Wilmington Red Cross Society

Record of Surgical Supplies Made and Donations to the National Cause.

Universal membership is the key-of the Red Cross Christmas roll This thought was expressed by sident Wilson when on the occa-of his address last May, he said: mmon you to the comradeship." this appeal the president of the Red s himself has sounded the clarion to every good American to enroll a member of the American Red ss.

Membership More Than Money.

The aim and underlying purpose of campaign is to recruit under the ter of the Red Cross every loyal rican, no matter where he or she live. A large membership in the Cross means more than money there," said Chairman Davison his return from a visit to every front. It is hoped and expected this great ambition will be rea-It can be if every patriotic man woman is seen personally and to join the Red Cross.

ational Tuberculosis Association.

The National Tuberculosis associa-has conducted an annual sale of Cross Christmas seals, the pro-s from which have been used ef-ely for the presention of tuber-sis and the promotion of public th. It seemed best to both the Red s war council and the association andon the Christmas seal cam-n for this year and to unite in the Cross Christmas roll call. Such mbination of effort is intended in ay to interfere with the vital work e association, but to merely re-the number of national appeals contributions. To insure support is work the Red Cross war coun-as appropriated $2,500,000 for anti-rculosis work among the soldiers, rs and civilians in 1919.

Therefore no Christmas seals will be this year. Ten seals will be rded only to those joining during Christmas roll call. The associa-and its state branches are calling all representatives who formerly seals to co-operate with the Red ss chapters in conducting the Red Christmas roll call.

The Red Cross and Peace.

The coming of peace merely shifts Red Cross problems and doubles the Cross burdens. Red Cross workers every line of endeavor are needed e today than at any time during the nths of offensive warfare. Now the nse is defensive and it means pro-ction from want, from suffering, from sse and even from death itself, not r among our own troops overseas their families on this side, but ng the nations devastated by the l ravages of war, whose endur-s in the early days of the conflict ured the victory for us today. In e to encourage the Red Cross spirit ervice and to increase its scope, the Cross goal is a universal member-p of every adult person in the coun-by the coming Christmas. When is accomplished there will indeed a reign of "Peace on earth, good l to men."

The Nursing Survey.

The survey or census of women avail-s for the nursing service in the mbers division of the Red Cross, ich has been in progress is begin-g to assume proportions which will e of real value to the government. e need for nurses in convalescent ms and army hospitals as well as e numerous hospitals which may become filled with returning sol-s necessarily emphasizes the need s nursing survey. The fact that e Red Cross has been asked to serve s way is significant of the practi-l value of all Red Cross work and e part of the Red Cross workers ulfill the requests of the govern-s in this particular.

Executive Meeting.

Upon the motion of Dr. Milton at meeting of the directors, a com-ee will be appointed from the Red ss to take active steps for the su-sion of delinquent boys and girls. s committee will confer with other anizations in the state and make commendation in order that they r receive the proper attention and provided for permanently.

Christmas Boxes For "Overseas."

The committee in charge of this k has completed its task, though in se was it anything but a loving k. Mrs. Bleuthenthal, chairman, itted her final report to the board. e are 521 Wilmington boys who receive Christmas boxes through Red Cross. To an onlooker the k was indeed interesting and it was thing of a puzzle to get as many es in a box 3x4x9 inches. The nts of a box packed by Miss G. Jenkins containing the following es which seems almost incredi-The fact remains that every ar-was put in one box: A razor, shav-stick, soap, bill book, belt, not pencil, testament, kodak, "Ibsen's A Doll House," Tennyson's s of the King," sewing kit, safe-pins, mints, khaki handerchief.

Report on Christmas Parcels.

The honor and confidence which you owed upon me in making me the man of the Red Cross Christmas sis for our boys overseas has been, sure you, greatly appreciated by

Moreover, I wish to express my itude to the ladies of my commit-whose names will be annexed, who e entire month so faithfully as-d me in accomplishing our task, in distributing the labels, then in ging and packing the boxes and r in mailing them.

Always windful of the joy and cheer which these little tokens of love friendship will be greeted by our ers, we worked very hard and will-y with the result that 521 Wil-ton boys in France will receive stmas gifts from home.

"Respectfully submitted,

"MRS. L. BLUETHENTHAL.

