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SMALL BUTTON WILL TELL CHARACTER OF CITIZENSHIP.

Every Man and Woman in Centre Hall Should Wear Red Cross Emblem.

One hurried glance at coat lapels or blouses the week of December 16-23 will tell a lot about the ideals of Centre Hall men and women.

If the 1919 membership button of the Red Cross is being worn, the glance will register a flattering impression. This button is to be given to every adult who pays the one dollar membership dues, but the dollar is the least significant thing about the transaction.

What the American Red Cross wants this Christmas is to have the world see that the American people are behind the Red Cross spirit. Universal membership will prove this. To record such a membership the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call is to be held the week before Christmas. No quota has been assigned to Centre Hall because it is planned to enroll everybody.

The membership button has a blue rim with a red cross in the center of a white background and the figure 1919 under the red cross. For homes, stores, factories and offices there is a Red Cross Service Flag to be displayed in windows. It has a double blue border representing the second membership appeal and a red cross in the center of a white background and the figure 100 per cent. for a business house which has enrolled every person employed there.

No family in Centre Hall should be content to display a Service Flag with only one cross. There should be added a small Red Cross for each member of the family. The aim is to enroll families 100 per cent. equally with business concerns. A Red Cross can be added for each membership.

The White House in Washington will have a 100 per cent. Red Cross Service Flag, and President Wilson, who also is president of the Red Cross, asks every home in the country to follow suit. He has said, "I summon you to the comradeship," and Centre Hall homes will accept the invitation.

Enforced to Fast.

Two brood sows, the property of G. S. Walker, west of Millheim, were forced to fast for thirty-one and one-half days. A slide from a straw stack buried the hogs and while their owner was hunting the country over for them they were grunting as loud as they could to make their presence known. After an elapse of time as indicated above, the grunts were heard, and a relief party was at once set to work. The hogs became much exhausted and thin, but otherwise were o. k.

Little Girl Run Down by Auto Truck.

Marie Cessna, a seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cessna, was struck by Harry J. Behrer's delivery truck on the streets of State College last Wednesday afternoon, close to the spot where W. H. Minnich was run down by an auto and fatally injured last summer. The little girl was returning from school and crossed the street right in the path of the car, which was traveling at low speed. The mud guard struck her, throwing her down, the right wheel passing over her abdomen. The little body was bruised about the breast and abdomen, and it is feared she was injured internally.

\$3000 Destruction in Barn Fire.

Fire of unknown origin totally destroyed the large barn on the H. P. Alexander homestead farm located one mile east of Burnham, on Friday afternoon at four o'clock, causing a loss of \$3000.

When first discovered the fire was raging in a hay mow and the entire structure was soon a seething mass of flames which were swept along by a strong wind blowing them away from the adjoining dwelling house.

The barn was 75 feet long and 45 feet wide and was built only five years. Its value was \$2,500. Twenty tons of hay and quantities of straw, oats and wheat, valued at more than \$500 were burned. Several calves and a number of shoats burned to death.

The losses are partly covered by insurance. Heirs of the H. P. Alexander estate owned the barn.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application has been made to the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under the provisions of the Public Service Law, by the Borough of Centre Hall, County of Centre and State of Pennsylvania, for a certificate approving the purchase by said Borough of the property of the Centre Hall Water Company.

A public hearing upon this application will be held in the rooms of the Commission at Harrisburg, on the 18th day of December, A. D. 1918, at 9:30 o'clock A. M., when and where all persons in interest may appear and be heard if they so desire.

THE BOROUGH OF CENTRE HALL, Pa.

WILL DETERMINE COST OF INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC.

Data Covering Every Phase of the Dread Disease Will Be Gathered by State Department of Health.

"The cost of a great epidemic to a great Commonwealth" is to be the subject of an important and far reaching investigation to be conducted by the State Department of Health. The recent influenza epidemic is to be made the basis of this inquiry and every phase of the social and economic cost which this disease has caused in the State of Pennsylvania will be carefully surveyed. So far as is known this is the first great undertaking of its kind to determine the cost of an epidemic worked out along modern economic lines.

Professor J. P. Lichtenberger of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania has been engaged to undertake this work and a large corps of clerks, stenographers and other officers of the State Department of Health have been designated to cooperate in gathering the data necessary to determine the cost. Inquiries will be sent out during the coming week to physicians, health officers, undertakers and nurses and later to the heads of various businesses and industries. Careful estimates as to the loss of life in the various age groups and in various occupations will be made. Estimates as to the duration of fatal and non-fatal illness with the loss of earning capacity will also be worked out in detail. The cost in actual loss of life will be determined in the various age groups and even details as to the cost of burial will be carefully itemized together with a tabulation including loss of time of friends and relatives attending funerals.

