

Red Cross Anxious To Assist Returning Local Servicemen

Mrs. E. P. Turner, chairman of Home service of the Oakland County chapter-American Red Cross announces that the two chapter home service offices are assisting returning ex-servicemen and their families with the many problems which these individuals meet as they return to their home communities.

"The Red Cross is particularly concerned with the problems of the disabled ex-serviceman," she says. "Because of this, there are

Red Cross representatives in all military camps and military hospitals. When a man is discharged due to disability, he is given service by a Red Cross worker at the hospital. The veteran does not assign the power of attorney to any organization while he is still in the hospital.

"Local Red Cross workers are ready at any time to give advice and counsel to any returning serviceman as well as assist him when such assistance comes, within Red Cross policy. Assistance in filing claims is always available. The services of Red Cross field directors at Veterans Hospitals can be secured as the local offices can be in constant touch with these men whose duties are to act as representatives of the veteran where the American Red Cross has been given power of attorney."

New Ration Books To Be Issued At School Starting On Dec. 3rd

Birmingham families are going to get their new ration books, as early Christmas gifts, during the week of December 3 to 15, it was announced last week. And these new A gasoline books will be another Christmas gift, coming in time to be used on Dec. 22. Birmingham schools will again be asked to handle the task of local distribution. It is understood.

Price Administrator Chester Howles said in Washington that war ration book five will be issued at schools and other public buildings throughout the country from Dec. 3 through 15. It will contain stamps for meats and fats, processed foods, sugar and shoes.

At the same time and through the same channels, new A gasoline books will be distributed. They will go into use Dec. 22.

Ration book five, smaller than a dollar bill and containing only half as many stamps as book four, will be used soon after the first of next year.

The supply agencies—the department of agriculture and the war production board—have told that meats and fats, canned goods, sugar and shoes all will be in tight supply for some months to come, so it looks as if a ration book will be needed throughout most of next year," Howles said.

Saying it has been set up to last from 10 to 15 months if necessary, he added:

"We hope that book five will be the last in the series of wartime ration books, and that there will be plenty of stamps we won't have to use."

The new A gasoline book, the third since the start of rationing, will differ from the current book only in color for food and shoes. The book for food and shoes will have only numbered stamps of different colors and designs.

Since the last series of blue processed food stamps in book four will go into use Sept. 1, and the last red stamps Oct. 1, other stamps in that book will be used for the period before book five becomes valid, OPA said.

Bits of Birmingham

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Seventy miles an hour is a lot of miles to cover in these days of the 35 miles per hour limit. And through a city or town, it is considered just a few miles too many for safety or comfort, police say. Anyway up in Bloomfield Hills the other day police ticketed Stuart MacNeal Fenton, and the speed was listed at 70 miles. The auto appeared in police court later and paid a fine of \$40.

Zoning rules and regulations sometimes cause a bit of inconvenience to residents of this area and once in a while some person finds his new buildings in violation of these rules, and the building has to be modified or rebuilt entirely. The Wanderer learned today that William Miller, in Bloomfield Hills, found himself in about this predicament, recently. He took his troubles to the zoning board of appeals but the board decided it would be better if he erected his small building within the regulations.

The Rev. W. Glen Harris, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, has returned to his summer war task and is spending the month of August at Fort Benning, Georgia, as an assistant chaplain. Mr. Harris will preach at the Fort, in the hospitals and have such other tasks as fall to his lot. This is his fourth summer at such work.

Want a job? Well if the Birmingham post office has one as messenger to carry the mail to and from the post office to the Grand Central passenger station. Bids are to be dated as of today, through August 12, for anyone who wishes to enter a bid for the job. Jerry Parsons has had the job since about March and has resigned the job on Sundays. Bids may be left at the post office, it is said.

