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MONROE COUNTY  
DEFENSE COMMITTEE

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BOARD of SUPERVISORS  
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MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK



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# *Report of* MONROE COUNTY DEFENSE COMMITTEE *to* BOARD of SUPERVISORS *of* MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

THE HONORABLE  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Gentlemen:

In disbanding the County Defense Committee, it seems wise that a report of its activities be made, not only for the information of your honorable board but that an account of its work in permanent form be preserved for the record of Monroe County's part in the great war.

Unlike the countries of Europe, our Government was not organized for war, consequently the machinery for carrying it on had to be created when the need arose. The Council of National Defense and its sub-agencies, namely, the State councils and the defense committees, were created as the war-making machinery of the Government. To change the nation from a peace to a war basis was not an easy task and duplication of effort and overlapping of official programs were frequent and perhaps inevitable. Notwithstanding, the defense committees were potent and efficient agencies in carrying on work incident to the war.

The Monroe County Defense Committee was appointed in accordance with a law of New York State, by the county judge, the mayor of Rochester and the chairman of the county board of supervisors. As one who had no part in their selection or in the first year of their activities, it is permissible for me to say that the high standard on which the committee established the conduct of the war business more than once brought commendation from the National and State Councils.

A summary of its work follows:

## HOME DEFENSE UNITS

The first task assigned the committee by the State Defense Council was the organizing of military companies in various towns of the county to be known as Home Defense Units. This work was accomplished by the Sub-committee on Defense and Military Affairs of which John A. Robertson was chairman. The enrollment of about 1200 men was secured in ten different towns of the county. After about 1000 men had been mustered into service a change in the State's policy went into effect which resulted in the organization of the State Guard. As there was no need of further

efforts toward perfecting the units the sub-committee having the work in hand was discharged. Some of the companies affiliated with the State Guard and others were disbanded. One or two continued as independent companies. The organization work took place during May, 1917.

## MILITARY CENSUS AND MILITIA ENROLLMENT

A complete census of all persons in Monroe County between the ages of 16 and 51 years inclusive was called for in June, 1917, by the adjutant general of New York in accordance with the law of March 29, 1917. The sub-committee on Military Census and Militia Enrollment, of which Frank S. Thomas was chairman and Fred G. Nichols secretary, undertook the task, and 192,000 persons were enrolled and their resources inventoried. At the same time a militia list of all male citizens in the county between the ages of eighteen and forty-five was prepared. This list consisted of about 90,000 names with detailed information of each person. This information served as the basis for the draft. Appreciation of the manner in which the committee accomplished the work was expressed in a personal letter of the Governor of the State to the chairman of the committee.

## WAR GARDENS

The call of the Council of National Defense for every person to raise as much of his own food as possible that the maximum of shipping might be available for the transportation of food and materials to our armies and allies abroad, gave inspiration to the organized campaign for the planting of war gardens. The movement was initiated locally by the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and later turned over to the County Defense Committee as a war activity. The work was conducted by a sub-committee on Foods and Markets of which Dr. Ralph H. Williams was chairman. A secretary experienced in agriculture was engaged to give full time to the promotion of the work. Vacant lots throughout the city and suburbs were listed and assigned to persons agreeing to plant them. Assistance on obtaining plowmen, seeds, fertilizers, etc., was given, as well as advice on planting and caring for the crops. Over 10,000 bulletins from the State College of Agriculture and the National War Garden Commission were distributed.

In the two seasons of 1917 and 1918 more than \$750,000 worth of food was raised on the backyards, vacant lots, and suburban tracts of Rochester. In 1917 the estimated number of war gardens was 9100 and the value per garden \$30.68. In 1918 the number of gardens was 15,000 and the value per garden \$37.25. The amount raised was a material contribution to the community's food supply. At the same time the spirit of self help and thrift generated in thousands of families as a result of raising a portion of their own food was a by product the value of which it is difficult to estimate. The value to the community of thousands of men, women, and children studying college bulletins on vegetable culture and advanced methods of cooking and preparing foods, cannot be over estimated.

