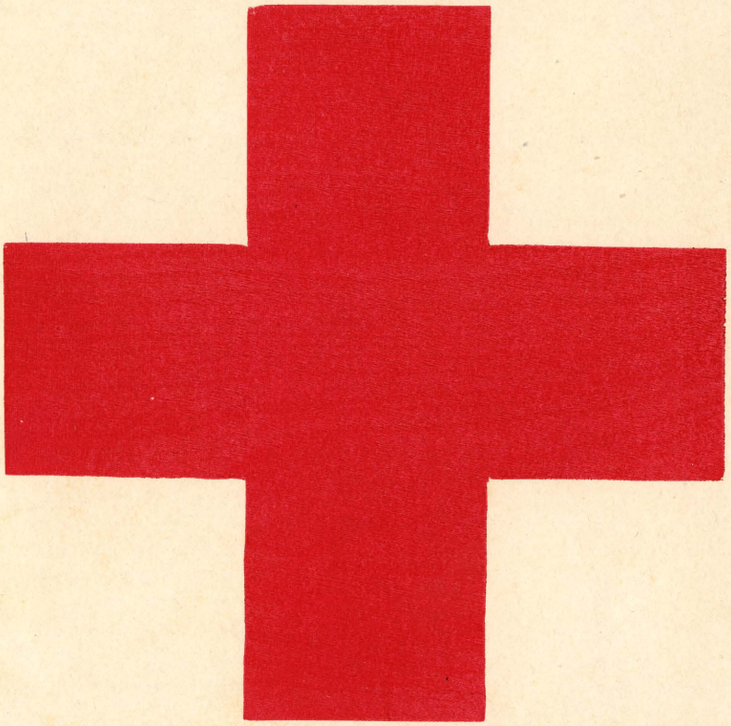
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Angelina County Chapter

Lufkin, Texas



American Red Cross

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Mrs. G. A. Kelley Mrs. C. N. Humason Mrs. E. H. Sims

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Officers and Chairmen of Departments
1917 and 1918

Mrs. C. N. Humason	Chapter Chairman
G. A. Kelley	Vice Chairman
C. F. Becker	Treasurer
Mrs. G. A. Kelley	Secretary

Chairmen Departments
1917 and 1918

Mrs. E. H. Sims	Production Department
C. N. Humason	Home Service
K. W. Denman	Finance
S. M. Morris	Conservation
Mrs. Ned Shands	Extension
Mrs. J. L. Phillips	Publicity
Miss May McCarthy	Nursing Service



RED CROSS HEADQUARTERS – (Entire 2d floor Masonic Building)

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Chairmen of Branches and Auxiliaries

So. Pine Branch, Diboll

Organized October 10, 1917.

Chairman.....Mrs. Emma Roth
Mrs. A. W. Averitt
Treasurer .....Mrs. Talley
Secretary.....Mrs. John Baltzer

Huntington

Organized October 15, 1917.

Chairman.....Mrs. Mattie Walton
Treasurer.....Mr. Geo. J. Ivy
Secretary.....Mrs. John Kimball

G. A. Kelley Branch, Manning.

Organized October 5, 1917.

Chairman.....Mrs. J. L. McBride
Treasurer.....Mr. W. N. Smith
Secretary.....Mrs. H. V Olds

Keltys Branch, Keltys.

Organized October 19, 1918.

Chairman....Mrs. S. W. Henderson
Treasurer.....Mr. John Broderick
Secretary.....Mrs. Florence Shoff

Lufkin Branch.

Organized November 2, 1918.

Chairman.....Mrs. E. N. Laws
Treasurer.....Mr. C. F. Becker
Secretary.....Mrs. C. N. Humason

Clawson Auxiliary.

Organized December 5, 1917.

Chairman.....Mrs. Lillie Calvert
Treasurer.....Mr. Andy Sulser
Secretary.....Mr. O. T. O'Quinn

Keltys Auxiliary

Organized January 19, 1917.

Chairman....Mrs. S. W. Henderson
Treasurer.....Mr. John Broderick
Secretary.....Mrs. Florence Shoff

Burk Auxiliary.

Organized February 2, 1918.

Chairman.....Miss Evelyn Curry
Treasurer.....Mr. Lee Burk
Secretary.....Mrs. C. B. Fairchild

Pollok Auxiliary.

Organized June 2, 1918.

