

National Defense Program For Red Cross Is Explained In Letter

The following letter was received by Rev. John C. Ramsay, Dickens County Chapter American Red Cross Chairman, which should stir everybody:

Washington, D. C. November 15

The Central Committee of the American Red Cross, meeting in extraordinary session today, authorized Chairman Norman H. Davis to expand all Red Cross services directly or indirectly connected with the national defense program.

Davis told the Committee the Red Cross was ready to proceed with its part in the national defense program and plans were ready to meet any emergency. Red Cross personnel at army camps and naval stations, he said, would be significantly expanded before next spring.

The Red Cross, he explained, is charged with the medical-social welfare work for the armed forces. Additional buildings for the Red Cross on military reservations would have to be built, while more Red Cross nurses would have to be recruited to staff the military and naval hospitals.

Davis said Red Cross chapters near army cantonments would be strengthened during the winter to handle welfare problems of soldiers and their families.

In addition to the services which the Red Cross will render American soldiers and sailors, Davis said, the Red Cross also was expanding all of its civilian services indirectly connected with national defense. Volunteers in Red Cross chapters will be asked to make surgical dressings for the U. S. Army and comfort articles for hospitalized soldiers and sailors, as well as to participate in the other expanding services, he reported.

A program to provide volunteer blood plasma to army and navy hospitals, he said, is now well beyond the experimental stage and could be launched on a national scale whenever needed.

To prepare civilians to be of practical service to their country in case of war or emergency, Davis said Red Cross courses in first aid and home nursing would be increased during the winter. More Red Cross chapters will be encouraged to organize motor corps, canteen services and to increase the number and training of disaster workers. All of these programs, he explained, are of vital importance to Red Cross preparedness.

In view of the increased respon-

sibilities which face the Red Cross the Central Committee called upon the chapters to increase their efforts in the annual membership roll call, now underway throughout the country, so that millions of new members might be secured. All domestic activities of the Red Cross, it was explained, are financed from membership dues and contributions. Present at the meeting were: Daniel W. Bell, Under Secretary of the Treasury; Mrs. August Belmont, New York; Miss Mabel T. Boardman, Washington; Mrs. Henry P. Davidson, Locust Valley, L. I. New York; James B. Forgan, Chicago; William Fortune, Indianapolis; Geo. L. Harrison, New York; Rear Admiral Ross T. McIntire, Surgeon General of the Navy; R. Walton Moore, Counselor, State Department; Mrs. Henry R. Rae, Sewickley, Pa.; Eliot Wadsworth, Boston; Lloyd B. Wilson, Washington; Major General James C. Magee, Surgeon General of the Army.

Students Here For The "Traditional" Thanksgiving

That a marked friendship and desire of association exists among Spur youths attending colleges and universities in various localities in this and other states, was forcibly brought to our attention, when announcement was made of conflicting dates, for observing Thanksgiving holidays, by said colleges and universities.

Quite a number of these institutions of higher learning observed the new Thanksgiving date of November 21st, while others with "heads" imbued with more sentiment decided to adhere to the "Traditional Last Thursday," November 28th, thereby separating by one week the Thanksgiving holidays and visits to Spur of this group.

This may seem a most insignificant matter to the masses but for these youngsters it has created a rather unsatisfactory and unhappy situation, of paramount importance.

Those scheduled to arrive to spend the Traditional Thanksgiving and this week end are: Misses Grace Foster, Joyce McCully, and Alton McCully, of McMurry College, Abilene.

Miss Helen Hale and Bill Caraway of T.C.U., Fort Worth.

Bill Putman, T.M.I., Terrell.

Miss Miriam Reed and Joe Paul Alexander, of Baylor University, Waco.

Those returning to their respec-

tive schools after last weeks holidays, Thursday to Sunday were: Misses Mary Lisenby, Margaret Mae Weaver, and Sylvan Golding and James H. Cowan, of Texas U., Austin.

Misses Isabell and Bonnie Campbell, Southwestern Methodist U., Georgetown.

Misses Martha Nichols, and Ruby Cowan, T.W.C.; and Miss Mary Nancy Roberts, of N.T.S.T.C., Denton.

Wilson and Elton Garner, Andy and L. J. Hurst, and Herman Bostic, N.M.N.C., Los Vegas, N. M.