Summary of War Garden Campaign for 1917 and 1918

Number of gardens in Rochester and suburbs, 1918.....	15,000	
Number of gardens in 1917.....	9,100	
Per cent. increase.....		64½
Average value of product per garden, 1918.....\$	37.25	
Average value of product per garden, 1917.....	30.68	
Per cent. increase.....		21½
Total value of product raised, 1918.....	\$558,750	
Total value of product raised, 1917.....	279,188	
Per cent. increase.....		100
Per cent. of persons reporting successful gardens.....		92½
Per cent. of gardeners reporting previous planting experience		83
Per cent. of gardens planted on land tilled previous year...		74
Per cent. of gardeners expressing intention of planting next year.....		89
Average bushels of vegetables in storage per family, raised by family.....		12¼
Per cent. reporting more vegetables in storage than previous year.....		71
Average amount of vegetables canned per family, expressed in quarts.....		51
Per cent. increase over previous year.....		53
Average amount of fruit canned per family, expressed in quarts.....		83
Per cent. increase over previous year.....		17

In 1919 the value per garden raised was \$56.14 and in 1920 \$48.75. In both years the same service as in the previous two years was given.

### INVESTIGATION OF SOLICITATIONS

Until the Rochester Patriotic and Community Fund Inc. (War Chest) was established, in May, 1918, the County Defense Committee assumed the investigation of methods of raising money for war purposes. The aim of the committee was to eliminate unworthy money-raising enterprises as well as to prevent duplication of worthy ones. More than one hundred fifty cases were investigated, as a result of which thousands of dollars were saved to the public. This work was done by the sub-committee on Investigation of Solicitations of which George W. Robeson was chairman.

### MOTOR TRANSPORT RESERVE

To meet emergencies that might arise by railroad accidents, explosions, riot, fire or other calamity, the motor vehicles of Monroe county were organized into a reserve, subject to call. More than 1300 motor trucks, pleasure and service cars, ambulances and motor cycles were formed in accordance with geographical divisions into companies and squads and placed under command of proper officers.

While no condition arose to call out the entire force, certain units were called out from time to time for special service in connection with the committee's work. Each car in the reserve was marked with appropriate emblem to indicate that the car was in the State service. This organization, formed by a special committee of which Frank S. Thomas was chairman, was the subject of many inquiries from other localities all over the country and its success received general commendation.

## FOOD CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN

Before the United States Food Administration and the New York State Food Commission were organized, a campaign for food conservation was begun in Rochester under the County Defense Committee. The work which had previously been carried on by the Rochester Railway and Light Company was taken over by the committee and made the foundation of an extensive campaign for food conservation which was continued up to the close of the year 1918. Louis P. Willsea was chairman of the sub-committee which had this work in charge.

Demonstrations were held on Thursday and Friday of each week and instruction given on all phases of preparing and conserving food. Recipes, instruction sheets, bulletins and other literature were distributed at the meetings and through the public libraries, department stores, at the Thrift Kitchen and the committee headquarters. About 1200 pieces of reading matter were distributed each week.

The committee cooperated with the City Agents of the State Food Commission by providing them with office room, desks, telephone and stenographic service, stationery, and incidentals, recipes, etc.

Results of the committee's work are indicated in returns from a questionnaire to housekeepers which show that the average amount of vegetables canned per family for the year 1918, expressed in quarts, was 51, and the average amount of fruit canned per family, in quarts, 83. The increase over 1917 was thirty-five per cent. The increase no doubt was due in large measure to the educational and promotional work of the County Defense Committee. The campaign not only provided instruction for thousands of new housekeepers on how to put up food, but induced a still greater number of experienced housewives to resume the practice.

Food Conservation work was continued during 1919 and 1920 under the title "Home Economics and Gardens Council." During the past year more than 200 demonstrations in cooking and sewing were held. The average attendance at the cooking demonstrations being 25 and at the sewing demonstrations 15. The average number of quart cans of vegetables put up by families reporting for 1920, is 60; of fruit, 76. The chairman for 1920 was Joseph P. MacSweeney.

## COOPERATION WITH FARM BUREAU

From April 1917 to October 1918, the County Defense Committee furnished the Farm Bureau without charge, with office room, local telephone service, and clerical help from time to time. In reciprocation the Farm

Bureau managers cooperated with our committee by addressing meetings of war gardeners and otherwise assisting the committee in its food production program. The Farm Bureau managers cooperated also with our sub-committee on Farm Labor in the work of enrolling labor for the farms.

