

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

Transfers of Real Estate, Marriage Licenses, Etc.

Transfers of Real Estate.
Laura Jane Bollinger to John M. Nall, conveys three tracts of land, for \$1625.
Theodore F. Brown, trustee, to Ira O. Harman, conveys 24 acres, for \$400.
John W. Murray and wife to Sarah H. Houck, convey 5018 1-2 square feet, for \$5.
Clinton V. Lippy and wife to Elmer C. Leese and wife, convey 103 square perches, for \$1530.
Elmer C. Leese and wife to Jacob Leese and wife, convey 49 square perches, for \$730.
Albert Gosnell and wife to Emily J. Gosnell, convey 63 square perches, for \$1150.
Peter Buchman et al. to Raymond P. Buchman, convey several tracts of land, for \$5600.
Wilber L. Koonz and wife to Ethel C. Streaker, convey 2 tracts of land, for \$400.
John A. Arbaugh and wife to Arthur J. Arbaugh and wife, convey 755 square feet of land, for \$650.
L. Carroll Lamotte and wife to Hampstead Bank of Carroll county, convey 27,000 square feet, for \$1000.
Rosa M. Morris to Isaac B. Bowling, convey 3 tracts of land, for \$9000.
Wm. L. Hammond and wife to William L. Hammond, Jr., convey 102 acres, for \$7500.
Jacob D. Powder et al. to Joseph A. Wailes, convey 71 acres, for \$1100.
Joseph C. Wailes and wife to George W. Duval and wife, convey 71 acres, for \$4000.
Ruby E. Walter and wife to Burgettta C. Duval and wife, convey right of way for \$1.
Edward C. Galt and wife to Thomas G. Grimes and wife, convey 15 square perches, for \$5.
Thomas Grimes and wife to Frank D. Grimes and wife, convey 76 acres for \$5.

Orphans' Court

Monday, December 17th.—Anna Sinnott, administratrix of Thomas Sinnott, deceased, settled her first and final account.
John W. Crowl, executor of David Crowl, deceased, settled his third and final account.
Carrie I. Schmirrmond, administratrix of Ida S. Elsdor, deceased, settled her first and final account.
S. Galt Birnie, administrator of Elliott Galt, deceased, settled his first and final account.
Jennie M. Fowble, Josephine Billmeyer and Rosie M. Epply, administrators of Sarah Smith, deceased, settled their first and final account.
Tuesday, December 18th.—Ann Reese, received an order of court to withdraw funds.
Savilla M. Utz and Thomas E. Utz, administrators of George A. Utz, deceased, returned inventories of personal property, debts and money, and received an order to sell personal property.
Mary M. Bemiller, administratrix of William F. Bemiller, deceased, settled her first and final account.
Mary M. Bemiller, administratrix of William F. Bemiller, deceased, received an order to deposit funds.
Granville Reed, administrator of John T. Reed, deceased, returned inventories of personal property and debts, and received an order to notify creditors.
Mary A. Spencer, guardian of Helen F. and Mary H. Spencer, infants, settled her first and final account and received an order to deposit funds.
The last will and testament of William H. Humbert, deceased, was admitted to probate and letters testamentary thereon were granted unto Wesley P. Humbert and John J. Stewart, who received warrant to appraise and an order to notify creditors, and returned an inventory of debts due.

Marriage Licenses

William S. Hudson and Ada Grace Cover, both of Littlestown, Pa.
John S. Kuhn and Lesta M. Landis, both of Manchester.
Ben D. Bell and Agnes May Stitely, both of New Windsor.
Charles W. King and Mildred E. Walters, both of Westminster.
William Sipe and Nancy G. Green, both of Gamber.
Mark E. Wisotzky and L. Pauline Frizzell, both of Taneytown.
C. Emory Hahn, Taneytown, and Effie R. Risher, both of Taneytown.
Foy C. Leister, and Amanda E. Green, both of Westminster.

