

World War of 1914 - 1918

Going through the records of the Laskay Institute Branch minute books it is very gratifying and commendable to the then members and community that they were such generous and unselfish people for the magnificent piece of patriotic work that they contributed.

Over Seven Hundred Dollars was raised from concerts, socials, canvassing, tickets sold on autograph quilt, etc. Besides this the bales of clothing, hospital supplies, knitting and sewing and packing boxes that was accomplished.

In the Fall of 1914 the neighborhood was canvassed for donations, and \$107.00 was realized which was to be divided between the Patriotic Fund and the Red Cross.

In March 1915 clothing was collected for Belgian Relief, 62 yards of Shaker flannel was bought for \$5.58, and made up for Red Cross Bale. 12 shirts, 25 pairs socks (many socks given) were sent in this bale. Before May 40 more pairs of socks were sent to soldiers.

From May 1915 to 1916 were sent two bales of hospital supplies, numbers of pairs of socks, \$58.58 to Red Cross. An Autographed Quilt made realized nearly \$80.00. The quilt was sent to a Canadian hospital in France, the money used to buy materials and yarn to sew and knit (expense quilt lining and batt - .70¢).

In 1916-17 term there were 36 paid members. A .10¢ tea in June realized \$5.00. A bazaar and candy sale brought \$15.45, concert and quilt proceeds \$111.90. \$116.25 was paid out for yarn. \$56.75 for pyjama material and shirting. Socks and bales of sewing besides 24 boxes to soldiers at Easter. \$68.25 was realized for junk sold. Paid to Red Cross Treas. \$79.55. Paid out to materials, yarn, etc. \$251.09

1917-1918 - Patriotic receipts for past year \$55.57 plus balance \$10.23. Expenditures \$62.14 for yarn, postage \$1.10. 299 pairs socks knitted, 211 pairs socks sent direct to France, value - \$263.75. 14 pairs mitts - value \$10.50 - 58 pairs socks sent to Red Cross - 30 pairs still on hand.

In 1918-19 - balance \$2.56, contributions and collected \$34.65. Entertainments \$69.00 - sale of Junk \$22.85 - total \$146.50. Spent on yarn \$55.70. 160 pairs socks knit in year.

There was a \$93.00 balance in Patriotic Fund when work was adjourned, and was later donated, \$50.00 going to Soldiers Club at King - \$43.00 going to hospital in Newmarket.