

SOME COUNTIES ARE LAGGING

But Others Are Very Active in the Red Cross Drive

HEADQUARTERS ASKS CONCERTED EFFORT

If So, the Full Allotment of 25,000 Members Will Be Secured

Burlington, Dec. 20.—The Red Cross Christmas membership campaign is one-half over. It is impossible, owing to the meagre returns received at headquarters in this city, to give the actual number of new memberships. Based on the figures received and the predictions made by some county managers, the closing hours of the campaign will see the full allotment of 25,000 for the state filled. This, however, does not apply to all counties. Some localities are slow in getting to work. It is hoped that this condition will be overcome before the week ends and that they will fall into line and do all that is expected of them.

The town of Weston, in Windsor county, with a population of 632 and a quota of 32 in this campaign, has secured 45 memberships and there are 25 additional persons ready to enlist as soon as a new supply of buttons are received. If every town in the state would do as well as Weston the 25,000 quota for the state would be doubled. Between 600 and 700 new members had been obtained in Windsor county up to noon yesterday. This is approximately one-half of the quota.

In Lyndonville, Caledonia county, the new members number 457 and 113 old members have renewed their memberships. Every store in the village of Lyndonville has enlisted 100 per cent of all employed. Hardwick and St. Johnsbury are getting into the drive and both communities are expected to come up to expectations.

In Bennington county 400 new members have been obtained, but lack of supplies has retarded the work. Bennington county has never failed to fill requirements in its aid to the Red Cross and the record is expected to be maintained.

Addison county has 380 new members, Middlebury contributing 166 of this number.

Franklin county reports in excess of 700 and the prospects bright for reaching its allotment.

"We are working hard and the quota of 3,988 will no doubt be reached," is the report that comes from Washington county. Excellent work is being done among the granite cutters of Barre. Of 20 Italian employees in one cutting plant 18 joined Tuesday.

Orange county has secured 500 new members and the work in that section is moving more rapidly than the first two days of the canvass.

Burlington has 600 new names and a house-to-house canvass began this morning. Chittenden county towns are slow to report actual figures, but word reaches headquarters that the work is progressing as well as could be expected.

A mass meeting is to be held in Shelburne to-night and much is expected to result from this gathering. In Richmond the average has been eight members to every five families. On one street 80 members were secured.

Headquarters in this city is working with zeal. Chairman Darling is confident that the state will go over the top, but he wishes all to keep up the pace and not in the least to let up till the last hour of the campaign.

Topics of the Home and Household.

The flavor of boiled cocoa is greatly improved by beating it with an egg beater until it is frothy.

If water is spilled on the bed while ministering to an invalid, it may be quickly dried without inconvenience to the patient by placing a folded towel under the sheet and ironing the wet spot dry.

To clean velvet there is nothing like damp sand. Dip your velvet brush into the sand and rub it briskly on the velvet. The dampness will remove the dust and the harsh action of the sandy friction will give new life to the nap of the velvet which has been worn down.

In order to have plenty of fresh air in your bedroom on a stormy night, buy a couple of yards of muslin and stretch the muslin over a screen frame, put in the cloth screen and retire to your couch at peace. You will have fresh air all night, without snow, rain or wind. The cloth window screen, introduced by Dr. J. B. Todd of Syracuse, N. Y., has been used in public schools of that progressive town to the marked improvement of deportment and scholarship of pupils, the delight of teachers, the saving of coal, and the betterment of the general health of all.

The indiscriminate hanging of pictures which has been so long the vogue is much to be deplored. A picture that is intrinsically good, and bears relationship to other things of interest, can always be used, but there are many pictures used to fill up space, or because they have beautiful frames, and not because the subject is appropriate or the picture itself is good. If one has no pictures to start with, good photographs of old masters or old colored prints are interesting.

The decorative quality of a picture is enhanced by the right background, the height at which it is hung, and its juxtaposition to other pictures. A modern picture is usually out of place on an antique background, and an antique picture has not a good setting in a strictly modern room. It is, indeed, a special talent to know just how much a decorative object really decorates. To crowd the walls, even with very beautiful things, is to fall far short in artistic taste. Unless it is an exhibit where all things of a certain type or class are to be kept together, proper space should be allowed for each object, so that it may have its full decorative value.

The heightening or lowering of ceilings can be accomplished effectively by the use of picture-molding. In a low ceilinging room the picture molding should be placed within two inches of the top; in a high-ceilinged room eighteen inches to three feet is a good height.—Mrs. Van Benschoten, Schuyler in the November Good Housekeeping.

