

Your Red Cross watches over the comfort of hospitalized veterans and service people everywhere. Help put its 1946 Fund Campaign over. Give generously!

## January Disasters Bring Quick Red Cross Action

Destructive floods and tornadoes beginning in early January were grim reminders that more Americans died in home-front accidents and disasters during World War II than as war casualties.

By mid-month the siege, brought on unseasonably early by warm weather and heavy rains, had claimed 54 dead and upwards of 150 hospitalized, records indicate. Thousands of families in rural areas of 11 midwestern and southern states were affected.

Red Cross chapter workers who last year helped their communities through 290 disasters have again worked round the clock. Assisting them have been doctors, nurses, and others rushed by the Red Cross to stricken areas. Surveys for the re-furnishing, rebuilding, and repairing of damaged or destroyed homes, barns, and other buildings began immediately. Rehabilitation will be completed in March. Undoubtedly new disasters will strike during the spring months and will keep the organization working at top speed in this humanitarian parade which never ends.

In providing food, clothing, shelter, medical and nursing care, varying problems confront the Red Cross, particularly in rural sections.

In flooded Mississippi valley areas, Red Cross has obtained a priority release of house trailers to supplement tents used in sheltering farmers rescued from flooded areas. When evacuation of farm families and livestock has been necessary, coast guard and navy boats have assisted. Recent coal shortages in disaster areas were relieved when Red Cross action resulted in diversion of fuel to critical sections.

An hour after surveys have been completed, the Red Cross has obtained priority release of lumber and other building materials. Included has been screen wire to help prevent the spread of disease in malaria affected areas.

In floods and hurricanes, local Red Cross disaster units, through advance weather bureau advisories, have warned residents in time for safe evacuation; in remote sections, they have effected rescues. In all disasters, tornadoes, fires, floods, hurricanes, train wrecks, they have quickly sought out injured, given first aid, and arranged hospital care. Hundreds of thousands of homeless have been sheltered, clothed, and fed.

In Paterson, New Jersey, a new chapter disaster chairman successfully tackled problems of the worst flood in that city's history. Two days after a Red Cross disaster conference in Montgomery, Alabama, a tornado ripped through the city. Outstanding care given the injured wrote a bright page in the year's disaster history.

In states where polio outbreaks occurred, Red Cross chapter volunteers hurriedly improvised hospital articles. In Salt Lake City, Disaster Service supplied face masks, children's nightgowns, hospital shirts, surgical gowns for nurses, blankets, and sheets. When flannellette could not be found for hot packs, Red Cross supplied 1,000 diapers for the purpose.

But whether disaster or any of many other Red Cross services, all are available to people in rural communities no less than in large cities. Home nursing, farm accident prevention, assistance to families of men in uniform and to veterans—these services continue year-in, year-out. During March the Red Cross is appealing for \$100,000,000. It needs every bit of that amount to meet obligations to the armed forces and civilian population.

"We all have a share in the American Red Cross," said Basil O'Connor, Red Cross Chairman, when announcing the appeal. "Let's all maintain that share by contributing generously to the 1946 Fund Campaign and keeping our Red Cross society the strongest in the world."

## American Red Cross Aids Wounded and Able-bodied

Not long ago to a Red Cross field director with an outfit on maneuvers flashed a message that the mother of a man in his unit was critically ill, and the man was needed at home immediately.

With this message from the soldier's Red Cross chapter verifying the illness, the field director called on the commanding officer who arranged an emergency furlough. While a courier sped up the line to fetch the soldier, the Red Cross man was busy arranging transportation.

Within a few hours the boy was at the Red Cross field office where furlough papers and a ticket awaited him. The field director drove him to the airport, and the boy arrived home in time—not to see his mother die, but to save her life with a blood transfusion.

Today, six months after V-J Day, some 17,000 Red Cross workers are still with the GIs at home and abroad. Hundreds of clubs and rest homes overseas are in operation where men meet on leave, get home-cooked food, and that prime American favorite—doughnuts and coffee. Music and entertainment, books, magazines, and home-town newspapers, lounges and writing rooms—all are popular. For men staying overnight there are comfortable beds, clean sheets, and hot showers.

More important than Red Cross services to the able-bodied are those for the wounded and ill. In army and navy hospitals the country over, professional and volunteer Red Cross workers serve in many ways. To the hospitalized a financial or family problem may prey upon the mind and dull the will to recovery. Under guidance of Red Cross medical social workers many a problem is dissolved, and difficult obstacles are smoothed, while programs directed by trained recreation workers help patients forget their troubles. Red Cross volunteers supplement these workers with every conceivable service.