Studies will be made as to the cost of nursing, doctor's fees and medication. Business losses in the line of production, mining, manufacturing, transportation, retail business, theatres, saloons, hotels and restaurants, and finally a tabulation will be made of the expenditures made by the State Department of Health in association with other State agencies and by the local Boards of Health and local Committees in charge of Emergency Hospitals. If possible the losses in public education will also be determined and a method will be worked out for ascertaining the per capita cost of the epidemic.

Professor Lichtenberger has already begun this important work and the results of his investigation will be made known from time to time as fast as the data is received and compiled. When the work is completed a full report will be made public.

Dr. B. Franklin Royer, Acting Commissioner of Health, asks that all citizens of Pennsylvania who receive letters from the Department asking for information and data concerning the cost of the epidemic will please cooperate with the Department of Health by furnishing this information as completely as possible and without unnecessary delay.

State Grange in Session.

The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Grange opened in Tyrone on Tuesday and will continue up until Thursday evening. It is expected that from 1,000 to 1,500 delegates will be in attendance.

Want Legal Advisory Committees Continued for Benefit of Soldiers.

An urgent request has been made by the National Council, Washington, D. C., to the Pennsylvania Council of National Defense, for the continuance in service of its Legal Advisory Committees throughout the State until complete demobilization of the National armies has been accomplished.

There will be as much work, if not more, in adjusting the affairs of sailors and soldiers after their return from active service as there was in assisting them to go away with a clean business slate. The Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act protects service men from litigation only during the period of their military service. Within thirty days after his discharge a judgment may be entered against a soldier or sailor. A few weeks' delay in seeking protection, either through accident or ignorance, would prevent the discharged man from taking advantage of the provisions of the Act.

Aside from legal complications which may have arisen in the affairs of service men, there are business situations and ordinary problems of daily life which have accumulated during their absence and which require to be untangled. The returned soldier or sailor will often need constructive legal advice. Particularly, this applies to titles of ownership, validity of debts, adjustment of relationship to persons who have been conducting his affairs during his absence and protection against individuals who may induce him to part with evidence of his financial claims against the Government and others, for small sums paid over in spot cash.

There are many other situations affecting the future welfare of the homecoming soldiers and sailors which will give Legal Advisory Committees an opportunity to continue their patriotic service to the men who went to the front.

CENTRE HALL RED CROSS AUXILIARY.

Annual Report Flattering.—Most of Former Officers Re-elected for 1919.

The annual report of the Centre Hall Red Cross Auxiliary is quite flattering and indicates that the cash collected from all sources for various purposes was almost \$2000. This, of course, does not include the large quantity of knitting and other items furnished, a complete list of which is printed below together with the financial statement for 1918.

At a recent meeting of the organization all the former officers, except the vice chairman, Mrs. Lillie Alexander, who requested that her office be filled by another, were re-elected. The 1919 officers are: Chairman, Mrs. Clyde A. Smith; vice chairman, Mrs. Frank M. Fisher; secretary, Mrs. W. W. Kerlin; treasurer, Miss Grace Smith.

RECEIPTS.

Annual members, 336	
Subscribing members, 2 (total) \$338.00	
Contributions from individuals - 38.13	
Contribution from Clover Club - 5.00	
Contribution from Progress Grange 10.00	
Contribution and exhibit of German helmet at Grange Picnic - 194.84	
Contributions from Peace parade 11.00	
Proceeds from Male Quarett Concert - 34.35	
Proceeds of Pine Grove Mills entertainment - 17.20	
Proceeds from Millinburg Concert 60.00	
Proceeds from Salona entertainment - 37.75	
Proceeds from Spruce town festival 76.61	
Proceeds from Y. W. C. A. Parcel Post Sale - 46.80	
Proceeds from festival fund - 77.10	
Proceeds from sale of Red Cross fans - 9.10	
Total	\$955.88

EXPENDITURES.

To David F. Kapp, treasurer of Chapter - - - - -	\$936.28
Yarn - - - - -	18.60
Postage - - - - -	1.00
Total	\$955.88

REPORT OF SEWING.

Pillow cases - - - - -	323
Towels - - - - -	52
Bed shirts - - - - -	5
Suits of pajamas - - - - -	30
Refugee dresses - - - - -	70
Hospital bed-side bags - - - - -	75

CONTRIBUTION TO LINEN SHOWER.

