

"Join Red Cross," Urges Vice President Curtis

America's prominent citizens join in urging all men and women to become members of the Red Cross during the period of the annual roll call from Armistice Day to Thanks-

The Honorable Charles Curtis, Vice President of the United States, says: "The American Red Cross is in a position to and does more to relieve those stricken by misfortune than any other organization in the world. Its splendid work has done much to bring a friendly feeling in all parts of the world for the people of our country because they sustain the American Red Cross. This lerful organization is entitled to the liberal support of our peo-

The Honorable Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, says: "No one can predict when or where disaster may occur or acute emergency arise. The American Red Cross represents our community insurance against such misfortunes. The organization stands ready at all times to render speedy relief to any stricken area in the relief of disaster in foreign countries. The Red Cross is the agency which carries on when emergency has disrupted customary modes and means of life in a community."

Six Foreign Countries Receive Red Cross Aid

Relief was given by the American Red Cross during the year in six foreign nations in disasters ranging from a tidal wave in Newfoundland, an earthquake in Persia, floods in France, to help the refugees from Russia and prevention of a smallpox epidemic in Costa Rica.

The \$5,000 Red Gross contribution to Newfoundland, following the tidal wave, which took twenty-six lives and destroyed many homes and fishing boats, was the first from an outside country to reach the distressed people.

The sum of \$5,000 was given to the fund for the relief of the Mennonite refugees of German descent, who had determined to leave Russia for new lands. About 13,000 passed through Germany, where the German Red Cross, aided by Red Cross societies of other nations, helped them. The majerity are being transported to new countries in the western world and the American Red Cross has transmitted contributions from individuals in this country.

When Costa Rica was menaced by a smallpox epidemic, the American Red Cross sent fifty thousand tubes of vaccine, in two airplane loads, undoubtedly saving the country from a serious outbreak of the dread disease. 273,202.

NINETY DISASTERS CALL FOR RED CROSS RELIEF, AT COST OF \$1,200,000

Vice Chairman Fieser Cites Read-Work.

Readiness to act in an emergency. should a disaster strike, has become part of the Red Cross Chapter program in thousands of communities. The need for this training of local committees was revealed last year, when more than ninety communities required disaster relief work by the

Red Cross. As in former years, tornadoes brought the greatest damage. Twentyfour serious tornadoes occurred. Fire also took toll of life and property in twenty-four communities. Seven forest fires did great damage; eighteen areas were affected by floods, and nine storms caused heavy losses. Other disasters were cloudbursts, cyclones, epidemics, mine explosions and shipwrecks. In the insular possessions of the United States the Red Cross gave relief in twelve disasters, chiefly from hurricanes. In foreign countries relief was given by the American Red Cross in six instances of earthquakes, floods and to refugees.

Cross cost \$1,208,151 last year. Statistics showed an approximate death rate of 790 persons in these disasters; buildings destroyed or damaged, 19,578; persons injured, 1,487, and per-

Red Cross Chapters, undoubtedly great numbers of lives were saved, and much distress and grief following the calamities was prevented, according to James L. Fieser, vice chairman in charge of domestic operations of the

"This type of work is supported by the memberships of citizens of the United States, their volunteer contributions, and their devoted work," Mr. Fieser said.

"Every man and woman is urged co join as a member of the local Red Cross Chapter, not only to be a partner in supporting the work through his membership, but also to serve should an emergency occur."

More than a quarter of a million persons are entitled to wear the American Red Cross insignia, denoting they have been taught the expert life saving methods of the organization. The number enrolled to date is

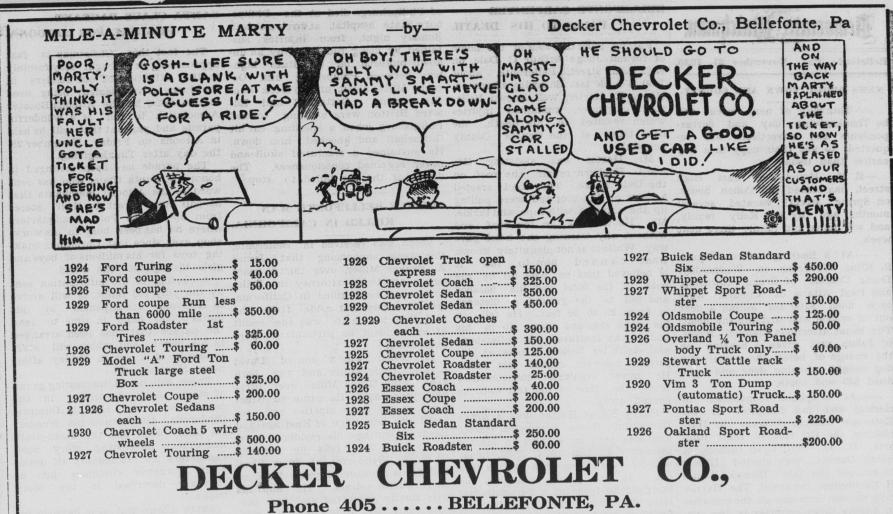


iness to Act of National Society, Which Lessens Loss of Life-3,500 Chapters Aid in

The disaster relief work of the Rea sons assisted by the Red Cross, 96,872.

Through disaster preparedness of Red Cross.