Committee: Mrs. J. W. Smith, Mrs. L. Williams, Mrs. Duncan Williams, Sidney MacMillan, Mrs. Thomas den, Mrs. N. M. Martin, Mrs. Eu-e LeGrande, Mrs. B. Solomon, Mrs. k Harrell, Mrs. H. C. Bear, Miss a Berry, Miss Martha Williams, Miss McQueen."

Red Cross Bulletin.

Though the fighting is over and y of our soldiers are coming home, e still remain many in service who the long cold winter ahead of We have just received a large ment of socks to be knitted and ped within thirty days. We have received another box of socks from Sevier to be mended. Let us fall short of our wonderful record past achievements, but everybody e and get socks to knit and socks darn.

We have not yet completed our allot-t of linen for France and would ppreciate donations of sheets, bath l face towels, and handkerchiefs.

We take great pleasure in acknowl-ging the following donations: Mrs. J. W. Murchison, $2; Martin Luther Williams, $1.25; Mrs. E. Harper, $1; Mrs. R. C. Cantwell, $2; Whatsoever Circle of the King's Daughters, $3; Mr. R. D. Carr, $1.13. One sweater from Miss Frances S. Holmes.

Junior Red Cross Bulletin.

The comfort kits were ready and filled with things that big boys like when peace news came, but just then the Porto Ricans stopped over and they fell heir to them. Lena Jason, whose father was a missionary to Porto Rica for many years, speaks their language fluently, was secured and sent as a nurse by the Red Cross to make comfortable those sick men and she says: "The men remind her of a bunch of children on Christmas morning," that it would do the Junior Red Cross a world of good to see these men who are so far away from home look and look again at the useful gifts therein.

Do you know, Juniors, that you have given the chapter another check for $100? With the Christmas money order to sonny's mother arranged through the American Red Cross headquarters in Paris, you have made gifts to the chapter of $400.

The schools have pledged service and will put in the treasury about $1,500 a year. A large part of this will be used to buy material to make refugee garments for the war orphans.

I must tell you about a place in France where many little refugee children had gone to the Red Cross canteen for milk and in walked a soldier whose head was tied up and his face spotted with blood and mud. Naturally the canteen worked looked up and asked his wants. He saw the children and said: "I can wait, kids first, please." The American soldier has sounded a note of joy and the French appreciate the affection shown these war orphans by the big boys who say "kid first, please." Donated to the junior fund: Mrs. Parsley, $5; William Thompson, $1; Mrs. James Smith, 1; Mrs. I. Buethenthal, $5.

Co-Operate During Demobilization.

Jos. C. Logan, division director of civilian relief, A. R. C., received a telegram this morning from national headquarters announcing that Gen. E. L. Munson, chief of morale branch, general staff, has telegraphed to all morale officers in camps, directing them to arrange for home service representatives in camps to communicate verbally to all men about to be discharged from military service the information and other service which they may receive from home service sections. It is directed that no man shall leave service without knowing that in case of general legal difficulties, advice as to filing compensation claims, method of keeping up the government insurance payments, when and how to take action to preserve rights under civil rights act in regard to mortgages, private insurance and judgment by default, information as to vocational training for disabled men, the home service section is the place to apply. It is also the place to apply for current information as to government plans, when formulated, for replacement in industry, and other plans for discharged soldiers.

The substance of this telegram has been relayed to all Red Cross men in camps. Demobilization has begun and it is imperatively necessary for men to understand where they may turn for help and information in the new problems with which they will be confronted.

The Red Cross will issue immediately a little pamphlet similar in form to the publication entitled "Before You Go," which has made techincal points plain to so many soldiers in the last few months. The new booklet is called "When You Return" and will cover the present needs in the same thorough and clear-cut manner.

National Special Aid Society

Weekly Report of Patriotic Work and Contributions By Wilmington Women.

When we have lamented the fact that we had such difficulty in getting the ladies to our workroom to make surgical dressings people have said, 'Well, what can you expect with those stairs to climb? There are hundreds of women who simply cannot climb stairs and you'll never get them up there."

And when we decided to have the bazaar in the workroom, they shook their heads and said, "Poor judgment. You'll never get the crowds. No one will come except the ladies who are in the habit of working with you."