Sheets - - - - -	10
Bath towels - - - - -	20
Hand towels - - - - -	20
Napkins - - - - -	22
Handkerchiefs - - - - -	25
Wash clothes - - - - -	2
Contribution to Commission for Relief in Belgium, 970 pounds of clothing: Dress - - - - -	1
Shirts - - - - -	2

KNITTING REPORT.

Sweaters - - - - -	108
Mufflers - - - - -	15
Socks, pairs - - - - -	132
Wristlets - - - - -	30
Wash clothes - - - - -	2
Ear warmers - - - - -	8

MRS. W. W. KERLIN, Sec'y.

Spring Mills Red Cross Report.

Report of Spring Mills auxiliary of Red Cross for the past year.	
Membership dues - - - - -	\$216.00
Christmas donations (1917) - - - - -	127.00
Salem Reformed Sunday-school 5.65	
Spring Mills school play - - - - -	26.00
P. O. S. of A. festival (half the proceeds to Red Cross) - - - - -	46.53
Solicited for linen shower - - - - -	13.75

First Red Cross war fund - - - - -	\$434.93
Second Red Cross war fund - - - - -	\$163.35
Second Red Cross war fund - - - - -	\$43.55
Total Red Cross work - - - - -	\$1041.83

LINEN SHOWER.

Hand towels - - - - -	25
Bath towels - - - - -	20
Handkerchiefs - - - - -	20
Shirts - - - - -	5
Total	70

ARTICLES MADE.

Bandages - - - - -	168
Shot Bags - - - - -	1025
Pillow cases - - - - -	265
Towels - - - - -	109
Sheets - - - - -	16
French pillow cases - - - - -	78
Pairs of pajamas - - - - -	6
Refugee dresses - - - - -	41
Bedside bags - - - - -	70
369 hanks of yarn were made into the following:	
Sweaters - - - - -	90
Socks—pairs - - - - -	51
Wristlets - - - - -	21
Scarfs - - - - -	10
Helmet - - - - -	1
Total - - - - -	1951

It is hoped that in the December Roll Call all old members will renew their memberships and many new ones will enlist in this worthy cause.

Secretary.

William Stump Passes Away.

After suffering with influenza for a period of three weeks, J. William Stump passed away at his home in Centre Hall last Thursday morning at ten o'clock. He was employed as clerk in the local railroad station and was courteous and obliging to all who had to deal with him. His death is especially sad from the fact that he was the sole support of a widowed mother, his father, the late Jerry Stump, having passed away about ten years ago.

Deceased was born April 6th, 1888, in Virginia, hence was in his thirty-first year. He attended the Centre Hall schools and advanced to the High school. He was a member of Centre Hall Castle, Knights of the Golden Eagle, and was a faithful member.

Surviving him are one brother—Samuel Stump, of near Centre Hall—and three sisters, namely, Mrs. Samuel Gross and Miss Mamie Stump, of Centre Hall, and Mrs. Thomas Alters, of Flemington.

Burial was made at Centre Hall on Saturday afternoon.

Ostrander's Great Lecture.

If you were fortunate enough to have owned a season lecture course ticket, and went to hear Harry Ostrander, in Grange hall, on Thursday night, you no doubt went away feeling that the cost of the season ticket was a trifle compared with the real benefit derived from this great lecture.

Mr. Ostrander's talk was principally on Turkey—its great city of Constantinople with its blood-thirsty inhabitants, the degraded Turk, whose unspeakable crimes against the Christians shall be no more, thanks to the efforts of the great British army, who in less than a year's time made a wonderful clean-up of that country, driving the Turk out, to be replaced by Christian people. His talks on Palestine and the Holy Land were truly wonderful and to Bible students were a great revelation.

Mr. Ostrander's lecture was up to the minute, and his slides showed the ruins of devastated France, photographs of an actual battle, taken from a great height in an airplane; also motion pictures of the British fleet in the Dardanelles, as well as "our boys" and allied forces on their way to the western front. It was 10:30 when Mr. Ostrander quit, having spoken for nearly two and a half hours, but none were weary, he having had the closest attention of his audience all the while.

Christmas Vacation Short.

The Centre Hall school board met on Monday evening and decided that inasmuch as a great amount of school work has already been lost on account of the influenza epidemic, the Christmas vacation period should be short, and confined to Christmas day alone. Consequently the borough schools will be closed only on Wednesday, December 25th.

Concert To-Morrow Night.

The Maud Stevens Concert Company comes to Centre Hall to-morrow (Friday) night, as the second number of the Lecture Course. They present a mixed program of instrumental and vocal music. They are all accomplished musicians and are sure to please the Lecture Course patrons.

Procure a season ticket, if you have not already done so, and enjoy the remaining four numbers on the course at a nominal cost.

