

# First Aid Parachute Unit Is Organized By Patrol Here

## Physician and Nurse Leap from Plane In Test Held at Local Airport Sunday

The old country doctor with his horse and buggy was really a slowpoke, compared to Dr. Harold E. Lohlein and his assistant, Mrs. Marianne Merhar.

They are prepared to fly to the scene of airplane crashes and parachute to the aid of injured persons.

Mrs. Merhar, pretty first aid specialist, and Dr. Lohlein made their first parachute jumps at a nearby air field Sunday.

They may be the nation's "first aid parachute unit." Its ultimate object is to provide quick medical attention to persons injured in plane crashes in isolated Nevada districts.

After receiving first aid treatment at the scene of the crash, the injured persons probably will be transported to civilization on a

stretcher swung between two horses.

It's all part of elaborate plans set up by the Nevada wing of the civil air patrol to rescue injured persons from Nevada's 110,000 square miles of rough, sagebrush country which is, for the most part, inaccessible except by parachute, foot or horseback.

In addition to the first aid parachute unit, the civil air patrol has a mounted auxiliary of hard-riding westerners, who know their horses and the desert country.

It is the horsemen's job to return the injured persons to civilization after they have received medical treatment by the parachute unit. If the mounted auxiliary reaches the crash scene first, it also is prepared to administer first aid to the injured.