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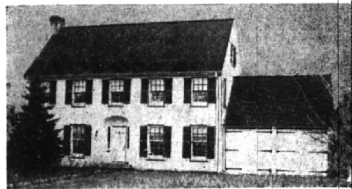
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## RED CROSS CORPS WILL BE MODELS FOR UNIFORMS

The Staff Assistance Corps of the Oakland County Branch American Red Cross, will hold its final meeting today with a program featuring Red Cross uniforms, linchpins and the modelling of various Red Cross uniforms. The meeting will be held at the Community House at 19 a. m.

Mrs. R. H. Mann, Canteen Chairman, will be in charge of arrangements for the luncheon, and Mrs. H. H. Robinson of Berkeley, who is vice-chairman of volunteer service, will have charge of the program. Mrs. F. S. Langdon of Royal Oak, chairman of the Junior Red Cross, will present a special program in which Juniors of Royal Oak, Ferndale, and Hazel Park will participate. Miss Shaw, Red Cross Liaison officer of Detroit, will speak on the "Red Cross War Service Program." Mrs. F. S. Strong of Orchard Lake, chairman of volunteer service, will be in charge of the course in staff assistance.

A novel feature of today's meeting will be the display of Red Cross uniforms for the various departments of work, to be shown on living models. Kay Mann will model a canteen uniform, Mrs. Robinson will wear an administrative uniform, and Mrs. T. W. Jackson of Pontiac will wear a staff assistance uniform, as will Mrs. Langdon. Mrs. Ruth Dalton of Royal Oak will wear a motor corps uniform, Mrs. Charles, also of Royal Oak, will model the production uniform. Appearing in the hospital and recreation service uniform, will be Mrs. Earl Kneale of Pontiac, and Virginia Ward of Orchard Lake, who will be model for the health aid uniform.

In connection with the work of the Red Cross Juniors, exhibits from South Africa, Japan, and other foreign countries, will be shown.

## CASE ORDERS TAX REFUNDS ON 'GAS' FOR AGRICULTURE

Leon D. Case, Secretary of State, has directed that a small number of applications for refunds of the state's gasoline tax on fuel used for agricultural purposes, will be paid, if valid, even though submitted after the deadline provided by law.

The matter arose when a few applications filed more than 90 days after dates of purchase of the gasoline, were dated for rejection on this ground alone. They had come chiefly from farm owners who had permitted their valid claims for small refunds to accumulate, not realizing the law's provision in this respect.

During 1937 the Gas Tax Division of the Department of State refunded \$3,849,630 to those who purchased motor fuel for other than highway purposes. Applications for refunds are handled through retail dealers from whom the motor fuel is purchased.

## Plans Under Way For Stamp Exhibit

Considerable interest is being evidenced by the announcement of the forthcoming stamp exhibition that is to be held on Saturday, April 2 in Birmingham.

W. Carlton Scott of 1122 Brookwood drive, an ardent Philatelist and at one time dealer in stamps in Birmingham, was quite enthusiastic about the possibilities arising from such an exhibition.

"At one time there were ten or twelve collectors in and around Birmingham who met every two or three weeks in private homes. There was no organized Club, but they simply got together to discuss and trade stamps. I feel that with such men as Dr. John H. Gordon, A. J. Underwood, H. Gray Muzzy, William C. Allee, Burton M. Pheatt, C. M. Jickling, Francis C. Bagby, T. J. Usher Jr., Al Trump, Charles Scott, Harry Bisset, H. F. Royal, E. R. Rainey and many more who are interested in stamps, we could form a worth while organization."

That is the real purpose of this exhibition which is being held jointly by the Pontiac, Ferndale and Royal Oak Clubs.

Possibly! A professor says the respect children used to have for their parents 50 years ago is not in evidence today. Maybe it's because the old folks are so wild. —Yakima Morning Herald.

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## Bundle Tea Will Give Public Chance To Visit Thrift Shop Before Roll Call

An important event prior to the annual Community House Roll Call which begins April 2, will be a tea at the House Tuesday afternoon for the benefit of the Thrift Shop. The tea will be open to all those interested, who are willing to contribute a bundle of clothing to the "price of admission."

Those unfamiliar with the work of the Thrift Shop will be given an opportunity to learn what it does in the Community as the Shop will be open for the inspection of guests. For the benefit of newcomers to Birmingham, it might be explained that the Thrift Shop is a project of the Community House which used clothing is sold at prices within the most meager budget, making it possible for parents to outfit large families on comparatively little.

Since last September the Thrift Shop has been under the supervision of a group of Junior League members residing in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills. The money derived from the sale of articles is used to increase the welfare fund of the House.

Paul B. Hoffman was appointed chairman for the Junior League group in charge of the Shop. Others named to executive posts included Mrs. Benjamin Brewster, publicity chairman; Mrs. Thomas Nalle, merchandising chairman; Miss Romayne Thompson, in charge of donations. Incidentally, Miss Thompson is in charge of arrangements for the bundle tea.

Mrs. Fred Dorris heads the personnel committee of the Junior League group directing the Shop. Mrs. Carl Underhill is in charge of the motor corps and Miss Barbara Trach is the business manager. Mrs. Marc Patton assists by taking the magazines which accumulate at the Shop during the month, the various hospitals.