## WAR SERVICE CORPS

The desirability of a permanent organization of workers to carry on campaigns in Rochester and Monroe County for the duration of the war, was presented to the County Defense Committee, in a letter to the chairman, dated March 2, 1918, from W. S. Gifford, director of the Council of National Defense, transmitted through the State Defense Council. The letter suggested the extension of the County Defense Committee into units so small as to come into personal touch with every resident in the city and county for purposes of solicitation and education.

Coincident with the receipt of this letter, a plan similar in purpose was presented to the committee by Dr. Mason D. Gray, of East High School. A committee on organization of which J. Warrant Castleman was chairman, was appointed and at its first meeting Dr. Gray's plan was adopted and the organization given the name War Service Corps. As the organization was in accordance with a recommendation of the National and State Councils, coming through regular channels, the expense of organizing the corps was regarded as a legitimate expense of the County Defense Committee.

J. Warrant Castleman was chosen colonel, Thomas C. Gordon and Andrew H. Bown, lieutenant colonels. Dr. Mason D. Gray was appointed adjutant and executive secretary. In addition to these officers there were appointed forty-two majors, one over each ward and township; 477 captains, one over each election district, 800 aides, and 4200 lieutenants.

The first work undertaken by the War Service Corps was that of the clean-up canvass at the close of the Third Liberty Loan campaign. Over 9800 subscriptions for bonds were turned in by the corps amounting to \$868,100, a sum three times as great as was estimated would be received from this source. These subscriptions were received from persons who had no previous interest in national finance.

The next task was to canvass those persons whom other agencies had failed to reach in the War Chest campaign. The number of pledges received was 13,612, representing a sum of \$150,279.03. This amount exceeded the estimate by 148 per cent, and the number of pledges taken was the determining item in placing Rochester in the forefront of all cities with respect to proportion of number of subscriptions to total population.

The War Service Corps also secured pledges for War Savings Stamps to the amount of \$238,397.88.

In the Fourth Liberty Loan the corps sold bonds to the amount of \$1,384,600.

The total amount of sales made by the War Service Corps for Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps during its existence was \$2,640,000.

The corps organized a large force of volunteer office workers, who, besides doing a large amount of work for the corps, co-operated with other war organizations in furnishing clerical assistance to the War Savings Stamp Committee, the Draft Board, the Liberty Loan Committee, the Board of Instruction and the Red Cross.

The corps did the work connected with the registration of mothers of men in the U. S. Service, for the presentation of badges, by the Mayor of Rochester, at the Rochester Exposition, 1918. It also had charge of the soliciting of recruits for the Federal Nurse Reserve under the auspices of U. S. Surgeon General co-operating with the American Red Cross. It also distributed literature in the Italian language to Italian families for the U. S. Food Administration.

### HOOVER FOOD PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

In November, 1917, the committee was called on by the Federal Food Administrator for New York to secure the names of 50,000 persons in Monroe County who would pledge themselves to cooperate with the United States Food Administration in the saving of food in accordance with the principles laid down by the administration. Under the supervision of a special committee, a force of over 2,000 workers was organized who turned in the pledges of over 54,000 persons agreeing to support the government's food program. In April of 1918 new food instructions were distributed through the mail by the committee to each of these 54,000 signers. The efficient way in which the campaign was conducted received the personal commendation of Charles E. Treman, deputy food administrator for the State of New York.

### RELIEF TO DEPENDENTS ON SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

On the entry of our country into the world war your board made an appropriation of funds to be used as relief to needy families in the county dependent on soldiers and sailors inducted into the United States service. This fund, which your board has increased from time to time by added appropriations, has been administered by the County Defense Committee, first through a sub-committee of which Frank W. Lovejoy was chairman and later through the cooperation of the Home Service Section of the Rochester Chapter of the Red Cross. The report of the chairman of the Home Service Section follows:

"The work of assisting families of soldiers and sailors of Rochester and Monroe County, financed by the Board of Supervisors, was first performed by a sub-committee on Relief of Soldiers' and Sailors Dependents, of the County Defense Committee. Colonel Henry W. Morse, from his office in the Court House, with the assistance of Miss Edna Thompson of United Charities and a few volunteers who had been recruited by the sub-committee, did the work, under the direction of chairman Frank W. Lovejoy. When the Rochester Chapter of the American Red Cross was organized in November 1917, the work of the sub-committee was turned over to the Red Cross and assigned to the Home Service Section. At this time there



were ninety families receiving assistance or advice. On account of the increasing number of Monroe County men in service the number of families had grown, in November 1919, to 3849.

