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DOINGS OF THE PATTON BRANCH OF RED CROSS

Throughout our town, as in every place, the one absorbing subject for thought is this terrible war in which our country is engaged. Closely allied with the thought of the conflict itself is the desire of everyone to help win the war. The Red Cross is the main channel into which all energies can be poured forth in steady endeavor. The aid of each individual means that much added volume to our force as a whole. Everyone in Patton seems to be doing his bit. A resume of the activities of a number of people during the last month for the benefit of the Red Cross brings to light that many are doing their bit very successfully.

The food sale, held Nov. 4th, with Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Martin Commons, Mrs. Ed. Little, Mrs. J. E. Kieriseman and Mrs. A. Goldman as the committee in charge was a decided financial success, the proceeds being about \$155.00. Great credit is due to these women as the soliciting was unusually hardworking to the very inclement weather at that time.

The dance on November 19th, planned and carried out by the girls' club composed of Jane McDermott, Alma Radloff, Margaret Garrity, Alma Johnson, Alma Farabaugh, Elizabeth Luce, Marion Gallagher, Hilda Deitrich and Kathryn Anderson, was likewise a success. The proceeds were \$127.00 and the dance was a very pleasant affair enjoyed by many people.

A supper was given by the women of nearby farms at Concord Grange on Nov. 19th which was patronized by the people of Patton, and since the supper was a very delicious one, the people who enjoyed it feel that they have received much more than they gave.

Mrs. John Sauter held a knitting party at her home, Thursday evening, Nov. 22nd, and handed to the treasurer of the Red Cross \$4.43 as a result.

On the next evening, a number of knitters met with Mrs. L. W. Maurer, and from this party a nice sum was also realized for the Red Cross.

Miss Kathryn Donahue made a centerpiece, and from the sale of chances on it gave \$5.80 to the organization. To this young lady much credit is due for her industry in making the centerpiece herself and for her efforts in the realization of such a nice sum.

The Japanese Tea Party on Nov. 25th, an account of which is given in another item, concludes the months activities of a social nature.

All of these people have done well, and no doubt the thought will come to others, "What can I do?" Think it over. Decide. Try it, and success will surely be yours.

Christmas Candy This Year

will go largely to the training camps and the boys abroad. So with this fact in mind we have, by careful buying, the largest and most complete line of packages—fancy and plain—that we have ever had before. We handle packages from three of the best and most widely known candy manufacturers in America, namely: Page and Shaw and Whitman in Philadelphia and Booth in Elmira, N. Y.

We are making most of our own candy and are selling it very reasonably considering the high quality. We have peanut brittle, peanut taffy, peanut caramels, butterscotch and many more varieties of hard candy at 25c per pound. Chocolate drops, coconut bar, peanut squares, coconut kisses, peppermint and wintergreen wafers at 80c per pound. Also big lines of 40c, 50c, 60c and 80c chocolates. All the above are home made and guaranteed to be absolutely pure and fresh.

Patton Candy Kitchen.

"We have asked her several times to sing, and she has refused each time."
"If I were you I'd let it go at that. Some of the strangers may go away thinking they've missed something."—Detroit Free Press.

MINUTES OF RECENT SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Patton, Pa., Nov. 4, 1917. The School Board met in special session and was called to order by the president, Mr. Gorsuch. Messrs. Kelly, Murray, Calahan and Gorsuch were present and answered to roll call.

Miss Wells was present and presented a Lyceum course for the coming winter. After considering the matter from every viewpoint it was agreed to leave the proposition with the High School; and if the students and faculty can arouse enough interest, it was agreed to purchase the course.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Calahan and was seconded by Dr. Murray. All the members voted affirmatively and the motion carried.

Patton, Pa., Dec. 3, 1917. The School Board met in special session for the purpose of organization. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Gorsuch. Messrs. Murray, Powell, Calahan and Gorsuch were present and answered to roll call.

Dr. Murray then presented the "Case Stated" as prepared by Kittel and Shetig in reference to the teachers' salaries during the five weeks during which the schools were closed at the beginning of last year's school term.

A motion to accept the statement as prepared by Kittel and Shetig was made and properly seconded. All the members voted affirmatively and the motion carried.

A motion that the action of the President and Secretary in drawing an order for \$1,569.18 in payment of Teachers' salaries for the third month of school be approved, was made by Mr. Calahan and was seconded by Mr. Powell. Messrs. Murray, Gorsuch, Calahan and Powell voted affirmatively and the motion carried.

A motion to adjourn "sine die" was made by Dr. Kelly. All the members voted affirmatively and the motion carried.

