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THE DISEASES OF WAR

Talks on Health and Hygiene by Samuel G. Dixon, M. D., LL. D., Commissioner of Health.

Tuberculosis has a hold on the people of France both of the army and the civil population.

While French bacteriologists have been conspicuous among the world scientific investigators the French health authorities have not followed up their preventive work by educating the people how to build up a resistance to the disease. This calamity to the French is a warning to us that holds not only in regard to tuberculosis, but other diseases that are spread nation-wide during wars.

Pennsylvania fortunately has a great State-wide system to fight tuberculosis and other diseases. During war times we must ask the closest cooperation of our citizens and others living in our midst.

There is no time to lose in preparing against the spread of disease. Our happiness and our national strength in our army, navy, on the farms and in industrial plants, all depend upon our health. Without it victory cannot be ours.

Booze or Bread?

Mrs. George A. Dunning, chairman of the Philadelphia branch, said in a recent interview "An unrelenting campaign against the use of alcoholic drinks during the war is being pushed by the Woman Suffrage party. It is the first departure from our national platform of suffrage only."

"If the national amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors during the war is not passed by Congress, the suffragists will try to boycott the use of liquor by asking people to pledge themselves to abstain from purchasing or using any form of alcoholic liquor during the term of the war."

"When it comes to a question of booze or bread, there is no doubt where any sensible person stands. All the men and women of my acquaintance have come forward to indorse the movement. Many of them have been accustomed to a liberal use of liquor in their own homes. But they are now strong for prohibition during wartime, because they feel that the efficiency of the nation will suffer if such a measure is not passed."

Old Engineer Here.

A few days ago, a gentleman thought to be about seventy years of age stopped at the J. K. Johnson gasoline fountain in McConnellsburg and during a brief conversation he disclosed the information that he was A. L. Johnson, the man who engineered the survey and route of the South Penn railroad from McConnellsburg to Pittsburgh more than thirty years ago. For a number of years he has been in the employ of the McConnellsburg water works and boarded at the Washington House. Since then he has engineered the construction of the greatest electrical plant in the world—the one at Niagara Falls. Also had a hand in the construction of the New York City viaducts that supply the city with water from a distance of over one hundred miles.

Mr. Clemens inspected the viaduct and other remains of the railroad in this county last week.

Arm Broken.

A few days ago, Ben Lucas was having repairs on a Ford in the Linn garage and when he attempted to crank the machine he became "cranky" and "kicked." Ben is having his right arm in a cast for a fracture of the humerus. The larger of the two bones of the forearm was broken at the wrist as a result of the crank handle being back-fired.

Men Wanted.

The following notice was sent to the News by the War Department:

"The cavalry, engineers, coast artillery, signal corps and quartermaster corps of the Regular Army have already been brought to war strength.

"45,000 recruits are needed at once to complete the new regiments of infantry and field artillery.

"25,000 additional recruits are desired at the earliest practicable date to fill vacancies in order that the war strength of 300,000 men may be maintained.

"Facilities are in readiness for placing these 70,000 men under proper training.

"Any delay in obtaining this number will necessarily cause the loss of invaluable time.

It is the earnest desire of the War Department that 70,000 single men between the ages of 18 and 40, who have no dependents and who are not engaged in professions, businesses, or trades vitally necessary to the prosecution of the War, be enlisted in the Regular Army before the 30th of June, 1917.

NEWTON D. BAKER, Secretary of War."

Brothers Enlist.

Ira L. Peck and Wilbert D. Peck, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan P. Peck, of Chambersburg R R 7, but formerly of this county, have tendered their service to Uncle Sam and the same has been accepted with appreciation. Ira, who is at the head of Commercial Department of the Chambersburg High School, will be assigned to the Naval Coast Defense Reserve Corps, for the fourth district which includes the coast from Barnegat Bay, N. J., to the shores of Virginia, with Philadelphia as headquarters. Wilbert, who is a junior student at Lebanon Valley College, goes into the same branch of the service and will be called to Philadelphia soon where he will spend six months in training for work as Wireless Operator for merchant ships. One of the boys exchanges a position at a hundred dollars a month for one at \$27.50, and the other steps away from college when he is on the threshold of the senior year. They have the spirit!

