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70% MORE IN '44

The American Red Cross is asking for a 70% increase in donations this year over the amount given last year. This seems to be a small percentage of increase when we realize how much war activities and the work of the Red Cross have increased since last year.

The Red Cross is at the side of every fighting man and woman wherever he or she may be—in the United States, Europe, Africa, Asia, the Pacific, Iceland or the Aleutians, Red Cross workers stand ready to render any service, large or small, to the fighting man or his family at all times.

A large range of activities is included in the work of the Red Cross. To the civilian population training is provided in first aid, home nursing, nurse's aide, dietitian's aide; and aid is given in time of disasters such as fire, flood, or tornado. Supplies are furnished to provide entertainment and amusement in army camps and hospitals at home and abroad. Red Cross workers help entertain the service men and teach them useful trades in rehabilitation work at base hospitals. After a raid over Germany, the returning airmen are met by a Red Cross Mobile Canteen and served hot coffee and doughnuts by a Red Cross worker. Knitted sweaters and gloves are furnished to civilian refugees as well as to the armed forces. Service Clubs are set up by the Red Cross in the larger cities overseas to provide additional facilities for service men. And perhaps most important of all, the American Red Cross, through the International Red Cross, furnishes food and clothing for American prisoners of war in Germany. A similar service does not reach the prisoners of war in Japanese hands only because of the Japanese Government, regulations.

Naturally, these tremendous activities cannot be carried on without sufficient funds. This is no ordinary pre-war membership drive or Roll Call going on this month throughout the United States. It is, rather, a War Fund Drive for 1944—a drive to provide sufficient funds to meet the increased wartime needs of the armed forces that must be met by the Red Cross.

We cannot refuse to head this call. Our contributions should even be greater than last year's. Every one of us must do our part. Our boys are counting on us. Can we let them down?

Don't Quote Me... But--

Ummmm . . . ain't this time of year heaven tho' . . . life can be beautiful after all! The spirit of spring has gotten into everybody's bones which simply means that from now on anything can happen . . .

Dear Dr. Rondthaler . . . what other teacher have we, please, who would have been so down-right human as to let us out of class to see Jane Strom and husband . . . we appreciate it awfully, Dr. R. . . .

Then there was the decency of the Soph. tests not getting here in time for the Sophs to take them Wed. afternoon . . . t'ain't fair, anyhow, for those poor children to struggle for seven hours . . . (also t'ain't fair for the D. S. to be quiet that long . . . alas)

This has been a week, hasn't it . . . what with income tax, Soph. tests, Ides of March, end of six weeks, two elections—oh, Brother—no wonder they threw in those two perfectly beautiful chapel programs. It was quite significant that Dean Vardell should choose to speak on Shakespeare the very day that the Shakespeare class had their six weeks . . . we had been waiting for that a long time (Dean Vardell's "Music in Shakespeare"—not the test, golly) and now we are waiting for all of those pages that he turned over without using . . . it was really great, Dean Vardell—besides what's more fun or more unpredictable than when Dr. R. and Dr. V. are on the platform together!

While we are on chapel programs we must mention the Teacher's College Glee Club—but what can we say more than has been said! . . . we love that program and hope that it will remain one of our traditions

OOOoooouu . . . them "Please Keep Off The Grass" signs—there are simply millions of them about . . . practically one or every blade of grass and every stump, post and tree trunk . . . there must have been a sale . . . Grand!

We hear that Mr. Holder was the prodigy on figuring up income tax . . . well, now, that's right fine . . . uh, hum, we like that . . . (mirabile dictu)

Oh, by the way, has the Luck of London come your way yet? Just sit tight . . . it will! It's a mystery to me how anybody has the time any stamps to start such stuff . . . Friday we are supposed to get \$45,000—Gracie Fields did . . . Yipe!

These days you just can't get mad with anybody, can you? . . . the little jonquils and forsythia are trying to outshine the sun and Biting's willow is boasting a shade of green unequalled by man . . . four more days until it's really spring

'Tis done . . . "God's in His heaven, all's right with the world" . . . so we may stop now, loving you all

Sweet dreams,
children

Apuntes Espanoles

RIMAS,

VII

Cuando miro el azul horizonte
Perdese á lo lejos,
Al través de una gasa de polvo
Dorado é inquieto,
Me parece posible arrancarme
Del misero suelo,
Y flotar con la niebla dorada
En átomos leves
Cual ella deshecho.
Cuando miro de noche en el fondo
Opscuro del cielo
Las estrellas temblar, como ardientes
Pupilas de fuego,
Me parece posible á do brillan
Subir en un vuelo,
Y anegarme en su luz, y con ellas
Fundirme en un beso.
Eundirme en un beso.
En el mar de la duda en que bogo
Ni aun sé lo que creo;
¡Sin embargo, estas ansias me dicen
Que yo llevo algo
Divino aquí dentro!

Gustavo Adolfo Bécquer

MANY THANKS!

Have you noticed the great change in the Reference and Periodical room in the Library? The college has realized for some time that the lighting was not sufficient, but it took time to get the fixtures that were wanted. There are now eight fluorescent lights in the Reference Room and others are to be placed there during the holidays.

We students wish to thank the college from the bottom of our hearts for this new improvement. It is really wonderfully bright now, and there will be no more frowning, squinting, and headaches from the lighting situation. Consequently, there should be no more excuses for not studying in the library.

WOMEN STUDENTS AND THE WAR

WASHINGTON — (ACP) — More than a year ago, the government said it needed immediate training of college women to meet the demands of war. As more men go into the armed forces, the need grows for women in various types of war service. Here is the up-to-date stories of important vacancies for women today—vacancies which the government is trying hard to fill.

In time of war, the armed forces have the first claim upon men and women alike. But the response of American women to the call of the armed forces has been, on the whole, a somewhat sad one. Thousands of additional recruits are needed, and some of them, in terms of the womanpower supply and demand, must come from our colleges.

The WAC has reported that on January 1, 1944, its strength was 62,859 officers and enlisted women. Line that up against the authorized strength of the WAC—200,000 women, many of whom are required for overseas' service.

If you don't want to go overseas, you can still release another person for it. Recently the WAC has been recruiting for specific station assignments within this country. It is now also permitting candidates to apply for a specific job on the basis of their previous experience. Qualified college women who enlist in the WAC have a good chance to become officers and to continue working in their major field at a place of their own choosing.

The WAVES still need additional officer candidates, who will be recruited from civilian life. WAVE present strength is nearly 50,000 women. It's expected to reach 100,000 by the end of this year.

The Navy is now selecting college graduates more on the basis of their ability to do certain jobs than on the basis of general personal qualifications. Although the jobs for which personnel is needed varies from time to time, you have a good chance of finding a spot where you can use your college major.

At present the WAVES greatest needs are for aerologists, mathematicians, physicists, instructors in air navigation, supply corps officers and officers for medical research.

The SPARS prefer college graduates with at least three years of work experience. College women who worked before entering school and during summer vacations can help to fill SPAR openings for lawyers, pay and supply officers, communications, ordnance and personnel officers.

Maybe you want to be a MARINE. That branch of the service is recruiting officer candidates to work as specialists in various fields or as general duty officers.

Remember—enlistment in the armed forces adds up to more than patriotic service. You will receive the same postwar benefits as our men in the armed forces. A bill is now in Congress to provide for veterans who meet certain standards a year of education at government expense. If this particular bill, which is sponsored by Senator Thomas of Utah, does not pass, it's almost certain that similar legislation will make the grade.