Mr. Gorsuch was nominated by Mr. Calahan for temporary chairman of the Board, and all the members voted affirmatively and Mr. Gorsuch was declared elected temporary chairman of the Board.

Next the temporary chairman administered the oath to Mr. Powell who was elected for a term of six years, after having produced a certificate from the proper election officials.

Mr. Gorsuch was then nominated for President of the Board. He offered some objections and Mr. Powell was nominated, but Mr. Powell positively refused to be considered. On roll call Messrs. Murray, Powell, Calahan and Kelly. Mr. Gorsuch was declared elected president for the ensuing year.

Next Mr. Powell was nominated for Vice President. On roll call he received the affirmative votes of Messrs. Calahan, Kelly, Murray and Powell. Mr. Powell was declared elected Vice President of the Board for the ensuing year.

The Secretary and President were authorized to pay the janitors' salaries for the month of November.

A motion to adjourn was made by and was seconded by Dr. Kelly. All the members voted affirmatively and the motion carried.

MINUTES OF THE RED CROSS BUSINESS MEETING

The regular business meeting of the Patton Branch of the American Red Cross was held in the high school auditorium, Friday evening, November 30th, 1917. The chairman called the meeting to order and asked for the reports of the chairmen of the working committees. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, the treasurer's report given and the bills of the month read and, after being O. K.'d were ordered paid.

A motion that all supplies be purchased of home merchants as far as possible was made, seconded and carried.

The names of fifteen new members received during the month of November were read.

The meeting was then adjourned.

NOTICE

A meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Patton Fire Company will be held Monday evening, December 10th. There is some special business to be transacted and all members are urgently requested to be present.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL REGISTRANTS FOR MILITARY DUTY

All Registrants for Military Service who may have changed their places of abode and postoffice address should communicate immediately with their local boards where they are registered and furnish their present address in order that the Questionnaires which will begin to be mailed on December Fifteenth (15th) will reach such registrant without delay. Registrants are bound by law to keep themselves advised of all proceedings in respect of them and failure to do so may result in their losing the right to claim exemption or discharge. This refers to all registrants, whether or not they have been exempted or discharged upon any grounds whatsoever. Any person reading this notice who knows of any registrant whose address has been changed, and having reason to believe that such registrant may possibly not know of the Questionnaires, should advise such registrant immediately. Questionnaires to be mailed to every registrant who has not been sent to camp and accepted.

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEN WHO COME UNDER SELECTIVE SERVICE TO ENLIST

Aviation Service Big Factor in the World War. Cambria County Unit Now Being Formed

According to the program outlined by the United States War Department the aviation service, which is a part of the Signal Corps of the United States Army, will form one of the most important factors in winning this world war for democracy and a permanent and world-wide peace. Contracts have been given out for building thousands of airplanes, and to successfully carry out plans and make the work of these airplanes effective, it is necessary to have an enormous man-power to fly these planes and keep them in constant repair.

Very recently the United States War Department sent out a call to the recruiting stations throughout the country that 80,000 men were wanted immediately for the aviation section of the army, alone. Included in this amount, a special call has been sent abroad for 10,000 skilled mechanics, also for this branch of the service. These men are wanted to volunteer their services in a branch of the army service that is both interesting and instructive and which will give them the best opportunity of advancement in the service.

Our Unit in Formation. To raise this amount of men in the quickest possible way, in response to the appeal from the war department there are being organized in each of the counties in the Harrisburg Recruiting District aviation units of 250 men each. There is in process of formation such a unit in Cambria County, which is to be known as the Cambria County Aero Squadron No. 7, and which will be composed exclusively of young men between the ages of 18 and 40 years from this county.

The men who come under the selective service are now given the opportunity of voluntarily enlisting in this aero squadron between now and Dec. 12, providing they act at once. An order issued by the War Department on Saturday gives all the men in the selective quota ages 21 to 31 years, whether they have been called for examination or not the privilege of applying for enlistment in the aero squadron, providing they can get a certificate from the chairman of their local board, stating they are not needed for the deferred quota. This, then, serves as a final appeal to these men, to permit them to enter a branch of the service voluntarily, and enlist in a trade and occupation under the aviation section that would be to their liking.

Flying is Optional. The aviation section does not necessarily mean that the men who enlist in that service will have to be a flyer. That part of the work is up to the

man himself. If he sees fit to take up the flying end of the work he will be permitted to make application to this effect, after he has been in the service a short time. All men for the aviation section are enlisted in one of the 48 trades and occupations that are listed under this particular section of the army service. Men who are skilled in machine work and mechanics of all kinds are the most desirable men wanted in this work.

The men for this branch of the service are picked men, enrolled from the various classes of skilled workers. These men will be given special training after their entrance to the squadron, according to their vocations. They will get actual practice work on airplane motors, trucks, airframe construction, and everything that will be done when the troops are sent across the water for work on the French front.