"The Home Service Section of the Rochester Chapter American Red Cross, began its work on November 9, 1917, on the first floor of the Sibley Block, Main Street East, with one desk and two workers. Later the office was moved to 118 Sibley Block when three other desks were installed. On April 1, 1918, the office was moved to the second floor of 40 Main Street East, where some ten desks were installed. August 1, 1918, the office was moved to the second floor of the Wisner Block, 75 State Street, where equipment for twenty full time and fifty volunteers was provided. In January 1919 there was a full time, paid staff of twenty-six workers and about 150 volunteers. By November 1919 the volunteers had discontinued their activities almost entirely and a paid staff of twenty was endeavoring to complete the work.

"Since August 1, 1918, about 250 new families have been added each month. The families of soldiers and sailors in Monroe County, outside the city, were of course included in this relief work, and local committees in twenty-three towns have actively cooperated on family problems in their communities. These committees have shown great sympathy and faithfulness.

"The actual number of families visited each month has varied more on account of the number of visitors available than from the variance in the needs presented. During the last three months of 1918, 900 families per month were visited in the city alone. The word 'visited' implies many forms of service; money relief, advice in regard to health and readjustment of family budgets; information as to allotment, allowance, compensation and insurance; help to secure all sorts of affidavits to start Government machinery; information as to complicated matters of correspondence; interviews with many people in the family's behalf, and encouragement to families by all sorts of friendly counsel.

"Besides the number of clients with whom contact is maintained through visiting, a great number of people came to the office of the Home Service for information. In November 1917, the total was 25 for the month; in November 1918, 1775, and in November 1919, a year after the armistice, it had only decreased to 1220. All of these figures are exclusive of those families whom visitors called upon.

"The money obligation increased, of course, with the increase of the number of families served by the Home Service Section. In November 1917, the Home Service disbursed \$180.06 in 22 families. In November 1918 it disbursed \$2,999.76 in 198 families, and in November 1919 \$1,156.87 in 49 families. The total sum of money granted by the Monroe County Board of Supervisors from November 11, 1917, to November 22, 1919, is \$55,103.01 which has been disbursed on the budget plan for each family to cover rent, food, fuel, light, clothing, lunches, insurance and incidentals. About 50 per cent of the total money thus disbursed was in the form of loans which have been repaid in a very gratifying percentage.

"In the majority of families Home Service has been helping to keep up the family standards that their soldiers may find the family as well cared for upon their return as though they had not been taken away. Special emergencies of all sorts have been faced, especially illness. Influenza has in some cases made it necessary for Home Service to carry the whole family while the bread winners were incapacitated. It has made invalids more comfortable by providing wheel chairs or whatever the doctor may have specially recommended; it has contributed to the peace of mind of mothers of men in service in countless ways and has often furnished comfort and relief at times of great sorrow. In fact it has tried to know the especial needs in each family and has given money and service on the basis of that need, looking toward the maintenance of family morale.

"It is interesting to note that of the total amount loaned between the dates of November 1917 and November 1919, at which time support from this fund was discontinued, \$9,145.79 has been repaid and returns are continuing at the rate of about \$400.00 per month to date.

"Home Service responsibilities are not only to the families of men in our own service, but includes a similar work for the families of men serving with the forces of our allies. A very large percentage has been done for the families of men in the British and Canadian armies. To date the British Relief Fund has contributed \$2,252.68 as refundment of monies administered by the Home Service Section in such families."

