

TO FATHERS

When You Join the Red Cross and Give Your Mite, You Help Our Soldiers in Europe and Feed Starving Babies.

Fathers: Suppose that three years ago a powerful and savage enemy had invaded our nation suddenly and you had been called into the army to defend the country. Suppose that our country had been captured by the invader; your home burned, your wife and half-grown daughter carried away into slavery worse than death and your son mutilated and put to work behind the enemy lines.

You think such things couldn't happen to you and your family? Well, just those horrors were visited upon thousands of fathers in France and Belgium by the Kaiser's savages. It has been revealed to us during the last few months by the secret service that the Huns were plotting an invasion of the United States through Mexico. But for a fair destiny those horrors would have been ours, because the Kaiser aims to dominate the world and spread over the earth his brand of love and fellowship called "kultur."

The American Red Cross has been called upon to relieve suffering "over there" and to restore as far as possible devastated sections of allied territory. It is now on the job. The Red Cross is conducting thousands of hospitals in France for American and allied soldiers, and running ambulance lines and comfort stations innumerable.

Yet the organization cannot do enough because it hasn't half enough members back home here to support the vast work there. So now it is conducting a campaign to get fifteen million members by Christmas eve. It is an honor to belong to the Red Cross. If you aren't already wearing the little button, enroll at once. The membership costs just \$1.00 a year. Another dollar brings you the Red Cross Magazine for twelve months.

Suffering Europe, especially the women and children, needs your help.

TO MOTHERS

The Red Cross Needs Your Help to Save Women and Babies in Europe and to Care for Our Soldiers.

Dear Mothers: Surely you will do what you can to relieve the sufferings of the homeless, wretched mothers and children of war-torn Europe—ragged, starving, freezing, tubercular women and babies who for three years have endured the horrors of hell. They are your sisters and your sisters' children. The end is not yet for them. Think what they must go through this winter. Think of yourself and your little ones here in America, safe and comfortable.

In the trenches "over there" are millions of men undergoing indescribable hardship and suffering and death to have the liberty-loving world from the Kaiser and his savage hordes. Think of them. Remember they are standing between you and the fate that God, "kultur"-mad Germany poured upon the women and children of northern France, northern Italy, Belgium, Poland and Roumania.

Of course you cannot go to Europe and nurse and feed and clothe and shelter those sufferers. But the American Red Cross is over there doing it—the noblest labor in the world's history. Our Red Cross is nursing and feeding and clothing and sheltering them. And it is conducting thousands of hospitals and ambulance lines and comfort stations for American soldiers and the soldiers of our allies.

Yet the Red Cross cannot do enough because it hasn't half enough members. Therefore a campaign is being made to get fifteen million members by Christmas eve. It is an honor to belong to the organization.

You will join, won't you? You will see that your husband enrolls, and that each of the children is enrolled—surely. Annual membership costs \$1.00. An additional dollar brings the Red Cross Magazine for a year.

Test Your Gifts.

CHRISTMAS gifts should be free from frillery, mere temporary worth, the solely worldly or material value. This is the first test—genuineness.

The second, a Christmas gift should be in keeping with one's purse—moderation.

A Christmas gift should display good taste—carefulness.

A Christmas gift should confer a real benefit—thoughtfulness.

A Christmas gift should produce unfeigned pleasure—interest.

A Christmas gift should be something you would wish associated with thoughts of yourself—friendship.

A Christmas gift should, if possible, be something that can be shared with others—kindliness.

A Christmas gift should, as long as it lasts, give as much delight as on Christmas morning—quality.

A Christmas gift should be something you yourself would be glad to possess—sincerity.

A Christmas gift should be something you have selected, not something picked up by chance—heartiness.

A Christmas gift should be something you take pleasure in thinking of afterward as having been given by you to your friend—satisfaction.—Christian Herald.

DOWNERS GROVE "HONOR ROLL"

Medical Corps
Dr. W. S. Barber, First Lieutenant
Dr. W. S. Bebb, Captain
Dr. G. C. Butler
Dr. K. Hartnack, First Lieutenant
Dr. M. L. Puffer, Captain
Dr. Edwin Strong, First Lieutenant
Officers Reserve, Active Service
Robert Agee, Captain
A. W. Abbot, First Lieutenant
Charles Gullick, Second Lieutenant
I. Haebich, Second Lieutenant
William F. James, First Lieutenant
Arthur Johnson, Second Lieutenant
Clifford Reid, Second Lieutenant
T. Harry Slusser, First Lieutenant
L. H. Whitney, Second Lieutenant

Marine Corps
Stanley Baron*
John Bryan, Jr.*
John Burek*
Philip Jory
John Pozdol
Albert Winter

Navy
Walter Harrott
William Brady
Charles Carpenter
Samuel G. Coles
Ralph Dexter
Roy Dexter
Robert McElroy
Albert Meyers
Burley Reider, Water Tender
Logan Stanley

