

Peninsula Diary Mayo Hayes O'Donnell

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One of the organizations which gave the most time and accomplished the most work for the American National Red Cross during the years before and throughout the period of the war, was the Order of the Eastern Star.

The Monterey and Pacific Grove chapters each sponsored a day a week in the production rooms and individual members gave of their time on other days. The Grand Chapter of the State of California kept a record of the hours spent in Red Cross work and chapters were awarded service flags with stars in proportion to their work, all of which created pride in the chapter and a rivalry between chapters – and paid enormous dividends to the Red Cross program in time of need.

The writer speaks from knowledge because for a great part of that period she was chairman of the production unit of the Monterey-Pacific Grove chapter with work rooms in both Monterey and Pacific Grove, and was always deeply grateful to the Eastern Star for the continued interest they expressed.

Now there is another need – the need of the Blood Bank. If a blood transfusion must be paid for when a life is in danger, it is oftentimes a real hardship to the individual or the family which is responsible. A pint of blood in a community where there is no Red Cross Blood Bank costs \$31, \$25 of which is refunded when the pint of blood has been paid back by a donor. But the Red Cross supplies that blood without the \$25 charge. The people of the Monterey Peninsula should feel grateful that the American Red Cross and the San Jose Chapter, with its mobile unit, has seen fit to comply with the desire of the Peninsula Blood Bank program and send the unit to Monterey once each month.

This spirit of cooperation has again been demonstrated in the direct offer by Mrs. Margaret Lauritzen of Los Angeles, worthy grand matron of the Order of Eastern Star for California, to assist in the activities of the blood program.

Mrs. Elva Dawson has been given special responsibility for soliciting the aid of all Eastern Star chapters in communities where the blood program is operating. She and Mrs. Lauritzen will begin a tour immediately. They have been given lists of all chapters that are participating in the blood program. As these

communities are visited it will be Mrs. Dawson's responsibility to select a member of the Eastern Star chapter to serve as a Blood Program chairman. The Peninsula Blood Program will thereby have two working chairmen – one from Monterey and one from the Ocean Spray chapter of the Order of Eastern Star.

Mrs. Dawson has had a long and varied experience as a Red Cross volunteer. She knows how the chapters operate and how the Red Cross operates and will be able to explain these details to those she chooses to work with the local Red Cross chapters. Both Mrs. Dawson and Mrs. Lauritzen are conscious of the need for general education of the public in the uses of blood and the objectives of the Red Cross program.

Mrs. Harold Church and Mrs. Everett Heisinger are the worthy matrons of the Monterey and Ocean Spray chapters, respectively.

The next visit of the Red Cross Blood Bank unit will be Monday, January 23, beginning at 10:45 a.m. at the Monterey USO. The last appointment for donors is made for 2 o'clock. Mrs. Walter Anderson is chairman and Mrs. F. L. Knudsen co-chairman for Monterey, and Paul Whitman and Mathew Jenkins for the Carmel Chapter of the Peninsula Blood Program. Any prospective donor is asked to call the Monterey Red Cross, 9852, or Carmel 382, for appointment.

Mrs. Henry Tiedemann and Mrs. A.H. Griffin are chairmen for the canteen which serves each donor a drink and a bit to eat after their donation. Mrs. Kent Parrott is chairman for the nurses aide and the staff assistants corps who assist. Mrs. Jessie Caffee is vice chairman of the motor corps, which helps out when needed, and Mrs. Thomas Bunn, the food chairman, has promised to have a goodly supply of refreshments on hand for all who answer the call for blood donors.

It is with genuine regret that the announcement is made that Captain and Mrs. A.C. Perkins have received orders for change of station and will be leaving the Peninsula soon for San Diego. Captain Perkins will be in command of the USS Curtiss whose home base is San Diego.

Captain and Mrs. Perkins, with Anthony and Timothy and two-and-a-half-year-old Jennifer, have been living for the past two years in quarters at the Navy school on the Old Hotel Del Monte grounds. They will leave next week to househunt in the south and will probably live at Coronada.

Mrs. Perkins is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Howard of New York City, prominent in the newspaper world as a member of the firm of Scripps-Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. James M.R. Glaser have returned to Strawberry Hill, their Pebble Beach home, from Chicago, where they have disposed of their interests and expect to settle down permanently on the Peninsula. With them have come their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Dewey, with their two children, Deborah and Hartley Jr, who also will reside in the Pebble Beach area having recently purchased a home on Sunridge Road. The home is not the only purchase they have made, for they have also acquired Holiday Inn in Carmel of which they will take possession on February.