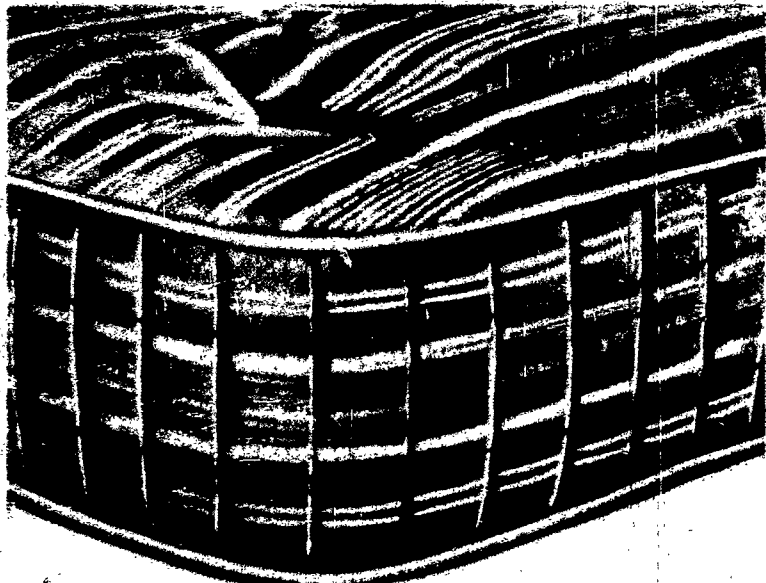




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# Everyone Must Have A Share

By MRS. WALTER LIPPMANN, Director  
Volunteer Nurse's Aide Corps,  
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Today women of America are playing an active and prominent part in the national war effort. On the assembly lines of factories and munitions plants, in the fields and in the air, they are doing their share to win this war. No less important are the women who, though they are unable to devote all of their time, willingly give up their leisure hours to a job which must be done. Such are the women of the Volunteer Nurse's Aide Corps of the American Red Cross.

In July, 1941, there were but 304 Nurse's Aides in the country. Now there are more than 35,000 working in eight states, Puerto Rico and Hawaii. They are a cross section of American womanhood. Housewives, business and professional women, government workers, debutantes, college girls, singers, artists, models, mothers, daughters and even grandmothers, are rallying to the call for 100,000 Nurse's Aides this year. None of us know how long this war will last, but the sooner each conscientiously does her share, the stronger we shall be as a nation.

The urgent need for more trained volunteers in hospitals and health agencies prompted the American Red Cross appeal, launched in September, for more Volunteer Nurse's Aides. The men at the front need medical care, and with our army steadily on the increase, more and more nurses are daily leaving civilian ranks to join their 14,000 sisters already in the armed forces. They cannot be replaced for some time as it takes three years to train a nurse. But civilians continue to suffer, perhaps even more than before the war, because people are working harder and longer hours. We cannot afford to neglect civilian health as every precious man hour is needed.

This is a job for women to do. Hospitals and community health agencies in some instances have had to close down rooms and wards, due to inadequate personnel. At a time when hospitals are more crowded than ever before, this situation is indeed critical. Something must be done, and it is

up to the women to accept this challenge.

Women from 18 to 36 in good health and with a high school education or its equivalent may enroll as Volunteer Nurse's Aides. An 80-hour intensive training course given through local Red Cross chapters consists of 24 hours of classroom work, and 44 hours of supervised practice on the wards. The Aides wearing the soft blue jumper apron uniform with the joint O.C.D.-Red Cross insignia on the left sleeve, receive their caps and pins at graduation and agree to give a minimum of 150 hours per year. There is no pay, no personal glory, but they find their work most absorbing, and the gratitude of the patients, and the inner satisfaction of doing a good job more than repay them for their efforts.

Their duties are varied. They make beds, give baths, serve food trays, take temperature, pulse and respiration, make ether beds, and help wheel patients to X-ray and operating rooms. They work in hospitals, prenatal and industrial clinics, accident wards, blood donor centers and with public health nurses in their community. They do not replace nurses, but each has a capable pair of hands and an intelligent head which can take many of the routine hospital duties off the nurse's shoulders, releasing her for the more technical work for which she has been trained.

To take the 80-hour training

course, many Aides have had home problems to solve. Some had cooperative neighbors to take care of their children while they attended classes. Others bicycled, or walked long distances to their classes or trained in the evening after work, but "where there is a will, there is always a way. Many of our volunteers are from among the mothers and wives of men in the service. They feel that they, too, want to do their part in this war.

Nurse's Aides have proven that they can "take it" in disaster. During recent floods, when hospitals were crowded with victims, the Aides worked day and night without complaint, earning the admiration of hospital authorities. They have cared for victims of landings off our Eastern shores, men rendered unrecognizable by thick layers of oil covering them from head to foot. Many have signed up with Emergency Medical Field Units to care for civilians wounded in case of air raids and some are on call 24 hours a day for emergency duty. They are a real part of our national war effort.

I urge all you women who sincerely want to render a patriotic service to your country, to enroll as a Volunteer Nurse's Aide without delay. Your community needs you now before it is too late. Join the ranks of those performing the noblest of all services, the relief of human suffering.

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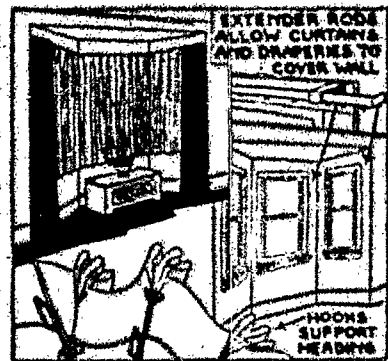
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## ON THE HOME FRONT

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Modern Curtains for Bay Windows  
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In those old houses the vertical lines of woodwork and wall showing between windows made the bay seem like a coop stuck on the outside of the house. Many home owners had the bays removed because, while they actually added space, they made rooms seem small and cluttered.

Today curtains are hung to cover both wall and woodwork around the individual windows in the bay. This brings the group of windows together as a unit and makes the bay seem a broad and spacious part of the room. The sketch at the right shows a standard fixture that allows curtains to extend beyond the window frame, but don't rush out to buy new rods. The chances are that your old rods may be extended over the wall if you wire them to hooks or staples at the upper corners of the window frames.

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