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TEAMS READY FOR RED CROSS DRIVE

EIGHTEEN COMMITTEES TO COVER DISTRICT WITHIN THE ONTARIO CHAPTER'S JURISDICTION.

GET YOUR SERVICE FLAG

Everyone Urged to Join for 1918 Campaign—1500 for Snake River District is Goal Set by Campaign Manager, A. L. Cockrum.

Ready for the signal that will start them on their way, the members of eighteen committees working under the direction of Campaign Manager A. L. Cockrum will start the Red Cross Christmas drive next Monday morning.

Before Christmas eve has arrived Mr. Cockrum expects to have listed 1500 Red Cross members in Eastern Malheur County within the territory covered by Ontario chapter.

Nyssa will organize the work in that section under the direction of Dr. J. J. Sarasin and Mrs. Frank Hill. Gay Johnson is to have charge of the work in the Big Bend while V. V. Hickox and Mrs. Fred Xorgan will direct the committee in the Kingman Colony campaign.

"Make it a Red Cross Christmas" and "Every Man and Woman a Red Cross Member" are the combined slogans that will spur the workers. With the teams in the lower end mentioned above the following teams will cover the districts.

Team No. 1. Mrs. R. Sage, Miss M. Dunbar and Mrs. Piser. Work from East city limits to river.

Team No. 2. Mrs. McWilliams, Mrs. Frank Draper, Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. J. A. Lackey. Commencing at railroad, work least to city limits.

Team No. 3. Mrs. Chas. Johnson, Mrs. Dunn and Mrs. Will Reese. Work Valley View School District.

Team No. 4. Mrs. C. U. Stover, and Mrs. Herb Stewart. Work the Grange as far North as J. Weaver's.

Team No. 5. Mrs. McGill and Mrs. Frank Hardman. Work North Valley View District to rail road track.

Team No. 6. Mrs. John Weaver, Mrs. W. W. Howard, Miss Gordon and Mrs. Keefe. Work North of road running east and west by J. Weaver's.

Team No. 7. Mrs. Chas. Thompson and Mrs. McCarty.

Team No. 8. Miss Pansy Mallett and Mrs. Huffman. Work White settlement.

Team No. 9. R. W. Swagler. Work Dead Ox Flat.

Team No. 10. Mrs. Homan and Mrs. Portier. Work east of Virtue to railroad north of California Ave.

Team No. 11. Mrs. J. R. Blackaby, Mrs. Joe Staples and Mrs. Len Christensen. Work Virtue street west to Grames' north to Colorado Ave.

Team No. 12. Mrs. Cockrum and Mrs. Weese. Work north of California Ave. to Washington street, to west railroad.

Team No. 13. Mrs. Fraser, adn Mrs. Chambers. Work Washington Ave. North to old city limits.

Team No. 14. Mrs. McIndree, Mrs. Glenn, Mrs. Billingsley and Mrs. Wood. Work west of King street from Washington North to old city limits Illinois street.

Team No. 15. Mrs. Van Petten, Mrs. McCoy and Mrs. Pinney. Work Riverside.

WOMEN SHOW GREAT DEMAND FOR SEALS

When Mrs. W. W. Letson and Mrs. O. Drane, who had charge of the sale of Christmas Red Cross Seals completed their work last week they knew for a certainty that Ontario is in the Christmas mood and ready and willing to aid the great anti-tuberculosis fight. In just a few hours they sold all the seals they had, had orders for more and the field was not blanketed at that.

More than twice the number of seals were sold this year that were sold last and before Christmas it is certain that the record will be surpassed. If you were missed before the supply was exhausted be sure to get some of the new stock received and placed on sale at W. W. Letson's jewelry store.

STATE LIBRARIAN IS URGING FOOD SAVING

Miss Cornelia Marvin, state librarian met with the local library board Tuesday evening at a meeting to which Superintendent H. A. Douglass and Miss Leona Rader of the Domestic Science Department were present. Plans were formulated for a food conservation campaign whereby the library will carry material to aid the housekeepers and the schools and newspapers assist in the work.

DOLL'S HOUSE COMING TO DREAMLAND MONDAY

Henrik Ibsen's "A Doll's House" will supply an intensely emotional hour for devotees of the screen at the Dreamland theatre on Monday, Dec. 17, when Dorothy Phillips will interpret the role of Nora Helmer, made famous upon the stage by Mrs. Fiske, Nazimova, Eleanor Duse and many other favorite stars of the drama. Mary Shaw, in "Ghosts," has led the Ibsen movement consistently through seasons past, and despite the vogue of this great author it has remained for Bluebird Photoplays, Inc., to bring "A Doll's House," the greatest of Ibsen's work, for the first time to the screen.