For example, there was the blinded soldier whose face was horribly scarred, who was expecting a visit from

his wife and five-year-old daughter. It would be the first meeting in two years, he told the Red Cross girl who was teaching him rummy with Braille cards.

"My little girl knows I'm blind and she's planning how she'll do things for me," he said.

But what she did not know, what had been kept from him so that it might not retard his readjustment, was the way he was scarred and disfigured.

The Red Cross girl caught her breath. "That's fine," she said. "I'll meet them at the train."

Her heart sank upon seeing the tiny girl. It would be a job to prepare her for the shock, to make sure she did not let her father suspect there was anything wrong.

Gently she told the child about her daddy's face, how it would get better, how much he loved her, and that she mustn't be afraid. Then, with a prayer in her heart, she led mother and child to the blinded soldier.

The crucial moment had come. Now, upon the actions of a little girl, the future of this family would depend. For a moment the tot stood in the doorway, looking at her father across the room. Then, without hesitation, came the patter of little feet, and she threw her arms around her father's neck. "Daddy," she cried, "Daddy, it's me—we're so glad to have you back!"

A simple service, yes. But it determined the happiness of three people. Without the understanding heart, and it's many who daily give of their minds and souls, the adjustment of thousands of servicemen might be seriously retarded.

The American Red Cross needs \$100,000,000 to carry on during the next fiscal year. That sum is small when stacked against the heartache stilled, suffering eased, misery relieved, new hope infused—day in, day out—because of Red Cross ministrations.

Because farm families have a big stake in the Red Cross they consistently support the organization. The Red Cross is confident that families in agricultural areas, the backbone of the nation, will generously support the 1946 Fund Campaign.

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## WALSTONBURG NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hicks were Raleigh visitors, Wednesday.

Mrs. Sam Jenkins and Mrs. Ed Taylor were Goldsboro visitors, Monday.

Mrs. Carl Cobb, Mrs. Grey Fields and Miss Lillian Corbett were Raleigh visitors, Tuesday.

Mrs. Tryphenia McKeel has returned from Camp Lejeune after spending a few days there with her son who is in the Naval Hospital.

Cecil Lang, son of Mrs. W. E. Lang is home on terminal leave. He received an honorable discharge from the Army Air Force last week, after spending twenty-eight months in the Pacific area.

### Christian Endeavor Plans Program For Month

The Christian Endeavor, has chartered for the month of March some very timely themes—The Racial Problem will hold the spot-light on the Red. A pamphlet, "Information, Please" Questions and Answers Concerning Negro Americans by R. B. Eleazer will be led by Ola Grace Gardner—"I Never Knewed," by Margaret Fisher will be given by Doris Beaman.

The program will center around Family Life on the 10th—This program is taken from a leaflet sent out by the Federal Council of Churches.

The 3rd topic of study will be on "Peace"—This will be on the 17th. There will be articles selected from "Leaves of Gold."

The group will center its thinking around "The Home" on March 24th. Mrs. McKeel will talk on Home Life that night.

The last theme for March will be "Love"—Articles from "Leaves of Gold," will be used.

### Entertains For Bride-Elect

Mrs. Charlie Letchworth and Miss Hazel McKeel entertained at four tables of bridge on Saturday night at the home of the former, honoring Miss Janie Marlowe, bride-elect.

The living room was decorated with camellias, quince, spirea and yellow bell. The mantle was banked with ivy and white tapers in crystal holders burned at either end.

Upon arrival the honoree was presented a corsage of pink carnations. Coca-Colas and salted nuts were served during play and bridal ice cream and cakes were served following progressions.

Mrs. W. A. Marlowe, high score winner, was presented toilet water and Miss Fannie Mae Smith, winner in Bingo Bridge, was presented soap. Miss Marlowe was remembered with crystal in her chosen pattern.

Those present were the honoree, Misses Fannie Mae Smith, Juanita Redick, Clara Jenkins, Meedames W. A. Marlowe, Ray West, Sr., Sam Lewis, Marvin Mercer, E. F. Brooks, Cameron West, Arthur Gay, Earl Lang, Ray West, Jr., and Clarence Jones.

### Entertains Club

Mrs. C. T. Hicks was hostess to the Woman's Club, Wednesday afternoon. The meeting was called to order by the vice-president, Mrs. Jenkins and devotion was conducted by Mrs. W. E. Lang.