## DENTAL WORK FOR CONSCRIPTS

Immediately after our country entered the war the dentists of New York were organized under the direction of Dr. Edward G. Link, under the Preparedness League of American Dentists, whose function it was to put the teeth of all conscripted men into good condition before the men were inducted into the service. The Monroe County Unit was organized by Dr. John T. McIntee, who was appointed Director with headquarters at the office of the Monroe County Defense Committee. The dentists of the county were formed into various working committees, and a dental board assigned to each Exemption Board to attend physical examinations of conscripted men, to examine their teeth and make records of same. Men in need of dental attention were given cards which they brought to the County Defense Committee headquarters where they were assigned to dentists, each dentist taking a man in turn. The total of operations completed by the Monroe County Unit is as follows:

Men Treated . . . . .	1771
Prophylaxis (i. e. scaling and cleaning) . . . . .	537
Fillings (cement, amalgam, enamel) . . . . .	4589
Roots Treated . . . . .	123
Teeth Extracted . . . . .	1088
Crowns (placed) . . . . .	45
Plates . . . . .	45
X-Rays . . . . .	5

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

MINUTES OF THE FINAL MEETING of the Monroe County Defense Committee at the Genesee Valley Club, Wednesday, February 16, 1921.

Present:

ELMER E. FAIRCHILD, *Chairman*  
GEORGE EASTMAN  
HON. JAMES G. CUTLER  
HON. J. B. M. STEPHENS  
HON. A. E. SUTHERLAND  
EDWARD G. MINER  
FRANK S. THOMAS  
A. EDWIN CROCKETT

HERBERT W. BRAMLEY  
ROLAND B. WOODWARD  
DR. RALPH H. WILLIAMS  
ANDREW H. BOWN  
THOMAS C. GORDON  
JOHN P. MORSE  
JOHN L. WELLINGTON, *Secretary*

Chairman Fairchild stated that he had called the committee together for this final meeting to hand them a report of the activities of the committee from the beginning to the present time, and to thank the members and sub-committee chairmen for the untiring service they had given to the work of the committee and sub-committees. Every member of the committee and sub-committees, he said, deserves the thanks of the community and the country for their service which made it possible for the committee successfully to carry out its undertakings. Many of the committee's activities, he explained, were temporary in character. Two of them, however, the Home Economics and the Home Garden work, the Executive Committee believed, should be perpetuated, and arrangements have been made for a fund to be appropriated to the Monroe County Farm Bureau for the support of the work in Rochester, the fund to be administered under the direction of a joint committee appointed by the Farm Bureau and the Chamber of Commerce.

#### MAYOR COMMENDS WORK OF COMMITTEE

Before calling for reports the Chairman read the following letter from Bernard J. Haggarty, Secretary to the Mayor:

#### OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

ROCHESTER, N. Y.

February 11th, 1921

Mr. E. E. Fairchild,  
Alderman-Fairchild Co.,  
Rochester, N. Y.  
Dear Sir:

I am directed by Mayor Edgerton to advise you in response to your letter of February 9th, that he will be out of the city on February 16th and cannot be with you at the luncheon at the Genesee Valley Club on that day.

His Honor desires me to compliment the Monroe County Defense Committee upon the excellent work it did during the World War. The gratitude of the community is due your organization.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) BERNARD J. HAGGARTY,  
*Secretary to the Mayor*

### TREASURER'S REPORT READ

Assistant Treasurer, Mr. Thomas read the treasurer's report covering period January 1, 1919, date of previous audit, to January 31, 1921, showing balance on hand of \$1,441.80 not including check not presented of \$200.

### THANKS EXTENDED TO MR. THOMAS

Moved by Mr. Miner, seconded by Mr. Eastman, that the report be received and filed and the thanks of the committee be extended Mr. Thomas for his very able work. Carried.

### RESOLUTION TO DISBAND COMMITTEES

Mr. A. H. Bown offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Defense Committee has performed all the tasks required of it by the Council of National Defense, the State Defense Council, and other authorities, and has fulfilled the spirit of the law calling it into existence by performing its functions for six months after the close of the war, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Monroe County Defense Committee disband as of this date, and that a full report of its activities be made to the County Board of Supervisors, together with a financial statement of receipts and expenditures to the present date, and that the unexpended balance of funds \$1,241.80 be returned to County Board of Supervisors.

Seconded by Mr. Thomas and unanimously carried.