Family Reunion.

A pleasant family reunion took place yesterday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Kendall, in Ayr township, all the children being present. Beginning with the oldest and naming them according to age, they are: Mrs. A. M. Malcolm (Edith) of Albia, Iowa; Mrs. Thomas Shepherd (Katharine) of New Concord, Ohio; Mrs. R. W. McKibbin (Minerva) of Waynesboro; Mrs. J. H. Atchinson (Jessie) of Albia, Iowa. The next are twins—Miss Ella, of Philadelphia and Mrs. John Rhoades (Fannie) of Mercersburg. Miss Ethel is the youngest and lives at home. Several grandchildren were present.

Entertainment Postponed.

Last week the local Chautauqua Circle announced the James Whitcomb Riley entertainment in the Auditorium for June 22nd. Owing to unavoidable circumstances, the entertainment has been postponed until June 26, at which time the lecturer, Humphrey C. Deibert, will be with us. This entertainment is of a highly refined, educational nature that may be enjoyed by old and young. Price of general admission 15 cents; reserved seats 25 cents at Trout's drug store.

Mrs. Frances P. Hart and son Floyd, of Needmore, motored to Huntingdon, Pa., attended the commencement exercises at Juniata College, and took home with them Miss Catherine Hart, who graduated from that institution this year.

Young Men Enlisting.

Young men are needed in the military service of the United States. They have been asked to volunteer. If a sufficient number do not enter the service voluntarily, the deficiency will be made up in a draft. During the last week many young men have enlisted. They argue that if they enlist they have the chance to choose the branch of the service which they prefer; if they are drafted, they will go wherever it suits the government best to place them.

Enlistments may be made for the army or the navy which includes infantry, cavalry, artillery, coast defence, signal corps, air service—in fact, you have the choice of fighting on water, under the water, on land or above the land. Fulton county men enlisting in the infantry service will be sent to Gettysburg where they will probably be stationed for six to eight months, and men from the same neighborhood will be assigned to the same company if they so desire.

Enlistments may be made for the Signal Corps Army Balloon School, Fort Omaha, Neb., of men who are qualified as lathe operators, drill press operators and machinists.

Every postmaster is an authorized recruiting agent; hence you need not go farther than your home post office, to get started. Tell your postmaster. He will do the rest. Postmaster Lamber, son has from the first of April to June 10th, 3 recruits to his credit; Grant Mellott at Needmore, 2; Dr. Enfield at Bedford, 2; and Bob Speer at Everett, 8.

Will Go to India.

On May 17, 1917, Miss Helen McCain Kendall, daughter of the late William and Hattie Kendall, of Ayr township presbytery her diploma from the Presbyterian Hospital of New York City, and a few days later she received her appointment from the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions to work in the Western Mission in India. Just recently she was in attendance at a conference of out-going missionaries.

Miss Frances Goheen, a young woman born in India, and whose parents are still there, has been appointed to the same Mission. Both Miss Kendall and Miss Goheen graduated from Wooster University, Ohio, and both are graduates of the same hospital-trained and consecrated friends ready to show to all with whom they come in contact the joy of serving that Friend who is closer than a brother.

They do not expect to sail for India until next spring.

Women Must Register.

Herbert C. Hoover who is in full charge of the government food conservation movement gave out a statement in Washington last Saturday calling upon every woman in the United States to support his plans.

All women will be asked to sign a pledge, which if observed, Hoover says, will save as much in a year as was asked for the Liberty Loan. He asks them to pledge themselves to carry out the directions and advice of the food administration in the control of their household. Hoover states the general principles of the instructions are: save wheat; save meat; save fats; save transportation.