Chairman.....Mrs. H. L. Dudley
Treasurer.....Mrs. Kate Walker
Secretary.....Mrs. R. M. Finley

Circle of Ruth (Colored) Lufkin.

Organized January 10, 1918.

Chairman.....S. Swaggerty
Treasurer.....Ada Tanner
Secretary.....Alice Perryman

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C. F. BECKER, Treasurer

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

OF

ANGELINA COUNTY CHAPTER AMERICAN RED CROSS

For Period June 20, 1917, to May 1, 1919

RECEIPTS.

Finance Committee—Including receipts from benefits, entertainments, sales, monthly donations, etc.	$ 5,866.03
Donations—Other than those handled by Finance Committee—other than War Funds	288.37
Donations—Special relief funds (Halifax, etc.)	74.00
Miscellaneous Receipts—Sale of buttons, etc.	40.50
Supplies sold branches and auxiliaries	2,866.73
Branch and Auxiliary Funds received by Chapter for remittance to Division Headquarters	1.040.92
Total Receipts—Other than Membership Dues and War Funds	$10,176.55
Membership Dues—Including magazine subscriptions—(Roll-Call Campaign, 1918, $6,565.00)	12.916.75
Membership Dues—Junior Red Cross	113.75
*First War Fund—($2.050.00) Chapter retention	412.50
†Second War Fund—($20,176.00) Chapter retention	5,044.00
Total Receipts—Not including headquarters share of War Funds	$28,663.55

EXPENDITURES.

Supplies Purchased—Including hospital garments, surgical dressings, yarn, refugee garments, etc.	$ 9,432.32
Canteen Supplies	644.32
Home Service—Funds furnished Home Service Section	367.28
Miscellaneous Expenses—Including freight and express charges, drayage, insurance, laundry bills	743.28
Postage, stationery and printing	242.92
Rent and office expenses	300.35
Special Relief Funds—Remitted	74.00
Surplus Funds—Remitted Southwestern Division	4.653.39
Total Expenditures—Except membership dues remitted headquarters, membership dues refunded to Branches and Branch shares of Second War Fund	$16.457.86
Membership Dues—Remitted to Headquarters	6.694.00
Membership Dues—Refunded to Branches	1,168.00
Refund to Branches—Share of Second War Fund	1.712.39
Total Expenditures	$26.032.25
Cash Balance—May 1, 1919	2,631.30
	$28,663.55

* First Christmas Membership campaign, 4,000 members.
† Second Christmas Membership campaign, 6,554 members.

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CAMPFIRE GIRLS

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Home Service Work and Workers

C. N. Humason, Chairman.....Sept., 1917, to Sept.,1918
Mrs. G. R. Thompson, Executive Secretary.....Sept., 1917, to Feb., 1918
Mrs. Willie Jones, Assistant Secretary.....Sept., 1917, to ———, 1919
Mrs. H. A. Maas, Executive Secretary.....Feb., 1918, to May, 1919
K. W. Denman, Chairman.....Sept., 1917, to May, 1919

Manning Branch—E. E. Hall.

Diboll Branch—Frank Harrington.

Huntington Branch—Mrs. Mattie Walton.

Keltys Branch—

Number of acts of assistance rendered classed as "Services"..... 535
Number of acts of assistance rendered classed as "Information".... 407

Amount of financial assistance given:

Loans $504.55
Donations 50.00

Total financial assistance.....$554.55

Number of families visited..... 21
Number of H. S. Workers..... 12
Number of different families assisted..... 213

Output of Production Department

Mrs. E. H. Sims, Supervisor.

Garments made 16,976
Knitted garments 2,730
Surgical dressings 25,314
Junior garments made and collected.....14,666

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CANTEEN SERVICE

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Junior Red Cross, 1918

Mrs. Roy Satterfield, Chairman.

Members, in County 770
Auxiliaries, in County 23
White and colored school children in County..... 6,400

War Activities—Making packing boxes, refugee garments, limited number of surgical dressings, collecting refugee clothing and nut shells for gas masks.

Number of awards to Chapter workers, 20; three women having the double stripe award, one the single, and four men awarded.

Record of Canteen Department

Matt Walker, Chairman.....Sept., 1917, to Sept., 1918
C. N. Humason, Chairman.....Sept., 1918, to May, 1919

Soldiers served, 1,265; drafted men, 491.

