas. The Law house is one of the most imposing homes in the Western North Carolina, including among other features, a handsome diningroom, the beams of which were hauled from White Oak Mountain, and hewn from the solid oak logs. The mantle pieces, as well as a handsome hall chest, are of solid walnut, and a hand carved by the Tryon Toy Makers. Every comfort and convenience is incorporated in the plans of this splendid home. John Kittrell has gone into the Radio business, and has the agency for several of the finest and most popular makes. John is one of Tryon's most promising and progressive boys, and with his push and ambition, is sure to succeed in his undertaking.

Recent arrivals at Pine Crest Inn are Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Grimes of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus R. Jeffris, of Chicago, Mrs. G. W. Williams of Charleston, S. C., Miss Myrtle K. Beach, of Holland, Mich., and Mr. Frank R. Goodell, of Philadelphia.

## Taxpayer Wants Information

Citizen of Polk County in Signed Letter Requests Enlightenment Regarding Financial Status of County Affairs

To the Board of County Commissioners, of Polk County, N. C.

Honorable Sirs:

As a citizen and taxpayer of Polk County I am very anxious to ascertain certain facts and I am respectfully requesting your honorable body to answer the following questions for the benefit of the tax payers of the county.

First: How much did it cost to audit the County books?

Second: What is the present total indebtedness of Polk County?

Third: Please give the names of all present and past officials of the county who are indebted to the county, stating nature of the obligation amount of indebtedness, and whether it is due to mistakes or through misapplication of funds.

Fourth: Have these parties settled their obligations with the county, and if not why not?

Fifth: Have any of these parties, if there are any, violated the laws of the State in the manner in which they have handled their records or handled county funds—and if such violations have occurred will your body ask for an indictment?

Sixth: It is generally understood that the certified auditors report will be filed with the Register, in his office, and published in the Polk County News, but on account of the enormous volume and endless detail it will take an educated person a long time to get at the facts in the case, and the average individual would never be able to understand such a report. So—will your Honorable Board publish the answers to the above questions in the Polk County News?

I am sure that this will meet with the approval of every taxpayer in Polk County, and I assure you that my only reason for making this request is in the interests of said taxpayers.

Signe: J. T. SMITH, Columbus, N. C.