

The Work of the Red Cross Canteen.

One of the features of the war work service in North Platte during the past five months has been the Red Cross Canteen which opened July 13th, and is still extending its service to soldiers demobilized as well as those who are still in the service. This canteen was authorized through the efforts of Mrs. Chas. Bogue and Mrs. M. Hosler, and following the authorization of the canteen, seven companies, of ten ladies each, were organized with Mrs. Bogue as commandant and Mrs. Hosler as assistant. Just what these seventy-two ladies have accomplished will never be known. We can tell you of the material and tangible assistance they have given the boys who have passed through, but we cannot tell of the influence their kindness, their encouraging words, their cheery smiles had upon the boys who were depressed by having to leave the home folks to go into a service that was certain to cost many of them their lives. We hazard the guess that this influence exerted was the most potent factor of the canteen service in North Platte. That the work of the canteen ladies have been appreciated by the boys is attested by the many, many letters the boys have written back, thanking the ladies for their courtesy. And not only have the boys acknowledged this kindness, but mothers of the boys, who learned of the canteen, have written letters of thanks.

Now as to the actual work of the canteen from July 13th to December 1st, here are the figures: not guess-work, but the actual, bona-fide record as sent to the A. R. C. Canteen service headquarters:

The number of men served between July 13th and December 1st while enroute east or west, with sandwiches, coffee, doughnuts or cookies was thirty-five thousand, five hundred and forty-nine. Of these 30,665 were soldiers, 1,521 were sailors, 2,297 were marines and 1,666 were drafted men.

To supply these men with the lunches served required some provision, as might be imagined, and the list reads this wise: Two thousand and twenty-three gallons of coffee, twenty-four thousand nine hundred and sixty-six sandwiches, one hundred pies, six hundred doughnuts, six hundred cookies, one hundred watermelons. The doughnuts, pies and cookies were donated by the canteen ladies and the watermelons by a farmer and they were not therefore an expense to the Red Cross society.

But the good work of the ladies

did not stop with sandwiches, coffee, etc. They knew the boys like to smoke and they handed out to them seventeen thousand, four hundred and ninety-five cigarettes. Nor was this all. They further knew that riding in a crowded car was tiresome, and that the boys needed reading matter, so they collected fourteen hundred and sixty-five magazines and distributed them to the boys in kakis. An then again, there were thousands of worrying mothers whom the boys had left at home that the canteen ladies knew that even a postcard from these sons would cheer their souls, so they gave out to the boys sixteen thousand nine hundred and one post cards. Half the boys who took cards didn't have stamps to mail them, so the canteen ladies got eight thousand two cent stamps and gave them to the boys free.

The above in brief is the record of the service the North Platte Red Cross canteen rendered to the soldier boys, and you will agree with us that it is a service that was worth while. This service entailed no little exertion and sacrifice on the part of the canteen ladies, but to their credit it may be said that not one of the seventy-two for a moment shirked their duty; no matter how the arrival of a train interfered with the household or social or business affairs; no matter how early in the morning or how late at night the train arrived, every member of the company or companies designated to meet that train was "Johnny on the spot."

Then, too, when North Platte was in the grip of the influenza and the detention hospital was opened, there was need of meals for the patients. The canteen ladies took upon themselves this additional work and prepared and served five hundred and seventy-two meals to the patients.

How about the expense, you ask? Well, considering the service extended the expenditure was insignificant. The total cost from July 13th to December 1st, including the meals served hospital patients, was \$1,226.35. This sum also included the kitchen and dining room equipment.

The Tribune man has been writing things about North Platte people and the work they do for thirty-five years; he knows pretty well of the good things that have been done, and he does not hesitate to say that no more beneficial nor more far-reaching work has ever been performed in town by a like number of ladies than has the canteen service, and they are entitled to a greater mead of praise than these lines convey.

A daughter, Dorothy Dean, was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Hammond of Santa Anna, Calif. Mrs. Hammond was formerly Miss Helen Hoxie, of this city.

Dr. Shaffer has located in the Bolton building over the Oasis. Office phone 340. Residence phone Blk. 375.

The Twentieth Century Club will meet Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. York Hinman, 302 west 3rd street.

For Sale—A 1917 light six Buick roadster. Phone Black 508.

Mrs. E. T. Casey and Mrs. Ralph Hansen and little daughter returned this morning from Rochester, Minn.

FEWER PUPILS ARE ABSENT BY REASON OF FLU.

