

RED CROSS NOTES,

BY AP

On account of influenza the Red Cross work rooms have not been reopened except for making masks for the doctors and nurses who are fighting the epidemic.

Work sent in this week from auxiliaries: 505 shot bags, Bear Creek Baptist church; 9 comfort kits, Gum Springs, colored.

The Boy Scouts are collecting nuts for the Red Cross. Camilla Powell also brought in a large supply. The government needs a large supply of nuts—every kind of nut—for the manufacture of gas masks. The call is urgent and the shipment has been put in charge of the Red Cross. The gathering is up to individual families.

Don't forget about your Christmas parcel, and don't lose the label sent you from France, because no duplicate can be issued by anybody. All packages must be sent UNWRAPPED and UNLabeled to the Red Cross to be weighed, inspected, wrapped, labeled and delivered to the postoffice. No package may weigh more than three pounds and must not be mailed after November 15.

Boy Scouts Collecting Nuts

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Chatham County Boy Scouts collected nuts and fruit stones for the war effort. These raw materials were used to produce carbon for the gas masks of US soldiers. It took 200 peach pits or 2 pounds of nut shells to produce enough carbon to outfit one gas mask.

See a WWI gas mask in the Chatham Historical Museum.