

Everybody Should Assist in the Great Drive on War Savings Stamps. Are You Doing Your Bit?

ANNUAL RED CROSS MEETING

MUCH GOOD ACCOMPLISHED BY OUR WAREHOUSE CAN BE SEEN BY THE FOLLOWING EXCELLENT REPORT

That the Mount Joy Branch of the American Red Cross has performed a good work during the past year was brought forcibly to the attention of the persons who attended the annual meeting in the High School room on Tuesday evening.

The meeting was opened with the singing of "My Country 'Tis Thee," following which Rev. Thomas Roberts offered prayer. The chairman received the following reports: Monitor's report, Miss Martha Stauffer: 67 bath robes, 136 hospital garments, 137 pajamas, 44 slings, 395 four-tailed bandages, 240 T-bandages, 312 abdominal bandages, 15 three yard gauze rolls, 19 five yard gauze rolls, 14 gauze squares, 9x9, 1,780 compresses, 4x4, 200 compresses, 9x9, 1,325 four inch gauze wipes, 900 folded gauze strips, 6x3, 3,000 gauze sponges, 3,750 compresses, 8x4 1/2, 700 oakum pads, 42 under shirts, 25 underdrawers and 16 pneumonia jackets. Knitting report Mrs. A. K. Manning 156 sweaters, 193 mufflers, 232 wristlets, 122 helmets, 211 pairs socks, 30 wash rags and 2 blankets.

Miss Martin reported a membership of one hundred and ten in the Junior Red Cross. The Juniors assisted in folding 1,530 compresses. The work during the summer was picking oakum for the Red Cross. The Junior boys have been a great help to the Red Cross in distributing posters, circulars and other advertising matter. The Junior Red Cross has adopted a French orphan for one year pledging to pay \$36.50. They are also making garments for French children.

Treasurer's report, Mrs. H. S. Newcomer. The total receipts to October 1, 1918 are \$1,558.55 and expenses \$1,337.45 leaving a balance of \$221.10.

The following articles were sent to the Red Cross in response to appeals for hospital supplies: 56 bath towels, 67 hand towels, 4 sheets, 2 table cloths, 137 handkerchiefs, 1 napkins and 2 washcloths.

Sixty Christmas boxes for our soldiers overseas were inspected and mailed by the Red Cross.

In September 1,025 pounds of old clothing was sent for Belgian relief.

Miss Doty, of the Home Service Section of the Red Cross, visited Lancaster, gave an interesting talk on her work, telling us how to organize a Home Service and what work we can do.

Mr. Henry Stauffer then took the chair for the nomination of officers, with the following result: Chairlady, Mrs. Clarence Schock; Vice Chairlady, Mrs. A. B. Cline; Secretary, Miss Ruth Stoll; Treasurer, Mrs. H. S. Newcomer.

Don't stop knitting. There is a call for one thousand sweaters. Although the fighting has ceased there are many boys still in the hospitals. Mount Joy Red Cross needs you to help make supplies for these boys. We have 50 convalescent robes to be made until January first. Come and help to sew. The rooms are open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

The Inauguration January 21 Senator William C. Sprout will be inaugurated Governor of Pennsylvania on January 21, 1919. Senator Penrose will be at Harrisburg for the inauguration. The visit will set a precedent for the senior Senator, who, since his election to the Senate in 1877, has not attended an inauguration of a Pennsylvania governor.

Discharged from Camp Lee Private Howard S. Haines, of this place, but when he entered the military service a Conestoga Traction Company conductor, returned home from Camp Lee, having been one of 500 men to be discharged and sent home. His old position in the trolley service was open to him and he went on duty on Monday.

Let's Be Up and Doing Unless the people of Lancaster county invest \$900,000 in War Savings Stamps before the end of this month, the county will not reach its quota and will be in a tight time since the war, fall behind in its patriotism.

His Afflictions Are Heavy Elwood Booser, of Elizabethtown, employed at Steelton, had one of his legs amputated in a Harrisburg hospital last week, a month after it was crushed in an accident. Several years ago, in a runaway accident, his wife was instantly killed.