Mechanics Are Needed. Skilled men in the 48 trades and occupations are in demand, and those men of skill will be doing a very patriotic duty to their country by offering and volunteering their services at this time, when the government needs their services most. These skilled men will be enrolled as non-commissioned officers ranking as sergeants and corporals just as soon as the organization is perfected when the squadron arrives at the aviation training station which in this case will be San Antonio, Texas.

Any man who enlists in the aviation service is enlisted as a private, and after passing the physical examination at the local station in the Nemo building, he is sent to a training station for several weeks, and then forwarded to Texas. The unit as formed in this county will be kept intact throughout the war, and will be a sort of community affair. When the squadron arrives in the field "over there," it will be stationed right up behind the lines, as near to the front as the airbases can be safely taken. The men will be right in the midst of the greatest light the world has ever seen.

The men who can qualify in any of the branches listed below, are eligible for enlistment in the Cambria County Aero Squadron No. 7, which leaves Johnston on Dec. 12 for the training camp in Texas. The trades and occupations under which a man can qualify are as follows: Chauffeurs, auto mechanics, automobile engine repairmen, office clerks, carpenters, radio operators, electricians, instrument repair men, cooks, coppersmiths, armorers, sail makers, photographers, machinists, blacksmiths, motorcycle repair men, stenographers, cabinet mak-

THE RED CROSS STILL IN NEED OF SWEATERS

The following circular letter was received at headquarters this week: November 30, 1917.

Harvey D. Gibson, General Manager of the American Red Cross, authorizes the following statement:

"A great number of inquiries are being received by the Red Cross from women knitters throughout the United States as to whether they should discontinue knitting.

"The Red Cross, therefore, desires to place before the women of this country its conception of the knitting situation. As is well known it is the policy of the Red Cross to supplement, so far as it has the power, the efforts of the Army and Navy in conserving the health and comfort of our soldiers and sailors, either in this country or abroad.

"Sweaters and other knitted articles are designed primarily for warmth. They certainly are not ornamental. Therefore it must follow that when there is an almost universal demand on the part of our soldiers and sailors for sweaters and other knitted articles the demand is a real one. Such articles, therefore, can only be classed as equipment, supplementary though they may be, to that furnished by the Army and Navy. And they undoubtedly constitute equipment that will add greatly to the health and comfort of our men under conditions generally met with.

"The Red Cross knows that the soldiers and sailors want sweaters and other knitted articles. These goods can be obtained from the Red Cross in single garments only upon individual request; or if in bulk, then upon the request of a commanding officer. How great the need is, is best evidenced by the fact that in addition to the hundreds of thousands of knitted articles produced by our Red Cross chapters in the last few months we have been compelled to purchase 650,000 extra sweaters alone to meet the insistent demand made upon us by our men for them. We are sorry that we had to do any purchasing at all because we know how much the soldiers and sailors of this country prefer the sweaters and other articles knitted by the women of this country.

"It may be understood that in addition to the demands of our Army and Navy we have very urgent demands from Commissioners abroad for like articles for destitute civilian populations—men, women and children—who, if not actually homeless are very scantily clad and usually without fuel in this cold weather, to warm their homes.

"It is hoped that this general statement will satisfy the women of this country who have been devoting all their time to knitting for our men. We cannot too strongly urge all women who are now knitting to keep on knitting."

NOTES FROM HEADQUARTERS

Patton Branch—Johnstown Chapter—American Red Cross

November has been a busy month at the Red Cross Headquarters. A large amount of sewing and many knitted articles have been finished. Through the faithful and untiring efforts of the town, splendid results have been achieved. The knitting has been done in the homes as well as at headquarters, and Mrs. Mertens, chairman of that branch of the work has given many hours of her time instructing and aiding beginners. All those who have labored so steadily can feel well repaid in knowing that the exceedingly fine shipment has been made to Johnstown headquarters:

24 Pillow Cases, 25 Hospital Bed Sheets, 175 Hand Towels, 42 pairs of Pajamas, 10 Convalescent Gowns, 12 Night Gowns, 13 pairs of Bed Socks, 22 pairs of Operating Leggings, 4 Wash Cloths, 27 Sweaters, 4 Scarfs, 3 pairs Wristlets, 56 pairs of Socks.

ers, draftsmen, magneto repair men, metal workers, automobile engine testers, rigger riggers, propeller makers, riggers, airplane assemblers, telephone linemen, tool makers, vulcanizers, welders, lithographers, packers, telephone operators, motorcycleists, plumbers, painters, tailors, gas works employes, buglers, moulders, pattern makers, telephone adjusters, barbers, truck masters, brick layers, cobblers, propeller testers, boat builders, saddlers and expert stock keepers.