Victor Joyner, Bill Gruben, Bill Laine, Billy Powell, Chas. Senning, John Jo Costolow, Fike Godfrey, and friend, Woodyard McDowell, of Little Rock, Ark., Ruth and Emily Cowan, Winifred and Helen Ruth Lee, Gladys Robinson, Sammie McGee and friend Evelyn Cooper of El Paso, and Wynell McClure, of Texas Tech, Lubbock.

Xmas Seals Go On Sale To Fight Tuberculosis

With usual generosity, Texas and Texans are responding wholeheartedly to the 34th annual Christmas Seal sale which finances the fight against tuberculosis in every county and hamlet in America, Dr. Z. T. Scott, managing director of the Texas Tuberculosis Association, declared today.

Already the Christmas Seal sale launched last Monday is bringing in a heavy mail from persons in every walk of life from children orphaned by the disease to the highest figures in church, business, government and professional life, Dr. Scott and the staff of workers at state headquarters here disclosed.

Dr. Scott and more than fifty other state leaders who volunteer their services as officers and directors of the Texas Association stress that the funds derived from the Christmas Seal sale are used in the state and in the counties in which the are raised. Besides its education program, the state association fosters all constructive effort to eradicate and control tuberculosis and gives every assistance possible to county, state and national health units and departments.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Fox and daughter, Miss Cecilia, and Mrs. Fox's mother, Mrs. R. E. Roberts, returned Sunday from a visit since Thursday to Waco where they spent Thanksgiving evening and night with his mother, Mrs. Fox, and at Houston where they visited Mr. Roberts and family, son and brother respectively of Mesdames R. E. Roberts and Cecil Fox.

Miss Lucille Lucas, teacher in the Public Schools at Longview spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Wooten, of McAdoo. Accompanying Miss Lucas home for the holiday vacation was her roommate, Miss Ruth Wright who also teaches in the Longview Schools.

H. H. Goodwin, extensive farmer and gin operator in the East Aften community spent Monday in Spur attending to business interests.

23 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of The Texas Spur, published 23 years ago this week. Ovan McClure, Editor and publisher.

Governor Hobby has appointed Advisory Boards in every county in the state, consisting of three members, to serve free of charge in aiding those registered under the army draft in compiling the "questionnaire" on which there are the proverbial "one thousand and one questions" to be correctly answered by every registrant.

The Advisory Board of Dickens County is composed of W. D. Wilson, B. G. Worswick, and E. J. Cowan.

J. I. Greer, of the Lone Oak Farm and Ranch, ten miles west of Spur came in Tuesday with another bale of cotton.

M. L. Jones, of 40 miles southwest of Spur is spending this week here and at Dickens attending District Court.

Dr. and Mrs. Morris moved Thursday to Peacock where he will engage in the practice of medicine; he having purchased the practice of Dr. Nichols who is with the Standifer Hospital in Spur.

While enroute home from attending an entertainment one night last week at the Paddle ranch in Kent county, Ted Brannen, Con Davis,

George Springer and Oldah Harrington happened to an accident by ditching their car.

Some of the boys are said to have gone through the windshield, others through the top. However, none of them were seriously injured but all were more or less "skinned up."

Dr. Standifer this week sold to Dr. P. C. Nichols, of Peacock a one half interest in the Standifer Hospital. In the new organization Dr. Standifer will be chief surgeon and superintendent, Dr. Nichols assistant surgeon, House Physician and general manager of the Hospital.

H. T. Garner came by one day last week and saved us from the poor house by contributing another dollar and fifty cents to our subscription till.

Jeff D. Harkey was a business visitor in Spur Monday.

Mrs. Lanier who has been visiting her daughter Mrs. W. L. Powell, of Dickens returned home Sunday. Mrs. Powell accompanied her mother as far as Stamford; returning to her home the following day.

Mesdames Manning and Richbourg entertained Monday afternoon at the Manning home, complimenting Mrs. J. E. Morris, who will leave Thursday for her new home at Peacock.

The afternoon was most pleasantly spent knitting and listening to music on the Edison.

Mrs. Beck in her charming manner presented to Mrs. Morris a

beautiful dinner ring as a token of love and remembrance from the Mission society.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames Morris, Hogan, Rich, Rash, White, Yopp, Lane, Beck, Gardner, Whitener, Gruben, Fite, Morris of Haskell, Davis, Baker, Perry, Barrett, Powell, Campbell, Barber, Jopling, and Miss Fite.

Mrs. Willie Eldridge, of McAdoo, was among the Wednesday visitors to Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gruben were week end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Deaton, of Dickens.

Commissioner W. H. Hindman, who lives out in the Highway community was in Spur Monday looking after business interests.

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