

RED CROSS DRIVE

Christmas Membership Drive in Fulton County for Universal Membership

Fulton County will join with all the rest of the United States next week in the movement to send out to the world a practical Christmas Message of good will by a universal national membership drive in the American Red Cross.

Nor will it be soon forgotten that this same great organization has efficiently ministered to the needs of prisoners of war in the prison camps and served as a means of communication between the anxious friends at home and the men far away from home and all they had counted dear to them.

The branches of Fulton Chapter, will conduct the drive in their several territories according to their own methods, but it will be conducted in a uniform manner.

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FOREST PROUDFOOT GASSED

Letters received from Private Forest Proudfoot now in France bring the news that he has been gassed and came near utter destruction when a large shell burst near him, tearing his pack from his back and occasioning the loss of his hat, impalements and other toilet articles.

He was at the time of writing in a hospital recovering and wrote that the Red Cross was now doing its part for him that he found it quite different in his comfortable quarters at the hospital, from sleeping in a shell hole or some German dugout.

In a letter dated November 11th, he states that his heart and lungs were bothering him, but he expected soon to be home and resting in peace. He also wrote that he was glad that he had helped to bring the war to a victorious end.

For the last two months of his service overseas he has been serving as a Scout and will bring the distinction as a "Scout of Honor" for his services in this capacity. He will also wear "service" and "wound" stripes when he rejoins his old friends in Wauseon and vicinity which he expects will be very soon.

J. CRAWFORD BLAIR

Land-lord of Fulton County Hotels For Many Years—Master of Lumber Camps in Pennsylvania and Michigan—Leaves Wife and Many Friends—Scotch Rite Funeral

James Crawford Blair, son of James H. and Sarah Blair was born at Honesdale, Pa., on Nov. 19, 1849 and departed this life on December 2, 1918, aged 69 years and 22 days.

J. C. Blair was educated in the country schools of his native county and began his life work by engaging for several years in lumbering in the pines of Wayne Co. For the next few years he superintended a lannery at Glad Run, Pa., then was superintendent of the Nitro-glycerine establishment at Clarendon, Pa., for one year, after which he had charge of a lumber camp at Saginaw, Mich.

On April 12, 1892 he came to Delta Ohio and embarked in the hotel business and in October of the following year he removed to Wauseon, Ohio and purchased the Wauseon Hotel which was destroyed by fire two years after he assumed control. The new hotel Blair was built on the ruins of the old and was opened to the public on July 4, 1896.

Mr. Blair has been a Mason for 41 years, a uniting with the North Star Lodge No. 241 of Warren, Pa., and has attained to the 32nd degree. He also holds membership in the Warren Lodge No. 329 I. O. O. F. and is a charter member of Tent No. 133 of the Maccabees of Wauseon.

On September 16th 1889 he was married to Miss Katherine Krieger.

He was a member of the Scotch Rite and was a member of the Wauseon Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

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THREE BRANCHES

Letters From Fulton County Boys Representing Three Branches of U. S. Service Overthere Noah Kretz, Artillery, Merritt Blair, Engineer—Ceil Griffin, Air Service—All Doing Their Part.

The home folks who were made happy by the generous bunch of overseas letters which arrived Thanksgiving week, have been very generous and in consequence we have the privilege of presenting to our readers both last week and this, a faithful and trusted servant of the group of three from which we make extracts, representing three different branches of the service.

The first is from Private Noah Kretz, of Battery K, 7th Field Artillery who writes from France under date of October 19th to his mother, Mrs. Joseph Kretz answering the first letter he received from her after arriving in France, he says:

"Tell pa, I wish I had a small glass of cider, I believe it would taste pretty good. All we have here is French wine, it is as sour as vinegar but you ought to see the French men drink it they just pour it down. You are French and ought to understand this vitnah, that is the French name for it, and the red wine is called "Wimblum," it is nothing but grapewine.