We thought we'd risk it, however, and when 3 o'clock came on Saturday there were over 100 people in the room, and by 4:30 there were 500 and before the evening was over there had been thousands of persons.

Oh! if we could get those same ladies who have proved by doing it that the stairs are not impossible to climb, to come and help us in that same room as we toil over the work tables how wonderful it would be! We hate to reflect on the fact that there are so many well, strong women with money to spend, and loved ones on whom to lavish gifts who are not moved by these great temporal mercies to work for that great suffering aching mass of humanity in the hospitals, who lie grievously wounded, many of them dying lingering deaths and with nothing to look forward to. So many are uncurable, so many so maimed that if they do recover they will prefer to die rather than live disfigured or deformed,—it is sad. It brought a wave of sorrow into the glad event because it proclaimed a great selfishness.

Today (Wednesday) as this report is being written there was scarcely a corporal's guard at work, and they were the same ones who toiled to make the bazaar a success and who were toiling all day today to make dressings that would make some soldier laddie more comfortable. They seemed very happy in doing this though most of them were so busy selling in the booths that they had no chance to buy anything for themselves. They get no material reward, but when their heads touch their pillows at night, they think of the great burden of pain that they have alleviated, and they are satisfied.

The Booths.

The management of the talent bazaar is very much indebted to Captain Blount's men for the lovely decorations. They went for the greens and foliage, put them up and finally took them down and carted the maway. We thank them heartily and sincerely. The scheme of decorating was Mrs. Fuzzey's and Mr. Fuzzey hung the lanterns and wreaths and the Japanese umbrellas. The wrapping booth, Chairman Mrs. Harrill, was in purple and was artisticly designed by Mr. and Mrs. Harrill and carried out by them and by Mrs. McGowan. This booth cleared $39.27. In front of the counting box Mrs. Fuzzey arranged her popular candy table with its charming decorations. A number of friends, most of all strangers, among them Mrs. Gundy, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Draper and Mrs. Brown, Miss Elizabeth Cox and Miss Rena Cole, assisted with this dainty oriental booth at which there was cleared $98.50. The coca cola booth of which Mrs. Longley was chairman was put up and decorated by George H. Hutaff. William Hutaff had the coca cola bottles brought up (all donated) and the ice and all other appertenances. This booth brought in $21. We gave all soldiers and sailors a bottle free of charge.

Mrs. W. W. Hodges and the ladies of her gauze table conducted the refreshment booth at which cakes were sold also and they made $101.37. All the ladies worked hard, but these ladies had an especially difficult task because they had no proper facilities for their work. Mrs. Price, representing the Sunset unit had charge of the doll booth and $20.20 was cleared here. This was a very charming booth and three of the most expensive dolls which actually cost $5 each were donated by Mrs. Price's friends in Chicago, her former home. The dolls had to be sold dressed at cost price in order not to loose on them, and so every one who bought one of those dolls had the charming clothes made free.

Misses Harper and Foard (assisted by Mrs. Charles Foard) had the notions booth. Here the Christmas cards, toilet articles, silver ware and pictures were sold. They brought $80.55. Mrs. D. D. Cameron had two long tables filled with preserves, jellies, etc., and her table brought $94.42. One of the soldiers helped Mrs. Cameron and Mrs. Fales and they were very grateful to him for his assistance. Next in position was Mrs. Hatch's country store which contained the gifts of the merchants. This was a very popular spot and we heartily thank the merchants for their generous responses to our requests for donations. Here $173.82.

In the centre of the room in a hollow square, we had the fancy tables, four in number, arranged in the form of a hollow square and here with decorations made by Mrs. Fuzzey and her friends and Mrs. Bundy and Miss Ithamar Bundy were displayed the most exquisite work that has ever been offered in this city. Miss Jennie Murchison was chairman assisted by Miss Martha Williams, Mrs. Woolvin, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Wise. People from every section of the town were represented and their work sold like magic. No one need think her work was not appreciated, the smallest and most humble piece was sold almost as quickly as the finest. There were wonderful pillow tops made by gentlemen. Lieutenant Gainey made an effective Red Cross and a United States flag and a French flag. These brought good prices. Mr. Mote of our city employes made a very pretty and carefully executed pillow top. Mr. Howard and Crambo each made a pillow, and several soldiers brought pillow tops as well. This booth made $546.31.