Supplies distributed—250 gallons coffee, 1,020 sandwiches, 20 bushels fruit, 65 meals, 110 pounds tobacco, 3,000 cigars, 15,000 cigarettes, 2,000 boxes matches, 5,000 post cards, $65.00 of postage stamps, 200 magazines, 3,000 sticks of chewing gum—value of supplies, $599.50.

Doctors and Nurses from Chapter Jurisdiction

Dr. B. F. Gibson, Dr. W. J. Hawkins, Dr. A. W. Dillon.
Dentists—Dr. Alsey Childers, Dr. Will O'Quinn.
Nurses—Miss Myrtle Crutchfield, Miss Butler.

Soldiers Wounded from This County

Ross Angle, Joshua Collins, Ashley Johnson, James I. Weatherford, A. F. Glenn, Barcliff Rhoden.

Killed

Lewis Runnels.

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Angelina County Chapter History of American Red Cross

SHOULD there be written a history of the Red Cross in Angelina County, such as we have had opportunity to see and know from its embryonic stage, through its various evolutions to its splendid magnitude at the close of the great war, it would be largely eulogies of some eighteen or twenty women and perhaps half a dozen men, who in the capacity which they served, made possible the wonderful work accomplished, and while this would in no degree minimize the loyal labor of dozens and dozens of hands and hearts throughout the work, no great cause can live without great leaders and no leaders can make their leadership great without faithful and able lieutenants—however we must be satisfied with the actual record of work and occasional references to the heads of departments and committees as we outline the amount and character of work done. On the 20th of June, 1917, a little over two months after war was declared by the United States, about fifty women and ten men gathered at the Elks' rooms in Lufkin, Texas, in response to a general call in The Lufkin News, looking towards an organization of an auxiliary of the American Red Cross. At the time but little was known of the actual method of organizing or becoming an arm or part of this great organization, so with what information we could gather it was decided to become an auxiliary at large until more was learned from the general director at New Orleans of how to proceed. Mrs. C. N. Humason, a woman of courage, zeal and executive ability, was elected chairman; Mrs. Kate Wall, secretary; Miss Jeta Gibson, treasurer. Mrs. Humason immediately selected as her advisory board, W. M. Glenn, N. R. Miller, G. R. Thompson, Mesdames G. A. Kelley, E. H. Sims, J. L. Phillips.

The first work actually awaiting the birth of the organization was an assessment of $500.00 to be raised by Lufkin toward the $100,000,000 the United States had officially called for furthering Red Cross work. Committees were immediately sent out and within four days Angelina County had contributed four times the amount assessed, $2,050.00.

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RED CROSS OFFICERS

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For more than a month in our efforts to become a chartered auxiliary at large with the probability of developing into a chapter later, we had great difficulty in securing exact information how to proceed toward the duties and privileges of sane and exact relation to the mother organization of the American Red Cross, for at this time we were a part of the Gulf Division. In time as the great army of Red Cross workers swung into line throughout the United States, we became a part of the Southwestern Division and through a popular vote applied for our charter for a Red Cross Chapter September 20, 1917. Notwithstanding many difficulties in reaching our exact status as an auxiliary at large, during July, August and half of September, our chairman lost no time in appointing committees toward increasing membership and financing work. By August 4, 1917, we had 234 members enrolled; the domestic science room at the high school had been secured; five sewing machines loaned and sewing being rapidly accomplished. We had sent for material and patterns to headquarters at St. Louis. Supervisors of sewing were appointed for various days and hospital garments grew rapidly under loyal hands, notwithstanding the fact considerable difference was seen in construction of these garments to the kind the women had been accustomed to make. Captains or supervisors for these first two or three months were Mrs. E. H. Sims, Mrs. Frank Snow, Mrs. A. M. Menefee, Mrs. D. M. Childers, Mrs. G. A. Kelley having been appointed purchasing chairman. July, August and September our Finance Committee, with Mrs. Roy Satterfield chairman, Mesdames Frank Snow, Harry Abram, Coke Murphy, R. A. Kennedy, R. T. Cannon, I. D. Fairchild, Misses Jeta Gibson, Mabel Allen and Mabel Shearer, were so efficient in their labors our treasury was well supplied. The most unique affairs given by them was a screaming farce of a "Womanless Wedding," the male bride and bridesmaids being well known citizens in fascinating bridal attire. Another "money maker" was a baseball game between prominent citizens and society girls of the town, also a street dance where two blocks were roped off for dancers, this last being given just prior to the departure of our boys in khaki for camp. Aside from our regular Red Cross work in these early days of our organization, our women were asked by Captain Kit McConnico of Co. M, an enlisted company of 260 men of this county, who were getting ready to leave for Camp Bowie, to prepare lunches for his men en route to camp, so we solicited from householders over town and nearby places in the county, lunches, each person donating, prepared a box with

