

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

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Willbur L. Kooztz and wife to Mary Kooztz, convey 13 acres, for \$6.

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John E. Sontz, Harney, and Mary I. Hark, Greenfield.

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On December 25 at the Deer Park Methodist Protestant parsonage, Miss Bertha F. Shipley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reese Shipley, of Berrett, and Mr. Henry A. Freter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Freter, near Windfield, were quietly married by Rev. W. A. Sites. The bride was becomingly attired in a blue suit, with hat and gloves to match.

Lohr—Wisner.

A very pretty wedding took place Thursday evening, December 20, at the home of Elder E. C. Brown, Fountain Valley, when Miss Golda A. Route became the bride of Hobert McKinley Carl, both of Mayberry. Elder Brown officiated. The bride is a granddaughter of Elder John Utz, Pine Creek.

NOTICE TO REGISTRANTS.

Many of the young men, who have come to the Court House during the past week to answer the Questionnaires, have brought with them their young children.

LEGAL ADVISORY BOARD.

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That Frenchman comes out of that trench, and he is met by your Red Cross representative and he is taken to a structure you have arranged, his clothes are changed, he is sterilized and mended. A bath and a haircut are given to him, and a shave if he needs it; if he has whiskers and wants them trimmed, they are trimmed. He gets three hours, or three days' rest. Then he is taken to the place where his home was and there he finds a structure temporary in character which you have built for him, and within that structure he finds his mother or his wife or children, whom you have found for him.

He finds them provided with food, just as tenderly and carefully as we can. He spends his holiday, and then goes back to the trench. What effect do you suppose that has had on that French soldier? It has had the same effect upon that French soldier that it would have on you. Frenchmen are made of exactly the same kind of clay as we are made of. They are just as susceptible to encouragement or discouragement as we are. When he goes back to the trench he stands there a moment and says: "Thank God the Americans are here. They are not yet ready in the line, but they are here to take care of the members of my family; they have found me and they will provide for them. I now have

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THE TOP.

The Christmas Red Cross Drive to increase Carroll County's membership to 5028 went over the top Wednesday, with several branches still working. The total Christmas members reported are 8325, exclusive of the previous enrollment of 2143, making a grand total of 8325. Snow bound roads in the rural districts made the several enrollment committees press forward more vigorously and the campaign is still going forward until New Year's Eve. Carroll's total population is now 35,000, so that nearly every person in four is a member of the Red Cross. Westminster with a population of 3400 has 1915 members, possibly the largest enrollment of any city near its size in the State.

The membership by districts is: Minimum Taneytown 359 400 Uniontown 328 327 Myers 310 284 Woodbury 330 450 Freedom 400 320 Westminster, Pre. 1 327 Westminster, Pre. 2 373 968 Westminster, Pre. 3 723 Westminster, Pre. 4 342 Westminster, Pre. 5 150 Hampstead 271 362 Manchester 400 534 Franklin 156 183 Middleburg 251 164 New Windsor 433 307 Union Bridge 249 227 Mt. Airy 330 279 Berrett 200 278 Total Christmas members 6185, previous enrollments 2143, total 8325.

UNIONTOWN.

Rev. F. N. Parson and family spent the Christmas holidays in Harrisburg. Hayden Michael spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Fannie Michaels. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hymiller, of Harmon, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Heck.

The Week of Prayer will begin on Sunday evening at the Lutheran church. Rev. F. N. Parson will deliver the sermon. The services will be held in the Lutheran church on Sunday Monday and Tuesday nights. In the Methodist church, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights. In the Church of God Saturday and Sunday nights. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Price, of near Littlestown, spent a few days with Mrs. Price's mother, Mrs. Mary Storer, of Clear Ridge, who has been ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Fannie Sollenberger, of near Clear Ridge, visited her mother, Mrs. Clara Crouse, of Clear Ridge, this week. Norman Eckard, of Baltimore, spent Christmas at home.

Walter Sollenberger visited his mother, Mrs. Fannie Sollenberger, and other friends this week. Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Powers, of Baltimore, spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bilymer.

Mrs. Charles Carbaugh and sons, Leslie and Luther, of Fairview, and Guy Bilymer, of Waynesboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fowler, of Hillside Cottage, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bilymer on Sunday.

MOUNT OLIVE.

The weather has been very gloomy for the past week, we hope there is better ahead. Coasting seems to be the sport for the boys around Mt. Olive and in fact some of the men too.

We believe Santa Clause made his trip around the flying machine as there was not enough snow on the ground for him to sleigh. Miss Eva Lewis, teacher of the Mt. Olive school, is spending the holidays with her mother, of Frostburg, Md. Miss Elsie Davis who has been sick is improving on this writing.

Mrs. Mary Dietrick, of Baltimore, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Dempsey recently. Mr. Samuel Mathias called on Mr. Perry Chaney of Woodbine, Sunday last.

Mr. James W. Fleming made a flying trip to Frederick one day last week. Mr. James E. Mathias and family, of Cooksville, spent Sunday last at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mathias.

Mrs. John N. Selby and children, of near this place visited her mother, Mrs. Dollie Breasher of Ridge Road, recently. Mr. Charley Fleming and family, of near Denton, visited Mrs. Lucinda Ecker and family of this place.

HEALTH OF COMMUNITY GOOD.

Wishing all the Advocate readers a Happy New Year. UNION BRIDGE. Lowell Byerly has a miniature kitchen cabinet on exhibition. Charles Spurrier on the Clemson farm was paralyzed on Saturday. Grant Durant of the Tidewater works is spending the holidays at his home in Wisconsin.

Raymond Yingling, at Camp Gordon, was sent a purse of money for a Christmas gift. George Whitmore is home from St. Louis. Geo. Mullen, Harry Routzahn and Orval Duvall were home from Camp Meade. Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Wilson are at York Pa. for the holidays. William Risler is visiting relatives in Baltimore. Earl Shriner, of the U. S. Aviation Corps, is home for two weeks. He is stationed at Cornell. Tidewater Cement Company have several machines built by the Krupp Works in Germany. James Bilymer, cartoonist, on the Baltimore American, has had an offer from the Philadelphia North American in the same business. Dr. J. W. Weaver had six of his best fowls stolen from his chicken house. Tidewater works were closed down from Sunday until Wednesday. Portia and Catherine Fleagle are spending some time in Washington.

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