They Were Woven in 1805 Mrs. Harvey Foltz of Elizabethtown has heavy homespun linen table cloths that her mother owned and were never used. The central design represents Robinson Crusoe, his man Friday, his dog and his parrot.

No Red Cross Xmas Seals There will be no Red Cross Christmas seals this year for the anti-tuberculosis work, owing to the many other necessary needs. An appropriation to the tuberculosis work has been made for next year.

Shooting Match On Christmas morning at 7:30 o'clock a big shooting match will be held at the Florin hotel, for a lot of extra fine turkeys. Come and get your New Year's roast. No match in the afternoon.

On His President's Boat The George German boat, owned by the German boat club, will be used for the race on the river.

CALL FOR CROSS MEMBERSHIP

The Great Christmas Roll Call for Red Cross membership will be sounded on Monday, December 16. The drive will last one week and during that time we want to make the slogan for the country reality in Mount Joy, "Every member of every home a member of the Red Cross." Mrs. J. L. Shearer, chairlady, with the following captains of teams will make a house-to-house canvass: Mrs. William Tyndall, Miss Edith Myers, Miss Beatrice Brown, Mrs. N. J. Harmon, Miss Malinda Greiner, Miss May Eshleman, Mrs. Joseph Charles, Miss Edna Martin, Junior Membership, Miss Florence Bartiss, for Saturday; Miss Katherine McCullough, Florin, Miss Florence Barto, Industrial Works; Miss Sallie Ellis, Cotton Mill; Miss Helen Hakecker, Bachman Chocolate Factory; Woodrow Wilson, President American Red Cross, says, "I summon you to the Comradeship."

Slating Seventy Houses Mr. H. K. Nissley of this place and Harrisburg, was given a contract by the United States Government, to slate seventy houses at Aberdeen, Md. He is now busily engaged on this job. Messrs. Henry G. Hoffman and Harry Hornafus of town are with him and Mr. Frank Good will join him this week. Mr. Nissley is short of help and needs more slaters. He pays 75 cents an hour and transportation. Boarding there is \$1.00 per month. He expects the job will last several months.

Killed Two Fine Bucks The local hunters that went to Mount Alto for deer last week were successful in killing two fine bucks, one four-pronged and the other a six-prong. These men composed the party: Messrs. H. G. Longenecker, John Engle, Joseph Charles, Fred Eberhart and Dr. D. G. Longenecker of this place; Eugene Long, of Lititz; Samuel Swarr and Mr. Nolt, of Landisville; Norman Baer, of Salunga, and B. Baer Herr, of Lancaster. The latter two were the successful shots.

Don't Miss It On Saturday, December 21st, 1918, a fine match will be held at the Central House, H. S. Rice, Proprietor, Mount Joy, Pa., for a lot of fine turkeys. Distance, 25 yards; 12 gauge guns and nothing smaller than No. 8 shot may be used. All factory loaded shells which can be purchased at the hotel on day of match. Shoot will be held rain or shine as gunners can shoot in the dry. Come one and all and bring your friends along.

Chocolates For Overseas The Bachman Chocolate Manufacturing Co., of Florida, has sent a large shipment of "Queen Quality chocolates" to the Government, for overseas requirements, and the same day the shipment was made, another contract was given for another large order of the chocolates for overseas requirements, which is to be shipped within the next thirty days.

More "Flu" Victims There is an outbreak of influenza at the Iron Bridge, close to the Rapho township line, and several families are all down with the disease. In this locality heretofore they did not have a case. Rev. Abraham Hess and his family are among the sufferers.

Same Thing Here It will be remembered that some time ago council was confronted by the fact that this town needs more reservoir capacity. Ephrata is wrestling with the same proposition and its council is considering the construction of an additional 2,000,000 gallon reservoir.

Raise Large Porkers Samuel E. Myers, of Newtown, is still holding his record as raising large porkers and this week slaughtered one that dressed nearly 400 pounds. When Grand old one which he did not weigh and says it was as large as Mr. Myers.

Wheat Price Won't Drop The guaranteed price for the 1919 wheat, fixed at \$2.26 a bushel, will stand, even though the Lever act, under which the price was fixed, should become inoperative through conclusion of peace, in the opinion of the Food Administration.