Good Work By Red Cross

Carroll County Chapter of the American Red Cross has a good record of work accomplished for the month ending Dec. 13 as the following report shows:
37 hospital shirts, 52 pairs pajamas, 150 shoulder rests, 26 chin bandages, 25 wash cloths, 4 cup covers, 1 eye bandage, 28 bandkerchiefs, 27 pairs socks, 8 sponges, 28 napkins, 17 tray covers, 91 dozen wipes, 18 shoulder wraps, 1 hot water bag cover, 48 towels.
Muslin Bandages—67 T bands, 15 head bandages, 184 triangular bandages, 127 abdominal bandages, 822 scullitars bandages.
Knitted Wool Sweaters—116 sweaters, 15 helmets, 23 pair stockings, 4 scarfs, 22 pairs wristlets, 2 Afghans.
Gauze Dressings—190—9x3 compresses, 374—4x4 compresses, 23—5 yard rolls, 76—3 yard rolls, 231—4x4 wipes, 610—2x2 gauze sponges, 50 folded gauze strips.
This all represents a splendid lot of work neatly and carefully done. The two Afghans reported deserve especial mention. They were made by New Windsor Branch and are not only beautiful but we are sure will give a great deal of comfort to the convalescent soldier. Many new workers have joined our ranks in the past two weeks and we are hoping that many more will awaken to the need of the hour. It is urgent. Come and do your part.
NAN R. MATHER,
Supervisor Woman's Work.

DEATHS.

Zengraf.

John J. Zengraf, aged 29 years, of Cranberry, died at University Hospital, Baltimore, Monday morning from lock-jaw. Mr. Zengraf about two weeks ago was sawing wood at his home with a circular saw, driven by a gasoline engine, when a piece of wood caught on the saw pulling his right hand in, badly cutting three of his fingers. He was taken to a doctor who dressed his fingers. His fingers were healing nicely except one which had become infected. On Friday lock-jaw set in and he was hurried to the hospital where his finger was amputated at the hand with hopes of saving his life. He lingered for 72 hours when he died without any relief. At the time of his death he was employed as night engineer at the power house of the Consolidated Public Utilities Company, at Cranberry, and was a very capable man and well liked by the company. He was a member of Comness having taken a course in the Mexican border last summer.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence by Rev. E. T. Mowbray, pastor of Centenary Methodist Episcopal church. Interment in Westminster cemetery. James M. Stoner & Son funeral directors.

The pallbearers were Walter Helm, Harry Case, John Driscoll, Albert Morelock, Zach Harris and Claude Riffle.

Baker.

William E. Baker, aged 33 years, died at his home in New Windsor, Saturday evening, after a lingering illness from tuberculosis. Mr. Baker conducted a garage in New Windsor and was considered one of the best mechanics in the automobile business in this city. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Baker, of New Windsor. His widow, formerly Miss Edna Snader, sister of Senator R. Smith Snader, of New Windsor, and three children, Lillian, William and Joseph Baker, survive.

Funeral services were held at the home Wednesday at 12 o'clock, Rev. Parrish assisted by Dr. James Frazier and Elder A. B. Snader officiating. Interment in Pipe Creek cemetery. The floral tributes were beautiful. The pallbearers were Ray England, Charles Richardson, Paul Buckley, Joseph Haines, John Smith, Edgar Barnes, Warren Dow and John S. Baile.

Harvey Bankard & Son funeral directors.

Bollinger.

Mrs. E. Jane Bollinger, widow of Eli Bollinger, died at her home near Sell's Station on Saturday morning following a sickness of dropsy and Bright's disease. She was aged 74 years.

She is survived by one son, John C. Bollinger, Union township, two daughters, Mrs. George Panebaker, this city, and Mrs. E. J. Geiselman, of Hanover.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock at her late home, 11 o'clock by her pastor, the Rev. Milton E. Whitener, of Redeemer's Reformed church, Littlestown. Interment in the family lot in Christ Reformed church cemetery.

Waltz.

Mrs. Effie Peddicord Waltz, wife of Clinton M. Waltz, died last Saturday at 1 o'clock at her home at Winfield, aged 35 years, 11 months and 7 days. She was the daughter of the late Jas. A. Peddicord and is survived by her mother, Mrs. Ella A. Peddicord, her husband three children, Margaret, Miller and an infant; also two sisters, Mrs. Ernest Cover, Taneyville, and Mrs. Edith Kinley, near Monrovia.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 11 o'clock in Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal church, near H. Wagner officiating. Interment in adjoining cemetery. The pallbearers were John Keefer, Arthur M. Zile, Arthur Keefer, Charles Koonz, J. O. Buckingham and Clayton Bloom.

Byers.

Andrew J. Byers died Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of his only daughter, Mrs. Benjamin F. Eckert, of Hanover, Pa., after a six years' illness of dropsy. He was aged 83 years.

