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QUOTA PASSED BY RED CROSS

Record Contribution Of \$1,100 Is Received In Annual Drive

With \$1,100 showing the measure of its success, the largest Red Cross Roll Call in the history of Oakland County has been completed. Five hundred dollars more than last year taken in. Mrs. Harold Corson, chairman of the roll call, was assisted by the following committee: Mrs. Mae Hupp, Mrs. G. A. Jackson, relief work.

Mrs. F. W. Du Bois, Mrs. Vernon Lyons, Mrs. Frank C. Smith, Mrs. J. C. Huston, Mrs. W. P. Gibson, Mrs. W. S. Gilbreath, Jr., Mrs. Norman Lyle, Mrs. Robert Ensmet, Mrs. John Black, and the Business Girls.

Thanks to the committee for its untiring work and successful results were expressed on behalf of the Board of Directors by Mrs. H. H. Mann.

The Roll Call is a membership campaign conducted every year by the national organization between Armistice Day and Thanksgiving. In Oakland County, out of each \$1 membership, \$0.50 is sent to national headquarters, and \$0.50 remains here. If more than \$1 is paid for the membership, the remainder is used for local relief work.

THE SOCIAL SIDE

Something About Village Clubs

AMERICAN LEGION POST

Sixty-eight Birmingham ex-service men comprise the membership of the Charles Edwards Post No. 14 of the American Legion which today functions as a branch post.

LEGION AUXILIARY

Wives, mothers and sisters of veterans make up the members of the American Legion auxiliary which today boasts a membership of 68 persons in the Birmingham post.



LLOYD STANLEY

of a nation wide organization of World War veterans. The Birmingham post was started 10 years ago with the application for the national charter made in June 1919. At that time the post had 21 members headed by Charles B. Randall, secretary. Activities were carried on for a year before the permanent charter was granted in Sept. 1920. With the receiving of the charter W. S. McAlpine was named adjutant. Today Lloyd L. Stanley holds the office of commander while Edward V. Myers is adjutant.

The origin of the national organization was in Paris when 25 Americans drawn from various sections of the American Expeditionary Forces gathered together on Feb. 15, 1919 for the founding of a veterans' organization. Members of the group pledged themselves to aid all ex-service men. The Birmingham post fulfills the services of the national organization.

There is no distinction in the Legion between an officer and an enlisted man, between the man who served in France and the one in training in this country. Anyone who served honorably in the army, navy or marine corps between April 6, 1917 and Nov. 11, 1918 is eligible to membership. The principle service of the Birmingham post is their work with the Otter Lake Billet for the children of former service men. Donations of food and money are made to the billet. The village post also helps the Battle Creek Tuberculosis sanatorium.

Besides their work in aiding their needy comrades in the village, members of the Birmingham post play an active part in civic life. They sponsor Troop B III of the Boy Scouts and stage an annual program of education in flag history in the village schools. They also aid in the planning of Decoration and Armistice day ob-



MRS. THELMA BAILEY

under the direction of Mrs. Alice Bailey. The national charter for the auxiliary was not received until June 1922, however. In accordance with the national purpose of the group the village auxiliary has worked in conjunction with the Birmingham American Legion, aiding them in their service. They have staged many benefits for the Otter Lake Billet and for the Battle Creek Tuberculosis Sanatorium. The Auxiliary also has joined with the Legion in their Americanization work in the schools and in civic activities.

Have Annual Poppy Sale One annual event which is peculiar to the Auxiliary is the poppy sale. Proceeds from this event which is staged throughout the nation are donated to disabled veterans. As a branch of their community activity the auxiliary their last year raised a donation for the Student Loan Fund.

Their work is entirely of welfare nature. Considerable effort and time is devoted to the buying and making of articles to be sent to disabled veterans located in various sanatoriums. The birthday boxes which are sent to the Battle Creek sanatorium are of this nature.

Mrs. Thelma Bailey is president of the auxiliary which now boasts a membership of 68 persons. The other officers include: Mrs. Joseph MacGregor, vice president; Mrs. Edward Myers, secretary; Mrs. Frederick Seaman, treasurer; Mrs. Lillian Edwards Cook, chaplain; and Mrs. Lloyd L. Stanley, historian.

Others who hold office today are: David Thompson, vice commander; Gerard Putters, finance officer; E. J. Madden, sergeant-at-arms; and Gordon Bailey, welfare officer.

YULETIDE BUNDLE BEARERS: HERE'S THAT LIST OF GIFTS

The Christmas shopper, overwhelmed by bundles, is an oft-repeated picture in Birmingham stores these days . . . days so filled with thoughts of the holidays that they seem to be racing through the two weeks that remain before Christmas and he may be trying to keep one eye on the other members of his party, in as many different parts of the store, and with the other make his selections.