Roads Property Sold On Saturday afternoon Auctioneer C. J. Frank sold the real estate for Louisa K. Rhoads, administratrix of John S. Rhoads, deceased, at Newtown. It was sold to Mr. George C. Riegel for \$450.00.

Was Appointed Carrier Grover C. Winters of Mechanics Grove, was appointed carrier on Route No. 3, Mount Joy and goes on duty on December 9th. Mr. Elam Myers is the substitute carrier on this route.

Adjudications Filed At a session of Orphans' Court held Thursday, Judge Smith filed adjudications in the following estates: John L. Ebersole, East Donegal, \$3,696.36; Jacob E. Witmer, East Donegal, \$42,549.38.

Bought Zipp Homestead Raymond Broome, of Columbia, was the purchaser of the Zipp homestead at Cordelia, when Mrs. George Zipp sold the same to close out the estate of her husband. The property brought \$1,500.

Preached in Lutheran Church The Rev. Morenz in charge of the Jewish Lutheran Mission in the city of Philadelphia preached in Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church on Sunday at 10:45 A. M.

Auxiliary Meeting The regular meeting of the auxiliary of the Mount Joy Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star will be held on Monday, December 16, at 7:30 p. m. at the Mount Joy Chapter.

OUR WEEKLY CARD BASKET

PERSONAL MENTION ABOUT THE MANY COMERS AND GOERS IN THIS LOCALITY

Eli Bentzel spent Saturday at Harrisburg. Benjamin Greenawalt visited at Highspire on Sunday.

Mr. H. C. Brunner was a Saturday visitor to Lancaster. Mr. and Mrs. Enos Rohrer were Saturday guests of friends at Lancaster.

Miss Elizabeth Blyer of Harrisburg, was the guest of Miss Frances Childs.

Mrs. Alexander Kramer and son, Carl, visited at Lancaster on Saturday.

Miss Laura Long, of Mountville, was the guest of William Strickler last week.

Harold Harmon, of Philadelphia, was a week-end guest of his parents in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Weiland and son spent Sunday at Mountville with friends.

Mr. Philip Pyle of the Smoky City spent Saturday and Sunday here calling on friends.

Mr. Andrew Bachman of Malvern, spent Saturday with Mr. Irvin Geist and family.

Mr. Simon Gestwitz and son Alvin, spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. Irvin.

Miss Clara Campbell arrived home on Saturday, from a visit to her father, who she visited with at Harrisburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Kilgore of Lancaster, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Sillers.

Mrs. Amanda Greenleaf visited over the week-end at Lancaster with Mr. and Mrs. George Snydam.

Miss Frances Schellenberger of the St. Joseph Hospital, at Lancaster, visited her father here Sunday.

Mrs. Sara Buffmeyer of Lebanon, was the guest of Mrs. Mamie Cover on Marietta street on Saturday.

Mrs. Chas. Riecksecker, Mrs. Silas Stoner and Miss Frances Beatty were visitors to Lancaster on Saturday.

Mr. Clarence Campbell returned to work at Philadelphia, this week after being in the hospital for some time. Miss Mary and Misses and daughter were visitors to Lancaster on Wednesday.

Miss Reba Webb, of Shippensburg, spent several days here as the guest of Rev. and Mrs. I. A. MacDannald and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Geistwitz and daughter Mildred attended the funeral of Mrs. Fred Kuhn at Elizabethtown on Thursday.

Earl White, who is a U. S. sailor on the Iowa, spent Saturday and Sunday here with his mother, Mrs. Benjamin Metzler.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stark and Mrs. Rebecca Goslin and daughter, Teresa, were week-end guests of relatives at Parkersburg.

Rev. and Mrs. Oscar M. Graybill of Middletown, spent several days with relatives and friends here and at Landisville last week.

Mr. Jacob Walter left for Philadelphia, yesterday where he resumed his duties as a carpenter with the New York Ship Building Company.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hallgren of the Capitol City, spent Sunday here calling on friends. Mr. and Mrs. Heilig and other friends and acquaintances.