Farm Bureau Notes.

On Friday, December 6th, the annual meeting of the Centre County Farm Bureau was held in the Court House at Bellefonte. While there was not a large attendance, very interesting sessions were held. At the forenoon session there were reports by the president, secretary and treasurer, County Agent, and farmers who had cooperated in demonstrations and variety work of any kind. At the afternoon session there were some very interesting talks on dairying and Farm Bureau work.

Prof. Rasmussen, of State College, who is a member of the Dairy division of the Public Safety Committee, gave a very interesting talk on the dairy business and suggestions as to dairy improvement for Centre county. Prof. Rasmussen is from Denmark and the success of his people in dairying he attributes to cooperation. The formation of Bull Associations and breeding clubs are phases of work which he feels should be used in Centre county to increase the quality of our dairy stock.

M. S. McDowell, of State College, gave a very interesting talk on Farm Bureau work as a state and national proposition. A Mr. Gray, of Butler county, and Mr. Ross, of Lackawanna county, gave short interesting talks on the Farm Bureau work in their counties. Officers were elected for the coming year as follows: President, John S. Dale, State College; Vice-Pres., C. R. Neff, Centre Hall; Sec'y and Treas., W. C. Smeltzer, Bellefonte. Executive Committee—Milo Campbell, Fenna, Furnace; Col. W. F. Reynolds, Bellefonte; John Meek, Waddle; S. G. Walker, Spring Mills; D. O. Etters, State College; J. W. Mayes, Howard.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Hess.—Mrs. Sara A. Hess' death, which occurred Wednesday evening of last week, at Pine Grove Mills, brought to a close a beautiful and useful life. She had been in frail health the past year, but was able to go about. In the early part of June she sustained a fall, dislocating her left hip. Several weeks ago she suffered a partial stroke of paralysis, which marked the beginning of the end.

Deceased was a daughter of Jacob and Sara Kerstetter Rhone and was born in Potter township, August 31, 1836, making her age past eighty-two years. On December 22, 1857, she was united in marriage to John G. Hess, of Boalsburg, to which union one daughter, Viola, now Mrs. Charles Smith, at whose home the mother died, was born. She was an active member of the Lutheran church, vigorous of body and mind, and was constantly assisting those in sickness and distress. These loving attributes won for her the admiration and respect of many.

The early married life of Mr. and Mrs. Hess was spent in Centre Hall. The couple moved to Pine Grove Mills in the spring of 1864 where Mr. Hess engaged in carriage and buggy making. He passed away in 1895. In 1913 Mrs. Hess closed her home and went to spend the remainder of her days with her daughter in Medina, Ohio, but last April expressed a desire to return to her old home and to the scenes of her youth. Her daughter and family accompanied her, and did all in their power for her comfort and happiness.

Mrs. Hess was a sister of the late Hon. Leonard Rhone, and is survived by two sisters: Mrs. Alice Dixon and Mrs. J. R. Mason, both of St. Joseph, Missouri.

Funeral services were held at the home Saturday afternoon and interment was made by the side of her husband in the new cemetery at Pine Grove Mills, her pastor, Rev. Dr. L. N. Fleck officiating.

MARTZ.—William H. Martz, a highly esteemed resident of Pine Grove Mills, died Thursday noon at the home of his son-in-law, on the Branch, where he and his wife were aiding in caring for Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Corl and little son, William, all influenza victims. The deceased aided in hauling in corn fodder and other necessary farm work, as well as nursing the sick. He did not complain until Monday, taking his bed and rapidly growing weaker until the end came, the news coming as a shock to the entire neighborhood that Mr. Martz should die away from his home as a result of diseases incident to old age.

He was a son of Abram and Mary Martz and was born in Harris township sixty-eight years ago, spending his entire life within sight of his birthplace. He was throughout life engaged in tilling the soil and his frugal habits, coupled with industry and honesty, brought him earthly possessions worth while. He was a good obliging neighbor, a splendid citizen, and a member of the Presbyterian church. His wife was Miss Polly Ann Archey, who together with one daughter—Mrs. G. H. Corl—and these brothers and sisters mourn his sudden death: George Martz, of Lemont; Daniel, of Shingletown; Isaac, of Belleville; Samuel and Mrs. E. S. Moore, of Pine Grove Mills.

He quit farming in 1907 and lived retired in his comfortable home on West Main Street, but never lost interest in farm work, spending a great deal of his time with his daughter and family.

Funeral services were held at his home on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock; interment in the new cemetery, his pastor, Rev. L. V. Barber officiating.