One sees the family shopping group, Mother, clutching a list and trying to make it "snappy" for the benefit of father, who stands in the background overwhelmed with packages, and his air of tolerance slowly changing to one of distress.

Most of the shoppers are women. They get around to do their shopping somewhat before men do. Then too, the bulk of the family gift selecting is left to women. Besides, they like to visit the stores when their selections are best, and to just "shop." After all, this Christmas shopping business is loads of fun.

Gift Selecting Isn't Easy To decide the gift for friend or husband is probably given the foremost thought. And though the gift tree for Hubby is not all the fairy tale story it is. You can't blame the lady who just shops and shops and waits until the very stars are twinkling on the Christmas tree before she makes her selection.

But here may be some help. We have this on good authority: Men like gifts to wear just as much as women do. So you might choose, riding boots, maybe, (this is a new one), silk, cotton, or flannel shirts, gloves, scarfs, dress handkerchiefs, walking sticks, smoking coat, bathrobe, (more men need these than anything else in the world), and house slippers (but be sure he hasn't a dozen pairs before you buy.)

Then there's personal things such as silk, cuffs, fishing tackle, rods, tennis rackets, anything for the sports if you know his taste well and are sure that it can be changed if it isn't exactly right. There's suit cases, or traveling bags, bill folds for the new dollar bills, cigar or cigarette cases, lighters (if you are sure he hasn't one already), fountain pens and pencils, good looking watches.

Gifts for His Room For his room you might select a smoking stand, desk, humidifier, cigar jar, clock, shaving set and mirror . . . really just a million and one delightful gift selections await you.

Clerks in Birmingham stores are all so helpful with suggestions and merchandise is so well displayed that it is just a joy to wander around seeing all the pretty things. So wonder it takes we females oddies of time to shop. But now that the last two weeks before Christmas has actually begun, we simply must decide what it is to be.

Many of the stores are offering a gift wrapping service. They have charming bright tissue papers which they tie with wide paper ribbons and make a dollar gift look like fifty. All minor points of course, and right now we are concerned with really deciding for "him," but they are essential to a nice Christmas. And surely "he" enjoys delving into the mysteries of big bow on a daintily wrapped gift on Christmas morning just as much as we do.

So that's that! And so you ladies who like to shop, just take your own sweet time about it. The Birmingham merchants invite you to browse around the pretty gift displays just as long as you like. Selections are at their best right now. Clerks are eager to help you. Stores are open evenings. Every effort is bent to assist you in filling that gift list and getting the most joy out of Christmas shopping.

After successfully defending a man accused of theft, Attorney J. W. Morin of St. Paul was robbed of his fur overcoat by his client.

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COMMUNITY HOUSE CALENDAR

Today, Business Girls' Luncheon at noon; Miss Field's class in Dramatics from 4 to 6 p.m.; Community Boys' Chorus for boys, 9 to 11 years, from 4:30 to 6; Games and Campfire for boys under 16 from 6 to 8:30; Public Appearance group for young men 18 to 25 years at 7:00.

Friday, Miss Smith's dancing class from 3 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Rehearsal of all school children for caroling on Christmas eve at 2 o'clock; Miss Bauer's Class in interpretive dancing from 9 a. m. until noon.

Monday, Mrs. Charles Shain's class in International Relations at 10 a. m.; Miss Smith's dancing class from 3 to 7:30 p. m. Scout meeting at 7:30. Tuesday, Mrs. Shain's class in International Relations at 10 a. m. Wednesday, Girl Reserves from 5 to 8:30 p. m.

Few Equestrians Brave Cold Gales

Because of the wintry weather equestrians at the Bloomfield Open Hunt club have been unable to hold their hunt three times weekly as planned. Activities have been confined to the clubhouse a group gathering there for a center about the ring last Sunday.

Among those in the contingent were: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. DeVissser, Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Judd, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wingham, and their son, Charles W. R. Tracy, George W. Trendle, R. B. Huston, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. L. Flintermann, and son, Donald Frank W. Shuell and his daughters Jean and Barbara, Mrs. Gordon LeFebvre, Miss Margaret Phillips Standart, Miss Ellen H. Skae, P. F. Peel, George E. Phillips and his daughter, Miss Annette Phillips, E. S. Nichols, Mrs. G. Scott Hughes, Manly D. Davis and Miss Mary Isabelle Davis.

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THERE ARE 7 MISTAKES IN THIS PICTURE

How good are you at finding mistakes? The artist has intentionally made several obvious ones in drawing the above picture. Some of them are easily discovered, others may be hard. See how long it will take YOU to find them. For answers see page two of this section.

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