BOXES TO BE SENT BOYS STILL IN THE STATES

A meeting of the Honor Guard Girls will be held at the Library this evening for the purpose of completing the boxes to be sent the Ontario soldiers who are still in America. Those who have material to be placed in the boxes are urged to have them at the Library in time for the meeting.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS NOTES

The knitted suits which the Domestic Art class is making for the boys at the front are almost finished. There will be about twenty or twenty-five suits out this week. The teachers and pupils of this high school contributed the money for the yarn.

Homer Maddux, Ed Fraser and Harry Neece have returned from the Older Boys Conference held at La Grande.

The high school students and pupils of the seventh and eighth grades enjoyed a treat last Friday morning when Sergeant Wells talked to them of his many interesting experiences at the front. After the talk Sergeant Wells inspected the Cadet Company and the trenches which they are constructing on the school grounds. He also gave the corps a few points on bayonet fighting.

LOST—By the Ontario High School a basket ball ball. Finder please return to said school and be rewarded by seeing some good basket ball games when the teams get in condition.

Ontario High School's spirit of patriotism was well shown Friday night at the picture show given for the benefit of the Red Cross. A chorus of high school students under the direction of Miss Benge sang several selections. Those taking part were: Viola Husted, Mary Messer, Gladys Emison, Delia Hill, Erma Von Readon, Myrl Bingham, Mary Bervin, Helen Blom, Claude Christiansen, Darrell Howser, Thel Lambkin, Wendell Holland, Bernard Rader, Paul McCulloch and Dwight Cox.

The girls interested in basket ball met in Mr. Hies' room Thursday evening. The managers and captains of the class teams were elected and a practice schedule was made out. The problem of securing a hall in which to practice is one that must be settled in the near future.

E. Kimball who has for some time been connected with the United States land office at Vale passed thru Ontario Sunday evening enroute for Vancouver Barracks in order that he might there offer his services to Uncle Sam's bunch of "Dutch Cleansers."

Mayor Proclaims Red Cross Week

WHEREAS the American Red Cross, through its President, Honorable Woodrow Wilson, its Chairman, Honorable William H. Taft, and the Chairman of its War Council, Honorable H. P. Davison, has called upon all loyal and patriotic citizens of the United States to affiliate with said organization by taking membership therein, and WHEREAS the week of December 17-24 has been designated by the aforesaid as the time for membership affiliation, and WHEREAS the State of Oregon has been assigned the quota of 249,000 members, being 39 per cent of its estimated population, and WHEREAS to fulfill its quota it is necessary for every man and woman in Oregon to join the American Red Cross, THEREFORE, I W. F. Homan, Mayor of Ontario, Oregon, do hereby PROCLAIM to all citizens of the City of Ontario, Oregon, that it is a patriotic duty incumbent upon each and all of them to affiliate with the American Red Cross during the aforesaid week of December 17-24, to the end that the City of Ontario and the State of Oregon may sustain our beloved nation and the American Red Cross to the full extent required. Every man and woman in Ontario must become a member of the American Red Cross during the week named to fulfill this patriotic obligation.

This proclamation by me issued on December 12, 1917.

Attest: C. M. Stearns, City Recorder W. F. Homan, Mayor.

WATER COMPANY SAYS WATER IS HEALTHFUL

Indicates Its Belief That Faucets are to Blame for Impurities—Recommends Notion to Chlorinize.

The Ontario Water Company will not attempt to purify its water supply. Its claims that the samples which its employees have taken, while they show traces of impurities are not sufficiently bad to require purification.

In a letter to the Public Service Commission of Oregon the company gives the results of the tests of samples which its officials secured. These results do not square by a wide margin with the results obtained from samples taken by the city health officer, Dr. H. H. Whitney, or by Dr. W. J. Yoese or by Dr. R. E. L. Holt, secretary of the State board of health, or by Louis C. Kelsey. The difference is decidedly marked, and new samples from all over the city are being taken.

In giving the results of its own tests the company officials declared that since these tests showed so slight a trace of colon bacilli and gas forming bacilli that they would not install chlorine plants at this time.

SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE STUDYING NEWSPAPERS

Seventh Grade Pupils Combine Work in "Current Events" With That of Writing Use Press as Medium

To keep directly in touch with what is happening in the world the pupils of the Seventh Grade room at the Grammar School taught by Mrs. Lucy Fox are studying newspapers.

They are not only reading the papers to learn what is happening, but they are comparing the newspapers to learn from them the different ways in which editors write the news and interpret it.

They are studying the ads to see how the merchants tell prospective customers what they have to offer, and that is not all they are writing stories and editorials for themselves as part of their language study.

The Argus this week is printing in another column the best story of Thanksgiving written by a pupil in the class and from time to time is going to let the readers of the Argus know just what the pupils are doing and of what they are thinking by presenting their best offerings.

John Rasmussen returned Friday from Montpelier where he was called by the death of his father-in-law, Mr. Stalley, who was one of the oldest locomotive engineers in the O. S. L. service. Mrs. Rasmussen and children remained over for several days.

MERCHANTS DISCUSS WAR TIME PROBLEMS

Vale Men Come to Discuss "Cash and Carry Home" Plan of Food Administrator

Ontario and Vale retail grocers and meat men met in Ontario Tuesday evening for the purpose of discussing Food Administrator R. F. Bicknell's "Cash and Carry Home" program.

The meeting was interesting and demonstrated a marked difference of opinion between some of the merchants. It is said that the members were about equally divided on the plan. While all wanted to meet the Administrator's request some of the merchants want to install a single delivery per day plan.

Mr. Bicknell's plan is to have no deliver unless paid for by the customer. The idea is to make a flat charge of five cents for each delivery, be it an order of \$50 worth of groceries or a cake of yeast. The object of course is to cut out the demand for more needed service.

Individually a large number of the local firms have written Mr. Bicknell declaring their intention of adoption of the "Cash and Carry Home Plan." It is proposed to follow the government's request and do this on January 1.

Two plans are offered to avoid confusion and unnecessary work so that men may be relieved for government work: One is to give the grocery and meat man a check on the first of each month for the approximate amount of the month's purchases; the other is to give a thirty day note for that sum. Ontario merchants discussing the problem apparently favor the cash plan.

The meeting here brot no agreement so Messrs. E. A. Fraser and H. C. Boyer and Frank Itader went to Boise Thursday to discuss the situation with Mr. Bicknell. Ray A. Wilson attended the recent meetings in Boise and reported to the local merchants Mr. Bicknell's plan.

Armenian-Syrian Relief

The Committee appointed to make the Christmas stockings in which all will make their offerings on Christmas eve for the destitute Armenians and Syrians sent out an appeal for material. Cretonne or other cotton stuff of bright colors whether used or new is desired. Please send either Saturday or Monday to Mrs. H. H. Whitney or to City Hall Red Cross.

RED CROSS TREASURY GREATLY ENRICHED BY BENEFIT PROGRAM

By more than \$100 the treasury of the Red Cross was enriched by the Theatre Benefit at Dreamland last Friday evening. The program of pictures and musical number was enjoyed by the audience. The Kingman Colony orchestra came from the lower end of the district to take part and added to its list of friends. The High School chorus, Myers, Smith and Conway also made a hit as usual. Red Cross costumes worn by the attendant lent a picturesque touch to the program.

RANCHER FOUND DEAD AT HOME WEST OF ONTARIO

William M. House, aged 38, was found dead at the house in which he was staying several miles west of the city on Sunday. When he died it was not known but presumably not long prior to the discovery of the body. Death being due to natural causes no inquest was necessary.

Mr. House was born in Clay county Kentucky, October 6, 1879 and came to Oregon in 1907 from Kansas where he was married in 1904. He is survived by a daughter, two sons, father, four brothers and three sisters who live near Arcadia. Funeral services were held Wednesday from the Baptist church Rev. C. H. Blom officiating. Interment was made in the Ontario cemetery.

GIVE TO SUFFERING IS CHRISTMAS PLAN

Committee on Municipal Christmas Reverses the Usual Program—Instead of Receiving, Everyone May Give

The committee which is arranging the municipal Christmas tree at a meeting Monday evening decided to make the collection to be taken a fund for the relief of the Armenian and Syrian children who are starving.

Rev. Herbert H. Livingston one of the committee expressed the committee's idea of the kind of Christmas spirit Ontario would express at the tree in the following:

Do you want to be Santa Claus at the Municipal Christmas Tree on Christmas Eve? You can. The president of the United States has requested you to serve in that capacity.

