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AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT RED CROSS IS DOING

...TERS TO ...LECTED IN LETTERS LOCAL CHAPTER FROM MEN IN SERVICE.

CHRISTMAS MERRY

Great Lakes Training Station ...efully Acknowledge Receipt of Presents.

From Wednesday's Daily.

...y Dear Sir:

...wish to express my gratitude for ... Christmas kit which I received ...gh your chapter of the American Red Cross. It sure did help to ... a Merry Christmas for one ...

FRANK J. DIDWAY.
Dewey, Great Lakes, Ill.

...ir:

...eived the box of Christmas ...ons. I assure you words ...express my appreciation of ...ma-esent at such a time. I ...ket. been here two weeks. I ... Mr... detention all that time ... and expecting anything for ... City, ...e always helped the time to... I never before realized ...ness at ... doing. So thanking ... T. Fin...

...panied ROBERT T. STEEN.
...this Reg, Camp Dewey,
...Lakes, Illinois.

...sir:

...have received your ...Christmas ... which ... Xmas eve. I am thanking you for the gift which you send. Hoping you, Mr. Judge James T. Begley and I will meet some day. I am, a sailor boy. Yours truly.

MATHEW J. BASCO.
Gunner School, Barracks B,
Co. A, Great Lakes, Ill.

Dear Sir:

I wish to thank you and the Cass County Red Cross society in general for the magnificent efforts you have made to show your appreciation of the boys in the service. I admire ...r good judgment in selecting the articles, for each is a luxury as ... as a necessity.

...sting I shall not bore you with ... I shall give you the setting ... distribution of presents so ... understand how we appre...em.

...e twenty thousand of us who ...able to go home for Christ... naturally a little blue and ...f the ones who could go. ... the men to whom your ... were given.

...y wonderful tree had been ...on the parade ground by the ... Examiner and the North ...omens Auxiliary club. At ...m. Tuesday a bugle sounded ... great winding columns be...ding silently out of the growkness toward the spot where ...mpany commander knew his ...ere to be placed. It seemed a ...ending stream of humanity ...y five p. m. we were all assem... and it was quite dark. At ...ly five the bugle sounded again ...eat shaft of light shot up from ... concealed searchlight revealing ...e great flag of flags standing out ...aunt in the stiff evening breeze. The band, Sousa's four hundred, began softly playing the Star Spangled Banner, everyone coming to salute and the flag began slowly descending. This completed, Captain Moffet, our commander, threw in the switch, illuminating the tree with its thousands of lights and crowned by an immense star. A mighty cheer broke out which seemed to fairly shake the ground.

Xmas carrols were sung by the entire assembly. Then the companies were marched one by one past the great piles of presents and each jackie received two packages. Each of us was as eager as a child to get back to our barracks and investigate the parcels and it was there that the rejoicing took place as they were opened and admired, and, naturally, compared. Then, indeed, we were children again, for had not Santa Claus come, impersonated by the great American Red Cross society, to whom we are so much indebted.

Trusting we may further show our appreciation by doing our utmost when our time comes, I thank you personally for my own package.

Very respectfully yours,
T. N. BEAVERS.
Pam. 3, Hospital School,
Great Lakes, Illinois.

...Friend:

Dear ... you and the Cass ... American Red

I wish to thank ... County Chapter of the A... Cross very much for the nice ... I received last night. Our Christmas tree was certainly a beauty. The decorations on it were some used at the Panama Exposition at San Francisco.

This is my first Christmas away from home and for some reason it seems more like Sunday to me than Christmas day. My home is in Texas, so you see I'm a full-blooded southerner. The people of the North have a great deal of fun at my expense, laughing at the way I talk. But I enjoy it about as much as they do.

I'm going home on a furlough next Saturday, and I'm getting anxious for the time to come. If you or your friends care to write, my address is Co. B, Main Camp, Coxswain school, U. S. Naval Station, Great Lakes, Illinois. Wishing to thank you once more, I remain, your friend.