The deceased, a native of Maryland, is survived by his wife, the daughter with whom he made his home and by two brothers, Ezra Byers, Mt. Pleasant, and John Byers, Stonersville, and by one sister, Mrs. David Crouse, Baltimore; one grandchild and six great-grandchildren also survive.

The funeral was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the Eckert residence.

Beaver.

Mrs. Frances A. Beaver, widow of the late W. H. Beaver, died last Friday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Eliza Griswold, near Taneytown, after a long illness. She was 82 years of age. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hook, of Baltimore. Funeral services were held Tuesday at 12 m., in Loudon Park Chapel, conducted by Rev. Miller. Interment in Loudon Park cemetery. C. M. Waltz funeral director.

Deatrick.

Mrs. Catherine E. Deatrick, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Antietam, at Mummasburg, Pa., December 18, aged 88 years. Mrs. Deatrick fell ten days ago sustaining a broken shoulder and hip. William Furney, of Harney, is a brother.

Salem Lutheran Charge

St. John's—9 a. m. Sunday School and treating of Christmas presents to the school. 10 a. m. Preaching. 11 a. m. Catechetical class. St. Benjamin's—1 p. m. Sunday School. 2 p. m. preaching. Catechetical class every Saturday, 1.30 p. m. at the parsonage.
Thursday, December 27th at 7.30 the popular Christmas Cantata, "The Search for a King," will be given by the Sunday School, at the church.

RED CROSS LIE CIRCULATED.

SOME PEOPLE FEAR THEY MAY BE CALLED TO SERVICE IF THEY JOIN



Mr. Editor—Some of your readers have doubtless heard rumors put in circulation in the county either by those who were ignorant of the facts or with deliberate intent to hinder the Red Cross Christmas drive.

One of these is the statement that any one who becomes a member of the Red Cross Society renders himself liable to be called upon for service of various kinds. This statement is absolutely without foundation. One who becomes a member of the Society incurs no obligation whatever except for the payment of one dollar as membership fee.

Another story grows out of the fact that several meetings of chairmen of various committees have been held at the Hotel Westminster, at which luncheon was served. It has been rumored that the expenses of these meetings and luncheons have been paid from Red Cross funds.

For the sake of the cause, justice to those who have given their best services and of their money, willingly, wholeheartedly and without reserve, "for love's sake only," and once for all to correct these false rumors, I will be grateful if you will give space to this communication.

As an actual fact, not one penny from Red Cross membership funds or other money contributed to the Red Cross work has been spent for the purposes indicated. Certain persons in the county, who prefer that their names should not be mentioned in a public way, have paid out of their own pockets such sums as were needed in holding these meetings, in various forms of advertising, traveling by speakers to meetings all over the county, in bringing the band from St. Mary's Industrial School to the great meeting at Alumni Hall last week, and other necessary expenditures to make the work of securing not less than 5000 new members a success. In appreciation of their unselfish efforts, every man, woman and child in Carroll county, who can do so, should feel that he should have his part in this work, and should show his appreciation by enrolling his name as a Christmas member of the Red Cross Society.

W. L. SEABROOK

New Mail Route to Baltimore from Gettysburg.

Motor Truck Service on star route No. 10, Gettysburg to Baltimore, by way of Littlestown, Westminster, Pikesburg, Reisterstown, and Owings Mills, was established Monday. This service is intended primarily to provide ready means of conveyance between rural communities and centers of population, of parcel post matter. The Post Office Department expects this service to prove attractive to shippers located along the route, as under the proposed schedule, matter taken into Baltimore will be delivered on the same day.
While this service is intended for parcel post, any mail matter may be dispatched by the truck, if delivery can be expedited thereby. And while it is proposed to pick up matter never offered to the public will understand that a rapid schedule must be adhered to if the service is to be successful, and shippers should take matter to nearest postoffice in order that it may be ready for placing on truck when it arrives. It is impossible to take matter to postoffice, shippers may meet the truck and hand the driver such matter as they wish dispatched, but there should be fixed points established, by agreement between shippers, where a number could meet the truck, so that as few stops as possible would be made.
The success of this service, which is now in the experimental stage, will depend to a great extent on the cooperation of those wishing to utilize the same.
The present schedule, which will be adhered to as nearly as conditions permit, is as follows:
Leave Gettysburg, 6.00 a. m., Littlestown 7.00 a. m., Westminster 8.20 a. m., arrive Baltimore 11.30 a. m.
Returning, leave Baltimore, 12.30 p. m., Westminster 3.00 p. m., Littlestown 4.20 p. m., arrive Gettysburg 5.30 p. m. The truck is not scheduled to stop at Pikesburg, Reisterstown and Owings Mills at present.