You are called upon to put on the Christmas Spirit and bring Christmas cheer to the four hundred thousand War orphans of Syria and Armenia. They don't want candy or knick-knacks they want bread.

Two million five hundred thousand Armenians and Syrians are destitute, thousands starving each day, because of the devastations and persecutions of the German-Turkish army in western Asia.

There are four hundred thousand orphans. Their parents have been murdered. Their homes destroyed. They have been driven from their native towns and provinces. They are homeless, foodless, helpless.

The work being carried on by the American Committee of Armenian and Syrian Relief has been indorsed by President Wilson, by act of Congress and by the leading men of the Allied Nations.

The people of Ontario are asked to make their Christmas gifts to this great cause.

In connection with the Municipal Christmas Tree gifts of money are to be made for the relief of the War sufferers of these lands.

Every man and woman, every girl and boy is appealed to to play Santa Claus to the hungry orphans of Syria and Armenia.

NIGHT-POLICE GOES TO FIGHT FOR DEMOCRACY

Night Policeman James Conway who has guarded the peace and welfare of the citizens of Ontario has gone to fight for democracy. Mr. Conway left Ontario Tuesday evening and will probably seek service in the Marine, he having had previous military experience as a member of the Portland Naval Reserves. Ontario will miss Jim for his tenor voice and the pleasing manner in which he sang popular songs always made a hit with local audiences.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the many kindnesses and sympathy shown us by friends and neighbors in our sorrow for the death of our beloved husband and father, Seth E. A. Leavitt. Mrs. S. E. A. LEAVITT and family

REQUEST CONGRESS FOR FINANCIAL AID

DIRECTORS OF WARMSPRINGS IRRIGATION DISTRICT TAKE ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUEST OF LANDOWNERS

BIGG AND MALLET CHOSEN

Committee Given Until Adjournment of Congress to Secure Government Money—Private Offer Was Pending

At a meeting of the directors of the Warm Springs Irrigation District at Vale Tuesday a resolution was passed endorsing the request of the meeting of landowners for government aid for the project. Judge Dalton Bigg and C. W. Mallett were named as the committee to present the request to the government officials and Congress. It is believed that these men will accept the appointment.

The directors went further. They declared that they would give the committee until the adjournment of Congress to secure the appropriation. This action was taken after a long discussion of the situation with W. E. Lees, R. E. Dearmond, representing the landowners.

It developed during the discussion that the late John Rigby, when secretary of the board had negotiated with a bond banker for the sale of the bonds and that a private offer to deposit \$100,000 as an earnest of good faith had been made. However the board did not consider itself bound to this offer, which had been entirely informal, so decided in favor of government aid.

Those who favored government aid declared that if the present congress refuses to aid the project that they would unite with those who disagree with them and further every effort to make a favorable sale of the bonds to private capitalists.

PENDLETON SEES HOW ONTARIO TEAM WORKS

Knights of Columbus Initiators Demonstrate Ability at the Round Up City-Work on 38 Candidates

Seven tired, sleepy, but otherwise responsible citizens returned to Ontario Monday noon from Pendleton. They were members of the degree team of the Knights of Columbus and they had spent Sunday in the Umatilla capital for the purpose of demonstrating to the gathering of Eastern Oregon Knights how to put on the third degree.

Judging by the fact that H. H. Tunny, one of the members was unable to more than "tend to business" Tuesday and Wednesday, the visitors did not do all the showing. However even Mr. Tunny reported a good time the admitting that 38 is a large class to initiate at one session. The members who made the trip, head by Leading Knight, P. J. Gallagher, were: E. D. McCoy, C. C. DeFre, James G. Smith, James Conway, a Harry Rotebanner.

SUPERINDUCED BY WORRY APOPLEXY CAUSES DEATH

Miss Martha Elizabeth Brutigan, aged 42, who for several years has been house keeper for her cousin, G. V. Pontius on the Boulevard died of apoplexy last Friday. The stroke is believed to have been hastened thru worry over the fact that she had eaten some corn, which when she found it decaying, she fed to some chickens with the result that 25 out of 42 are said to have died. Funeral services were held at the direction of Rev. Earl Hanna and Mr. Pontius took the body back to Kansas for interment.

Barley Wilson of Portland spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson before leaving to enlist in the heavy artillery department of Uncle Sam's army.