Misses Ruth Brubaker and Marie Detweiler and Messrs. Warren Strickler and Alvin Newcomer were Sunday guests at Mountville with Rev. and Mrs. D. E. Long.

Lieutenant John Longenecker, Jr., just east of town, spent Friday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Longenecker, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

THE FIRE COMPANY NOMINATED OFFICERS

The regular monthly meeting of Friendship Fire Company was held on Thursday evening with twenty-two members present. Regular routine matters were attended to which included the payment of a number of bills. As the treasury is almost depleted, the secretary was instructed to ask Borough Council for an appropriation of one hundred dollars to hold the annual banquet on the regular meeting night in January.

The following officers were then nominated and will be elected at the next regular meeting: Pres., Jno. J. Pennell; First Vice Pres., Jno. S. Evans; Second Vice Pres., Jos. Weber; Secretary, H. G. Carpenter; Assistant Secretary, Levi G. Dillinger; Treasurer, First National Bank; Collector, Edwin M. Barto; Trustees, Clayton Hoffman, P. Frank Schock and M. M. Leiby; Delegate to the State convention, Samuel H. Miller; Chief of the Department, C. N. Mumma; Chief Engineer, Samuel H. Miller; Chief Hose Director, C. R. Sherck; Chief Hook and Ladderman, Henry Charles Dillinger.

The funeral of Harry Gable, who died at State College, was held from the home of his parents at Columbia on Thursday.

Samuel Leroy Helm, of Columbia, died at the hospital there on Sunday aged 29 years, death resulting from pneumonia following influenza.

Mrs. Anna Margie Keller, wife of the late Levi Keller, died at Columbia, Friday, from a complication of diseases. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Schweigert of Marietta.

Sherman Smith, a farmer of near Maytown, died Friday night in the General Hospital of pneumonia, following an attack of influenza. He was thirty-nine years old. Alden Smith, of Marietta, is a brother.

Mrs. G. H. Albert The funeral of Mrs. George H. Albert took place from the family residence at Elizabethtown, Monday afternoon at one o'clock and was in charge of Rev. I. N. Seldembridge, pastor of St. Paul's United Brethren church. Interment was made in Risher's Memorial cemetery.

Edna Eleanor May Edna Eleanor May, seventeen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. May, of Penn township, near Manheim, died at the home of her parents, of typhoid pneumonia, September 18th. She had been ill eight days.

Edward Skippel Edward Skippel (colored) infant son of John L. and Frances S. (Baillor) Skippel, died on Wednesday morning about 11 o'clock of pneumonia, following influenza, aged 3 months and 23 days. Funeral services were held at the house on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, private. Interment was made in the Lincoln cemetery.

Ester Schotzberger Ester, the five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schotzberger, died Friday morning at the home of her parents at Elizabethtown, from influenza, followed by pneumonia. Besides her parents the following brothers and sisters survive: Samuel, Paul, Mark, Daisy, Dorothy, Mary and Ruth. Strictly private funeral services were held.

Mrs. Annie Leas Mrs. Annie Marie, wife of James Leas, died at Locust Grove, from pneumonia, following an attack of influenza. She was born in Windsor township, and was forty-one years of age. She was a member of the United Brethren church. Besides her husband, one son Harry and the following brothers and sisters survive: Mrs. Jennie Ziegler, Mrs. Lizzie Hoffmaster, Mrs. Maggie Heffner, P. C. Gable, York and George Gable, Dallastown.

Mr. Harvey D. Sheaffer, of this place, who held a very responsible government position as leather inspector at Savannah, Ga., until the late war, and who has since then been attending an officers' training school at Camp Gordon, Ga., arrived home Thursday "for good" he says.

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Mrs. Emily Hoffer, is ill at this writing.

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Several members of the H. H. Krall family are ill.

Mrs. M. B. Hiestand, who was ill, is recovering.

Mrs. Darvin Pennell is confined to her bed at this writing.

Mrs. Benjamin Horst and daughter Arline are ill at this time.

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Mr. Harry Hoffman is confined to the house the past week, with an attack of influenza.

