

# IT WILL YOUR RED CROSS DOLLAR DO? HERE ARE FACTS TO SHOW YOU EXACTLY

Red Cross Work In South, Including Health, Nursing, Military Relief  
And Other Activities, Illustrated By One  
Typical Month.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct.—The man or woman who gives a dollar for membership in the American Red Cross when the Fourth Roll Call is held from November 11 to November 25, will want to know, among other things, what that dollar will help to do in the southern division, of which his chapter is a part.

Fifty cents of the dollar is retained by the chapter, for chapter work. The other fifty cents goes to the national headquarters in Washington, to keep up the national work of the Red Cross. In this connection, it is interesting to note that the Red Cross last year spent more in the south than it received from the south in money for memberships. The budget for next year contemplates a similar program in the south.

The southern division of the Red Cross consists of the states of North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia and Florida. Headquarters of the division at Atlanta, in order to show just how the money given the Red Cross is spent in the south, has prepared a detailed statement, showing one month's activities in the division.

This month is typical of Red Cross work in the southern division. From the summary of its activities, Red Cross members may gain a concrete illustration of the work their membership fees will help to keep going through the coming year.

During this month the Red Cross had sixty-one nursing services operating in various parts of the division, employing a total of seventy-four nurses. Four new services were established by chapters during the month, one service was reopened, five were withdrawn, and, in addition, the Red Cross placed one nurse, paying her salary, with another organization that had started health work in that particular community. That is the policy of the Red Cross—to do health work where it is most needed, and where others are doing the same work, not to compete with them, but to help them as far as possible.

The nursing department of the Red Cross has a bureau called the bureau of instruction, engaged in promoting health work. This bureau organized fourteen classes in Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick during the month. Altogether, thirty-five classes in this subject were in operation in the division during the month; two hundred and fifty-two new students were enrolled and one hundred and seventy women and girls completed the in-

struction. The bureau of dietetics, through which classes are organized to teach women and girls the right sort of food to cook and serve to make good health, carried on instruction work, during the month at such places as Converse College at Spartanburg, S. C., the West Tennessee State Normal School and Winthrop College in North Carolina. The bureau reported the appointment of a city dietitian at Nashville, Tenn., where the Red Cross Chapter set aside \$2,000 for her salary and \$500 for incidental expenses in connection with nutrition work. The bureau, in co-operation with other divisions, put on an exhibit in health at the Tri-State fair at Memphis, Tenn.

While such work as this was being done in the field of health by the Red Cross, it was equally active in its work for returned soldiers and their families and similar work for civilian families in like need of help. The Red Cross had 2,081 new cases of this sort during the month, and reopened 1,583 old cases, a total of 3,664 cases. An idea of the number of soldiers and civilians helped in the different states may be gained from the following report for the month:

Georgia, 1,006 soldiers' families aided, 65 civilian families aided; Florida, 1,941 soldiers' families aided and 570 civilian families aided; North Carolina, 1,062 soldiers' families aided and 68 civilian families aided; South Carolina, 1,431 soldiers' families aided, 241 civilian families aided; Tennessee, 1,093 soldiers' families aided and 44 civilian families aided. A total of \$3,691 in financial aid was extended to soldiers' families, and \$1,230 to civilian families.

First aid was taught by the Red Cross during the month in classes at the Middle Tennessee Normal and Industrial school at Murfreesboro, Tenn., the Asheville Summer school at Asheville, N. C., the University of Florida at Gainesville, Fla., the Tennessee A. and I. State Normal school at Nashville, and the A. and E. college at West Raleigh, N. C. New students to the number of 144 were enrolled in these classes, and first aid certificates, showing the holder was proficient in first aid principles, were given to 135 students.

Life saving corps were organized by the Red Cross during the month at a number of places, and other corps, previously organized, did fine work at some of the beaches. Several

rescues by members of the corps were reported, while others assisted in rescues.

The Red Cross did no disaster relief work during the month in question, as no disasters occurred, but, at any time the Red Cross is ready to respond to cities stricken by fire, flood, tornado or pestilence. Because the schools were closed during this month, there were no activities of the Junior Red Cross to report, but with the opening of the schools in September, thousands of children throughout the southeast joined in various helpful plans of the Junior Red Cross.

With all of this work, the Red Cross continued to carry on its first duty and its responsibility to the man in uniform.

During the month the Red Cross maintained adequate forces of workers at twelve different army posts, camps and hospitals in the division, serving a total of 13,752 men, of whom 700 or more were patients in two general army hospitals. In addition, Home Service, as it is called, was given to 1,148 new cases, 642 closed cases and 4,071 other cases where information of all sorts in regard to pay, Liberty bonds, insurance and the like was furnished.

One of the most potent influences at these posts was the "home influence" of the Red Cross. The men were encouraged to write letters home, stationery was provided, and, where a man was illiterate, the Red Cross wrote his letters for him. The boys were made to feel that the Red Cross workers were their friends, that they had some one to go to, some one who felt a sympathetic interest in their welfare.

The Red Cross also did work at six United States public health hospitals in the southern division, and served United States public health service patients at eight other hospitals of which they were inmates. Besides "home service," the Red Cross gave them recreation, distributed necessary supplies and developed the local interest of the respective communities in the patients and the hospitals.

This is the sort of work—in health, social service, among the posts and camps, for disaster relief, first aid, home dietetics, home hygiene and care of the sick, and the Junior Red Cross—that will be carried on during the coming year through the dollars of those who join the Red Cross in the Fourth Roll Call.



THE ARK OF SAFETY. Courtesy Denver Post

## JUST REORGANIZING SAVINGS SOCIETIES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Boys and Girls Who Did Such Fine  
Work Last Year Soon Will Be  
Active Again.

School boys and girls in all parts of this State are reorganizing the savings societies which did such excellent work last session, and it is believed that even better records will be made during this school year. In the nine months of the 1919-1920 session more than \$2,315,090 was invested in Savings Stamps, Thrift Stamps and other

government securities in this district. In order that thrift in its various phases might be taught to greater advantage this session, Miss Mary G. Shotwell, director of the educational division of the district War Loan Organization, last summer visited all of the summer schools in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, and was instrumental in having regular courses in practical thrift incorporated in the curriculum not only in the State summer schools but in the county schools and teachers' institutes. In all, more than 660 lessons and demonstrations in thrift principles were given to upwards of 11,000 teachers. Many of these teachers—most of them, very likely—will correlate the thrift idea with their class work this session.

The savings movement is being conducted in the schools, and elsewhere, under the direction of the United States Treasury Department. "Work and Save" is one of the slogans. In other words, effort is being made to make everyone realize—particularly the boys and girls of today who will be the men and women of tomorrow—the importance of increasing production, of curtailing waste, of wise spending, of systematic saving, and of investing in such securities as government bonds, Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps.

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