Navy Radio Corps
Owen Griffiths
M. J. Morton

Naval Aviation Corps
Earl Prince

Naval Reserve
Frank Bruns
Jack Carpenter
Dan Diener
Walter Fredenhagen
Robert MacDougall

Regular Army
Clarence Axium
Sergeant-Major, Leon Brunet
Corporal Henry Dailey
Sergeant Harold A. McAllister
John Michalek
First Sergeant Stanley Nebraski
John Kosla
James Pozdol
Charles Urbanski

U. S. Coast Artillery
Felix Friedota

Mounted Engineers
Weldon Fairchild
U. S. Engineers, Ry. Etc.
Paul Bentley
George Beyers*
Robert Carpenter*
Alfred A. Gardner
Alfred Handehug*
John Kidwell

Thomas Kidwell
Edgar A. McCollum
Alfred Straube*
Gale Washburn
Warren Wells

U. S. Ambulance Corps
Edwin Pfaff
Arno Uhlhorn

Base Hospital Corps
Norman Andersen*

Aviation Corps
Lloyd Fischer
W. Ballard Miles
Leslie Potter

Canadian Royal Flying Corps
D. Gordon Reid

Signal Corps
Arthur G. Coe
Harry E. Fraher
Albert Vix

Aero Squadron
Alvin Buschman
Bernard Kearney

Quartermaster's Corps
Alex Gollan
Eugene Haymond
Harold Hindman
Fred Plumb
George Staiger
Leon Stanley

36th Regiment Band
Forest Nash
Former Illinois Natl. Guard Regimts.
Infantry

Harold Clark
Arthur Dent
Corporal Frank Gregory
Harry E. McAllister
A. Ray Morgan
Clarence Phillips
Theron Potter
Lawrence Rehm
Corporal Jack Reissner
Marshall Statton

U. S. Field Artillery
Manley Alderson
W. H. Ballard
Frank Barre
Sam Bertolin*
Hugh Brown
Alexander Burns*
Corporal Stewart Burns*
Dwight Cox
Carl Dunnagan
Clifford Davenport
Fred Edwards*
Harry Gram
Chester Hall*

Donald Hawkins
Richard Hawkins
Gilbert Lacey*
George Nargney
Grant Nash*

Frederick Sacksteder*
Arthur Schlander
Thomas Schultz

Myron Towley*

Ordnance Division
Paul Bentley
Melvin Binder
Frank Dewey
William Dexter
Reuben Diener
John Dressler
Alphonse Engleschall
Willard McCollum
National Army, Infantry
Martin Bauer
Corporal Robert Dickson
Earl Downer
Robert Holverscheid
Frank Lynch
Earl W. May
William Rander
Stephen Sacksteder
William Shanabrook
Walter A. Skatka
Henry Wehrmeister
Corporal Raymond A. Wimmer
Gas Defence Service
Loy A. Burt
*These are already "somewhere over there."

FEDERAL INCOME TAX OFFICER TO VISIT DU PAGE CO.

Will Help Taxpayers Make Out Returns Under New Tax Law — Tax Hits Many

In a communication received by The Reporter, Collector of Internal Revenue Julius F. Smetanka announces that a federal income tax officer will be sent into this county on Jan. 2, 1918 and will be here until March 2. He will have his office in the postoffice of the several cities named in the following schedule, and will be there every day from the date of his arrival to the date of his departure inclusive, ready and willing to help persons subject to the income tax make out their returns without cost to themselves for his services.

How many income taxpayers will there be in your county? If you can guess how many married persons living with wife or husband will have net incomes of \$2,000 or over and how many unmarried persons will have net incomes of \$1,000 or over this year, then you know.

Returns of income for the year 1917 must be made on forms provided for the purpose before March 1, 1918. Because a good many people don't understand the law and won't know how to make out their returns, the government is sending in this expert to do it for them. But the duty is on the taxpayer to make himself known to the government. If he doesn't make return as required before March 1, he may have to pay a penalty ranging from \$20 to \$1,000, pay a fine or go to jail. So you don't want to take chances on going to jail, you had better call on the income tax man. If you are not sure about being subject to the tax better ask him and make sure. Whether you see the income tax man or not, you must make return if subject to tax.

The collector suggests that everybody start figuring up his income and expenses so as to be ready with the figures when the expert arrives. Expenses, however, don't mean family expenses, money used to pay off the principal of a debt, new machinery, buildings, or anything like that. They mean what you spend in making your money, interest, taxes paid, hired help (except for your dwelling) etc. Income includes every dollar you get.