RIMMEY.—Mrs. Ada Belle Rimmey, wife of Charles Rimmey, passed away at her home in Centre Hall on Sunday as the result of an apoplectic stroke. She had been in ill health for some time. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Koch and was born August 23, 1862, making her age fifty-six years, three months and fourteen days. Last spring the Rimmey family moved to Centre Hall from Tusseyville, where they engaged in farming having previously purchased the Luse home on Hoffer street.

The body was taken to Fillmore for interment in Myer's cemetery, on Tuesday. Besides the husband a family of six sons survive, namely, Harry Rimmey, of Olean, N. Y.; Clair, with the American forces in France; Edgar, of Tusseyville; John, George and Gilbert, at home. One brother—William Koch, of Stockton, Illinois—and two sisters—Mrs. William Stover and Mrs. William Bodle, of Bellefonte—also survive.

LOSE.—Mrs. Emma Lose, widow of Calvin Lose, of Aaronsburg, passed away after suffering for six weeks with dropsy and heart trouble. Her husband preceded her to the grave about four months ago. They had no children. Burial was made at Aaronsburg.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

"I want some powder."
"Mennen's?"
"No, vimmen's."
"Scented?"
"No, I will take it mit me."

It is less than two weeks until Christmas.

Answer the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call. All you need is a heart and a dollar.

The Potter Township schools are having a very low percentage of attendance, due to much sickness among the scholars.

The ground was covered with snow for the first time this season last Thursday morning. The fall was light and soon disappeared.

There will be no more campaigns, or drives, for war funds, by the Red Cross. The revenue to be derived hereafter will come from the annual membership fees.

D. Milton Bradford, who is employed by the Pennsy at Williamsport, has been helping out at the local railroad depot during the absence of station agent W. Frank Bradford.

Rev. Maneval, of the Evangelical Association, will assist Rev. J. A. Shultz in the union evangelistic meetings now being held in the Evangelical church at Tusseyville on Sunday evening.

A special meeting of the local P. O. S. of A. will be held this (Thursday) evening. Nomination of officers will be the chief item of business before the meeting, and a good attendance is desired.

The F. P. Bower farm, east of Aaronsburg, at present tenanted by Harry J. Bower, has been rented by John Durst, of Aaronsburg. Mr. Bower will make sale on the 18th of the present month and move to Aaronsburg.

William F. Colyer has rented his farm to George Bright, of Spring Mills, who will occupy the place next spring. Mr. Colyer, following his sale, will become a resident of Centre Hall, moving into what is known as the Geiss property, which he purchased.

Samuel Kister, brief mention of whose death appeared in these columns last week, was a brother of Mrs. John M. Coldron, of Centre Hall, whom he visited last summer. Mr. Kister was a victim of influenza, and not tuberculosis. His death occurred in Youngstown, Ohio.

The Pennington hunting party, of Lewistown, who are encamped at the Perry Krise place in the Seven Mountains, claim to have seen an albino deer on one of their chases last week. A white deer is a curiosity and the hunters were exceedingly anxious to bag the freak.

In the casualty list published in Sunday's papers appeared the name of Wilbur W. Buck, of Howard. He was listed as wounded. He was born in Millheim and left there about ten years ago. He enlisted for service and trained at Camp Hancock, Ga., and was sent across in January of this year, and was serving with the Twenty-eighth division.

Between 300,000 and 350,000 deaths from influenza and pneumonia have occurred among the civilian population of the United States since September 15, according to estimates of the Public Health Service. These calculations were based on reports from cities and States keeping accurate records, and public health officials believe they are conservative.

"Our Dumb Animals" tells of a Scotch collie mothering two pigs. The collie had eleven puppies that were killed, and evidently envied of a Chester-White sow with thirteen pigs, promptly adopted two of them. They are now eight weeks old, and follow their foster-mother unless penned up. The dog fights all intruders away from the hog lot, and carefully guards the pigs in every way.

The Snow Shoe undertaker—John Confer—buried sixty-two people, nearly all victims of influenza, from October 20th until the end of November. This in a community having 2500 population, and is a remarkable record of deaths. The undertaker expects to take a well-earned rest and beginning of the year will go south to spend several months recovering from the severe strain he has been under for some time.

Bernice Scott, 10 years old, a week ago, placed a lighted match to the first kiln at the new plant of the Super Silica Brick company, at Port Matilda, in which her father, James Scott, is a heavy stockholder. The plant will be turning out brick in a week or two, and to start with the plant will have a capacity of 42,000 a day and when in full running order will be able to turn out 44,000 Silica Brick each day. Those who are familiar with brick making plants say it is one of the best in existence, being modern in every way. The building of the plant has been underway during the past 18 months.