R. D. KELLEY.

Dear Sir:

Am today in receceipt of your splendid little Red Cross Christmas package and wish to say that I am truly grateful for your kindness.

I have been here now for two weeks and it is the first time I have received any mail from the outside since I came.

I have written my parents twice, but I think that the mail has been misplaced some way or another, as my parents were always too glad to hear from their boy. I live way down in the southern part of Kansas.

I will close now thanking you again for your splendid gift and would be glad if at any subsequent time we could further perfect our distant acquaintance.

HARRY H. HORNER.
First Regiment, Co. C,
Great Lakes, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Christmas is over and what a most memorable and happy Christmas it was It is beyond words to express our appreciation to those who made possible this great undertaking. It is without a doubt one day to be remembered through life, and to the Red Cross society we are heartily thankful.

Accept my best wishes for a prosperous and happy New Year.

PHIL LANGENBAHN.
H A 2—Hosp. Corps Training School, Co. A1, Great Lakes, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Owing to the thoughtfulness of yourself and the organization which you represent much of the heartache which we all feel on this day has been dispelled, and it is with the deepest gratitude that we receive your gifts.

Being a Nebraskan myself and proud of the fact, the gift was doubly welcome, coming as it did from a Nebraska man. It shows that our homes are behind us cheering us on and alone goes far to make us feel that life is worth while even in our darkest moods.

The American Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. organizations serve as a sort of shock-absorber between the recruit and rougher edges of military training and having once experienced the lack of these tokens of thoughtfulness. we now appreciate them the more fully and assure you of our appreciation.

I remain, sincerely,

DAVID L. DIEFENDERFER.
Radio School, Co. B2, 7th Reg.,
Camp Perry, Great Lakes, Ill.

Dear Mr. Begley:

It gives me much pleasure to acknowledge receipt of my gift through the Red Cross and I assure you it has been appreciated by me along with the rest of the Company.

Some of the boys did not have cards in their gifts, but while I was one of the fortunate, I thought it was my duty to respond to your kind co-operation, and that I shall at all times have a good word for the Red Cross of America.

Wishing you and the members of the Cass County Chapter a Happy and prosperous New Year, I am

Yours truly,
O. A. LUNDGREN.
Co. A, 1st Reg., Barracks
120 South, Great Lakes, Ill.

Dear Mr. Begley:

I am very much pleased with the wonderful Christmas present I received from you through your Red Cross chapter. I had a very fine Christmas here today and your gift made it much more enjoyable for me. We had a splendid dinner of turkey, cranberry sauce and things like that. We have had no drill today and surely enjoy the Christmas holiday.

From my heart I thank you and the Cass County Red Cross Chapter for the present, and I assure you it has helped me to appreciate Christmas day.

Yours truly,
GEORGE LAHEY.
Co B, 3rd Reg., Camp Dewey,
Great Lakes, Ill.

My Dear Judge:

The writer is the happy recipient of Red Cross package, which you were so very kind to donate.

Happiness reigns supreme in camp tonight and the boys are looking forward to a pleasant Xmas tomorrow.

We are being equipped and drilled as rapidly as existing conditions permit and are anxious to get into the thick of fighting and do our share towards bringing the miserable despot of the German empire to his senses.

Thanking you again for your gift, I am, Sincerely,

BERT ELI ISRAEL.
Co. K, 1st Reg., Bar. 130,
Camp Dewey, Great Lakes, Ill.

Camp Cody, Deming, N. M.

Dear Editor of the Journal: As I am confined in the hospital, I take this plan to thank the dear friends that so kindly remembered me with presents at Christmas time.

Very best wishes to all through the new year.

PERCY A. WARTHEN.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH MEMBERS

SOCIAL TIME AND DINNER WAS ENJOYED—MUCH BUSINESS ALSO TRANSACTED.

Reports of Different Departments Show the Church to be in Excellent Condition.

From Wednesday's Daily.