Candies That Require Little Sugar.
What would Christmas be without a few gummies at least. And yet white sugar will be hard to obtain this year. Candies made from maple sugars, molasses, honey and glucose are almost as good. Popcorn is another economical Christmas goodie.

Maple Corn Balls—Three quarts popped corn, one cupful maple syrup, one-half cupful sugar, one tablespoonful butter substitute, one-half teaspoonful salt. Pop corn and pick over, discarding kernels that do not pop, and put in large kettle. Melt butter substitute in saucepan and add syrup and sugar. Bring to the boiling point and let boil until mixture will become brittle when tried in cold water. Pour mixture gradually, while stirring constantly, over corn which has been sprinkled with salt. Shape into balls, using as little pressure as possible.

Fruit Nut Caramels—One cupful figs, one cupful dates, two cupfuls walnuts. Wash and stone the dates, wash figs and remove stems and put with the nuts through food chopper. Mix together thoroughly and press firmly three-fourths inch thick into a small buttered pan. Cut in squares and wrap in wax paper, or shape in small balls and roll in powdered sugar.

Popcorn Cake—One quart popped corn, one cupful sugar, one-quarter cupful corn syrup, one-quarter cupful water, two tablespoonfuls molasses, one tablespoonful butter substitute, one teaspoonful salt. Pick over the popped corn. Put walnuts, figs and almond paste through meat grinder, add orange rind, salt and enough orange juice to make mixture of consistency to handle. Knead on a board or marble slab sprinkled with sugar, cut in circles, brush with chocolate melted over hot water and decorate with pieces of almonds.

Quick Nougatines—One cupful marshmallows, one-half cupful almond paste, one-quarter cupful pistachio nuts, one-quarter cupful candied cherries. Put the marshmallows and almond paste in a double boiler and stir and heat until melted and well blended. Add nuts and cherries cut in small pieces, and spread half an inch thick on a pan or slab sprinkled with confectioners' sugar. When firm cut in bars one and one-half inches long and half an inch wide. Dip, if desired, in coating chocolate.—Irish Dorothy Dexter.

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- Women's Pure Thread Silk Hose**, in African Brown, Silver, Taupe, Sand, Blue, Black and White. \$1.25 pair
- Women's Pure Thread Silk Hose**, boot style, Black and White. 75c pair
- Women's Fibre Silk Hose**, boot style, Black, White, Bronze. 50c and 65c pair

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- Christmas Cards** 6 for 5c
- Christmas Booklets** 5c
- Christmas Greetings** 25c
- Knitting Spools** 25c
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Chocolate Circles—One-half cupful of walnuts, one-half cupful figs, one-half cupful almond paste, grated rind of one orange, one-quarter teaspoonful salt, two squares unsweetened chocolate, orange juice, sugar, blanched almonds. Put walnuts, figs and almond paste through meat grinder, add orange rind, salt and enough orange juice to make mixture of consistency to handle. Knead on a board or marble slab sprinkled with sugar, cut in circles, brush with chocolate melted over hot water and decorate with pieces of almonds.

When He Would Speak Chinese.
When Richard Olney was secretary of state he frequently said that appointees to the consular service should speak the languages of the countries to which they were accredited. When a certain breezy and enterprising politician, desirous of serving the Cleveland administration as consul at one of the Chinese ports, presented his papers to Mr. Olney, the secretary remarked:
"Are you aware, Mr. Blank, that I never recommend to the president the

appointment of a consul unless he speaks the language of the country to which he desires to go? Now I suppose you do not speak Chinese?"
Whereupon the politician grinned broadly. "If, Mr. Secretary," he said, "you will ask me a question in Chinese I shall be happy to answer it."
He got the appointment.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Awake, Thou That Sleepest!
Parson Miles was a rather dry speaker,

but occasionally he proved that he had a ready wit. One evening he was addressing his congregation on the beauty of leading an upright life, when he suddenly paused and beckoned to the sexton.
"Brown," said he, in a clear, distinct tone of voice, as the sexton approached the pulpit, "open a couple of windows on each side of the church, please."
"Beg your pardon, sir!" exclaimed the sexton. "Did I understand you to say 'Open the windows'? It is a very bitter cold night, sir."

A Bit Heady.
Presiding Genius—What is the charge against Private Jones?
Sergeant—If ye please, 'e's been drunk, an' 'e's been breakin' things, an' he won't obey no orders. In fact, 'e's been behavin' generally as though 'e wuz the bloom in' colonel himself!—Life.

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