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CROSS TO SPEED KNITTING

Red Cross in Calls for 1,500,000 Sweaters, Wristlets and Pairs of Socks.

Officials of the American Red Cross have been urged to speed knitting in the form of an appeal from Major Grayson Murdock, Cross Commissioner of the state, pleading for 1,500,000 articles composing sweaters, wristlets and socks. The work is now in turn calling all chapters in the state for the production of articles.

The need will exist for these articles among the soldiers even before they can be prepared. Assistance is made for a woman in America who is asked to get busy knitting needles at her own home as early as possible.

From headquarters it must not be any case the work of producing dressings and hospital articles which is now in progress in the local branch. This work is now in progress in the new knitting or sewing societies in order to be accomplished in advance of the work already being done.

Who have not yet offered their services should understand their services at that time will be greatly appreciated.

Who are willing to knit will call upon Mrs. J. M. Williams for instructions and other items for their work which they can soon be supplied with sweaters, muffs, and socks as well as other articles.

Million pounds of knitting material will be knitted by American women to protect our soldiers and sailors from the cold this winter, has been announced by the Red Cross. It is to be distributed to the warehouses and sold to the chapters throughout the state. The proceeds to be turned back into the treasury of the Red Cross and made available for other work. Three mills are now engaged in this work. It will furnish for 1,300,000 sweaters, 1,000,000 pairs of woolen socks, 8,000,000 wristlets. These sweaters and socks will be worth \$100,000,000 each at retail and the articles are proportionately valuable.

This material when made into finished shape will, at 50 cents, represent \$50,000,000 value and \$100,000,000 value in the time and effort of the above state women will please understand that they are not working for the fun of it or simply as another method of working off their surplus patriotism. It is an intensely practical work, and one that will count tremendously on the right side of the war against Autocracy and the Kaiser. Call and get your outfit and instructions at once.

RED CROSS WORK

Urgent Need of More Workers. Every Woman Should "Do Her Bit"

A number have wished for better Red Cross pins than the little stick pins that are always getting lost, and Mrs. Margaret Bettinger has for sale at the Post Office both pins and buttons for 25 cents each that are warranted to stay on.

From July 11th to Aug. 27th the ladies have been doing Red Cross work and a report of finished articles up to date will be appreciated.

Of the knitting, six pairs of socks, six pairs of wristlets, two sweaters, one helmet, four eye bandages, one cap.

Of the sewing new material bought: pajama pants forty-one; pajama coats, seventeen; shoulder wraps, six; huck linen towels, six; covers for comfort pillows donated, nine; pillows filled with snips.

Old material: fracture pads seven filled with snips, substitutes for handkerchiefs, one hundred sixty-two; hemmed handkerchiefs, twenty-four; tray cloths, twenty-seven; table napkins, six; hot water bottle covers, five; Turkish towels, one.

There has come a hurry call for all our made articles and we can send only fifteen pajama suits as the coats are not finished to complete the suit.

The knitted articles are for the men in the trenches and the destitute people in the war zones; the sewed articles are for the helpless wounded in the hospitals and all are urgent.

What are you doing to help? Every one is urged to sew Monday afternoon irrespective of her division.

Independent Branch
The Independent Branch of the Red Cross has seventy-five members.

We meet the second and fourth Wednesday afternoons of each month and the Children's Units meet the first and third Wednesday afternoons, at which time they snip for the fracture and comfort pillows.

The following is a list of the work completed in the five meetings:

We have had and delivered the supplies to the Wellsville Chapter: two dozen tray cloths, one dozen table napkins, one and one-half dozen knitted wipes, one-half dozen knitted wash cloths, four dozen wash clothes, nine bed spreads, nine fracture pillows, four comfort pillows, one dozen eye bandages, two dozen triangular bandages, two dozen four-tailed bandages, one dozen abdominal bandages, fifteen dozen substitute handkerchiefs.

Mrs. Grace C. Spier, secretary of the Independence Branch, will give monthly reports thru the News of work done.

NEW RESERVOIR IS NOW COMPLETE

A Fine Piece of Concrete Construction is the New Re-made Reservoir on the Hill. J. L. Williams was the Contractor.

Every one in Andover has heard about the repairs that are in progress on the water plant in this village. But few Andover people fully realize the extent of the wonderful improvements that have been made, especially at the reservoir.