Probably Suicide.

First Class Private Charles R. Kline, Company B, One Hundred and Fifteenth Regiment, was found dying in his own automobile at the foot of his company street at 2.30 o'clock Sunday morning with a bullet wound in his right temple and a .32-caliber revolver on the floor at his feet. He died at 4.30 at the Base Hospital.

The tragedy has completely baffled the Maryland soldiers and has plunged into gloom the squad tent he occupied with eight other Maryland boys.

Kline was a good comrade, always cheerful and a rattling good soldier. He never once gave anybody the impression that anything was worrying him. He always had plenty of money. He had turned his own automobile virtually into a piece of company property and always took into town as many soldiers as he could find room for. He was looking forward to a trip home at Christmas, yet suicide is the only theory anybody can assign as the cause of his death.

PERSONALS

Mr. C. Levine Billingslea, of Baltimore, spent Thursday in this city.

Mr. Clarence Orndorff, of Savannah, Ga., is spending some time in this city.

Miss Ort, near Mt. Airy, is spending the Xmas holidays at her home, Frostburg, Md.

Mr. David Myers, of Green Spring Valley, was a Sunday guest of friends in this city.

Mr. J. Frank Diffendal will arrive home tomorrow from his Southern business trip.

Mrs. F. M. Hall, Asbestos left this week for Philadelphia where she will spend the winter.

Miss Grace Gunther, Pennsylvania Avenue, spent the week's end with her sisters in Baltimore.

Mrs. Harry D. Fowble and Mrs. Claude Billmeyer, Union Bridge, spent Saturday in Baltimore.

Miss Nan Bowersox, John street, is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Alexander Ross, Richmond, Va.

Mrs. William H. Vanderford, East Main street, left Monday for Baltimore where she will spend the winter.

Mr. Frank Yingling, this city, spent the week's end with his brother, Mr. Howard Yingling, at Hanover, Pa.

Mrs. Frank Eppley, of Chicago, Ill., is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Harry D. Fowble, West Main street.

Mr. William Moore, Jr., of Baltimore, spent Sunday with his father, Mr. William Moore, East Green street.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Brundige, West Main street, left Monday for Baltimore, where they will spend the winter.

Mrs. James H. Billingslea and daughter, Miss Lottie Lee, of Baltimore, are spending several days in this city.

Mrs. Charles Eckenrode and daughter, Littlestown, Pa., was a guest of her sister, Mrs. May Schaeffer, East Main street.

Mr. Henry Handley, of Baltimore, was a week's end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob H. Handley, West Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Yingling and daughter, of Baltimore, were Sunday guests of his sister, Mrs. John Lippy, Liberty street.

Mrs. Edward Clark and daughter, Miss Alice, of Jameson, Md., and Mr. John Cassell, of Philadelphia, Pa., will arrive in this city tomorrow to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

A Xmas Gift to Westminster.

As Xmas comes around so does the Columbia Stock Company which will begin its annual engagement at the Opera House here on December 24, lasting for a week, and presenting a different play each night, with special matinees on Xmas Day and New Year's Day. This year the company has an exceptional fine line of plays, selected with great care and the knowledge of what Westminsters likes. The opening play on December 24th will be "Oh that Boy" a dandy melodrama in five acts. Xmas matinee Tuesday afternoon will be "Dora Thorne" and Xmas night an entirely new play, "Woe by Walting," a great rural comedy drama with strong heart interest and lots of good wholesome comedy. Wednesday evening will see "The Girl From Tipperary," a story of the church, but a comedy with a lasting appeal as the leading character, Thursday night, "Wife in name only," a dramatization of the well known novel, and on Friday night the first feature play, another dramatization of a well known book, "Moth" by Quida. Most of our patrons have no doubt read the book and will want to see the play. The ladies in the company will wear some magnificent gowns. Saturday will see the usual matinee on the occasion "Oh, that Boy" will be repeated. On Saturday night the best farce comedy the Columbia Stock Co. has ever produced, "Fix it Eddie." The rest of the plays will be announced each week. The Columbia Stock Company is stronger and better than ever this season. There are several new members with the company and some old ones. Among the old ones to return is Mr. Rex George who was here with them two years ago, one of the new members is Mr. Ben Lantry who played with some other company once, and an entirely new member is Mr. Basil Blake. The rest of the personal remains the same, with the same old favorites, Mr. and Mrs. Kravetz, or better known as the Old Man and Miss Stella May; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Blythe, Mrs. Blythe being better known as Miss Anna Davis, and Miss Lilly Morris; also a new lady, Miss Edna Dale, who is the wife of Mr. Rex George. The entire Columbia Stock Company is glad to be back in Westminster again. "It feels like home."