As has been the custom of the membership of the Christian church of this city on New Year's day, they met at the hall of the Modern Woodmen of America with well filled baskets yesterday, in spite of the H. C. of L. and proceeded to have one of the most social and enjoyable times ever participated in before, eating their dinner in common together after which they looked after the transaction of business matters, listened to reports and elected officers for the coming year.

The dinner was called just before noon, but was not concluded until nearly three o'clock when the last of the hungry multitude had finished partaking of this sumptuous noonday repast. After the Loyal Workers had finished gathering up the fragments and had gotten things straightened up once more, all repaired to the assembly room, where with P. H. Rihn as clerk and Oliver C. Hudson chairman of the official board, the meeting was called to order to hear the reports of the various auxiliaries of the church. First came the Sunday school report, it being read by S. S. Superintendent Miss Gertrude Smith. This showed the growth of the school during the year past, together with the various amounts collected and expended, and the balances left over.

Following this was a report of the Primary department and also of the new Home department which was but recently organized and which is working with a dilligence in the hope and expectation of accomplishing much good in the Master's cause.

The report for the Senior Christian Endeavor was read by Miss Bental Stone. It showed a good health condition in this society and a gain in its membership.

Mrs. C. E. Whitaker reported on the Junior Endeavor, which has a membership of seventeen, and which has done some excellent work during the past year. About the first of November, a portion of them, thinking they were getting too large for the Junior, were effective in organizing a division society, making an Intermediate and a Junior division dividing on the lines of 12 years of age. Since this was done the membership increased until now the Intermediate division has 35 members and the Junior about twenty.

The Loyal Workers society next made their report through their secretary, Mrs. W. H. Pickard. From this report it was gleaned that after having done their year's work, and paying a goodly sum into the coffers of the church proper, they now have left on hand a larger balance than existed a year ago. Her report of the work accomplished was most gratifying to the members.

Following this came the reports of the various officers of the church proper, the first being that of the clerk of the board, who also read the report of the treasurer, dealing with the financial problems, which usually prove to be the one big bugbear in church circles. This report showed financial conditions with the church about the same as a year ago, with the exception in the amount due the Building and Loan association on the parsonage, that amount being approximately the only net gain in finances.

Mr. Rhin reported next on the membership, his report showing that during the past year there have been 41 additions to the church, and a loss of a number through death, moving elsewhere and going into the government service, which latter alone has taken from the church and its various auxiliaries about twenty persons. L. A. Brown and wife have taken their letters to deposit elsewhere. The Grim Messenger, Death, has claimed during the year Mrs. Aizada Crook, Mrs. Elizabeth Wiles, John D. Tutt and M. W. Thomas.

Luther F. Pickett reported on the collection of a fund which is known as the War Emergency Fund, and which is being sent to the headquarters for use in establishing houses at the various cantonments and in other places where the army may be located, for the use and benefit of members of the Christian church.

After this came the annual election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the following being chosen:

Elders: Thomas Wiles, R. W. Bryan, Phillip F. Rhin and Luther F. Pickett.

Deacons: O. C. Hudson, C. E. Whitaker, Luke L. Wiles, Clarence Stenner, A. L. Connor, E. M. Godwin and J. E. Bennett.

Deaconesses: Mesdames F. M. Godwin, Clarence Stenner, C. E. Whitaker, A. L. Connor, L. L. Wiles, J. E. Bennett and O. C. Hudson.

M S Briggs was elected trustee

EPWORTH LEAGUE WATCH MEETING

From Wednesday's Daily.

—The members of the Epworth League held a watch meeting at the home of E. H. Wescott, where they with a delightful program and music and games helped speed the hours more swiftly, until the finger of time pointed to the arrival of the new year. Some one had been stationed at the Methodist church and when the moment arrived that a new year was a born, the old bell peeled forth the glad news, to those who were awake, and aroused the drowsy ones who had sought their peaceful couch. Co-incident almost with the ringing of the Methodist bell was heard the peals of the St. Paul's Evangelical bell, and they too rang in unison for about ten minutes, and with the different tones made a very beautiful greeting for the year 1918.