The garment booth conducted by Mrs. West and her Brooklyn ladies assisted by Mrs. Bundy, Mrs. Gunderson, Mrs. Janie Rehder and Mrs. Zimmerman made $214.85. Mrs. West got her husband to help her decorate and the booth was very attractive. Mrs. E. May Glenn Toon, in her great generosity, made two beautiful cakes which helped to make her table very popular. In the centre of it stood the lovely basket of flowers given by Miss Lucy Moore, and one one end was Mrs. Booker's "Spirit of the Red Cross" done in cotton, and on the other end a cartoon of the American eagle with the slain two headed German eagle at his feet. This table excited more curiosity and brought more spectators about it than any in the room. Mrs. Booker also made a charming woods scene in realistic fashion called, "Should auld acquaintance be forgot," and executed also a pleasing picture.

There is no doubt about the talent she possess. Mrs. Toon made $20.75 at her table. We are going to have the statuary placed in the hut as it seemed better to keep these works of art for the public instead of disposing of them privately.

Mrs. Hatchell talked the whole of the time and if she had had ten tongues she would have made ten times the $10.12 which she turned in. Mrs. Waddell and her committee of singers added immensely to the enjoyment of the evening. And we sincerely thank those who were kind enough to sing and play. So many of them are strangers in our midst and we are very glad to welcome them amongst us.

The total amount taken in at the booths was $1,501.77. Mrs. Leftwich, chief floor manager, reported most orderly and considerate deportment on the part of customers. Our expenses amounted to about $176. This included money we had put up for hats, bags, decorations, etc., moving piano, wiring the hall and buying electric lights, service, etc. Our donations amounted to about $300 and we now have to our credit as clear profit $1,619. We have not paid quite all our bills and we have not been paid all our due bills and so we think we can count on reaching $1,625.

Our Gratitude.

When we say our gratitude we know that it is a misnomer on the face of it. The actual facts are that we, the people of Wilmington clubbed together and made an effort to show by our handiwork, by our donations, by our financial gifts, that we wished to give the soldiers and sailors in our midst some place that they could call home and so we helped to the extent of the figures mentioned above, the efforts of Colonel Chase's men at the fort and the committee of which Messrs. Dean, Hutaff, Roache, Moore and Metts are members to do this. Their committee is called the Army and Navy club and to that and not to the war camp community service which is a large and a different thing, we are going to give the money that we pledged. We are grateful to each other and proud of each other and we wish each could have seen the talent exhibits by the other. This was not possible owing to the huge unprecedented crowds.

Donations.

We kept a record of the articles which were given and expected to publish them, but it would take a whole page of the paper to mention just the fancy work alone and so we can only acknowledge the money which has not yet been mentioned. In passing we are asked by Mrs. Mallard to say that she had thought each block would be reported separately and so she had made every effort to have hers (5 to 6 between Castle and Queen) excel the others and had brought something from almost every person on her block and had finally got Mr. Dean to send his donation and his wife's through her to make her money gifts amount to something like $15. We did not keep each block's record separate, but we are glad to give Mrs. Mallard this public credit.

Financial Contributions.

The following have not been published heretofore: Mrs. G. D. Croom, $1; Mrs. W. F. Bush, $1; Miss Sallie Jackson, Miss Rose Allen, Mrs. Mallard, Mrs. John McDougall, Mrs. Lorenzo, Miss Erla Swain, Mrs. Shepherd, Mrs. James Willson, Mrs. W. W. Banks, each $1; a friend, $1.50; Mrs. L. W. Ward, 50c; Mrs. Martin Willard, $2; Miss Jeanie King, Miss Helen Pleasants, Mrs. T. E. Davis, Miss Doris Brown, Mrs. J. T. Brown, Mrs. George Howy, Mrs. E. C Hines, Mrs. Phelps, Mrs. T. A. Hodges, Mrs. W. H. Turley, Mrs. George Rogers, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. T. E. Sprunt, Miss Ella Smith, Miss Janie Strange, Mrs. Charles Johnson, Mrs. Thomas Strange, Mrs. S. E. Marshall, Mrs. M. L. Kelly, Mrs. W. M. Niestlie, Mrs. J. E. Boylan, Mrs. Burgen, each $1; Miss Kate Fairley, $5; Mrs. John Hewlett, $2; Mrs. A. C. Devaughan, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Gideon, Miss Ruth Marshall and Mrs. Sharp, each 50c; Mrs. Fred Dick, $5; Mrs. W. J. Morris, $1.50; Mrs. Ed. George, 25c; and $1.42 was handed in without any slip of identification. If we have omitted any names we will gladly look up our records, but we think we have published all the voluntary contributions.