Life Savers Numerous



Good Telephone Service Factor In Low Death Rate, Survey Shows

The influence of good telephone service on the death rate of a community was emphasized recently in Great Britain by Major Burdon Evans before the Montgomeryshire Health Insurance Committee. Says Dr. E. E. Free in his Week's Science

(New York): "In the Machynlleth Rural Dis-trict of Wales, Major Evans re-ported, the death-rate for the past nine years had been 16.1 persons per thousand of the population. This district has little telephone service, so that messengers may need to travel fifteen miles or more, in order to summon a physician in

an emergency. In the remainder of the same county, provided with more adequate telephone service, the death-rate for the same period was reported as only 13.7 persons per thousand of the population, disclosing an excess of nearly 18 per

Japanese Dragon Maud Rex Allen says: "As known in Japan, the conception of a dragon is undoubtedly derived from the prod-ucts of the imagination of the early Chinese, who were especially fond of evolving supernatural forms by combining parts of various animals. It is essentially a serpent, with horns of a deer, the head of a horse, eyes like a devil, neck like a snake, belly like that of a red worm, scales like those of a carp, ears like a cow, paws like a tiger and claws like an eagle. It has flamelike appendages on shoulders and hips. On either foot are three, four, or five claws-the imperial dragon of China has five, that of Japan three."-Wash-

Varieties of Cobra

ington Star.

There are perhaps ten specimens of the cobra. They are exceedingly venomous snakes. They sometimes reach a length of fifteen feet. Among the types in the zoos of this country are the African spitting cobra, king or snake-eating cobra, egyptian, black. vellow, and the spectacled cobra.

The spitting cobra sprays its venom, sometimes to a distance of sixteen feet, but the egyptian and king actually take hold of their victims to inject the poison. The king cobra is sometimes called snake-eating cobra because its food consists of other snakes. In the New York Zoological park there are several specimens.

Jackson Equal to Occasion

When Andrew Jackson was President, a highly accomplished Baltimore lady-no less a personage than the wife of Jerome Bonaparte-said to him: "General, there must be a sensation of exalted pride in feeling that you hold the place once held by Washington."

With his courtliest bow and most winning smile, Jackson replied: "Yes, madam, it is a sensation not unlike that which a gentleman must feel when he is honored by the society of Napoleon Bonaparte's sister-in-law."-Dertoit News.

Berserker Rage

In Norse mythology Berserk was the grandson of the eight-handed Starkhadder. He always went into battle without armor and was famed for the reckless fury with which he fought. Among those slain by him was King Swafurlam, by whose daughter he had twelve sons equal to himself in bravery. These sons of Berserk were called berserkers, a term which thus became synonymous with fury and reckless courage.-Pathfinder Magazine.

Matter of Habit "Many people can't tell with their eyes shut, the difference between oyster soup and oyster plant soup," says an expert in Woman's Home Companion. "But I always eat soup with my eyes open," growled the sour

cent. of deaths in the telephoneless district as compared with neighboring regions with telephones.

"Many illnesses and accidents which will prove fatal if no physician is quickly available are easily cured, the Major pointed out, by prompt professional aid.

"No small part of the lower death-rates of cities in recent decades may be ascribed, it is probable, to telephones, improved ambulance service, and so on, rather than to sanitation or medical advances.

"Similar effects of poor communications may be important also, it is suggested, as one cause of the relatively high death-rates in socalled backward nations, often ascribed instead to poor food and bad sanitation."

From The Literary Digest.

NUMBER OF WOMEN INCREASES YEARLY

160,000 Operators Required at Switchboards to Handle Bell System Calls.

Notwithstanding the rapid extension of the dial method of telephone operation, the number of women employees in the Bell System is con stantly increasing.

Dial telephones were first introduced in the Bell System in 1920. At that time there were 128,000 women operators. In the decade from 1920 to 1930, about 28 per cent. of the Bell System's telephones have been placed on the dial basis, and during the same period, because of the large increase in the number of subscribers, the number of women operators has risen to 160,000—an increase of

By 1940, when it is expected the conversion to the dial system will have been practically completed, it is estimated that 180,000 operators will be required to handle out-of-town calls and other calls of a special

nature. Women also are employed in increasing numbers in other departments of the telephone industry, principally as clerks and stenographers. There were in 1920 a total of 35,000 women so employed. The number had increased to 80,000 this year, and telephone engineers estimate that by 1940 approximately 110,000 women will be employed by the Bell System for purposes other than operating the switchboards.

In other words, the total number of women employed in the Bell System has increased from 163,000 in 1920 to 240,000 in 1930, with an estimated requirement of 290,000 by 1940.

Drawing Nations Together The more quickly the traveler can cross the ocean the better will be the understanding between countries .-

The Pastor Says: Better be a million dollars owning nothing than nothing owning a million dollars. - John Andrew

Von Prittwitz.

four months.

Florida Minerals There are minerals in Florida, principally phosphates, lime, limestone, kaolin and fuller's earth.

Rickets in Babies Rickets most frequently affects bables between six months and twenty

Island's Distinction St. Kitts is the mother colony of the British West Indies.



HE heating system of a rural church froze during an exceptional cold snap. The damage was not discovered until the night before an important service. Arrangements quickly were made for the use of a local schoolhouse and, by telephoning members of the congregation scattered over a wide farming area, the minister secured a record gathering the next day.





Thanksgiving is Just Five Days Off---Are You Prepared?

No need to hang on to your old Suit or Overcoat. Good clothes are priced so low at Fauble's that you won't notice the outlay necessary to own a New Suit or Overcoat for Thanksgiving-before-the-war prices prevail here, and the Best Tailored Clothes it is possible to buy.

We want you to come in and see them.