Schedule of cities to be visited in DuPage County and dates of visit: Wheaton, Jan. 2 to Jan. 19 and Feb. 4 to March 2, inclusive. West Chicago, Jan. 21 to Jan. 24. Naperville, Jan. 25 to 26, inclusive. Hinsdale, Jan. 28-31, inclusive. Roselle, Feb. 1-2, inclusive.

THE COURSE OF A DOLLAR

It is easy to visualize the course of a dollar saved from waste and invested in Government bonds: First it goes to the Government as a loan for the war; second, it is expended by the Government for food, clothing, and ammunition which go directly to a gallant soldier or sailor, whose fighting strength is kept up by the food, whose body is kept warm by the clothing and whose enemy is hit by the ammunition. It has not been expended in the purchase of needless food and clothing for the man at home, and is therefore released for the use of the soldier; it is saved wealth to the man at home and can be loaned to his Government at interest, with resulting benefit to himself and his Government.

Esparto Shoes Wear Long. "It is not uncommon in some parts of Spain or Portugal to hear the natives boast of wearing a pair of Esparto shoes for 25 years or more," says a writer in Popular Science Monthly. "The soles will survive an aggregate exceeding 6,000 miles of walking without wearing away appreciably."

Curtiss Hippodrome Theatre

This SATURDAY, DEC. 22nd Matinee and Night A MERRY XMAS TO YOU-

GREETINGS--from the Management of the Curtiss Theatre, Downers Grove; they also desire to state that beginning this Saturday and during the Xmas and New Years Holidays we have secured attractions and entertainment never before attempted in Downers Grove. This Saturday we announce the first

Max Sennett Art Craft Comedy

for showing in Downers. Nothing like it ever before produced; every other week also

Violet Mersereau in "Susan's Gentleman"

and a Vaudeville offering carefully selected. MISS JEANETTE high class Saxophone Soloist; and MARION & DEAN a Comedy Skit on Preparedness.

Making a most attractive offering. For this Saturday a Special Matinee at 3:30 seats, Children 6c, Adults 15c. Night 11 and 17c.

CURTISS HIPPODROME THEATRE

This Tuesday, Dec. 25th Downers Grove

A Merry Xmas Greeting to You Today-

from the Management of the Curtiss Theatre

Never before have we had the pleasure of offering to the Public an entertainment which possesses such an extravagant amount of meritorious and interesting amusement. We take pleasure in announcing the booking of

"The Honor System"

for Christmas Day and night.

THE HONOR SYSTEM is a Melting Pot of Souls. It is comparable only to a Mighty Organ Recital, appealing only to the Higher elements of Humanity and Civilization. See the big border Raid, it's a big play; it's a play of now, the time in which you live.

On the same program we announce an added attraction which has never failed to please all classes and ages namely:

MARDAS

Famous PUNCH and JUDY show, consisting of 1 hours entertainment of Ventriloquism, Magic Talking Dolls and 18 minute Marionettes, all in action of fun, wonder and mystery. If you want to gladden the hearts of the little ones let them see this entertainment at the Curtiss, Xmas day and night. One show in the afternoon, all seats 15 cts. Night, one big, long show starting at 7:30, seats 20c, war tax extra, Children, 15c including war tax.

Coming this Thursday Douglas Fairbanks in his greatest success "His Picture in the Papers" Matinee and Night.

Curtiss Hippodrome Theatre

THIS THURSDAY DEC. 27th

Matinee 3:30 Night 7:30

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS

in his big and most triumphant success

"His Picture in the Papers"

See Fairbanks in this play. learn how to live long and be happy; also

Current Events of Worlds Doings not an advertising film; at the Curtiss. Special Matinee this Thursday. Seats, Children 6c; adults 11c; night 10 and 15c including tax.



DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS IN SCENE FROM TRIANGLE PLAY. "HIS PICTURE IN THE PAPERS."

Extracts from Diaries of German Soldiers in New War Publication.

The 94-page booklet "German War Practices" published by the Committee on Public Information, devotes one section to extracts from German War diaries, among them being the following:

"A shell burst near the Eleventh Company, and wounded seven men, three very severely. At 5 o'clock we were ordered by the officer in command of the regiment to shoot all the male inhabitants of Nomeny, because

of Pvt. Fischer, Eighth Bavarian Regiment who foolishly attempted to stay the advance of the German troops by force of arms. We broke into the houses, and seized all who resisted, in order to execute them according to martial law. The houses which had not been already destroyed by the French artillery and our own were set on fire by us so that nearly the whole town was reduced to ashes. It is a terrible sight when helpless women and children, utterly destitute, are herded together and driven into France." (From the diary

ment of Infantry, Thirty-third Reserve Division.)

Copies of this booklet may be secured free of charge by application to the Committee on Public Information, 10 Jackson Place, Washington, D. C.

An Extravagant Woman. "My Auntie Frettle was in certain ways the most extravagant woman I ever knew," stated the late Mrs. Frettle. "For example, she had a party every day, and she was always