For a number of years, in fact most of the time since the installation of the plant, much complaint has been heard of the impurity of our water, just as soon as the reservoir was turned into the line. The water would look green and unfit for use.

Last fall the Village Board took the matter up in earnest to see what could be done to make the water pure while using the reservoir, thus supplying fire protection and a good pressure when the water was low.

They secured the services of a competent hydraulic engineer Charles E. Hopkins of Rochester. After going over the entire plant, he submitted a report. The Board called a meeting of the citizens to consider his recommendations. After a public discussion of the whole matter the board decided to put so much of his recommended change into effect as they could with the available funds at hand and let the contract for remodeling the reservoir to J. L. Williams, the blue prints being furnished by the engineer.

The editor of the News made a visit this week to the new reservoir, and was much surprised in the wonderful improvements made. One would hardly know the place. It has been entirely re-made of concrete. The capacity has been enlarged so that where it held formerly one gallon of water it now holds three gallons. This was done by setting a concrete rim about six feet high all around the reservoir. Then the inside has been entirely covered with concrete, and a concrete top, supported by large concrete posts has been built over the entire reservoir.

J. L. Williams, the contractor, is entitled to great praise for the workmanship job he has turned over to the village. In many places he has done even better than his contract called for. The supporting posts to the top he has made an inch larger than was called for, and the whole job is a credit to him and to the village, and has every indication of being a perfect piece of concrete construction.

It will pay any one interested to take a trip to the new reservoir. You will never again spleen against drinking reservoir water coming from the Andover plant if you visit this re-made reservoir now completed. There is no possible way for any surface water or any other foreign substance to get into the water.

The reconstruction of this reservoir will cost about \$3,000 and is well worth the money.

Other recommendations of the hydraulic engineer will undoubtedly be carried out as the income of the plant warrants the outlay.

LIBRARY NOTICE

Commencing Sept. 1st, 1917, after the receipt of any magazine or other periodical, any preceding number of the same issue may be borrowed from the library and may be kept for one week.

ATTENTION I. O. O. F. NO. 786.

Andover Rebekah Lodge will observe Odd Fellow night Wednesday evening, Sept. 5th. All members of the Subordinate Lodge are invited to be present at the hall.

ANDOVER PRODUCE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

Andover Farmers Hold Meeting and Organize to Market Their Crops. C. R. White and E. Q. Smith Advise Course.

About sixty of Andover's leading farmers were present at the meeting held at I. O. O. F. hall Thursday afternoon to consider what could be done by the potato growers in their interest in the matter of distribution, storage and marketing the crop.

Ralph Q. Smith of the Farm Bureau was present and outlined the objects of the meeting. He told the men that this year's potato average was 125 per cent, and represented one acre to each person in the country. He recommended home storage of the potatoes as far as possible. To aid the city consumer to purchase their supply for the year of the producer at the time of digging, and not in small lots or from the hand to mouth way.

Mr. Smith introduced C. R. White of Ionia. He said that there were fifty millions of producers in the old world now in the trenches or who have been incapacitated and are not now producing. This causes a 400,000,000 bushels wheat deficiency in the world. A 25 pound per capita of flour used nearly the whole state supply. He therefore urged every farmer in the state who possibly could do so to sow wheat and rye the coming season.

Mr. White gave the farmers information about the state committee appointed to assist them in efforts to greatly increase the wheat and rye acreage in New York State, and said that Farm Bureau Agent Smith was prepared to give details as to how fertilizers could be obtained. He recommended the Wisconsin hybrid rye as being very large and producing fifty per cent more than the ordinary state rye available.

But if we are short on bread stuff we are fortunate this year in having an expected 100,000,000 surplus crop of potatoes, also a large surplus of beans, and the speaker urged all to eat more potatoes and less bread.

Mr. White also urged the farmers to be very careful in the sorting and grading of their potatoes and emphasized the folly of shipping poor quality of farm produce into the cities. Be sure that you grade your potatoes uniformly whatever the size may be. Establish a reputation by standards of grade and quality.

The speaker advised the Andover farmers to follow the methods adopted by the Western Fruit Growers Association, Prune Growers Association, Apple Growers Association and others. He asked them to pool their interests. Individual farmers cannot ship successfully because they cannot afford to stand the losses that are bound to come.

Mr. White then explained the plans for a co-operative association so all our crops could be marketed jointly.