### RECOMMENDATIONS TO OBSERVE THRIFT AND ECONOMY CARRIED OUT

Mr. Miner called attention to the fact, which he suggested be included in the newspaper reports of the present meeting, namely, that the committee had carried out its own recommendations to the public to observe thrift and economy, by handling the affairs of the committee in such a way as to be able to turn back a substantial balance to the county.

### HOME ECONOMICS AND GARDENS WORK TO BE CONTINUED

Moved by Judge Sutherland that a statement supplementary to the Chairman's Report to the Board of Supervisors be made to the effect that the Home Economics and Gardens work of the committee had established itself so firmly in the economic life of the city that plans have been perfected for continuing it through the agency of the Monroe County Farm Bureau and the Chamber of Commerce; also that a summary of the minutes of the present meeting be included in the supplementary report.

Seconded by Mr. Eastman and carried.

### THANKS EXTENDED TO MR. CUTLER

Mr. Bramley offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

To the rare organizing and executive ability of its first chairman, the Honorable James G. Cutler, is due the fact that the Monroe County Defense Committee more quickly took shape and began to function with a nicety of precision, we believe, than could have been effected under other leadership.

Looking back on the first war days in which the Committee came into being and considering the problems that were presented to it and the tasks that had instantly to be undertaken, the Committee congratulates itself that Mr. Cutler could answer the call to this patriotic service, and pays tribute to him, not only for what he did as a chairman but for the advice and counsel he gave to the Committee since his appointment as head of the City Planning Advisory Board compelled him to resign the chairmanship of this committee. Seconded by Mr. Miner and carried.

#### CHAIRMAN FAIRCHILD'S SERVICE PRAISED

Dr. Williams offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

The Executive Committee of the Monroe County Home Defense Committee in this final meeting, expresses appreciation of the valued services rendered the community during the days of the War and in the period succeeding the War, by its chairman from June 13, 1918, Mr. Elmer E. Fairchild.

His energy, enthusiasm, and ability to inspire others to undertake and carry through hard tasks, have impressed his associates on this committee. No task has been too hard for him to undertake; no difficulty too great to overcome; success has also been made certain. Considerate of others, helpful, indefatigable, blessed with a pervading cheer that rose proportionately to the difficulty of the task, he has carried on the work of this committee in a way that has commended him to us all. The Monroe County Defense Committee and the community have been fortunate in the possession of such a chairman.

Seconded by Mr. Morse and carried.

#### COMMITTEE RECORDS TO BE PRESERVED

The Chairman reported that the records, correspondence, etc., of the committee had been placed in four Y. & E. transfer cases and turned over to the Board of Supervisors which had filed them on the upper floor of the Court House that the records of the committee might be kept intact for the use of the future historian who may write the record of Monroe County's part in the great War.

On motion of Mr. Miner the Chairman was requested to see that all the records, correspondence, documents of all description connected with the work of this committee be permanently preserved in some official place where they will be available for future reference. Seconded and carried.

On motion of Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Morse, the committee adjourned sine die.

JOHN L. WELLINGTON, *Secretary.*

FINIS



The teeth of every conscripted man sent from Monroe County were examined by a competent dentist and necessary work was done without cost to the man, unless gold was used or new teeth inserted, in which cases only the cost of the materials was charged to the man. These are the same regulations as prevail in the Army and Navy.

The clerical work connected with this splendid service was performed by the County Defense Committee.

## FARM LABOR

The sub-committee on Farm Labor did especially effective work. During this committee's existence it has placed upwards of 4,000 men on the farms of Monroe county besides a large number of men unregistered with the committee who went directly to the farms as a result of the appeals of the committee through its publicity.

During the season of 1918 difficulty was experienced in securing efficient help for the farms owing to the high wages paid by munition factories. The State Labor Bureau co-operated with the sub-committee in furnishing the services of two men who had charge of the placement work and through them the more urgent needs of help in the county were cared for. The records show that 2067 registrations were made in 1918, 2048 applications filed for help, 2009 men referred and 1239 placed. James T. Hutchings was chairman of the sub-committee having this work in hand until his services were asked for by the Government, when Herbert W. Bramley was appointed.

## PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION

This sub-committee, in co-operation with the sub-committee on Defense and Military Organization, held two large patriotic mass meetings in Convention Hall. One of them was addressed by Edward James Cattell, city statistician of Philadelphia, and Dudley Field Malone, collector of the Port of New York. The other was addressed by Charles Edward Russell, noted writer and speaker, Prof. Robert N. McElroy, of Princeton University, and Kathleen Burke, British Red Cross nurse. The sub-committee co-operated with the Americanization committee of the Chamber of Commerce in the work of spreading American propoganda and enlightening foreign-speaking people on the issues of the war. Rush Rhees was the chairman of this sub-committee.

## RED CROSS

At the time when our country entered the war, the local Red Cross Chapter had not reached the state of efficiency that it afterwards attained. On the reorganization of the local chapter and the election of George Eastman as chairman, the sub-committee on Red Cross was discharged as it was realized that there would be no further need of its services.

## RELIGION

The sub-committee on Religion co-operated in every work requiring the assistance of the churches and other religious organizations. In the Hoover Food Campaign, the sub-committee did especially effective work in securing announcements from pulpits, distributing home cards, enrolling volunteer workers, also in arranging to have sermons preached on National Food Conservation Sunday, October 28, 1917.

## NON-WAR BUILDING PROJECTS

In September, 1918, the County Defense Committee was called on by the War Industries Board of the Council of National Defense to assist in the curtailment of building construction in the county to the end that materials and labor be conserved for the use of the government. A sub-committee was appointed, of which William S. Morse was chairman, and instructed to investigate the necessity of all contemplated projects of a non-war character and to make recommendation to the War Industries Board for or against the construction.

Through the patriotic cooperation of building material dealers who refused to sell materials without a recommendation from the sub-committee, and the Fire Marshal who would not grant building permits without a similar recommendation, all construction work in the city and county was perfectly controlled. The sub-committee investigated every application and withheld recommendation except in cases where public interest clearly warranted the construction.

So efficiently was this work handled that the secretary of the State Defense Council declared that Rochester submitted to the War Industries Board fewer recommendations than any other city of its size in the country, and at the same time expressed the appreciation of the War Industries Board and the State Defense Council of the manner in which the work was handled in Monroe county.

## COOPERATION WITH COMMUNITY LABOR BOARD

On the signing of the armistice and the consequent demobilization of the armies, the problem of placing our soldiers back into peace pursuits was important. On the request of the Hon. Arthur E. Sutherland, chairman of the Community Labor Board, the County Defense Committee co-operated in this work by loaning the services of its secretary, who assisted the U. S. Employment Service in this important work as long as the need required.

## COUNTY'S SUPPORT OF WAR WORK

I am sure that it will not be out of place for me to say a word of appreciation on behalf of the Defense Committee of the generous manner in which the people of Monroe County, through their Board of Supervisors, supported war work. Without this wholehearted support, the great number and variety of tasks which the committee was called on to do could not have been accomplished.



## THANKS TO CO-OPERATING ORGANIZATIONS AND PERSONS

The thanks of the committee are due also to the Women's Motor Corps, the Boy Scouts, the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, the Rochester Railway and Light Company, Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Co., B. Forman & Co., the Mayor of Rochester, proprietors of moving picture houses, the Rochester Ad Club, the War Service Corps, also the majors, captains, lieutenants and workers of the corps, Messrs. Wallace W. Rayfield, Mark Furman, Fred Hill, and John Mallock, county school supervisors, and the teachers and school children of the townships for service in the Food Enrollment campaign, and all others who assisted in any way with the work of the committee.

Special thanks are due the press of Rochester and Monroe county. It is needless to say that without the patriotic and whole-hearted support which the newspapers of the city and county gave the committee its work would not have succeeded.

The appreciation and thanks of the former chairman and myself are due the members of the committee, the chairmen and members of the sub-committees for their patriotic co-operation, also to the employes of the office who were ever ready to respond to any call day or night.

Respectfully submitted,

December 31, 1920.

(Signed) E. E. FAIRCHILD, Chairman.

## PERSONNEL OF COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEES

Elmer E. Fairchild, chairman; George Eastman, vice-chairman; Edward G. Miner, treasurer; James G. Cutler, secretary.

(The officers constitute the Executive Committee.)