Rev. H. D. Speakman, rector of St. Luke's Chapel, is quite ill at his home on Frank street.

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING Edgar Hagenberger has been transferred from New York to Camp Dix, N. J.

Miss Miriam Mummert celebrated her eighteenth birthday anniversary on Friday.

Miss Esther Schweigert is teaching in the Third Grade of our schools, as the teacher, Miss Shenk is ill.

Sarah Kieffer, aged 80 years, was cremated at her home near Bowmansville, early Monday morning.

OUR MORTUARY RECORDINGS

MANY WELL KNOWN PEOPLE HAVE PASSED TO THE GREAT BEYOND

Mrs. Agnes Kilgore died at Columbia aged 70 years.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. William Ellis died yesterday.

Mrs. Mary J. Ulrich of this place, is the administratrix of George T. Ulrich.

Scott Shreiner died Sunday at Manheim from influenza aged 19 years.

Rankin Turner, one of Columbia's oldest colored residents, died last Wednesday, aged 80 years.

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AN INTERESTING LETTER FROM OMER KRAMER

The following letter was received by Mr. D. W. Kramer, of this place, from his son in France:

Dear father:— I just received your letter, which is the first one since I have been in France. I certainly was glad to hear from home, as it makes a fellow feel a good bit better. I hope the next thing I get from home will be a good meal and I think it will not be long for the news over here sounds good up to the present time.

We do not have German souvenirs and do not want any. I have told you the front and saw all I wish to see, and do not want to see any more, for I feel as though I have had plenty of war and I am tired of it.

On October 27 I was in a large city over here and had the privilege of viewing one of the cathedrals which was partly destroyed by the Germans. I could not begin to explain the wonderful work of art sculpture, which could still be seen.

It was sort of a shock to hear that the baby died.

I have traveled over a large part of France and hope I will travel over the last of it. Well I must bring this short letter to a close, hoping it finds you all in the best of health, and hope I will land in the U. S. soon after it does. I remain,

Your son, Omer Kramer. Co. I 316 Inf. A. E. F. via N. Y.

THE CHRISTMAS GIFT THAT DOES DOUBLE DUTY

Are you one of those ingrowing patriots who, every time he buys a War Saving Stamp or Liberty Bond has to have a little extra on a pretty girl, a plea from a wounded soldier, a strain of the Star Spangled Banner to get that slip-knot off your purse? Or are you like our boys over there who don't need to be told a second time that a big job's on hand and quickly, quickly, thoroughly goes about and does his mightiest? Here's your chance to make your Christmas gifts do double duty—please the one to whom they're given and help boost our boys abroad. Buy WAR SAVINGS STAMPS from the local post-office, our town carriers or either of these rural delivery carriers. Invest some of your Christmas Savings money in these stamps.

A BIRTHDAY SURPRISE AND BIG DINNER

A birthday surprise was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Wintermyer in this place in honor of Mr. Wintermyer. Those who were present were: Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bradley and family, Elmer Witman and family, of Manheim; Hiram Ruhl and family, of Sporting Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bradley, Jr., of Harrisburg; Roy and daughter Bertha, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Stumpman, Mr. Samuel Goibe and family, Mrs. Geo. Eppley and daughter, of Marietta; Mr. Samuel Zerphy and family, of Salunga; Eugene Hahn, of Salunga, and D. K. Weidman, of Elizabethtown. A very pleasant day was spent and a most enjoyable dinner served.

Old Building Razed

The one-story frame and log building of Mr. Jno. S. Hamaker, on Marietta street, until recently occupied by Mr. Elmer Givens, was razed by the owner. He will convert the site into a lawn. This building originally occupied the site of the Grey Iron Casting Co., and was owned by the late John Mooney. When he decided to erect the large two-story building, which is at present the Grey Iron office, he sold the old building to Samuel Gohn, who took it apart and later re-assembled it on the Marietta street site.

Changed the Location

President H. M. Stauffer called Boro Council into special session last evening for the purpose of recon- sidering the location of the new county recorder's office in the boro. At the last meeting it was ordered placed in front of the First National Bank. Last evening it was ordered placed in the park inside the pavement line and the location was decided upon, between the post office and the residence of Miss Eva Reed. This will place it on Boro property.

