

RED CROSS ACTIVITIES REPORTED

At the annual meeting of the Red Cross chapter, held Tuesday in connection with the weekly luncheon forum of the chamber of commerce, officers were named for the ensuing year as follows: H. E. Baker, chairman; Rev. Schuyler Pratt, vice chairman; Harold Hershner, treasurer; Mrs. J. W. Ingalls, secretary; Mrs. A. K. Stranahan, Leslie Butler, H. G. Hall, Mrs. E. S. Boyd, Dr. J. W. Sifton, board of directors.

Miss Dena Weaver, county health nurse, whose work is maintained partly by the Red Cross chapter and partly by the county, reported that her department had been very active the past year in conducting a campaign for the elimination of communicable diseases in the schools. Hot lunches, too, have been extended, and plans call for more thorough dental work among school children.

The annual report of Mrs. Ingalls on activities of the Red Cross for last year was as follows: "During the past year Hood River chapter, American Red Cross, has held 13 board meetings beside their annual election, and one joint meeting with the County Health Association. "Ever since the beginning of public health work in the county the Red Cross has kept and maintained a car for the use of the nurse, and has contributed a material share of her monthly salary from their funds collected each year during the membership drive.

"Many emergency calls for medical attention, and sick room supplies for cases where there is no money and immediate relief must be supplied, are taken care of by the Red Cross chapter. "Fewer cases of ex-service men and their families in need of help have been brought to the attention of this chapter the past year than any year since the close of the war. "Our records now show that itinerant families that come to work during the fruit harvests make up the greater number of those who apply to the Red Cross for aid. Many of these are in need of food, and are taken care of as soon as their plight becomes known. One instance: A family of ten people was found huddled in the doorway of one of the Apple Growers Association warehouses, hungry and penniless. They were all fed and made comfortable from the small baby to the grandmother, and provided with sufficient money to take them where they expected to find employment. Evidently they were successful for they returned the money that the Red Cross had used for them in their time of need. Another family numbering seven, and yet many others have been helped in the same manner.

"There is seldom a week goes by in which the Red Cross is not called upon from one time to many, to render service to more or less worthy unfortunate who have fallen by the wayside. "Thanksgiving week, the car that is sent out by the National Red Cross to demonstrate first aid and life saving, made a visit to Hood River. This car travels constantly and has visited every town and community in the United States where there is a Red Cross chapter which can be reached by the railroad, at least once. These demonstrations and lectures were most helpful, practical, and easily comprehended. This visit will not probably be repeated soon, as they have but one car and it takes ten years to make the rounds. "Three seasons ago the local Red Cross began a work for which there seemed a very great need. For years there has seldom a summer gone by during which the dangerous, uncontrolled Columbia river sloughs have not claimed one or more of our young boys or girls who heard and obeyed the call of the water. Each year the number increased until it became a public demand that something be done to protect the lives of our young people who desired to learn to swim. Co-operating with J. H. Koberg, who gave the free use of his beach for this purpose, a Red Cross life guard and swimming instructor was engaged and the Red Cross paid his salary for one week. During this week the beach was free and anyone wishing to learn to swim was entitled to his services without charge. School District No. 3 helped very materially by sending us their playground director, who taught the younger children how to swim. During that season 14 juniors, which means children from 12 to 17 years of age, passed the life-saving tests and received their certificates and emblems. In addition to these many others learned to swim who did not take the examinations. "This initial effort was so well received that in 1925 we paid for two weeks' free instruction, giving this two days each week during the entire swimming season. That summer 13

Juniors and 11 seniors earned certificates. Last season the same plan was again followed, and we had 9 seniors and 11 juniors.

"Last summer the seniors organized a life saving corps with 17 members when the season closed. To earn a senior certificate one has to make very hard to pass the strenuous tests in the water that are required. When they have qualified they are exactly what the name indicates, life savers, and are fully competent to rescue a drowning person, and to apply resuscitation methods if necessary. With a life saving corps of 17 members, some of whom are almost always on hand, and from one to three life guards constant from one to three life guards constant on the beach, we feel that much has been done to make swimming safe for our young people. The Red Cross has had splendid cooperation in this work from Mr. Koberg, the owner of the beach, from the school board of District No. 3, from the Boy Scout masters, and from the people in all parts of the community who have seemingly appreciated our efforts in this line. "A Junior Red Cross was recently organized in the Barrett school and the young members are quite enthusiastic. At Christmas time they made several pounds of candy and sent it to the Veterans' hospital in Portland as an addition to their Christmas dinner. "The Red Cross board greatly appreciates the help they receive from the American Legion who so ably assist in the investigation of cases of ex-service men and their families. Last November they took over the work of the membership drive, and were very successful in their efforts to raise the money which is so necessary if the work of the Red Cross is to continue. "It is not always understood that a Red Cross chapter is a branch of the national organization, and has to follow the rules and regulations that are given them with their charter. Their first duty is to the ex-service men. Then they must be ready for service when calamities befall, and emergencies arise. They carry on a valuable educational work through the First Aid and Life Saving classes, and the Junior Red Cross. It is the purpose of the American Red Cross to be ready at all times to render service to humanity. "Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Ingalls, Miss Weaver, Miss Norma Young, secretary of the Red Cross life saving corps, and Miss Dorothy Hull, member of the life saving corps, were present for the meeting.