## MEMBERS OF GENERAL COMMITTEE

JOSEPH T. ALLING  
EDWARD BAUSCH  
ANDREW H. BOWN  
JAMES G. CUTLER  
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†Discharged June 16, 1918, owing to functions being taken over by Rochester Patriotic and Community Fund (War Chest).

‡Discharged on account of work being taken over by the Red Cross.

§Discharged on completion of work.

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### CHANGES IN PERSONNEL OF COMMITTEE AND SECRETARYSHIP

Hon. James G. Cutler, former mayor of Rochester, and president of the Cutler Realty Company, was chairman of the committee from its inception, May 2, 1917, to June 13, 1918, when he resigned on account of increased duties connected with the Advisory Board of the City Planning Commission of which he is chairman. Mr. Cutler continued service as a member of the Executive Committee.

Elmer E. Fairchild, secretary-treasurer of the Alderman, Fairchild Company, was elected chairman of the committee on the resignation of Mr. Cutler and continued in that capacity until the disbandment of the committee.

Roland B. Woodward, secretary of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, was secretary of the committee and a member of the Executive Committee until June 14, 1918 when he resigned to take up duties as assistant to the president of the Symington Companies with headquarters at Chicago.

Edward G. Miner, president of the Pfaudler Company and treasurer of the County Defense Committee, was drafted to act as head of a commercial division in the Adjutant General's office at Albany, and Frank S. Thomas, vice-president of the Alliance Bank, was elected assistant treasurer on September 26, 1917, in order that the treasurer's work might be taken care of in Mr. Miner's absence and that Mr. Miner might retain membership on the Executive Committee.

Joseph T. Alling, president of the Alling and Cory Company, and a member of the committee, was drafted into Y. M. C. A. work early in the war, serving as General Secretary at Camp Dix and later as head of a special mission abroad. He also gave valuable assistance as a speaker in Liberty Loan campaigns in several states.

Abram J. Katz died while enroute from Baltimore to his home in Rochester on November 2, 1917, removing an active and most highly esteemed member of the committee.

When the Constitutional amendment giving women the ballot went into effect the Governor of the state requested that a woman member be added to the committee. Accordingly, Mrs. Henry G. Danforth was appointed and continued as an active and efficient participant in the committee's work.

James T. Hutchings, vice-president of the Rochester Railway and Light Company, resigned as chairman of the sub-committee on Farm Labor on account of duties with the Government in connection with labor matters. Herbert W. Bramley of the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company was elected in his place.

A. Edwin Crockett, first assistant secretary of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, was executive secretary of the committee from the time of its inception until June 27, 1917, when, owing to the depletion of the Chamber's staff on account of several of its secretaries going into military and naval service, Mr. Crockett was recalled and Roland Cole was engaged. Mr. Cole continued in the position until December 1, 1917, when he resigned to accept a commercial position, and John L. Wellington, secretary of the Foods and Markets sub-committee, was appointed to the duties of the executive secretaryship.

Dr. Mason D. Gray, of East High School was appointed secretary of the War Service Corps to serve as organizer of the corps. At the request of the committee the Board of Education extended his leave of absence that Doctor Gray might continue as secretary during the Third Liberty Loan and the War Chest campaign, after which he resigned and Roy C. Draper was appointed secretary of the corps.

J. Warrant Castleman, who served as Colonel of the War Service Corps, died January 1, 1920, of blood poisoning as a result of a bruise to his hand in a taxi cab door. While his death occurred subsequent to the disbandment of the War Service Corps, this report would not be complete without reference to his able and patriotic service to the community as the executive of that organization. His death removed, not only a wise counselor and patriotic citizen, but a friend and associate with whom it was a pleasure to work.

#### EMPLOYEES

Alma Miller, telephone operator and bookkeeper; Rose Schroth, Marilla Ford, Margaret Nichols, Harriet Genrich, Mrs. Marie Ross-McAlester, Irene Leonard, stenographers; Mrs. Catherine Andrews, Adelaide Schafer, Ruth Carpenter, Muriel Alperin, Fanny Brounstein, Thomas O'Connor, Edgar Robinson, Manley Bowerman, George W. Cooper, Joseph L. O'Connor.

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