The health bulletin of the city schools for the twenty-four hours ending at six o'clock last evening follows:

The number of pupils absent from school today is 279 which is 17 less than were absent yesterday. Each day this week has shown a larger attendance than the day before. Ninety-two pupils are absent on account of having flu in the home. Last Friday there were 136 out for this cause. Other sickness dropped from 71 to 47. Sixty-eight were out of town, working or for other causes besides sickness. 14 were temporarily absent this afternoon and 28 were not accounted for.

All teachers were on hand yesterday except Miss Murray who is with her brother; Mrs. Koch who is ill (not flu) and Miss Tifford temporarily out today.

All principals and janitors have been asked to keep the outside doors of schoolhouses open as much as possible. This is to allow a free circulation of fresh air through the halls and corridors.

CITY AND COUNTY NEWS.

This is Friday, the thirteenth, watch your step or the Jinx will get you.

Make DIXON'S Jewelry Store your headquarters for shopping this Xmas.

Herbert Hostetter, who was stationed in a naval training school at Seattle, and Martin Brestel and Chester Cohn in officers' training schools, returned home. The three young men reside in the Maxwell vicinity.

Symphony Lawn appeals to the users of Fine Stationery. The REXALL DRUG STORE.

Mrs. Gregory Schatz received word the first of the week that her brother-in-law, Fidel Zimmerman of Chehalis, Wash., had died of the influenza and later that their fourteen year old daughter, Marie Zimmerman had died of the same disease.

What would make a more handsome gift to mother than a piece of the fine, roma ivory crockery ware displayed in DIXON'S Jewelry Store.

J. C. Den and R. D. Birge came in yesterday forenoon with five wild geese and twelve ducks. Evidently it is now easy picking for real good hunters. As a result of this kill The Tribune editor will have roast goose for Sunday dinner. Thanks.

Symphony Lawn French Bordered Notes at the REXALL STORE.

Here is a suggestion for father that will certainly please him, and will be a constant reminder of the giver for the rest of his life: a 17-jeweled, 16-size, Ball watch, in a 20-year case at \$26.00. HARRY DIXON, The Jeweler.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Meadows went to Omaha Wednesday night where Mrs. Meadows will be placed in a hospital for treatment. Both were flu victims and pneumonia sufferers. Mr. Meadows fully recovered but Mrs. Meadows' condition is anything but satisfactory.

Here is a suggestion for the school boy or girl, the eversharp pencil, these pencils are, as their name explains, always sharp, and range in price from \$1.00 to \$25.00.

Owing to the necessity of closing the estate the Peter Mylander home on the corner of Fifth and Vine Sts. must be sold. This property will be disposed of to the person making the highest cash offer.

ANNIE C. KRAMPH, Admx.

In a letter to the home folks Fred Dick says it is reported that the engineering corps to which he belongs will be sent to German territory, in which event they will not be home for several months. He says in his section of France the cessation of the war was celebrated for four straight days.

For Sale Cheap—12 High-back revolving stools suitable for restaurant, pool-hall, etc. Also 2 settees. Inquire at the SHOE MARKET, North Platte, Nebraska.

C. S. Clinton received a letter yesterday from his son "Jim" in which he says he is in a hospital, having entered the hospital the day the war ceased. He further says that the day he entered the hospital was the first time that he had gone to bed with his clothes off since he left California, which indicates the strenuous life he has had over there.

Odor Jontee. A new creation in perfumes. At the REXALL STORE.

MRS. HOSTETTER OF MAXWELL SUFFERS SERIOUS BURNS.

Mrs. Ed. C. Hostetter, living two miles south of Maxwell, was brought to the General Hospital yesterday suffering from very serious burns from the waist up, and in tearing off the burning clothing from his wife Mr. Hostetter's hands were badly blistered. About 7:30 yesterday morning while engaged in her household duties Mrs. Hostetter's clothing became ignited from the stove. She attempted to extinguish the flames, but failing in doing so, rushed out to the barn where Mr. Hostetter was engaged. Her running fanned the flames, and when she arrived she was enveloped from the waist up. Mr. Hostetter tore the burning clothing from her as rapidly as possible, but before this could be accomplished Mrs. Hostetter had been very badly burned and at the hospital this morning it was reported that her condition is rather serious. She suffers intensely.

PLEASE REMEMBER

That there is not a nicer or better CHRISTMAS present to give than wife or mother, FOR it carries with it human interest. IT shows the real love and respect that you hold for them, IT also deepens the love and respect they have for you.

IT protects them: creates a savings and old age comfort for the giver. It is a real present in cash to that loved one when your maker has taken from you that which he gave you. You can buy this present for Xmas on payments to suit you, providing the influenza or its effects don't keep you from going shopping. We shall be glad to show you our complete stock. Please phone us for an appointment. J. E. SEBASTIAN, State Manager, C. F. TEMPLE, Asst. State Mgr. The Old Line Life Men. Broadbeck Bldg. Phone Red or Black 612.