Forage Crops For Sheep

Rape may be used during the entire season. It produces a crop if sown at any time from early spring until September 1. Rye, sown in August, furnishes an excellent early spring pasture. If corn is used, it should be grazed when eighteen inches high.

A few days ago, Chas. Eitemiller and wife, of Mercersburg, brought the former's mother to stay with her sister, Mrs. Henry A. Comer, for a few days.

The Red Cross Work.

As will be noticed elsewhere in this paper a meeting will be held in the auditorium in the school building Saturday evening at 7:30 for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization for Red Cross work in this town and surrounding community. As the News stated last week, Fulton is the last county in the state to take up this work. Huntingdon has a membership of more than 1000, and Franklin nearly double that number. Not only are County Seats effecting organization, but the smaller towns and villages are taking up the work.

Last Saturday sixty young women made a house to house canvass of the town of Huntingdon and secured between five and six hundred new members.

Every man, woman and child in Fulton county should join the Red Cross. President Wilson asks it; Governor Brumbaugh urges it, and the Committee of Public Safety of Pennsylvania urges it. It costs you \$1.00 to join. One-half of this amount goes to the Red Cross headquarters in Washington, the other half remains here to purchase materials which our women will make into garments for war relief. Membership places you under no obligation whatever. If you want to work there is plenty to do. Neither the Red Cross society nor the Government has any hold upon you and expects no service that is not entirely voluntary. You may not be able to join the armed forces, you may not have felt able to buy a Liberty Bond. Every member of your family can be a member of the Red Cross and so help in that way. This is your war, and the whole country must help win it. Every one can do something. Will you not join?

After an absence of twenty years, during which time she has been a resident of Rogersville, Tenn., Miss Kate Allender spent the past ten days among former Fulton County relatives and friends at Fort Littleton and McConnellsburg. Before going to Tennessee, Miss Allender was a teacher in the public schools in this county—teaching one or more terms in the McConnellsburg schools.

Miss Allender took advantage of the excursion rates given to the ex-Confederate soldiers to their reunion at Washington D. C., and she and Miss Campbell, spent a few days in the Capitol City very pleasantly.

War Garments Made Here.

The McConnellsburg branch of the Needlework Guild of America shipped the following new garments and other hospital supplies to the War Department last Saturday: 16 sheets, 9 pairs of bed socks, 1 dozen handkerchiefs, 1 dozen body binders, 17 hospital bed shirts, 21 kimono shirts, 13 night shirts, and 8 suits of pajamas. The boxes were shipped to the New York City office of the Guild where they will be turned over to the Red Cross.

For several years, the local Guild has been making new garments and quietly distributing them to the needy, and this is the first time that the ladies have given of their work to Uncle Sam.

Notice To Farmers.

There is a shortage of seeds, especially buckwheat and beans. Many farmers have a few seeds left after planting which they think are of no use. If you have your supply of seed, estimate your needs closely and report any surplus to W. R. Sloan, Secretary Committee of Public Safety in Fulton County, McConnellsburg, giving name, price and kind of seed. Don't let your surplus seeds waste—your neighbors need them. The lot of available seeds will be open to all farmers in the county.

Dangerous Sport.

Far be it from us to curtail legitimate sports of our boys in vacation time, but when children from eight years old upwards carry, and fire, real rifles on our streets, as seen and heard daily, we would be negligent if we did not protest. These rifles are powerful enough to penetrate several boards, and would kill men and horses if hit with a bullet. The use of powder rifles, as well as that of air rifles, inside borough limits is unlawful, made so by recent acts of the legislature. In at least one recent instance, a bullet entered a distant door and narrowly missed killing a man. Parents, can you afford the risk of arrest, or a lifelong regret for a life taken?

Joy Turned into Mourning.

