YOUTH OF SOUTH SET EXAMPLE IN **RED CROSS WORK**

With Opening of Schools, Thousands Join Junior Organization

Atlanta, Ga., Nov.-If the men and women of the south show one-half the enthusiasm in the Fourth Red Cross Roll Call that children of the south are displaying in renewing their allegiance to the Junior Red Cross, the southern division will show a record number of Red Cross members when the Roll Call ends.

Truly, children are learning the way for the grownups in joining the Red Cross, according to figures given out today at Red Cross division headquarters in Atlanta.

Reorganization of the Junior Red Cross was begun when schools opened this fall. Now, although but little more than a month has passed, more than twenty thousand children in the southern division have renewed their membership in the Red Cross, and before Christmas, it is expected triple that number will have enrolled.

The Junior Red Cross, while auxiliary to the American Red Cross, is a separate and distinct organization, with its own program of service. It is organized through the schools, where it is one of the most popular and highly regarded of student activities. The Juniors have their own "roll calls", the time varying with the different schools.

Many Juniors had their "roll calls' when school first opened this year. That the children are more enthusiastic than ever in Red Cross work is demonstrated by the fact that, while less than 2,000 had joined the Red Cross by November 1, 1919, more than 20,000 have joined already this year.

Last year the Junior Red Cross in the southern division had a total membership of 162,807. Judging by the way in which children are enrolling this year, the 1920-21 membership wil go well beyond 200,000.

The purpose of the Junior Red Cross and its activities could not be better explained than by James N. Rule, national director of the Junior Red Cross. He says:

"The Junior Red Cross is the childhood of America mobilized through the schools-public, parochial and private -for the purpose of inculcating ideals and habits of service among children the world over, with the idea that the men and women of tomorrow will, as a result of this childhood practice, think in terms of service to others; for the purpose not merely of training in citizenship for the future, but of making unselfish, useful young citizens today; for the purpose of instilling respect and obedience to the law of the land, and for the purpose of transmitting America to succeeding generations cleaner, healthier and happier than it was found.

"The requirement for membership is solely one of service. There is no individual membership fee. The usefulness of a Junior Red Cross auxiliary in alleviating want and suffering among children at home and abroad depends on the initiative and enterprise of the classroom group and the teacher, the latter being the auxiliary

"Everything done is by co-operative effort of teacher and class, whether it be in raising money by some entertainment or industry; the making of garments, furniture, toys, scrapbooks, in a community betterment activity. 'Training in Citizenship Through Service' and 'Happy Childhood the World Over' are slogans of the Junior Red Cross which broadly characterize its mission.

"Formed in 1917 to help win the war, the Junior Red Cross, with a membership of 10,000,000, produced in twenty months \$15,000,000 worth of useful articles for American soldiers, sailors, marines and war - stricken people of other lands. But in this service the childhood of America was only awakened to a consciousness of its power for good, with the result that Armistice Day, 1918, sounded to this unprecedented childhood's organization as a clarion call to 'carry on.'

"Since then the Junior Red Cross has grown to approximately 1,000,000 members; has raised considerably more than a million dollars in money; has produced countless articles of practical use for destitute families at home and abroad, these articles including eyettes, clothing, toys, tables and chairs, and has distributed free milk and other food in various forms.

"Essentially a school organization, the Junior Red Cross operates along educational lines, its relief projects being introductions for the promotion of goodwill, good citizenship and al-

truism. "Forty per cent of the auxiliary funds raised by group co-operation is devoted to purely local relief among needy children. Sixty per cent is forwarded to National Headquarters in Washington, where it is administered

without overhead expenses. "This is being used for orphanages, schools, gardens and health and playground activities in Albania, Montenegro, Belgium, Czecho-Slovakia, France, Greece, Italy, Palestine, Poland, Roumania, Serbia, Siberia, China and the Virgin Islands. Fully 400,000 of the 12,000,000 members of the Junior Red Cross are in Porto Rico, Panama, Alaska, Hawaii, the Philippine Islands and in China."

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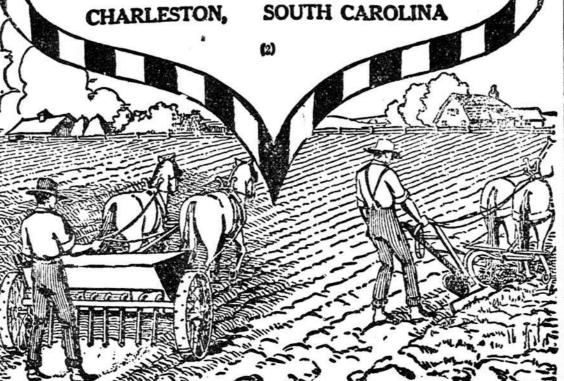
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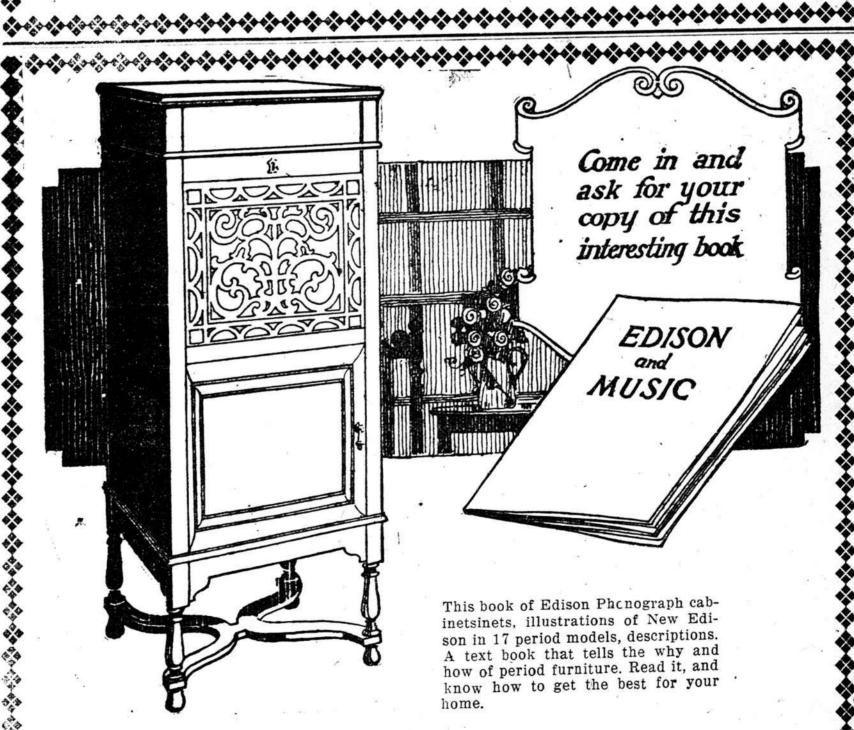
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