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RED CROSS BOOSTERS

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enough for three hearty lunches in it; when the troop train was ready for our boys the baggage car was scarcely able to hold, in addition to their luggage, the perfect overflow of good wholesome food provided by our women, added to which, our wholesale grocery man, Mr. Norman Belk, had contributed about $100.00 worth of canned goods of all varieties for the boys. Our Red Cross Canteen Committee, with Matt Walker chairman, received and arranged all these boxes in the car. A report coming back later from the camp was to the effect that these lunches proved a veritable life saver for the boys, as the camp was not well prepared in its kitchen accommodations at this time for the influx of the thousands of soldiers pouring in at that early date, September 7, 1917. Within a few weeks after the arrival of our boys at Camp Bowie our chapter chairman received an S. O. S. from Captain McConnico to send them 100 or more cup towels and "then some." This rush order was immediately filled by donation of 432 cup towels ready for use; to this was added a few weeks later 233 "house-wives" well filled with essential articles. Thus in every way the Red Cross Chapter responded generously and promptly to any call of the soldier boys of Angelina County.

All during these first three and a half months the membership and extension committee had been busily engaged soliciting members with S. M. Morris chairman, ably and actively assisted by Mrs. Ned Shands and Mrs. L. P. Campbell as vice chairmen. The Canteen Committee, with Matt Walker as chairman, quite soon began their activities in providing comfort and cheer for troop trains arriving from the north en route to Camp Travis and Camp Logan. To these soldiers were given large quantities of cigars, coffee, postcards, fruit, cigarettes, sandwiches and testaments; great throngs of soldiers passed through our town and our Canteen Committee was faithfully "on the job" throughout the movement of troops to and from Texas, upon the shortest notice of their anticipated arrival.

To increase in every way possible our financial resources in these early months, our Finance Committee decided to sell for ten cents each the Red Cross buttons to all members who realized the honor of wearing this badge, though later our buttons were given with membership enrollment. Mrs. Roy Satterfield having resigned as chairman of the Finance Committee in August, C. F. Becker was appointed and served in this capacity for two months, when he resigned to accept the appointment of treasurer, this latter office being filled so faithfully, so accurately throughout the war

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MACCABEE WORKERS

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and up to the writing of this history in 1919, that the chapter experienced no inconvenience whatever, no matter how often or in what form funds were directed to be handled by the national organization. Mr. Kester Denman was then appointed chairman of the Finance Committee, which by this time had about twenty-five workers and they decided to divide the committee into five squads with the following ladies as captains of squads: Squad 1, Mrs. D. C. Hucherson; squad 2, Mrs. Frank Snow; squad 3, Mrs. I. D. Fairchild; squad 4, Mrs. Chas. Harrell; squad 5, Mrs. Ellie Leach. Each squad became responsible for the finances of a certain month, and then began the most wonderful work in raising funds to finance our chapter, for during this time our production department, under the supervision of Mrs. E. H. Sims, was going equal to a factory in its volume of output and large funds were neede l to supply material. The income of these squads increased from $100.00 a month, until Mrs. Fairchild's squad reported the banner month, having made $1,285.00; Mrs. Hucherson's squad coming in next with $591.00, and Mrs. Charlie Harrell's squad, $462.00. That each of the five squads did splendid work there is no doubt, as December 1, 1918, showed an income from their general work of $5,105.00, a remarkable showing for a town the size of Lufkin. This money being raised by rummage sales, concerts and various character of entertainments, none however being quite as successful as the Saturday street market, this being a sale of vegetables, eggs, chickens, cheese, pigs, preserves, in fact any thing raised on the farm and donated largely by farmers' wives to whom it gave an excellent opportunity to contribute where they could not give cash, as the town people were called on continuously and always giving liberally. The farmers were notified by circulars how to contribute, when and where, and they responded generously. Thus this energetic and resourceful Finance Committee turned in reports each month that brought applause from those who heard them, continuing their work until the national organization provided a different method for supplying the chapter with funds. In September, 1917, our treasurer, Miss Jeta Gibson, who had served two and a half months, resigned on account of school work and Mr. Walter S. Wood was appointed to succeed her, serving effectively two months, when the summons from the Master came, he left us for the better land, the only Red Cross officer of our chapter who has passed away up to the summer of 1919. C. F. Becker being appointed, retaining the office to the close of this history. Just here permit the historian to state, the