Tell Father my work is in the artillery. We shoot those big guns, they are big too, the shells weigh 110 pounds; you can see one man can only carry one at a time; when they drop it makes a hole in the ground big enough to put three horses in. Ask him how he would like to hear about 200 of them shot at once, all in row? We must use cotton in our ears and sometimes it jars out. You ask me if I have seen any Germans. I have seen thousands of them. I am wearing a band ring now that one gave me, a prisoner, who gave it to me and said it was Roman gold. Tell Kathryn I will bring her some souvenirs, for I have lots of them. I am now in a building we drove the Dutch out of about a week ago. Tell Everett I am in the 2nd Division, when he reads about them, he can think of me. Where is Clarence? Is he in France? I will close for tonight. Love to all, Your Son Noah

FROM AN ENGINEER France, Nov. 12th, 1918 My Dear Mother and All: We landed safely and had a nice trip we were not on the water but a few days and very few of us were sick. I did not notice it at all, outside. I did not notice it at all, outside. (Continued on page eight)

MRS. L. B. WILLIAMS Emma Lucinda Williams, nee Roemelen, was born Nov. 23, 1853, at Waterville, Ohio, and died Dec. 7th, at Delta, Ohio, following an attack of influenza. She reached the age of 65 years and 14 days.

At the age of fourteen years she was confirmed in and became a member of the Lutheran church. In 1906 she was united in marriage to L. B. Williams. This union was blessed with six children, five girls and one boy, all of whom are living. She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband, six children, her parents, three brothers and three sisters. Interment took place Dec. 10th at Waterville, Ohio, conducted by Rev. O. G. Hebestreit of Wauseon.

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W.M. HENRY SHERMAN

To his many friends in Wauseon the death at his home on West Leggett street of Wm. H. Sherman on Thursday, December fifth brings real regret.

Mr. Sherman was actively engaged in the business circles of Wauseon in former years and among his associates was highly esteemed. He was a friendly man.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. T. B. Ashton were held at the home Monday afternoon December 9th and interment made in Wauseon cemetery.

Mr. Wm. Henry Sherman was born at Seneca Falls, N. Y., June 18, 1839 and died Dec. 5, 1918, aged 79 years, 5 months and 18 days. He was married to Miss Julia Eliza Fuller Dec. 7, 1862. No children were born to this union. They have been residents of Wauseon for 45 years.

Within this time Mr. Sherman was a faithful and trusted servant of the State at the State Hospital in Toledo for 26 years. He was a good man well respected by all who knew him. He was a kind and loving husband and a one-hundred per cent citizen. He was a man of few words but straight in all his dealings. He had religious convictions which were shown by his asking a blessing on his wife and children at the death of the church loses one of its most earnest supporters.

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YEARLY REPORT

Board of County Visitors Make Annual Report To Probate Court—Four Meetings Held—Lockups Unsatisfactory—Heating System in Tubercular Ward Inadequate.

During the year the Board has held four regular meetings as follows: March 8, May 31, September 28 and November 29.

These meetings were all held at the Infirmary.

The Fulton County Infirmary has never been in a better condition than at the present time. Under the management of the Supt. and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jones, every thing is in fine shape and the inmates well cared for.

On Sept. 21 the several Lock-ups of the county were inspected.

Generally speaking, the Board did not find the Lock-ups in a very satisfactory condition and recommend that more attention be given them. The general excuse for their unkept condition is that the Lock-ups are so little used, but the Board considers that when they are needed there is no time to get them ready and suggested that the blankets and cells be aired and cleaned at stated intervals.

We feel we cannot speak to highly of the condition in which the Sheriff and his wife keep the County Jail. The Board finds the heating system at the Hospital does not warm the Tubercular ward satisfactorily and have recommended that the County Commissioners either put up a separate heating stove or see that the present heating system is improved.

Mrs. Mayme Cole and Mrs. Octavia Saxton have been appointed to attend the State Conference of Charities and Corrections which meets at Columbus, Ohio, December 17, 1918.

