ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT
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THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT EIGHT AND FORTY

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The second part of THE STORY - - -

It was not long, however, before the Forty and Eight were treating the organization like an Auxiliary and not like a sister organization. They were making all the decisions, formulating all the programs, and, in short, we found ourselves being governed solely by La Societe. Inasmuch as this was not the original intention of the organization, some of the leaders of the organization took action and at the Omaha Convention in 1925, it was recognized by The Legion as a playground and honor society for the women of The Legion and the Auxiliary, and, at the ratification meeting in new York, following the Paris Convention, the Auxiliary gave its official recognition as an affiliated organization and subsidiary of the Auxiliary in 1933.

In 1932, the Executive Committee of the National Child Welfare Committee of The American Legion assigned to the Eight and Forty as a special assignment - "preventative tuberculosis service along educational lines and with financial assistance within its limitations in providing care and treatment of children in cooperation with recognized agencies and methods." It was then decided by the Auxiliary that only projects national in scope shall be considered by the Eight and Forty as recipients of child welfare donations and all such projects shall be subject to authorization of the National President and National Finance Committee of The American Legion. It is for that reason that the National Jewish Hospital was assigned to us by The American Legion.

In 1956 we were authorized to have the special project of scholarships for nurses to encourage them to go into T.B. work. We were also allowed to make contributions to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation for research in T.B. During the course of the years, other changes took place. T.B. became less of a threat, but was replaced with C.F., lung and other respiratory diseases. Therefore, today, our responsibility is in the field of lung diseases and contributions to the National Jewish Center are made for the maintenance of the hospital and research in these areas. Also, the nurses' scholarships are granted to graduate nurses for furthering their education in the field of lung diseases.

We wonder if the Partners of Eight and Forty ever stopped for a moment and considered just what we stand for. First of all, before we are eligible to belong to Eight and Forty, we must be active members in good standing in the Auxiliary and have done something which has helped the Auxiliary. That requires a good deal and means that the membership of the Auxiliary must be composed of worthwhile women. Then, add to that the things that Eight and Forty stands for and we can almost hear those early leaders stating, "Pard, we've got to buckle our belts up a little tighter and hustle to fill

the demands."

When we look at our EMBLEM it sends just a little thrill of pride down our backbones because we women have had the courage to attempt to do the things that it stands for - and we can feel these same backbones stiffen with the desire and determination to live up to our EMBLEM.

The blue stands for FRIENDSHIP.

We have heard a good deal of the friendships of men and the stories that have come down to us through history in some of the greatest masterpieces that we have in literature. We have heard very little about the friendship of women. We know it exists and we have the chance in Eight and Forty to show ourselves and others what the FRIENDSHIP OF WOMEN can be.

Remember - when we become Partners in Eight and Forty, we are supposed to leave behind us the little petty things that women sometimes do to each other and be loyal and true to each other.

The red of our emblem stands for GOOD FELLOWSHIP.

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THAT IS ALL - - - for Part Two!

STAY TUNED - - - to hear and read "the rest of the story."

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