Instation Postponed

Donaghy Cannon, rights of Malta, which was to be instituted here on Thursday evening, Dec. 12, has been postponed until Monday evening, Dec. 30 on account of the many cases of influenza which are prevalent in this place and the surrounding community.

Struck With a Shovel

Albert Robinson, 18 years old, employed at the Union quarries, opposite Bainbridge, was badly injured on Monday morning by being struck on the head with a shovel while cleaning coke for the boilers. He was found by fellow employees and taken to the hospital where he is being given temporary relief was rushed to a York hospital.

Arrived in New York

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dyer, of 548 First street, Lancaster, formerly of this place, received a telegram on Thursday stating that their son, Edward K. Dyer, a member of the 224th Aero Squadron, arrived safe in New York. He had been over seas for the past eight months.

Will Move to Lancaster

Mr. Fred Snook, who occupies the Sherk property on North Barbara street, and who has been employed in Stauffer Bros. quarries east of here for some time, will move to Lancaster on Monday.

Away Buying Colts

Mr. Ed. Ream, the extensive local horse and mule dealer, left Sunday for Virginia, where he is buying a carload of colts for a public sale here on Dec. 21.

SATURDAY'S INSTITUTE A SUCCESS

AN ALL DAY SESSION WAS HELD IN THE HIGH SCHOOL ROOM HERE LAST SATURDAY. IMPORTANT QUESTIONS ABLY DISCUSSED

A local institute was held in the High School room here on Saturday and was very largely attended. There were two sessions and excellent programs were rendered.

The morning session opened at 9:30 and was as follows: Music, Institute; Devotional exercises, Rev. Thomas Roberts; President's address, E. U. Amuller; Piano Solo, Elizabeth Engle; Discussion, "Causes and Results of Retardation," Rev. S. B. Landis; Recitation, Mildred Fellenbush; Discussion, "The Progressive School of Today," Anna Engle; Miscellaneous Business; Two Minute Round Table Talks: (a) What is the Rural School Doing for the Farmer and What More Can it Do? Clayton Fry; (b) Hints for Useful Seat Work, Clara Bolster; (c) Use of Abuse of School Material, Anna Ruth Eshleman; (d) How Can We Make Composition More Interesting? Charles Becker.

The afternoon session opened at 1:30 and the following program was rendered: Piano Duet, Misses Elizabeth Greider and Ada Fridly; Discussion, "What Should Determine the Promotion of Pupils?" Katharine McCulloch; Instrumental Solo, Caroline Nissly; Discussion, "Discipline as a Factor in Teaching," G. B. Kunkle; Vocal Duet, Mildred Fellenbush and Emily Newcomer; Recitation, May Dulchob; Violin Solo, John Rollman; Address, Charles A. Greider; Vocal Solo, Katharine Kuhn; Address, Dr. Daniel Fleisher.

The districts included in the above institute are Mount Joy Boro, Mount Joy Township, West Donegal Township, Elizabethtown Boro and part of Rapho Township. Nearly all the teachers and many of the directors in these districts were in attendance and the institute was a big success.

MENNONITES WIN WAR DUTY FIGHT

A MEMBER OF THIS FAITH HAS BIG SENTENCE REMITTED AND HE IS RELEASED FROM CONFINEMENT

It will be remembered that during the recent draft quite a number of Mennonites from Lancaster County, especially Lancaster County, were sent to Camp Meade. Nearly all of them refused to lay aside their garb and don Uncle Sam's military uniform. They brought about much controversy between the authorities and the Mennonites. Following is the result of one of these orders and may give an idea of the reasons:

Camp Meade, Md., Dec. 7.—Because the War Department has established as a policy that no selected Mennonite be forced under military order to wear the uniform of the army, either before or after his assignment to non-combatant service, Private Samuel V. Barkdoll, of Harrisburg, and a member of the auxiliary remount depot will not appear in the next twenty-five years at hard labor in the disciplinary barracks at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The question of remission is one of the tenets of the Mennonite faith and for this reason the War Department has formulated this policy