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HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

With laughter from start to finish, a comedy from beginning to end, does the three-act play, "Brown's in Town," knot into tangles and then unravel itself and end with a fitting climax. The Gilded Dagger, the high school dramatic club, is giving the play February 25, directed by Jesse Manley, coach. The play was written by Mark E. Swan and is to be acted by: Bernard Carlos taking the part of Dick Preston, the son; Tommy Johnson as Abel Preston, the father; Wayne Mendenhall as Arthur Howard, a dentist; Kelly Sloan as Worth Curlew, a gentleman of leisure; Ellis Cummins as Pollock, the gardener; Agnes Emmel as Suzanne Dacre, who knew a thing or two; Dorothy Hull as Letty, Dick's wife; Eleanor Dene as a German help; and Primrose, a "coloured lady" with a reputation, taken by Myrtle Anderson. C. H.

Having finished the study of public speaking and grammatical construction which makes up the English work for the first semester, the senior English students are now turning their attention to the study of literature. The text for study will be volume IV of "Literature and Life." Volumes I, II and III of the same works are also being used in the high school by the under classes. L. H.

The high school basketball team broke even on the games played over the week end, losing to Bend 42-18 and winning from Madras 20-17. The game with Bend Friday night, as the score indicates, was a lopsided affair after the first half. The blue and white seemed to be unable to get going and lacked the driving offense which has been noticed in the games before. The first half was a pretty even affair, the score being 9-11 in favor of Bend. The third quarter was a hard fought affair but Bend still had a slight lead when the final quarter started. At this stage of the game the blue and white lost their team-work and organization which allowed Bend to roll up a big score. The game Saturday night with Madras was much faster and the Hood River hoopers showed much more fight. The score at half time was 16-9 in favor of Madras. During the second half Madras was able to score only one point, that being a foul while Hood River started an offensive drive which registered 11 points. This time was exceptionally rough, 17 personal fouls being called.

Miller was high point man with 9 points.—L. McC.

"The Scholastic Editor," a magazine published at the University of Minnesota this year, but formerly put out by the University of Wisconsin, is a magazine which is a help to the news writing classes of all the high schools in the United States. Hood River high school is now a member of the high school press association. The news is not sent from school to school by wire or telephone but it is sent to the different schools through the "Scholastic Editor."—M. M.

Many of the seniors who had high hopes of graduating in the class of '27 were disappointed when they received their report cards last Monday and found that they had received U in some subjects.—M. M.

Junior High Notes (Mildred Torrison)

Everyone went home Friday evening feeling sad to think that it was the last time Mrs. Bessie Murphy would teach in Hood River. Mrs. Murphy left for Newport this week. Room 3, her roll room, presented her with a gold signet ring. Room 1 gave her a small cedar chest filled with candy and she was given a photograph album by Room 4. Miss Frances Sharp, who is taking Mrs. Murphy's place, began Monday. The new semester began Monday, January 24. Report cards were given out Wednesday.

WHILE JUPE SLEPT

It has been an old-fashioned winter week, this past one, and mid-Columbia folk have had their blood thickened by below zero temperatures. Householders have dug up mufflers that had been lost since the cold weather of the winter of 1924-25. Some of the members of the fair sex have continued in style, wearing those flapping galoshes. This useless specimen of footwear, however, when the thermometers registered below zero and an east wind was searching out the thinnest spots of silk stockings, looked anything but comfortable. Some have reported that some of the male species have been seen wearing flapping arctic.

Never in the history of the mid-Columbia have road conditions been more ideal for sleighing and yet not a single cutter has been seen on local streets. Oldtimers haven't felt that the snowstorm was real. Perhaps the absence of sleigh bells accounts for this feeling. And the younger generation, what a treat they have missed, not having had the opportunity for an old-fashioned bobbed party! Just after the noon hour last Monday groups of men may have been seen holding out their arms and apparently looking at something on overcoat sleeves. Sometimes they looked like a group of monkeys searching for fleas. Instead, however, they were looking at beautiful snow crystals. For 15 minutes here in Hood River it snowed stars. Every snowflake was a perfect six-pointed star, and business folk came forth to behold the phenomenon. Nearly everybody in town seems to have been unanimous in waiting for a chinook wind to clear the sidewalks. That lecture from the Tuesday forum of the chamber of commerce not long ago seems to have been forgotten, or ignored.