TAX COMMISSION'S NET IS SWEEPING.

ALL KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY ARE INCLUDED—FROM NEEDLE TO PIANO.

The blank forms for personal property have been issued by the State Tax Commission. These forms call for every article owned by the taxpayer in the counties from a needle to piano, from a runt pig to a Holstein bull. Nothing will get through the meshes of the net. The blanks go first to the commissioners of the several counties.

The taxgatherer has been instructed to levy taxes on all household furniture, silverware, books, statuary and all household effects. The farmer will have to make returns on the number of horses of both genders, driving horses, as well as the lowly work horse, mules, colts under three years and ponies. The commission has drawn a distinction in the bovine race, so that ordinary cows are to yield one tax, while cows of fancy breeds, bulls, heifers, yearlings and calves are designated in a separate column. Hogs, both of the old razor-back variety, as well as fancy bred, pigs, shoats, are also included in the schedule, even the little frisky lamb which Mary is alleged to have led to school, is to be made bear his share of the taxes. Sheep and bucks are also included. Poultry of all varieties are to be assessed, farming implements of every kind and description, automobiles and all motor vehicles, wagons, carriages and buggies, harness and all stable effects, fixtures in stores, goods, merchandise, etc., tools, machinery, etc., vessels, from ships to rowboats, will be made to bear their proportional part of the new assessment.

Returns will have to be made for all fishing apparatus, including nets, etc. The holders of stocks, evidences of debt, shares of bonds, and every other kind of property, interest in trust estates, trustees, executors, guardians, etc., will all have to file their schedule with the county commissioners in each of the counties. In fact, the new schedule will cover everything which was included in the famous cargo of the ark and much more, which was not aboard that ancient vessel.

The tax hunter is expected to begin his work about the 20th of December and continue the same until every owner of property included in this schedule has filed his returns. The penalty for failing to or refusing to give in to the assessors the true holdings is subject to a fine of \$1,000, with an addition of 50 per cent, per annum added thereto.

The farmer from one of the counties who read over this schedule today made the remark that if anything was left to be covered by the new reassessment it could only be found with a spyglass.

First Interest on Liberty Bonds Paid Saturday.

Owners of Liberty 3-1-2 per cent Bonds, first issue, received their first interest on Saturday, December 15, the amount representing the interest for the six months ended that day. Payments throughout the United States aggregated \$35,000,000 and this sum was divided among upward of 4,000,000 men, women and children. It is estimated that fully 95 per cent of this vast army of investors bought bonds ranging in amount from \$50 to \$10,000.

Maryland's quota to the list of subscribers was \$93,450, which is ten times the number of investors in securities in this state prior to the flotation of this loan, and is fully one-fourth of the total number of investors in securities in the United States up to that time.

The counties of the State contributed 16,534 buyers of the first Liberty Loan, their subscriptions amounting to \$6,092,150, while the City furnished \$6,896 purchasers, their subscriptions aggregating \$31,034,150.

Probably 75 per cent of Liberty Bond buyers had never before invested in a security; millions of them had never even seen a bond, but they knew what thrift is now, and the net result of the Government's financing has been the creation of a huge army of potential investors, which bids fair to spread until the United States takes rank with France as a nation of investors.

Each day after December 15 interest accumulates on the 3-1-2 per cent bonds and will be paid through the second coupon, which is payable on June 15, 1918.

PROHIBITION WINS IN CONGRESS.

282 TO 128

Goes Back to Senate—House Allows Seven Years For Ratification To Upper Body's Six.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The resolution to submit to the states a national prohibition amendment to the Federal Constitution was adopted late today by the House, with a vote of two-thirds required for its approval. The vote of the House, announced by Speaker Clark, was 282 to 128, or 25 more than required.