As happy brides, Mildred Snyder aged 22 years, and her sister Bertha, left the home of their father, Samuel L. Snyder, Pennsylvania Railroad Superintendent at Petersburg, Huntingdon County, on Wednesday the 6th of June, they having become the wives respectively of W. Carey Shoemaker and Chester Stryker of the same place.

Traveling together on their honeymoon, they reached Philadelphia in the evening. Shortly after supper Mrs. Shoemaker was stricken with acute appendicitis and was operated on the same night in the Jewish Hospital. She lingered until Tuesday, when she died.

Are You Patriotic?

Authority having been granted to organize the Fulton Chapter of the American Red Cross Society, there will be a public meeting in the School Auditorium Saturday evening, at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization. This is the week set aside by President Wilson as Red Cross week and every patriotic citizen should feel it his privilege to attend this meeting and participate in the noble work of the Red Cross.

Carry Your Card

Men between 21 and 31 years of age who complied with the registration on June 5, should carry their registration cards with them, especially if they go away from home. From this date a sharp look-out, especially in the larger towns and cities, will be kept for "slackers." The officers will not hesitate to request any person whom they suspect of having failed to register to display his registration card.

Schooley--Ficks.

On June 14, 1917, Mr. Harvey Watson Schooley and Miss Stella Blanche Ficks were united in marriage by the Rev. George B. M. Reidel at the parsonage in Hustontown. The groom is a son of C. W. and Jennie Schooley, and the bride is a daughter of Grant and Flora Ficks—all near Harrisonville.

Forest Fire.

Monday evening fire broke out on Henry Taylor's timber land along the Lincoln Highway at the summit of Scrub Ridge. Fire Warden Linn Alexander and a force of men were rushed to the spot by J. W. Mellott and in a reasonably short time the fire was under control. The total area burned over was about three acres.

Waite--Gress.

On June 13, 1917, Mr. Cyrus Lewis Waite, of Three Springs, and Miss Mabelle Ruth Gress, daughter of W. A. and Catharine Gress of Todd township were married at the Reformed Parsonage in McConnellsburg by the Rev. J. L. Yearick.

Mrs. Frank Mason returned home last Friday after having spent several weeks very pleasantly with relatives in the eastern part of the State.

Alfalfa Luncheon

Alfalfa was served to Kentucky farmers in the form of hot biscuits, doughnuts, cake, and candy, at a luncheon during the recent annual farmers' week exhibition of the Agricultural College at the state university, as told in the July Popular Mechanics Magazine. The progressive young women of the domestic-science department took care of the cookery and convinced their farmer guests that very palatable products may be obtained from the table from their alfalfa crops. The flour of alfalfa is of a creamy tint before cooking and a light green afterward, and while peagreen biscuits may not at first appeal to the average housewife the flavor is regarded by many as rich and delicious. Food requirements may easily result in greatly increased use of alfalfa for flour in the near future. The recipes used in cooking it are about the same as those for wheat flour. Alfalfa candy is made from a glucose pressed from the stalk.

Tree Talk.

Pennsylvania, once the first lumber-producing State in the Union, is now twentieth, and going down. Her cut is now about one-fifth of Louisiana's.

During the survey of the Karthaus State Forest a birch was found which bore axe marks from the original survey, made in 1794. The marks were buried under six inches of new wood.

Every year or two some one suggests that the State Forests be used as sheep or goat ranches. The foresters say it is impracticable.

Instead of planting a horse-chestnut, why not plant a real nut tree? Pecans, hickories, or English walnuts cost very little more than horse-chestnuts, make less litter, and produce a valuable crop.

Will Fix Prices.

Secretary Daniels has ordered coal and oil producers to supply the enormous quantities needed by the navy at prices to be fixed later by the president, when the federal trade commission has determined a fair rate. The navy will use 1,750,000 tons of coal and 50,000,000 barrels of oil, purchased under this application of his authority granted by congress.

Similarly, steel for the entire navy building program is being bought at a rate fixed when Secretary Daniels rejected the proposal of the steel makers as too high.

