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# Michigan Horror

INTERESTING - THE NEWS

By Gene Alleman

"Good times" are due to continue in 1948. A 5 to 8 per cent increase in retail sales is forecast. Rural communities should prosper. Farm prices are likely to stay high, and farmers' buying power will remain strong.

Such is the consensus of government economists and private experts who make predictions of looking into the crystal ball.

As a curb against a further rise in the cost of living, which already is 63.8 per cent higher than what it was in 1939, the President's Council of Economic Advisors and the Federal Reserve Board are proposing that Uncle Sam should tighten bank credits. Inflation grows when there are too many dollars, too few goods.

Inability of business and industry to get easy money at banks would apply a brake on plant expansion, building of homes would slacken, and some unemployment would develop.

Hence you may see some dips in the Full Employment Boom. Government planners, however, haven't always been right in their planning. Remember those dire predictions about hard times and unemployment after VJ-Day? Well, we've had inflation ever since!

An encouraging sign in 1948 is

## Oakland County RED CROSS NEWS

Marshall E. Smith, chairman of the Oakland County Chapter, American Red Cross, announces that Milo J. Cross has been appointed chairman of the 1948 Red Cross Fund, which will begin March 1, 1948. Mr. Cross is chairman of the 1947 Red Cross Fund and has been a member of the committee for the past year. Cross is a member of the Executive Committee.

In connection with the coming campaign, Cross, Smith and Miss Ruth Kimball, executive secretary of the Chapter recently returned from a fund meeting in Chicago where they were in conference with Red Cross officials of the Midwest Area Office in St. Louis, Mo.

Meeting to discuss the work for hospitalized veterans at the Dearborn Hospital, Mrs. Sheldon Noble of Birmingham, Coordinator of Community Service to Camps and Hospitals for the Oakland County Chapter, American Red Cross, and representatives from nine other Southern Michigan chapters were guests of the Chrysler Corporation at the Dodge Plant in Detroit for luncheon.

The servicemen's representative and the personnel director of the Chrysler Corporation were hosts not only to the Red Cross volunteer workers for the Detroit Area Council but also to several Red Cross Veterans Administration officials, including the Chief of Special Services and the two Red Cross field directors for the Dearborn Veterans Hospital.

Following the luncheon, the various directors gave brief reports on their specific jobs for the hospitalized veterans, and the Chief of Special Services spoke of the tremendous expansion of the hospital at Dearborn with the ever-increasing need for supplies and recreational equipment. He expects that there will be over 670 patients in the hospital at Christmas time, and double this number a few weeks later when the additions are completed.

Mrs. Beatrice Allen, Red Cross field director, outlined the Red Cross responsibility for supplying materials and volunteers, as well as training the 415 Gray Ladies at the Hospital. She praised the large contributions from the committee through the Red Cross chapters.

At the business session following, Mrs. Howard Bennett of Detroit, Chairman of Coordinators, reported by each chapter for the month's period was reported on.

From the list of needed material made up by the Special Service and Red Cross offices in the hospital, the chapters divided their responsibilities for the coming month. Oakland County will supply legs for television sets in the machines, equipment for recording general greeting cards. Mrs. Noble invited the group to hold their January meeting in Bloomfield.

Mrs. Noble, still busy with her committee on last minute Christmas supplies, states that additional gift packages for the Percy Jones Hospital at Ft. Custer and Christmas tree decorations for Dearborn Veterans Hospital are being prepared and that any gifts from organizations should be sent in immediately to the Red Cross office.

The Home Service Department of the Oakland County Chapter, American Red Cross, wishes to remind all veterans that the deadline for reinstating National Service Life Insurance, without medical examination, is December 31, 1947. Reinstatement of all or a portion of this insurance is possible by payment of two monthly premiums on the basis of the amount of the premium paid at the time the policy lapsed. For further information contact the Home Service Office, 410 Pontiac State Bank Bldg., Pontiac, telephone 4-3575, or 321 West Sixth Street, Royal Oak, telephone Lincoln 2-6700.

### 'Y' Cage Varsity Drops 4th Game

Trailing throughout the entire four periods of play, Birmingham YMCA Varsity lost their fourth straight basketball game to the Fisher YMCA by a score of 69 to 46.

Close guarding kept the game fairly even until the final period when the Blue and Gold poured it on. Al Larsen with 12 points, Lou Niagomas with 10, and Roge Reynolds with 8 led the scoring for the Dark Green.

Tonight's game pits Birmingham against Downtown YMCA on the Baldwin High School floor. There is no admission charge and the public is cordially invited.

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"The court may not direct or control legislative action," reminded the State Supreme court as it knocked out the legislature's single school district for state educational needs. The ruling would divert \$6,836,000 more to public schools from the sales tax fund, 76 per cent of which is returned to home governments including the schools.

If state legislators would decide to ignore the sales tax constitutional mandate, as they have done the constitutional provision for reapportionment, apparently they could do so. However, the case is different. Rural areas fear legislative domination by urban areas. Hence reapportionment has been ignored by rural legislators who now control state legislation. The same rural areas want more money for home governments including the schools. It is not likely that legislators would dare to ignore the sales tax diversion amendment for this reason.

Governor Kim Sigler, who amazed capital observers by his

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