The roll was called and minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Reports from various committees were made.

After the business meeting Mrs. Carlos Walston presented Dr. John M. Mewborn of Farmville, who gave a very interesting and helpful talk on cancer. Mrs. Carlos Walston and Mrs. Ivey Smith, then, gave two very beautiful piano selections.

During the social hour the hostess served delicious ice cream and cake. At this time Mrs. C. T. Hicks and Mrs. Ray West, Sr., brought in a basket of very useful gifts from the club members to Mrs. Cameron West.



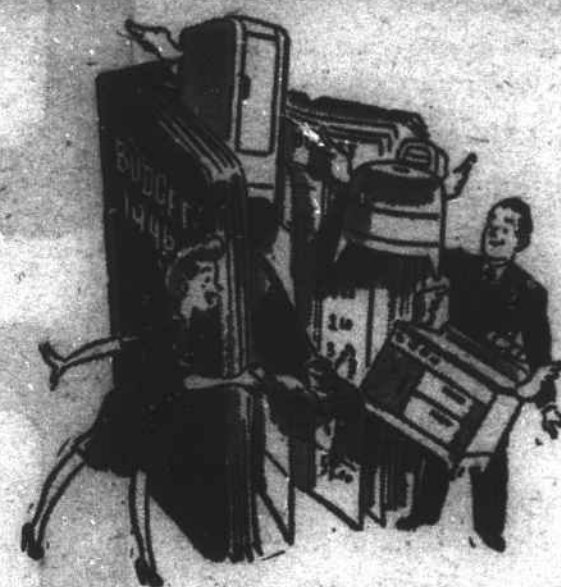
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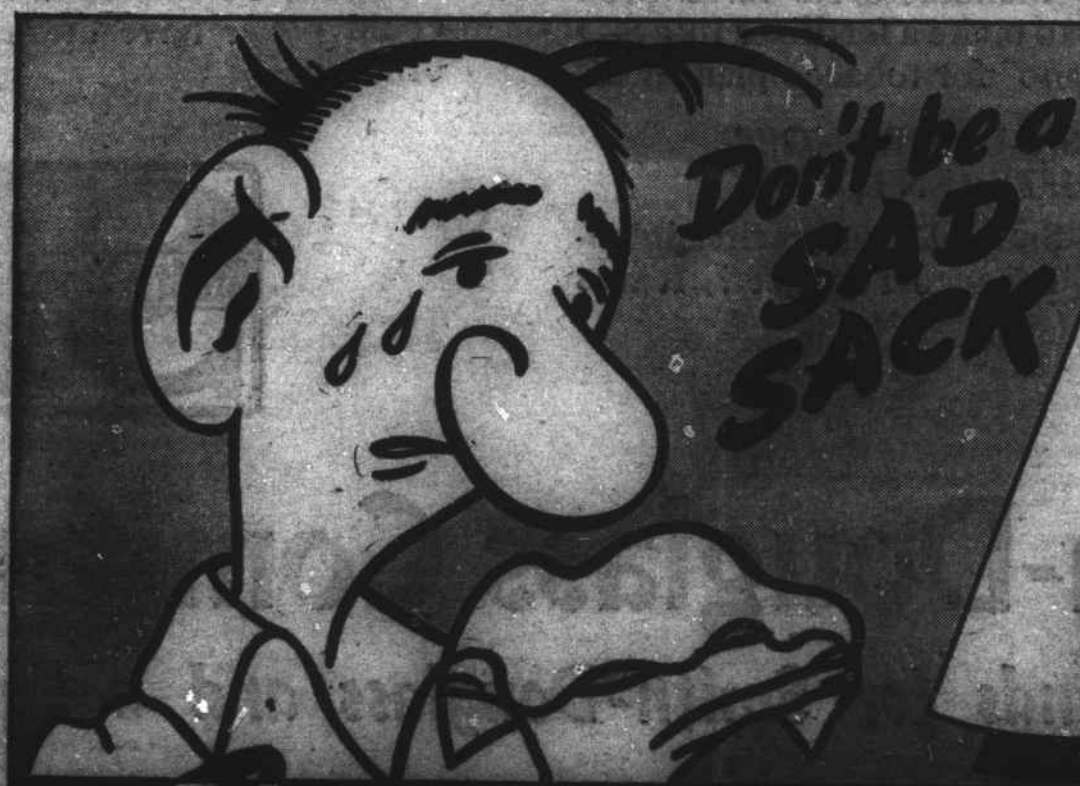
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