The arrangement regarding steel orders, the secretary said, leaves a "handsome profit" for the producer.

Silo Profits.

Results in Lancaster county last year showed that a silo was worth \$10 per steer. The universal use of silage throughout that county during the past season would have meant an increased profit to the county of \$600,000. A man feeding thirty steers would have paid for his silo with an extra profit made possible by feeding corn silage.

Applying similar standards on a State-wide basis to all counties in which steer feeding is practical would show a proportionately greater saving through feeding silage.

Bitter complaint has reached this office that parties on their way from Hancock to their homes in this county break beer bottles in the road for horses to tread on and ruin their feet. Many auto tires have also been damaged. Several persons are being watched and prosecutions may follow.

As if to show his contempt for law, some thief stole a very liberal mess of onions from Sheriff Garland's garden one night last week.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful Outing.

Harvey Sipes, of Chambersburg, visited relatives in McConnellsburg several days this week.

Miss Pauline Lyle, of St. Louis, Mo., is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. L. McKibbin, in McConnellsburg.

Mrs. W. C. Lynch and son Rowe, of this place spent the time from Thursday until Sunday with friends at Fort Loudon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Black went to Williamson last Friday to visit in the home of their daughter Mrs. Scott Souders for several days.

Cleo, Bard who lives with Mrs. D. E. Little spent the week-end at her home near Sipes Mills and attended children's services on Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Mock (Myrtle Snyder) and two children, of Altoona are visiting in the home of Myrtle's mother, Mrs. Rebecca Snyder, East Lincoln Way.

Floyd R. Garland and mother, Mrs. J. L. Garland, near Mercersburg spent Saturday evening and Sunday with the latter's son Dale in Ayr township.

Mrs. Edgar Hoover, of Altoona, returned home Monday after having visited for a week in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Crouse, at Webster Mills.

Mrs. Margaret Johnston and Miss Ruth Kendall attended a missionary meeting this week at Hopewell U. P. church, York county. They were delegates from the First and Second United Presbyterian churches of Big Cove.

Mr. Watson G. Peck "hitched up" his automobile last Saturday morning and brought to town his wife and children Edna and Frank and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Layton and son Marvin. They were pleasant callers at the NEWS office.

Harvey Helman, wife and children and Mrs. Helman's mother, Mrs. DeHart—all of Mercersburg—Mrs. Joseph Doyle of Harrisburg, Miss Bess Helman and Miss Nell Umbrell, both of Mercersburg; were guests last Sunday of Mrs. Matilda Helman.

Mr. Herbert Duffy and mother Mrs. Catherine Duffy, of Webster Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Everts, of Harrisburg, and Miss Mary J. Johnston, of McConnellsburg, went to Altoona last Friday, making the round trip drive from Webster Mills of 160 miles in one day.

Miss Jeannette Stouteagle went to Everett last week to be a guest in the home of Dr. Hanks, for two weeks. His daughter Miss Helen recently graduated with first honors from the High school and Miss Stouteagle will attend the commencement before returning home.

B. M. Dawney, of Chicago, is motoring in Pennsylvania. Last week he came to Pittsburgh, picked up his cousin Ben Stenger and took him to Willow Hill, in Path Valley, where the latter formerly lived. They stopped in McConnellsburg a few hours. Mr. Dawney returned to McConnellsburg Monday and remained a few days in the home of ex-County Treasurer and Mrs. C. B. Stevens. He will visit his brother Brown, in Philadelphia latter part of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd S. Jackson and son Ralph, of Everett, accompanied by the former's mother, Mrs. J. R. Jackson, of Akersville, motored to McConnellsburg last Sunday to spend the day with Mr. Jackson's brother, Attorney John R. Jackson and family. On their way to McConnellsburg they had the misfortune to burn out a bearing, which kept them here until Tuesday. They were accompanied home by C. D. Hixson, who spent the week-end with his family.