Mayme C. Cole, Pres. Adelaide E. Hallett, Sec. Octavia A. Saxton Geo. B. Wiltse W. L. Biddle

TUESDAY CLUB Thimble Day Mrs. Addie DeMerritt will be hostess to the Thimble Club, Tuesday December 17th.

Program committee, Mary Domingo and Louise Newcomer.

MI-O-NA Stomach Tablets relieve biliousness, dizziness and indigestion, or money back. Ask Read & Wager.

A good clean place to eat 32-tf-c WILLIAM'S CAFETERIA A wonderful picture with Charles Ray in "The Son of His Father."

Will Hubbel, gave Wauseon its first electric light, six days ago, a system which they improved to meet the growing demands of the town and which gave excellent satisfaction; finally disposing of it to the Toledo and Western Electric Railway Co. August 12th 1862 Mr. Williams enlisted in the 23rd Wisconsin Regiment and served in the great Civil War on the side of the Union until honorably discharged, July 4th 1865.

He was a member of Louisa Post No. 35 G. A. R.; a charter member of Wauseon Lodge No. 156 Knights of Pythias and a member of Lodge No. 349 F. & A. M.

Mr. Williams was a public spirited man and always was ready to help in any movement that tended toward the progress and development of the community; consequently he was highly esteemed by his associates. He served as County Commissioner and gave efficient service. He passed his seventy-eighth birthday last September.

BEAUTIFUL CALENDARS The Tribune Office has been favored with two unusually beautiful 1919 calendars, both are reproductions of famous American paintings and the coloring has been wonderfully reproduced.

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A CREDIT TO HIS HOME TOWN Dr. Merritt Haag, son of our fellow townsman, Mr. Gus Haag, has been selected by his "Alma Mater," The College of Medicine of the University of Michigan as instructor in obstetrics in that institution and began his duties in this capacity December first. Another name of a Wauseon boy who has made good and who is an honor and credit to his native town.

See Billy Burke Monday at the Princes.

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HE'S HOME AGAIN

Private Harley Werner of Chesterfield who was Wauseon for Camp Sherman September 1917 arrived in Wauseon Wednesday afternoon, December 4th bearing his honorable discharge from the United States Army after a service of fourteen months for his country. From camp Sherman Private Werner, who because of physical disability was found unable to serve in the ranks as a fighter, was transferred to Camp Pike in Arkansas where he was detailed for duty as an orderly in the Base Hospital. From Camp Pike he was sent to Camp Dix, near Trenton, New Jersey here again he was unentered for hospital work and was an orderly in the Base Hospital at Camp Dix when discharged.

His discharge shows a fine record for obedience to orders and discipline and he bears the highest commendations of the officers under whom he served for six months in the hospital at Camp Dix.

He is considering re-enlisting in the hospital service or seeking a position as orderly in a civilian hospital nearer home. Private Werner is a loyal nephew of Uncle Sam.

H. H. WILLIAMS, SR.

A Builder of Wauseon Who Leaves The Record of His Life Work in Tangible Improvements as Well as In The Memories of His Many Friends, Passes On.

A telegram received last Monday night by Henry Williams Jr. brought the tidings of the death of his father, Henry H. Williams at his winter home in Windermere, Florida, at 7 o'clock Monday evening, December 9th.

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For a number of years past Mr. Williams Sr. has suffered failing health and last Spring on account of this he and his wife remained in Windermere, instead of returning to their home in Wauseon as had been their custom.

Many in Wauseon will learn with sincere regret the passing of one who has laid the material foundation of this town and who are counted among those who were real builders in its development and progress.

He was the son of Henry B. and Mary Lyon Williams, and was born in Medina county, September, 1840 he came with his parents to Fulton county in 1853, the family locating at Lena in Clinton township; in 1866 he came with his father to Wauseon and established a saw and planing mill on the site of the present Lumber Yards of H. H. Williams & Son. This mill prepared many thousands of feet of lumber that has gone into the homes and other buildings, both public and private in Wauseon and vicinity and in fact nearly all parts of the county.

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COUNTY AFFAIRS

FOR THE WEEK

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