The second night of the bazaar J. O. Brown, without whom no party is complete, helped to make merry with one of his famous auctions. He can get more money out of an article than a jeweler. We owe him much for making it lively for the bidders and the bystanders.

Our Week's Collection.

Mr. Forlong brought in $20.11 from the general offices of the A. C. L. and Miss Margaret Berry $6 in round numbers. These great helps for which we are so grateful made the collection come up to our usual $153.26 which is almost average. Besides this we put back into the treasury $50 that we borrowed for the talent bazaar and $21.60 which we realized on canned goods put up by Mrs. Cameron and Mrs. Fales at the high school in 1917 during our food demonstrations.

Baby Clothes.

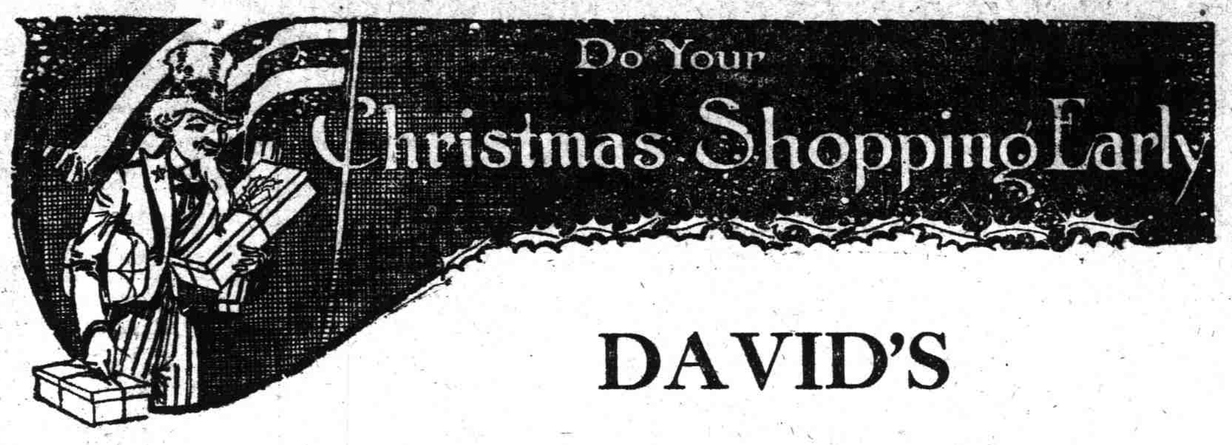
Mrs. Bundy has 50 blankets on the way and she says when they are cut up they will mean 1,200 baby shirts to go with them. This is overwhelming. Please, some of the ladies who have found out how to get up to the workroom come and see how pleasant the room is all the time and how much joy there is to be had from sewing for the French orphans.

Surgical Dressings.

We are pledged to make Carrel cushions until June. Please come and learn. We have so much materal on hand. It is easy to do, you can sit near our big stove and enjoy pleasant society while you work.

Our Needs.

Don't stop giving your pennies. The war savings drive will end soon, and you will not be called on so often to give to war objects, so you can continue with your pennies and not feel it at all. We shall continue asking for pennies for at least two years longer, and if any one feels that he cannot spare so much, he can notify the block messenger and she will let us know and we will erase his name from our subscribers' list. One penny, do you see how any one would refuse it, and yet some do.



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For the Men in Service

Whatever gifts you buy them must be worthy of the work they're doing—good stuff with the right look; raincoats, blankets, bathrobes, or any of the smaller gifts—wool sox, gloves, knitted vests, money belts, soldiers' kits.

For the Men at Home

All men are saving. You can save for them if you buy the right kind of Christmas gifts; high grade merchandise that will be a Christmas gift the whole year round. Any of the things men need, gloves, handkerchiefs, hats, shirts.

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