At the conclusion of the remarks, a discussion was had and the organization of a co-operative association was perfected by the choice of the following board of trustees: Thomas Joyce, W. J. McAndrew, A. B. Cook, Michael Gavin, Ed. Dixon, John McAndrew and William Dodge.

The name chosen is the Andover Produce Growers Association.

As soon as the incorporation papers return from Albany an effort will be made to get into membership all of the producers in this vicinity.

Shares of stock are to be sold at \$5.

How many out-of-date things are you "getting along with" in your kitchen? See if to-day's store ads will throw any light on the question of kitchen better-

A. A. HALL KILLED

Train No. 4. Kills Venerable Erie Employee, Wednesday Morning

Alfred Station, Aug. 27.—Addison A. Hall, an employee of the Erie railroad for many years, was struck by train No. 4, this morning and instantly killed. The fatal accident occurred just west of the Erie Station.

The accident which caused his death was the third which he had had during his services on the Erie. The first was in 1903 when he was hit by train 7, near Almond; the second at this village, last January, when he received injuries from which he never recovered.

Mr. Hall has worked for about twenty years as a section hand for the Erie railroad here. He was sixty-two years old and had passed his entire life in this vicinity. He was a good citizen and much respected by all, and the sympathy of this community goes out to the sorrowing wife who is left to mourn his loss.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon, Rev. W. L. Burdick officiating.

WILL BANISH SPEED FIENDS

State Officials are Looking for Road Violators and are Ready to Revoke Licenses of Drivers Who use Highways Recklessly.

Hearings under the provisions of the recent amendment of the state highway law empowering Secretary of State Francis M. Hugo to suspend and revoke the license of the reckless or intoxicated automobilist, will start in next month, the first hearing being scheduled for New York City. Hearings will be held in that city at regular intervals and elsewhere about the state when occasion demands. Either Mr. Hugo or his first deputy, A. B. Parker, will preside. Mr. Hugo is a lawyer by profession.

Preliminary to the hearings which open soon in New York City, Secretary Hugo and Frank P. Redmond, head of the New York automobile bureau, had a conference last week with Magistrate House of the metropolitan traffic court and Franklin Lord, deputy police commissioner, at which the situation was thoroughly discussed. The urgent need of some drastic action to eliminate one type of motorist is shown from the steadily growing figures of auto accidents and deaths. In June a total of 54 persons were killed by automobiles in New York City's streets, while the injured exceeded a thousand.

"The revocation of the license is the only thing that will get us anywhere," said Magistrate House to Mr. Hugo. The latter replied that if his office was furnished with the facts that he would do the rest.

Within the past few days an accident bureau has been incorporated in the secretary of state's office at Albany for the purpose of keeping better tabs on the real situation throughout the state. Newspaper clippings of all accidents will come to that bureau and a card index system will be employed so that in case a person later on figures in a second accident that may land him in court, the full facts of the previous one will become quickly available.

"If we could only regulate the pedestrian as well as the motorist," said Mr. Hugo, "we would have much less trouble, and I want to be clearly understood in the coming hearings the pedestrian will have the fairest kind of a show, altho in all probability the majority of the cases will be ones of the motorists alone, where the careful driver has been the victim is the type which we are going to get rid of if we have to take away a thousand licenses a year."

WILL BE GIVEN BIG SEND-OFF

The Andover Chamber of Commerce is Arranging a Celebration in Honor of Drafted Men for National Army.

The Andover Chamber of Commerce is to hold under its auspices Saturday afternoon, September 8th, a big community picnic in the Village Park, in honor of the young men of this town called to serve in the National Army early next month.

At a meeting of the business men of the town Tuesday evening, at Village Hall, the arrangements for this great community event was planned by the choice of the following committees to make the arrangements.

Program Committee: Dr. John Common, J. H. Faisant, Jas. P. Cannon.

Refreshments: E. F. Stearns, Henry Stephens, E. P. Rogers, E. A. Richardson, C. M. Lash, Ed. Horan, F. L. Bloss.

Music: Jesse Baker, Rev. H. B. Williams.

Invitations: J. Harvey Backus. Finance: Henry Stephens, Clay E. Jordan.

Those from Andover called into the service of the United States not exempt or discharged are: Merritt Dewap

Wellington Yates Beeman Charles M. Hammond Harold S. Brainard Arling Charles Briggs Ernest V. Gill Daniel Mulcahy Earl C. Howland Mortimer J. Driscoll Michael V. Lynch Charles P. McGinnis Porter W. Richardson

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