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CIRCLE OF RUTH — Colored Auxiliary

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same loyal, efficient officers, same executive board, same chairman of Standing Committees are still in service up to the summer of 1919. In September, 1917, a Home Service Committee was appointed with C. N. Humason chairman and Mrs. G. R. Thompson executive secretary and Mrs. Willie Jones as active assistant. The duties of this committee were also rather vague at this time, but as we grew in the knowledge of its importance the executive board decided to send Mrs. H. A. Maas to the Dallas Training Institute for Home Service, where she was equipped for valuable work in this line, being appointed to succeed Mrs. Thompson who resigned a couple of months later. Mrs. Maas retaining the office throughout the war, doing conscientious and painstaking work up to May, 1919, Mrs. Maas being probably the only one acting in the capacity of an officer of the Red Cross whose husband was serving in France.

Our chapter now decided to organize branches in the county and began active efforts along this line with S. M. Morris chairman. After much work and varied experiences in this effort there was added to the workers of Angelina Chapter the following branches: Manning, Diboll, Keltys, Huntington; auxiliaries, Burk, Clawson, Pollok, Homer, Zavalla and the Circle of Ruth, the last mentioned composed of colored women who were enthusiastic workers and whose pictures appear in this history in the Red Cross parade given to launch the big drive for contributions and membership May 6, 1918. At which time the parade and the drive for funds had been so successfully advertised throughout the county by W. M. Glenn chairman of the second Red Cross war fund and his publicity chairman, C. N. Humason, that we were rejoiced when the results proved we had more than doubled our assessment of $10,000 by raising $20,176. The first shipment from our sewing department being ready October 11, 1917, an inspection committee, with Mrs. Norman Belk chairman, Mrs. W. M. Glenn and Mrs. R. B. Bledsoe assisting, was appointed, serving throughout the war in a most careful and painstaking manner which was proven by nothing being returned on account of being improperly made. At the same time a packing committee was appointed with C. N. Humason chairman, Mrs. J. C. Van Nuys and Mrs. C. Campbell, later to this committee was added the names of Mrs. A. E. Cullins, Tom Bledsoe and B. W. Lang and it is entirely to their credit that no complaint was ever made to the chapter about condition packages were received in at these times when this meant so much, and in this connection our Junior Red Cross did their best

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"OVER-THE-TOP" WORKERS IN CHRISTMAS DRIVE

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work, building the packing boxes in the manual training department of Lufkin High School for shipment of garments, etc. The Junior Red Cross had six auxiliaries by January 25, 1918, and the children had become interested in the work under the chairmanship of Mrs. Roy Satterfield, the girls doing some work throughout the summer of 1918, of refugee garments and surgical dressings. Talks and appeals had been made to them by Red Cross speakers at almost every school house in the county.

Our first big membership drive for Christmas enrollment of 1917 was in charge of E. L. Kurth with Mrs. W. C. Trout as his secretary and Mrs. E. T. Clark assisting. No part of the town or county was left unsolicited and the result proved satisfactory to the workers in enrolling over 4,000 members. Christmas, 1918, Mr. Kruth was again appointed chairman of membership drive, not only of Angelina County, but district chairman, embracing five counties, making a splendid record for himself, his secretary, C. B. Edwards, and Mrs. Frank Snow, who in both drives had charge of the street booths and numbers of others who worked faithfully to bring the sum total up, which in 1918 resulted in enrolling 6,554 members for that year's drive.

To revert to earlier activities, September 15, 1917, our sewing room was moved from the High School building to the one-story building on the northeast corner of the plaza, giving us one large room and one small one for sewers and packing. This building was donated by Mrs. N. B. Chancey, however, we were growing rapidly and this place soon became too small. After considerable perplexity as to a location and ability to provide it, a most satisfactory settlement of the question was effected through the splendid generosity of some patriotic citizens in offering to pay the rent of four well lighted rooms on the second floor of the new Masonic Temple. G. A. Kelley, J. H. Kurth and W. M. Glenn becoming responsible for the rent of one room each until the close of the war, which at that time, December, 1917, was of very uncertain duration. G. R. Thompson and N. R. Miller paid for a room jointly, Another room soon being needed the Lufkin Land and Lumber Co. contributed the rent of a room for eight months. Thus was the Red Cross enabled to move to the Masonic Temple January 1, 1918, and even there did our work expand to such proportions more room was needed and the Masonic Lodge of Lufkin donated the use of the banquet room for arranging and packing the large quantity of garments which were completed by many faithful workers under the general supervision of Mrs. E. H. Sims, who as