Hand painted plates make a very nice Xmas gift. Stop in DIXON'S Jewelry Store and see our fine display.

Former Resident Dies.

Mrs. Catherine Miller, wife of A. J. Miller, both of whom were pioneer residents of Lincoln county and North Platte, died November 26th at the home of her adopted daughter, Mrs. W. F. Simon, in the city of Seattle, Washington, at the age of eighty-one years. The deceased came to Lincoln county with her husband in 1860 and located a ranch or road house at a point east of Cottonwood Springs, Mr. Miller being associated with W. S. Peniston. In 1867 the two men moved to North Platte and engaged in the mercantile business in the building on Front street opposite the Birge lumber yard. Peniston built the house now occupied by the service station at the corner of Sixth and Locust and Miller the house on the corner west. Later Miller purchased and lived on the ranch now owned by T. E. Doolittle southwest of town. Mr. and Mrs. Miller moved to Wyoming about twenty-five years ago.

The dancing party given Wednesday evening by the Union Pacific War Service Family Club at the K. C. hall was largely attended and the participants had a very enjoyable evening. The receipts were considerably in excess of the expenses and the net proceeds will be turned into the treasury of the club.

Miss Erma Robinson, of Denver, has been the guest of friends in town for a day or two. She came down Wednesday to attend the funeral of Lee Bird.

An Echo of Past Days.

P. J. Gilman handed us Wednesday part of a program of a social dance held in North Platte in the early 50's, the date not being given on the page. Interested in the dance as members of the arrangement committee and as floor managers were men not now resident but well remembered. P. H. McEvoy was master of ceremonies—Mac was a real society "dog" in those days—and as floor manager appeared the names of Ernest Wolter, John Day, Arthur Knecht, W. L. Park and Warren Davis. The arrangement committee was Harry Phillips, A. F. Stratz, W. L. Park and F. Michie. In those days the dances were held either at the old Unitarian hall or in the dining room of the Pacific Hotel.

Charley Moore says The Tribune should compliment Weather Maker Shilling on the brand of weather he has been giving us this fall. We believe Capt. is entitled to commendation, but usually when The Tribune expresses its thanks to him he brings a storm before the ink on the paper is dry.

Declare Holiday for Wilson.

Paris, Dec. 12.—The cabinet at a meeting today which was presided over by President Poincare, decided that Saturday, the day of President Wilson's arrival in Paris, shall be a public holiday.

Largest stock of stationery in the city. THE REXALL STORE.

"MISSING"

The epic of the lost soldier

Thousands of troops are reported missing on the battle fronts. Whose boys are they? See this picture and see what happened to one that was reported "missing."

Keith Theatre Monday and Tuesday Dec. 16 and 17

Gummere-Dent Drug Store!

"THE GIFT SHOP"

Xmas Shoppers attention--Things to buy that will be appreciated.

IVORY

--Combs, Brushes, Mirrors, Shaving Sets, Files, Dresser Pieces, Manicure Sets, Picture Frames, Trays, Perfume Holders or any piece you desire to match it at

25c up to \$7.50

STATIONERY

--Eaton, Crane and Pita famous Stationery in the nicest tints and sizes--special assortments at

50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50; \$2 and up to \$6

Books

FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY--books of Fiction, Popular, Gift Books, Baby's birth record books, War Story Books, Billy Whiskers Books, Boy Scout Books, Mary Jane Series, Mother Goose Books, Painting Books, Woodcraft Books, Childrens' Fairytale Books, Bibles, Dictionaries and Pocket Books..5000 to select from at--

10c up to \$5.00

Eastman Kodaks

--You can keep an interesting record of the things you want to remember. Brownie vest pocket, post card and the larger sizes at

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CIGARS

--We have HIS favorite brand in packages or boxes, 5-10-25-50 or 100 in a box to sell at

25c up to \$10

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...WANT AT...

GUMMERE-DENT "GIFT SHOP"
NORTH PLATTE

TONIGHT AT THE SUN

Violet Mersereau playing a duel role in
"TOGETHER"

Also a two reel comedy scream "SCARS AND BARS"
10 and 20 Cents.

SATURDAY AT THE SUN

Dorothy Phillips in that superb production
"THE MORTGAGED WIFE"

and BILLY WEST the funniest man on earth in "The Scholar"
Matinee at 2:30 5 and 10c Night at 7:30 10 and 20c.

Monday AT The Sun

BESSIE LOVE

The sweetest girl on the screen in

"A Little Sister of Everybody."