Woman loves a clear, rosy complexion. Burdock Blood Bitters is splendid for purifying the blood, clearing the skin, restoring sound digestion. All druggists sell it. Price $1.25.

Paper Plates and Picnic Sets at the Journal office.

ALL TRAFFIC TO BE POOLED ON RAIL LINES

NON-ESSENTIAL FREIGHT WILL BE HELD UP—JOINT USE OF TERMINALS.

COMPETITION EXISTS NO MORE

Officials Predict Old System is Now Dead Forever—Curtailment is the Coming Plan

Washington, Dec. 28.—The railroads of the United States passed into government possession at noon today as Secretary McAdoo, designated by President Wilson as director general of the railroads, was delegating to the railroads war board the task of operating them for the present. The board comprises five of the country's foremost railroad executives, who have been in supreme charge of the roads for the last nine months. They were called into conference at 11 o'clock to discuss plans for welding all transportation lines into a single government-operated system.

They left the Treasury department two hours later under instructions to continue their functions, and to submit immediately a plan of operation to the director-general.

Tonight Mr. McAdoo issued his first formal order designed to speed up freight movement, telegraphing all railroad presidents and directors instructions to move traffic by the most convenient and direct routes. At the same time he ordered them to continue operation of their lines in conformity with the president's proclamation, putting them under government control.

There was no indication tonight whether Mr. McAdoo intended eventually to displace the war board with an organization of his own or to continue its organization for the duration of the war. It was made clear, however, that it will continue to perform its functions until the director general decides that a better system can be devised.

AT REST.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon at 2:30 a number of friends and old acquaintances gathered at the Presbyterian Church in attendance at the funeral services of the late Clement Chapman the youngest son of Mrs. Agnes Chapman of Lincoln. The remains, accompanied by the bereaved mother brother Joe, sister Mrs. Helen Koontz and Mr. Walter Stempel, arrived in this city on the noon train. The flower laden casket was conveyed to the Presbyterian church, where the remains laid in state until the funeral hour and during the hour of 1:30 and 2:00 friends were permitted to take a farewell view of their departed friend. The funeral services were held at 2:30. A choir, composd of Miss Mathilde Vallery, Mrs. G. L. Farley; Messrs. Lynn Minor and G. L. Farley sang favorite hymns, while Mrs. Henry F. Goos presided at the organ. Rev. H. G. McClusky spoke words of comfort to the sorrowing ones and said that we made various plans for our future welfare, but sometimes God would have other and better plans and would interfere with our plans and perhaps take some of our loved ones to his home. We are then prone to feel discouraged but God knows what are the best plans and what he does was for the best. The remains were then conveyed to Oak Hill cemetery, where Clement was laid to rest. Harold Peters, Mason Wescott, Robert Kroehler, Cecil Chrisinger, Leslie Hall, Harold Smith, members of the Sunday School class of the Presbyterian church, of which Clement was a member, when he lived here and sons of the Boy Scouts, tenderly bore Clement to his last resting place.

Thus has passed to his just reward, a young man, loved by all who knew him.

This community, in which the Chapman family resided for so many years, extend their sympathy to Mrs. Chapman and family during this sad hour.

DRUNKENNESS NOT THE CHARGE

From Wednesday's Daily

When Frank Steppat was required to come to the city and tell where the whiskey came from which was found in his automobile, he was not found to have been in a state of drunkenness, but said that he did not know where the whiskey which had been found in his car had been procured. After examination and giving what information he could regarding the matter no charge was lodged against him.

WILL GO TO KEARNEY.

From Wednesday's Daily

This morning Mrs. Lillian Baker, departed for Omaha from where she will go to Kearney taking with her a little daughter Miss Blanch Baker, who has been making her home at the Christian Home, and will have the little child placed in the Nebraska Tuberculosis Institute for treatment. It is not thought that the little one actually has the disease but they are having treatment given her in order that she may not develop it.

FUNERAL SERVICES OF I. WOODFORTH AT LINCOLN

From Wednesday's Daily.