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KELTYS' AUXILIARY

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chairman of production never faltered in her daily work throughout the war and for months afterwards; heat, cold or rain did not check her faithful labors, her regular attendance at the Red Cross rooms. Her captains in the sewing department who served on regular days all these months were Mrs. D. M. Childers, Mrs. D. H. Adams, Mrs. Frank Snow, Mrs. W. D. Price and Mrs. C. Campbell. Most excellent work was accomplished in Lufkin's Red Cross work rooms and very gratified were the chief workers over the first shipment made before the removal to the new rooms on October 11, 1917, when 180 bed shirts and 24 pajama suits were shipped to St. Louis. Prior to the first shipment of hospital garments orders for knitted garments had arrived, yarn secured and Mrs. G. A. Kelley was appointed instructress and supervisor of knitting, very soon having numbers of women busily engaged in making sweaters, socks, etc.; continuing her faithful service in this capacity from October, 1917, until February, 1918, when she resigned to take the surgical dressings course. Mrs. Bettie Peavy succeeding her as supervisor of knitting, remaining in this office until October, 1918, when Mrs. R. T. Cannon was appointed her successor, having charge of "rounding up" all knitting to May, 1919. In this brief mention of this splendid work of knitting for our soldiers in the cantonments and overseas and the refugees, we feel it behooves us to especially place on record the work of one energetic woman over 70 years old, Mrs. Marinda Stanley, who knitted 144 pairs of socks, 10 pairs stockings and 8 helmets. Our first box of knitted garments, worth $125.00, was ready for shipment November 15, 1917.

In November, 1917, Mrs. Kate Wall resigned as secretary of the chapter, having served a little over four months. Mrs. G. A. Kelley being elected to succeed her. This, like several other offices at this time and later, expanded at a terrific rate of importance and in work as the National Organization developed so that we felt we had cause for gratitude in finding a woman with a well trained and systematic mind who could and did serve us so efficiently, giving her time and strength to an unlimited degree throughout the war and is still in office at the close of this history, the summer of 1919.

In February, 1918, came two interesting events to our chapter, first the call for second-hand clothing for the refugees. An appeal was sent out by the chairman of conservation, S. M. Morris, for people to be ready to respond when his committee should visit them. A vacant store house was secured and in a short time a

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Mr. C. N. Humason and Colored Helpers with Consignment of Refugee Garments

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collection was gathered that meant many a comfortable hour to the wretched sufferers in Belgium and France. Indeed so softened were the hearts of our people over the pictured miseries of the refugees that they gave with a deep sacrificing generosity many good articles of wearing apparel which would have given comfort in their own homes, but felt an eagerness to obey at this critical time the command "Do unto others." This drive resulted in eleven cases of serviceable things weighing 2,160 pounds. When all packed and ready for shipment a photograph was taken, with C. N. Humason, chairman of packing, and several colored men who loyally assisted in the packing. Just seven months later another call of distress came for clothing for the refugees and again S. M. Morris, chairman of conservation who had served so well before, renewed his activities and the appeal went out, people sending clothing of all kinds by the committee, which when assorted, made eighteen cases weighing 3,160 pounds, to this being added 400 pounds more from Southern Pine Branch at Diboll. Yet people had said "We have nothing left after rummage sales and the March collection," but this ton and a half proved otherwise or simply what sympathetic hearts can do.

The second interesting event of February was the decision to add surgical dressings to our output. Two additional rooms were secured in the Masonic Temple and Mrs. H. Prince of Houston was sent us as an instructor. A class was organized of fifteen ladies and double work or two classes a day was inaugurated to complete the course in one week. Nine ladies took the examination and the oath of allegiance as their certificates which they had earned were presented to them. Those who did not witness this, cannot realize the beauty and solemnity of the little ceremony in the Red Cross office at a time when our country was at war and such grave issues at stake. Those taking this oath were Mrs. G. A. Watford, Mrs. Joe McCarthy, Mrs. G. A. Kelley, Mrs. D. C. Hucherson, Mrs. I. D. Fairchild, Mrs. Ned Shands, Mrs. S. M. Morris, Mrs. Ward Kelley, Mrs. Eric Littlejohn, each of these ladies declaring their especial gratification in having had Mrs. Prince as an instructor. Then began a splendid record of surgical dressings work which lasted to the end of the war and we had notice from headquarters to close this department. Working for some weeks in the same room, prepared for the lessons, it became necessary for us to rent other rooms, which were secured over Cox & Glass' Drug Store, where the department remained until permanently closed. The ladies