Some little time ago Birmingham people were being implored to cut down or root out any and all ragweed plants on private or public ground. The plea did bring some response but not so much for Sunday, while wandering around town, this Wanderer noticed rag weeds growing half a block from the Municipal building on Pizarro. Then he found lots in unused garden plots which had been plowed but not planted this season. In fact he found a few growing right in his own garden and he vowed he would root them out long before they had a chance to bloom. Wondering about other spots in the city he met Mark Hester of the DFW and director from him the welcome word that City property is just about getting the final effort of the first half of the season. Mr. Dance said, "By the end of the weeks we will have covered all city owned property and also a lot of private property. Some of our men are working their free time for private owners, cutting their weeds and grass. We plan to begin at once on the second ground and will clean out Smith-Poppleton park and other large spots where machinery can be employed advantageously. The head of the DFW explained that more attention would be given to little spots here and there where ragweed has been growing. "We hope to get it all cut down soon," he concluded.

Quite soon, now, Birmingham residents are to be given the opportunity to donate to the Community War Fund of Metropolitan Detroit and will be asked to share in raising \$8,490,336. The campaign begins October 8, according to Edwin J. Anderson, of Orchard Ridge road, who is general chairman. The following estimated allocations have been made: Detroit Community Fund, \$3,615,944; National War Fund, \$2,075,472; Allied Jewish Campaign, national and overseas service, \$870,443; Allied Jewish Campaign, local agencies and services \$259,970; Detroit USO, \$200,000; local related agencies and services, \$138,000; War Chest campaign and year-round expense \$332,400.

Jack Brotzman, city recreational director for the summer program, has a number of young golfers coming and predicts a future American champion may be among the bunch. The Wanderer is not a golfer but a glance at the teams in the score cards of the some playing in the summer recreational program discloses many holes made in par and since in a while some Birmingham players are warned not to place too many side bets when lining up on these youngsters.

Workers are busy with the annual cleaning, making of minor repairs and changes at Baldwin High School and in the offices of Principal Ross A. Wagner the office staff is busy getting out class and work schedules for the 1945-46 school year. And, outside this week a crew of men from the Christus Construction company is putting the front entrance back into condition for fast entrance of the late arrivals each schoolday.

session. This part of the building just got out of shape a bit last school year as the boys and girls hurried by and hurried by. But the workers say they will have it all fastened back in shape again by the time school opens in September. Principal Wagner says he will have those study schedules ready, too, when school opens and hopes to have all the boys and supplies on hand then. He told the Wanderer today, "We plan to be all set when the boys and girls return."

NEED RED CROSS WORKERS
C. G. Rudderham, chairman of the Oakland County Chapter, American Red Cross states that he has recently received word from the American National Red Cross that there is a desperate need for additional staff to provide Red Cross service to Army and Navy Hospitals. A recent survey indicated that less than half of the workers needed in hospital service throughout the country are now on duty. The local chapter has been assigned a recruitment quota of one social worker, one recreation worker, and three staff aides.



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And the conquering of it will take a vast armada of ships, a legion of men. Three times as many ships as it would take to transport a fighting force to Europe. And to maintain three frigate-line fighters it takes two supply-line fighters.

Yes, the long, strong arm of geography holds up that much of our front-line firing power.

We are only beginning to lick geography in the Pacific. After we get it licked, then we'll really meet the Japs—4,000,000 to 5,000,000 battle-hardened veterans, fighting in their own back yard with no geography to lick, all intricately trained, all tough fighters, all splendidly equipped. Four to five million of them ready and waiting—and two million more in reserve.

It isn't going to be easy. It isn't going to be quick. It's going to take a lot of fighting, it's going to take a lot of working, a lot of building, a lot of hustling—for a long, long time.

Says General Brehon Somervell:

"The war in the Pacific will be hard and it may be long. It will require the fanatically close-knit power of the Japanese. Operations of greatly increased scope and magnitude in the Pacific will be required to assemble and drive home the preponderance of force necessary to assure the complete defeat of Japan. Japan has an army of 4,000,000 to 6,000,000 men, and 2,000,000 reserves. Until the last day has surrendered, the Army Service Force and those who are supporting it on the home front cannot drop their guard."

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