BALANCE OF FIRST DRAFT QUOTA TO LEAVE VERY SOON

List of Names That Will Complete Quota From This District Published Below

From information received yesterday by the local draft board, it has been learned that the final selection of registered men to fulfil the first National Army Draft quotas, will be sent to their respective training camps within the very near future.

The total of the first quota in this district numbers 208. Of this number 143 have been accepted at Camp Lee, Virginia, leaving a balance of 65 to fill the quota, the names of which, with their alternates, are published below:

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| 275 | James Marsillo, Barneshoro. |
| 487 | Henry Abel, Hastings. |
| 140 | Simon Thomas, Barneshoro. |
| 1441 | Michael Ruis, Van Orman. |
| 1818 | Isadore J. McNulty, Dysart R. D. |
| 382 | Ignacio Trains, Barneshoro. |
| 1354 | John Weld, Glasgow. |
| 452 | Carl Robert Larson, Fallen Timber. |
| 809 | Eddie Kaliss, Dysart. |
| 31 | Edwin Warfield, Ashville. |
| 2034 | Joseph C. Gressley, Kinport. |
| 1791 | Joseph E. Grove, Ashville, R. D. |
| 1032 | M. Ivo Kirsch, Spangler. |
| 1764 | William E. Wetherston Spangler. |
| 1836 | Edwin A. Holtz, Hastings. |
| 2081 | Francisco Palumbi, Kinport. |
| 576 | John Koval, Hastings. |
| 122 | Hassen Salakh, Barneshoro. |
| 814 | Victorio Lavarin, Dean. |
| 1191 | Karl Mitchell, Patton. |
| 1610 | Stephen Kovatsik, Blandburg. |
| 30 | James Maimond, Barneshoro. |
| 168 | Frank Bonjiovanni, Barneshoro. |
| 1942 | Joseph Mazur, Cambria. |
| 657 | Modestus P. Strittmayer, Hastings. |
| 278 | Edward J. Morrissey, Barneshoro. |
| 2111 | Joseph Sartor, Emeigh. |
| 1660 | Charles E. Smith, Patton. |
| 1143 | Raffaele Dicanpolo, Patton. |
| 557 | Peter Kratkovich, Hastings. |
| 781 | William E. Daugherty, Dysart. |
| 1554 | Peter Sama, Blandburg. |
| 1401 | Nick Kosic, Flinton. |
| 880 | Frank Pawlikowski, Hastings. |
| 1776 | George Burgoon, Dysart. |
| 1201 | Thomas A. McQuillen, Patton. |
| 1442 | Samuel Marano, Van Orman. |
| 961 | Charles H. Becker, St. Boniface. |
| 1596 | Percy Beavers, Patton. |
| 1411 | Ray Lithgow, Flinton. |
| 714 | Steve Kardos, Barneshoro. |
| 1291 | Anthony Swovick, Frugality. |
| 71 | William R. Hibbard, Barneshoro. |
| 1510 | Arthur R. Lovell, Blandburg. |
| 2013 | William Consovich, Hastings. |
| 1272 | Tony Mebenick, Frugality. |
| 877 | John Phillips, Jr., Patton. |
| 2006 | Joe Patty, Kinport. |
| 1330 | Frank J. Haus, Fallen Timber. |
| 2044 | Joseph Pirato, Emeigh. |
| 156 | Joseph Anzollito, Barneshoro. |
| 730 | Leon Dayries, Dysart. |
| 1971 | Vito Sisto, Barneshoro. |
| 1183 | Angelo Lapenna, Patton. |
| 396 | George C. Draas, Flinton. |
| 1633 | Joseph Lodge, Jr., Patton. |
| 1824 | George E. Sheridan, Patton. |
| 867 | Rudolph Semelberger, Hastings. |
| 265 | James Marabito, Barneshoro. |
| 1785 | Richard E. Delosier, Dysart. |
| 560 | Andrew Horvath, Hastings. |
| 211 | John Durko, Barneshoro. |
| 1050 | Frank Mazur, Spangler. |
| 1008 | George Duychack, Spangler. |
| 410 | Leonard E. Kutruff, Flinton. |

FAREWELL DANCE

A farewell dance was held in the Municipal Hall, Wednesday, in honor of Sede Farabaugh, Harry Dechamps and James Rains, who enlisted at Johnstown on Tuesday as apprentice seamen. A large crowd attended and at a very late hour, delicious refreshments were served. The three boys left on Thursday afternoon. They were accompanied by David Heist whose intentions are to enlist also.