Ratification by three-fourths of the states is needed to make the amendment effective.

A similar resolution passed by the Senate at the last session, but the House resolution gives the State Legislatures seven years in which to approve the amendment, while that of the Senate gives six. A motion to concur in the change will be made in the Senate tomorrow, but if one member objects action will have to go over until after the holidays.

A wild demonstration took place in the House. W. J. Bryan appeared on the floor and took a seat with Representative Webb as co-recipients of congratulations.

Before the final vote an amendment by Representative Lea, of California, providing that prohibition provisions should not apply to light wines and beer was rejected by a rising vote of 232 to 107.

Westminster Remembers the Boys of "Old Company H."

Although the different churches were looking after their own members, and individual gifts were being prepared for the boys in the various camps by friends at home, it was suggested by Mrs. John L. Reifsnider, Jr., whose warm, sympathetic heart goes out to all the boys in camp, that a box be sent to Old Company H., now Company C, 112 Machine Gun Battalion from the citizens of Westminster. A committee consisting of Mrs. Reifsnider, Miss Mary B. Shellman, F. Neale Parke, Esq., and Dr. Thomas Shaw, immediately started to work on the suggestion, with the result that the sum of \$176.93 was realized in a few days, everybody contributing willingly. Of this sum, \$15.00 was contributed by students of Western Maryland College, and a generous sum was realized from the boxes placed by Dr. Shaw in the business houses in various parts of the town.

On Thursday, December 13, the following met at Dr. Shaw's drug store and prepared the packages: Mrs. John L. Reifsnider, Jr., Miss Mary B. Shellman, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Rainey, Dr. Thomas Shaw, Norman Lantz, Miss Jessie Shaw and Miss Rhoda Yeiser.

There are 81 members of Old Company H. now in Company C, and 15 scattered about Camp McClellan in other companies making 96 in all, and to each one was sent a plentiful supply of smoking tobacco and chocolate, each package bearing a Christmas card with his name. Dr. Shaw kindly packed the box and forwarded it by express to Capt. John N. Weigle who will distribute the packages on Christmas morning. A Christmas card was also sent to each, inscribed by Westminster girls with greetings and good wishes. The following letter accompanied the box:

"Dear Boys of 'Old Company H.'—Merry Christmas to all! You see how we cling to the old name. Uncle Sam knows you as Company C, 112 Machine Gun Battalion, but 'back home' you are still enshrined in our hearts as our own boys of Old Company H. But the greeting is just as warm, just as sincere, and just as full of love and good wishes to each of you, no matter what name or title you bear. But there is a magic in the name of 'Company H.' which touches the hearts and opens the pocket books, of 'the folks back home' and although the churches are representatives, and mothers and loved ones at home are sending individual gifts, when the warm, sympathetic heart of Mrs. John L. Reifsnider Jr., suggested a gift to all, in which everybody, old and young, rich and poor could have a share, it brought forth a general response, and we are sending you today, in the name of the home folks, this Christmas token of our love.

After dinner, boys, gather around your camp fire and have a good old Carroll county smoke. We will be thinking and talking of you, and as the smoke wreaths a curl above your head, you can see our faces—And every face will wear a smile. For we banish tears today. And talk and wish good Christmas cheer. To our boys who've gone away. And thoughts will bridge the miles today. And have the way with prayer. That 'He whose love is greater far, Will have you in His care. On Christmas Eve, as we sing our Christmas Carols, on the street, we will miss several of you, who always helped so much, and who sing, 'We will breathe a prayer, that He, whose birth we celebrate, the Prince of Peace, will hasten the day, when Peace will come, and you who are taking so great a part in bringing the universal peace, will return to us. Again, a merry Christmas, with the love of everybody 'back home', including the old folks at the County Home, whom you so kindly remembered, and may, 'God be with you till we meet again.' Signed Mrs. John L. Reifsnider, Jr., Miss Mary B. Shellman, Dr. Thomas Shaw, F. Neale Parke.

Committee

The members of Company C, Old Company H, sent Christmas greetings and \$5.00 to Miss Mary B. Shellman to be used in carrying Christmas cheer to the old folks in the County Home.

Carroll Reformed Charge.

