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BERNARDSVILLE'S IMPOSING NEW HOTEL



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TO PROTECT SCHOOL AGAINST CONTAGION

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At times like the present, when contagious disease is in the community, it behooves everyone to exercise all possible care to avoid the spread of the disease. ... As the guardian of the public school, the custodian of the most precious and dearest interests in the community, namely the children thereof, the writer will ever watch the school with utmost care, to prevent contagious diseases from finding their way into it. ... He earnestly invites the co-operation of the whole community; ...he must depend upon it and confidently expects it. It is to the interest of all -- whether they have children in school or not -- that the writer be kept informed of every house in which there is contagion. The State school law expressly says that no person dwelling in a household where there is anyone ill with contagious diseases shall attend the public schools; furthermore, that no person who has been *exposed* to contagion shall attend the public schools. The contagious diseases enumerated in the law are the following: Small pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, whooping cough, yellow fever, typhus fever, cholera, and measles. ... This law will be strictly and rigidly enforced in our school. But [the principal] cannot do this alone. He needs and must have the help of the Board of Health, the health inspector, the physicians, and the general public. But with their cooperation, the school can and shall be kept safe for all... —Jas. T. Schock, Principal.

FLASHBACK

A look back at Somerset County's past

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ELKS DISTRIBUTED CHEER TO NEEDY

The Courier-News, December 26, 1925, p 7

The Spirit of Christmas went the rounds of the community yesterday and Thursday, spreading cheer where it was most appreciated. Everyone seemed to be happy insofar as warmth and provision was concerned and only where sickness cast its shadow was there anything else but the holiday spirit. Even illness seemed to give way to smiles for the day being. ... The Somerville Lodge of Elks, assisted by Miss Linda K. Miers, the County Health Nurse, took gifts of food and clothing to many families in the jurisdiction, extending from Manville to beyond Whitehouse. The baskets consisted of substantial necessities such as a ham or chicken, together with little luxuries to embellish the Christmas table. The gifts of clothing consisted in most part of warm underwear, mittens, and caps. The Elks this year substituted this plan of assistance, abandoning the theatre party and presentation for kiddies of the community. In spite of the fact that the change in plan had been widely announced, fully a thousand children were at the Cort Theatre yesterday morning, only to be told by policemen that there would be "no show."

HOSPITAL FUND HAS DEFICIT OF \$20,000

The Courier-News, December 11, 1925, p 15

According to the statement of Charles C. Kenyon, president of the Board of Trustees of the Somerset Hospital, the cost of the new building, furniture, grounds, and equipment has been \$471,397.00 [\$20,000 more than cash on hand]. A drive is now underway to an additional \$50,000 to take care of the \$20,000 deficit and provide the means for remodeling the old building into an enlarged nurses home. ... The hospital has been in operation for the past three months and has been steadily gaining in patients and income. The income for the last two months has been about \$3,000 monthly, while the cost of operation has been about \$5,300 monthly. While this monthly deficit may seem high, it should be remembered that it costs nearly the same to operate the hospital when 40 per cent occupied as when 70 per cent, while a comparison of operating costs with that of other hospitals of about the same size shows it is not excessive.

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