The funeral of Isaac Newton Woodford was held in Lincoln today at 2 p. m. at the family residence, 2636 Garfield street.

Rev. Mr. John Andrew Holmes officiated, assisted by Rev. Mr. F. I. Hanford.

Mr. Woodford died early Sunday morning of heart disease. He was 83 years old. He formerly lived at Weeping Water, Neb., coming there 40 years ago from Ohio.

He is survived by a widow and three children, Arthur Woodford, Newark, N. J., Emma W., Lincoln, and Henry L. Woodford of Omaha.

Mr. I. N. Woodford was engaged in the banking business for a number of years and only removed to Lincoln a few years since. Mr. Woodford has many friends in Weeping Water and Cass county. After having retired from business he lived a number of years in Weeping Water before removing to Lincoln.

WILL ATTEND BOYLES COLLEGE.

From Wednesday's Daily.

This morning Ferdinand Hennings accompanied by his two sons, Albert and Herman came in from their farm home west of Plattsmouth and departed for Omaha, where they are looking after some business for the day. Albert Hennings will enter the Boyles Business College, where he will take a course in business. Mr. Hennings and son, Herman returned home this afternoon.

VISITING WITH THEIR SON.

From Wednesday's Daily.

C. L. Creamer, wife and children departed this morning for Ft. Omaha where they went to visit with Jose Creamer, who is taking training in the Ballooning school at that place. Mr. Jose Creamer is looking the work thus far fairly well, and seems better as he gets farther along with it.

For croup or sore throat, use Dr. Thomas's Eclectic Oil. Two sizes, 30c and 60c. At all drug stores.

PROMINENT NEBRASKAN OST ON COAST OF FLORIDA

F. H. YOUNG OF BROKEN BOW LAST SEEN ON BEACH NEAR PENSACOLA.

Past Grand Master of Nebraska Masons Missing Since Last Monday.

Pensacola, Fla., Dec. 30.—Up to a late hour tonight no trace had been found by searchers for the body of F. H. Young of Broken Bow, Neb. He has been missing since Monday, when he left his launch off Pensacola bar, intending to come to the city for gasoline to replenish the supply on his launch. He was paddling a canoe when last seen at a point near Fort McRae.

He was accompanied by Alpha Morgan, and they left New Orleans for Camp Walton, a fishing resort thirty miles from Pensacola, Sunday To reach the resort it is necessary to pass this port. When opposite this place it was discovered that the gasoline supply was insufficient to complete the trip, and Young went ashore, leaving Morgan on board the launch. It was while walking along the beach, it is thought, that Young disappeared. To reach here from the point where he landed he would have to pass what is known as Big Lagoon, and the theory that is advanced by many is that Young wandered from the beach in an effort to find a shortcut to the electric line and became lost in the thick swamp.

Mr. Morgan was joined by his wife, who came on from New Orleans, and they have gone to Camp Walton, where they are waiting word from the searching parties looking for the missing man. Masons and other prominent fraternal and business organizations are exerting every effort to find Young.

Both F. H. Young and Alpha Morgan are prominent Masons in Nebraska, having held important positions in their lodge. Mr. Young is president and Mr. Morgan a trustee o fthe Masonic home at Plattsmouth. Mr. Young is also president of the Custer State bank.

The two men were closely associated in business, and were in the habit of making a yearly trip to the gulf coast, where they kept the power boat for pleasure trips and kept up a cottage at the fishing grounds at Walton.

In a telegram to Grand Secretary F. E. White of the Nebraska A. F. & A. M. last night, Mr. Morgan stated that in his opinion Mr. Young had been drowned, but that there was a bare possibility that the missing man had reached the mainland and might still be found.

OIL HARNESS.

Time to oil and repair harness, $1.00 for oiling where we repair the harness. John F. Gorder, Plattsmouth, Neb. 12-5-tfd

For Sale—A number of white Brahma Cockerels. Mrs. C. E. Heebner, Nehawka.

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