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GARMENT - CUTTING DEPARTMENT

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acting as supervisors in this work were Mrs. G. A. Watford, Mrs. I. D. Fairchild and Mrs. Joe McCarthy, while others who had won certificates served in turn as captains of the day. Mrs. G. A. Kelley adding to her duties as secretary of the chapter was appointed inspector and packer of surgical dressings, serving in that capacity the entire time.

In May, 1918, when we had our big parade we had practically every department of our Red Cross work represented, several pictures of it appearing in this history. This parade was under the supervision of Messrs. Harry Bowers and B. W. Lang. One of the floats we would especially mention was that of the Cutting Committee. Appropriately decorated, the women at work, and a banner with this appeal on it "We've cut over 1,000 garments, won't you come help us?" The committee was Mrs. L. Mantooth, Mrs. VanNuys and Mrs. L. G. Council. This statement of the 1,000 garments cut in May, 1918, will give some idea of the enormous amount of cutting they did before the end of the war, as they continued in service until orders came to close production department.

In a short time after the organization of auxiliaries and branches they began active work, and hospital garments, knitting and refugee garments were received from these localities, the G. A. Kelley Branch at Manning leading in production, though the Keltys Branch forged ahead one month, outstripping all other branches, while Southern Pine Branch at Diboll made a most excellent record, coming in close to the other two.

In August, 1918, C. N. Humason, chairman of Home Service, offered for overseas Red Cross work. Being accepted later, he resigned from this department to prepare for sailing orders. The delay incident to "red tape" work prevented his receiving his passports until the armistice had been signed, in the meantime the executive board had appointed K. W. Denman to succeed Mr. Humason in this important office of Home Service, making it necessary for Mr. Denman to resign from the chairmanship of the Finance Committee. W. E. Stegall receiving appointment of chairman of finance. Quite a bit prior to this, however, St. Louis headquarters had sent orders to cease raising money by entertainments, etc. As we were now on a very substantial financial basis, being allowed to retain a good percentage of money raised in this county through war fund drives and membership enrollments. These two new appointments proved satisfactory and were continued in office to the close of this history. Home Service depart-

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SHIPPING REFUGEE GARMENTS

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ment increasing in work as the soldiers began to return home from over seas and United States cantonments. In August, 1918, Matt Walker resigned the chairmanship of Canteen Committee to enlist in the army and C. N. Humason was appointed in his place, notwithstanding the fact he had offered for overseas duty—was awaiting sailing orders and continued the work as his passports came too late to sail. Under the chairmanship of Matt Walker our canteen made such a record as to receive special notice in the St. Louis office, for when a Lufkin citizen visited the office and it was learned he was from Lufkin, Texas, one of the canteen workers in the office remarked: "Oh, this gentleman is from Lufkin? Well, I want to meet him. Do you know Matt Walker, canteen chairman," stating how prompt had been our canteen committee to respond to work outlined or questions asked. Thus it was throughout our war work, each committee doing their several duties with such patriotic zeal—such loyal pride in making a good record. We would have marveled at our men and women of all ages in their strenuous and earnest work had we not known it was the time America was responding to the country's call. With a foresight equal to the occasion we had selected a chairman—Mrs. C. N. Humason—for our chapter, which spelled success in blazing letters, for her indomitable energy never allowed a lagging committee, for like the brave officers on the front, she was there, everywhere to go with her soldiers. When she gave the order to advance in any line of work she was equipped to show them the way—she worked everywhere, her courage and her faith were so phenomenal it never occurred to her to send word to headquarters, we are not equal to this demand or quota, being a small town chapter, her regular reply would be to them, "quota being filled"—to her co-workers "forward soldiers, this must be done," and rallying around such a leader and her faithful officers, the men, women and children of Angelina County Red Cross Chapter made a record during our war which thrills with pride the hearts of those who in any manner helped and should cause a blush of shame to any who refused their aid and encouragement.

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