The Shop, which was re-organized by the Junior League members of the Shop, is open for business on Tuesday afternoon and on Saturday before and after Christmas, the committee sent out 1,000 postcards asking for discarded articles. At all times, the shop will accept virtually everything one has to offer.

The articles most likely to sell are clothes, especially those for children, furniture, bric-a-brac and toys. In the four months covering the period between September, when the Junior League committee assumed charge, and January, when the last meeting of the Community House Association was held, the Shop took in \$36,800. Of this amount, \$18,52 were used for expenses, leaving a net profit of \$18,284. Selling prices, however, are always fixed as low as possible to enable those with small incomes and large families to purchase the articles they need.

The bundle tea to be held Tuesday for the benefit of the Shop, is the first affair of its kind. The articles contained in the bundles do not need to be new, worn things that can be repaired will be acceptable as well. Assisting Miss Thompson on the committee are Mrs. L. M. Baker, Mrs. Donald G. Eade, Mrs. George T. Hendrix, Mrs. Henry Foley, Mrs. Clinton E. Sears, Mrs. Brewster and Mrs. Hoffman.

## WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

W. Whiting Raymond, of Willis street: "With Summer coming on, children will soon be running through the vacant lots and wooded areas of the City; have you noticed the number of bottles of tin cans in certain areas? Why can't the City get some of its welfare help to clean up these areas? Barefooted children may thus be saved from getting dirt and landscapes will look better, too."

Making A Career  
"And did he live to tell the tale?" asked a listener, after the story of the traveler's amazing adventure had been told.  
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## SARG TO APPEAR IN DETROIT WITH MARIONETTES

Tony Sarg, world famous artist and illustrator, author, designer and creator of marionettes, will appear in person at the Detroit Institute of Arts, Woodward at Kirby, in two performances, Sunday, March 27.

At 3:30 p. m., Mr. Sarg will give marionette performances of his most popular characters, the Royal Juggler, Coco the Clown, Tippy-Toes and Dancer, the Fighting Marionettes in Armor, Greedy George (his table manners are terrible), Punch and Judy, and Charlie. In addition to the marionette performances, Mr. Sarg will make lightning sketches of persons chosen from the audience.

At 8:30 p. m., Mr. Sarg will take his audience behind the scenes, with himself at the controls he will explain just how marionettes operate. In addition he will present marionette acts, ballets and also introduce his amazing eating and drinking marionettes. He will also make sketches using members of the audience as models.

All seats for Mr. Sarg's performance will be reserved. Reservations may be made at the World Adventure Series, Detroit Institute of Arts, Woodward at Kirby, Telephone Temple 2-7676.

On Sunday afternoon, April 3, at 3:30, the World Adventure Series will present Capt. Gypsy Pat Smith, who will lecture with colored motion pictures on "From Bali to Angkor Wat."

## New Golf 'Pro' Ready For Duty

Pat Sawyer, new Birmingham Golf Club professional, arrived Sunday from Florida, where he has been participating in the southern tournaments. Sawyer made a tour of the south and on the whole turned in a commendable performance. Sawyer is a former captain of the Minnesota golf team.

Pat is 24 years old and plays an excellent brand of golf. He is hailed by many veterans as a coming golfer and a boy to watch. Al Watrous, veteran Oakland Hills professional, when asked of his opinion of Pat Sawyer said "He is a fine boy, a good golfer, and a coming youngster. He has a good record, a fine swing, and his game will last a long time."

Sawyer possesses a likable personality and has a fine character. Pat has already made many new acquaintances at the golf club, and is bringing an assistant professional with him. Sawyer will remain in Birmingham throughout the present golfing season.



Tony Sarg will present his Marionettes Sunday in two performances at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

## PEACE GROUP TO SPONSOR PRIZE ESSAY CONTEST

Men between the ages of 18 and 31 are eligible to compete for the \$25 prize which is being offered by the Oakland County Branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. The prize is to be awarded for the best essay written on the subject: "Shall American Youth Fight in a War of Aggression?"

The situation abroad, League members feel, forces every thoughtful person to face the possibility of war and the necessity of definite effort for peace. They further state that the purpose of the essay contest is to awaken people to the crisis and to secure the reactions of those who would be conscripted into military service in the event of war is the Shippard-May bill should become law. They denounce the bill as "A danger to democracy and full of pretense draft of humans."

The essays, which must not be less than 500 and not more than 750 words, may be either written in ink or typed. In the latter case, double-spacing must be used, and only one side of the paper. The pages must be numbered, and each page must show the name and address of the author.

All essays must be postmarked no later than Sunday, April 24. They should be addressed to Essay Contest, Box 233, Pontiac, Mich. The contest will be judged by a board of five, to be selected from the county. The time and place for the bestowing of the prize will be announced later.

A Bit Old-Fashioned  
"Good gracious!" said the lady visitor, "that ball seems very angry, doesn't he?"  
"It's your red hat, ma'am," explained the farmer.

She flushed, and looked upset.  
"I know it is a bit old-fashioned," she murmured. "But who would have thought a stupid old country ball would have noticed it?"—Exchange.

The Vital Question  
They sat there holding hands and a deadly silence prevailed. She had a feeling—yes, something told her that she would ask the all-important question.

She nerved herself for the words that she knew would surely come and with an appealing glance she turned her face towards him.  
"Why did you trump my ace?" he thundered.—Washington Star.

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