

RED CROSS ROLL CALL IN AUDRAIN COUNTY IS SLOW

The fourth annual Red Cross roll call ended in Audrain County Thursday, December 2, with about \$100 turned in by the county, and about \$700 turned in by Mexico. In order that the county work will continue, the branch chapters of the Red Cross must turn over the larger part of their money to the county.

Miss Pauline Parr, from the Red Cross headquarters in St. Louis, is in the county Friday and Saturday to see if these branch chapters are willing to turn their money into the county or into the St. Louis Red Cross. Vandalia, Martinsburg, Rush Hill, Laddonia and Molino, who have branch chapters must have a program for Red Cross activity, as their money cannot lay idle, or must turn their money in. If these chapters turn their money into the county fund, it is probable that the county work will be able to continue until next August.

Miss Burhl Hibs, who has been executive secretary of the Red Cross in Audrain County since last summer, has sent in her resignation, to take effect December 15. It has been accepted. A definite program had been arranged by Miss Hibs that would be of great value to the Audrain ex-service men, but the small amount of funds obtained by the roll call, makes it impossible for this work to continue.

Miss Corinne Markley, county nurse, has been given a leave of absence from December 1 to January 1. When she returns it will be known definitely how long her work can continue.

The many friends of Ed Lawder will be glad to know that his condition is much better. He will have some little use of the eye which was thought entirely lost and his other eye will be saved according to every present indication.

Mrs. Dean Johnson is visiting relatives in St. Louis. Mr. Johnson will join her in this city about December 15 and spend Christmas here.

Kyle T. Stuart of Laddonia transacted business here Saturday.

W. E. Taylor of Vandalia was in Mexico Saturday on business.

F. B. MORRIS CHARGED WITH CONNECTION IN THEFT

Frank B. Morris of Mexico, a brakeman on a freight train from Slater to Kansas City, and William Flynn and William Hall of Slater employees of the same company, were arrested Saturday in Kansas City on a charge of grand larceny, in connection with theft of merchandise valued at \$193 from a box car near Slater Friday. The men pleaded not guilty and will be given a preliminary hearing next Friday. They were released on bond of \$1500 each.

Morris has lived in Mexico for years, and was connected with the Chicago & Alton for several years before going to war, and since his return. He was cashier at the freight office for two years, and during that time handled all the company's money, and, according to local Chicago & Alton officials, was considered to be very honest. Since his return from France, he took a position as brakeman between Slater and Mexico, and was recently transferred to the run between Slater and Kansas City. Local officials seem to doubt that he is guilty of the theft, or that he had anything to do with it.

DYE ITEMS.

The District S. S. Conference held at Littleby M. E. Church Sunday was well attended. Miss Irene Rogers, as vice-president of this Sunday School district had charge. A violin duet by Dennis Hollingsworth and Edmond Witche with Miss Kistler at the piano was followed by a solo by Roy Snook, then some very interesting talks were heard, followed by a Round Table discussion led by Miss Ellen Carter. Officers for the new year were then elected. Henry Erdel was elected president. A social hour was then enjoyed, followed by a six o'clock lunch. Evening services began at 7:30. Mrs. R. S. Snook, Miss Ruth Rouse, Mrs. Roy Barkley and R. S. Snook sang a quartet. Miss Ellen Carter and Mr. Johnson of Mexico were chief speakers of the evening. — J. T. LaRue and family were guests of O. G. Roth and family Sunday afternoon. — Albert Erdel butchered a hog Monday. — Mr. and Mrs. Brett and children were in Mexico Thursday. — Mary Virginia Ackerman who has been quite ill in school again. — Mr. and Mrs. Albert

Erdel and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Ackerman Sunday afternoon. — Mrs. H. F. Dudgeon is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Ericson. — The Red Cross Christmas Seal drive is now on and the pupils are taking great interest in it. — Martha Tuepker and Russell Azdell spent the week-end at their homes from the Mexico High School. — Mr. and Mrs. Homer Azdell were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Stopler of Laddonia. — Mr. and Mrs. Britt and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Doeblin. — Messrs. John Jesse, John Hagan and F. I. Hagan took hogs to Mexico Monday. — Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Ray and daughter were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Erdel. — Dye has received its certificate as one of the superior schools. — The Littleby M. E. Church has received its League Chapter.

Pretty Announcement Party.

Friday evening, December 3, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. McGee entertained twenty-one of the young people in their neighborhood. The first part of the evening was spent in music and conversation. At 9:30 o'clock, the guests were taken to the dining room where a two-course lunch was served by Mrs. Lewis Callaway and Mrs. McGee. After the lunch was finished, while still sitting in the dining room, the party spent some time in giving and guessing riddles. The last one, which was given by Mary Frances McGee, proving to be the announcement of the approaching marriage of Miss Norma Carpenter, and Roy Johnson. Mary Frances poured a little kitten, which carried a letter, out of a sack. She then asked, "who can guess my riddle?" Lewis Callaway said "you let the cat out of the sack."

The letter which the kitten carried contained an appropriate poem making the announcement. The dining table was beautifully decorated with pink and white ribbons suspended from the hanging lights and extending to the four corners of the table, ending in big bows. There were three cupids suspended from the light bearing the names of the bride and groom and the date, December 29. Beneath this was a bouquet of pink roses near which stood a kewpie doll dressed in a white silk dress with a long train and veil. Mr. Johnson is a son of Bud Johnson, a fine young man, who was in service and has many friends here. The bride-to-be is a sister of Otto Carpenter, a most charming and accomplished young woman. The Ledger joins in extending best wishes and congratulations in advance.

Miss Ethel McMillan of Farber visited friends here Wednesday.

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