St. Benjamin's—Children's Christmas service 9 a. m. Divine service 10 a. m. St. Matthew's, Pleasant Valley Sunday School 1.30 p. m. Divine service 2.30 p. m. J. W. Reinecke, pastor.

THE RED CROSS DRIVE

1700 NEEDED TO FILL CARROLL'S QUOTA, 5028—WESTMINSTER HAS ENLISTED MORE MEMBERS THAN ALL OTHER DISTRICTS COMBINED—COMMITTEES ARE WORKING HARD.

Taneytown held a splendid meeting in the Town Hall Friday evening. A large number of earnest people were present. Father Cuddy made an eloquent speech; Rev. E. T. Read made a stirring address; Mrs. Thea Robbins gave an appealing talk, and Robert S. Shriver urged the audience to get behind the movement and make it a success. Rev. Mr. Hafer presided and conducted a conference with his workers.

Mr. W. Steele, Esq., B. W. Hagy, Jr., and Rev. J. W. Reinecke spoke before a well attended meeting at Union Mills on Wednesday evening of last week. Mr. George W. Yeiser presided and the Union Mills band was in attendance. Headquarters at Union Mills has a fine banner displayed.

Wednesday afternoon Prof. M. H. S. Unger and Chas. O. Clemson addressed a well attended meeting at the residence of Mrs. N. C. Clough, Finksburg. Good results are following from this meeting.

The Mechanicsville meeting Saturday evening was addressed by Rev. H. C. Owens. The deep snow did not stop the people and Lester Patterson and his committee are making rapid progress in Woolery's district.

Father Thos. McGuigan and Rev. W. L. Seabrook addressed the public meeting at Mt. Airy Wednesday. While the weather prevented a large attendance a splendid spirit was shown and Mr. Walter Rudy, chairman, reports good progress in the campaign.

Uniontown meeting had to be abandoned on account of the lifted roads, but in spite of all difficulties Uniontown, precinct No. 1, is sending in remarkable figures of new members secured.

The Freedom meeting at Sykesville Tuesday night was addressed by F. Neale Parke, Esq., and Mrs. Thea Robbins. It was a large and splendid meeting, and Freedom district has the "vision" and Senator W. H. D. Warfield and Mrs. Wm. H. Shipley, chairman of the committee, predict more than the minimum number of members from the district.

The Manchester meeting resulted in a splendid spirit being developed and a good number of new members were secured. Mr. John E. Masonheimer presided and W. Frank Thomas, Rev. E. T. Read, Mrs. Thos. Robbins and H. Peyton Gorsuch spoke on the work and purpose of the Red Cross.

Wednesday night a meeting was held at Taneyville district which was addressed by Mr. W. L. Seabrook and Robert S. Shriver and while Franklin district has not a large number of members on her quota, it is believed active work will be done and on Christmas Eve her quota will be reached.

At Middleburg held a meeting Thursday night at Walden's Hall. Dr. Woodward and Rev. Mr. Parrish of New Windsor spoke and a Branch of the Carroll County Chapter was organized.

Middleburg is alive in this campaign and will probably exceed its minimum number in members. Hampstead's meeting was only fairly well attended. Rev. Mr. Yoder and Dr. Woodward spoke at Middleburg and some new workers were enlisted.

The meeting at Union Bridge was addressed by Rev. W. L. Seabrook and great interest was shown in the campaign.

A meeting was held at Woodbine on Wednesday evening and Mrs. Byard Dorsey expects Berrett district will exceed its allotment of new members.

All the High Schools on last Friday were addressed by good speakers and special Red Cross exercises were held.

Red Cross Sunday was generally observed throughout the county last Sunday.

In all the churches either a strong presentation of the Red Cross was made, a sermon preached or the entire service was given over to the cause of the Red Cross.

A meeting was held in Baust's church, Uniontown district, precinct No. 2, Thursday evening. Rev. Paul D. Yoder, Rev. E. T. Read, Mrs. Thos. Robbins and Robert S. Shriver spoke.

Each day a report is sent out to the committees and workers all over the county, giving the results in each district. The figures for the different districts up to six o'clock Thursday evening are as follows:
Taneytown, 221; Uniontown, 126; Myers, 150; Woodley's, 370; Freedom, 200; Westminster No. 1, 232; Westminster No. 2, 255; Westminster No. 3, 360; Westminster No. 4, 258; Hampstead, 96; Manchester, 190; Franklin