Irene Franklin made fame in the song, "Gee, I wish my Pa was a janitor man." Irene would have had an exceedingly grouchy Pa here in Hood River the past week. The life of a janitor was anything but a bed of roses. Like the six hundred at Balaklava, he was beset from front, side, rear and rear. "More heat, more heat," was the cry. And then drain pipes didn't function as the temperature climbed. The Rialto might make a hit by presenting the city's janitors in a play. "Thank God for the sweet wind." The snow Sunday spoiled the skating party for hundreds. The big round slough of the Columbia just north of the city was frozen just right, when the old woman of the skies started to picking her goose and messed it all up. J. H. Fredrick says that game birds of Hood River valley have fared well, despite the deep snow and low temperature of the past week. The Hood River County Game Protective Association, cooperating with the state game association and through aid of ranchers, has distributed grain in the Frankton, Belmont, Oak Grove and Pine Grove districts. Frank Masee last Thursday expressed the fear that the great variation in temperature might cause damage from cracked apple tree bark. The experiment station, however, says it will be weeks before any damage will be apparent, if any were caused. It is not believed the cold weather, because of the dormancy of trees, resulted in any injury. Houses had to be kept warm, and as a result many fuel piles had to be replenished last week. Scores of householders have made friends with the birds during the recent cold weather. Stomachs full of bread and meat scraps, the feathered population might have been singing its thanks. Andy Anderson Going to Portland. Andy Anderson will go to Portland today to represent the Crat Rats at a meeting called there by the Portland Advertising club to discuss ways and means of making winter sports on Mount Hood safe. The meeting was called at the instance of W. P. Merry, president of the club, and L. A. Nelson, an authority on mountaineering. Representatives from all Portland recreational and civic clubs will participate in the meeting. House Raided, Man Flees. Sheriff Edick and deputies, raiding a ranch home on the West Side occupied by A. Roundy Monday night, discovered a small still and two barrels of mash in a secret compartment. Roundy, however, made his get away, leaving his wife and 54-year old twin daughters to face the officers. Don't overlook your opportunity to buy fruit cake at a reduced price. This week only. Hood River Baking Co.

DR. TALBOT TELLS OF THE NEAR EAST

"After the children finished their meal in the Near East Relief orphanage," said Dr. B. Guy Talbot, of Pasadena, Calif., speaking before the 80 people of all Hood River churches who braved the cold last Friday night to gather at Asbury M. E. church for the Golden Rule dinner. Bean soup, cocoa and soda crackers represented for them the nourishing food served in the orphanage. The meal for the Ministerial association. "Marie Yakobson cares in the 'Birds' Nest' orphanage for many of the 2,000 orphans under six years of age who are still in the Near East," said Dr. Talbot. "The Relief is saving the children for the faiths of their fathers, whether Armenian, Georgian, Syrian, Roman Catholic, or Greek Orthodox, by the help of the priests of their own people. All receive religious instruction. The one place in Russia where religion is permitted to be taught is in the orphanage near Mt. Ararat. "The cry coming from Macedonia today is for physical sustenance. In half a million miles of travel around the world in the last dozen years I have never elsewhere seen such squalor, such misery, such diseases and starvation-racked little bodies as in that field. "Greece has spent more for refugee relief since the battle Smyrna than for all government purposes combined. America has contributed the cost of two battleships, and with it has saved the lives of 2,000,000 people. She saved 1,000 girls from physical and moral slavery. "Greece has absorbed a million refugees into her national life. Sixty-seven of them have found places in the Greek national assembly. There are still 40,000 widows and 80,000 orphans in Greek refugee camps. The men are retained by the Turks for labor, perhaps for death. Children fight with dogs and pigs for scraps of food to save their lives. "The thousand children have been graduated from the camps to take their places in the world. Besides the American Relief Fund, there is an English Children's Relief Fund; no other agency is at work from all the world. "Twenty-three American have given their lives in relief work. From the penitentiary in Salt Lake City came a letter enclosing \$3. 'Let him that stole, steal no more,' I thought. 'I struck with his hands that he may have to give to him that hath not.' I stopped to see the writer, and addressed the men in the prison. They signed cards to give from their earnings to the prison treasurer. One signed for 'My balance'; another for 'All I have'. "Three months ago tomorrow the most devastating earthquake in history ravaged the traditional site of the Garden of Eden, where our refugees are maintained. At that 7,000-foot altitude on the slopes of Mt. Ararat, the ancient home of the Armenian people, it was 52° below zero when I was there in the summer. 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