

# Red Cross Calls For Blood to Save Wounded in Korea

Mrs. Sheldon Noble, blood donor chairman for the Oakland county chapter of the American Red Cross has been notified of an urgent need for blood to supply troops fighting in Korea.

"The county," she said, "has been requested to supply 500 pints, with about 150 expected from Birmingham."

"Our blood bank project of a week ago failed in Birmingham, and I am sincerely hoping that we shall be able to do better at this time."

"The national office tells us there is not nearly enough blood or blood plasma to take care of the wounded servicemen in Korea. They are flown to hospitals from the front lines for treatment and there are lacking the one vital need—blood. Many lives are being lost because of this."

**WE SHOULD DO everything** we can to support these men in this way, and I feel sure Birmingham will respond to this call as it has to other emergencies.

Red Cross mobile unit will be in Birmingham on Tuesday, Dec. 10. Donations will be taken at the St. James parish house from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Those wishing to aid the Korean men are asked to call Mrs. Noble for reservations.

"We have blood of the O type will be sent directly overseas," Mrs. Noble said. "Other types will be processed on the coast and sent to Korea as plasma, but every pint of blood received here that will go to Korea." Mrs. John Blanchard of Gleggery Circle will assist me in taking reservations."

## Mayor Reminds City Of Winter Dangers; Urges Extra Care

Mayor Bruce G. Booth today called on the people of Birmingham to take part in the nationwide Christmas safety campaign, now being urged by the National Safety Council and 161 cooperating national organizations.

"Goal of the campaign is to reduce the tragic toll of accidents that brings suffering and sorrow to so many homes at the Yuletide season."

"The Christmas holidays bring extra hazards," the mayor said. Traffic accidents reach their peak during this period because of winter weather, earlier darkness and holiday festivity. Home accidents also increase.

"BUT IF WE ALL assume personal responsibility for a safe celebration for ourselves and others—whether we're walking or driving in traffic, and when we're at home—we all can have a safe and happy holiday."

Let's all resolve that no accident—not even a minor one—shall mar the happiness of anyone in Birmingham this Christmas."

## Baseball League Is Meeting Topic

Representatives of local PTA groups, service clubs and other interested citizens will meet at the Community house Friday, Dec. 8, at 8 p.m. to discuss the possibility of establishing a Little League baseball league in Birmingham for boys of ages 8 to 12.



**RUMOR: GROW UP, KEE' ACRES**—Almost everybody has a theory as to why Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower bought the comfortable 189-acre farm near Gettysburg, Pa. Some contend that the purchase, while included in his will, was a bribe for his services in the White House. Others believe the farm will be considered as a "big diplomat's colony" because of its proximity to Washington, D. C. Only a few venture that the soldier-statesman-dean may wish to try his hand at farming.

## RECREATION ROUND-UP

**WHAT! SCHOOL on Saturday?** Yes, all doors of the Birmingham public school system will be opened this Saturday morning to accommodate the Recreation Board's indoor winter program. Adams, Querton, and Pierce school gymnasiums will be used each Saturday for boys of fourth, fifth and sixth grade ages to learn about the finer points of basketball.

Well qualified coaches will be on hand to teach proper ball handling, basket shooting, footwork, defensive, and offensive play to all boys regardless of their present ability. Some scrimmages and practice games will be held during the season also.

**BALDWIN SCHOOL** gymnasium will serve as a general sport clinic center where demonstrations, talks, individual guidance, and other know hows will be featured.

All boys of seventh grade age are welcomed to participate in a special program which has been arranged for them in the Barrum school gymnasium. They also will be under expert guidance.

**THE RECREATION BOARD'S** proposed program, is to have each parent school establish two divisions of players after the season is underway. Divisions will alternate between their parent school and the Baldwin clinic. This will allow participants in the program to come under the supervision of several instructors.

**IN ADDITION** to the sports activities, a concentrated learn to swim program will be provided for all boys and girls of the elementary school age in the Barrum pool. The swim period will be operated during the beginning of the season by the "open house" method, where children may come at their own or parents' convenience.

Expert instruction and individual attention is to be given in beginning fundamentals. Each swimmer is to provide his own towel, soap, and suit. Girls are required to wear swim caps. A small fee is charged those who participate in pool activities.

**PARENTS ARE** especially welcomed to accompany their children to all phases of the program.

All activities are to start at 9 a.m. and continue throughout most of the morning. Additional information can be obtained by calling the recreation department, which is located in the Hill school building.

## Local Man Jailed For Drunk Driving

Clarence D. Padgett, 45, of 1644 Holland avenue was arrested in Pontiac Sunday evening by deputies of the Oakland county sheriff's department and charged with drunken driving.

The department said Padgett had been fined \$75 plus \$25 costs and given five days in the county jail.

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# Around The Cracker Barrel . . .

How many answers can there be to the question: To what does 22 refer? When this event was planned for the night of Christmas Eve, it seemed to us that there could only be one answer. But as it turned out there are scores of answers, all with a great deal of logic and merit.

A review of the clues published in last week's ad all seem to point to one object—the Pot-Bellied Stove. And that is the correct answer. For across the face of the door of the old stove, in large raised letters we find "no. 22". Just for your satisfaction let's take a quick look at the clues and see how they fit this answer:

22 is significant in the life of the Village Store, and no other store we know of in town has a pot-bellied stove. We think the old stove's value increases with years, as the genuine article is becoming rare. We think all who have sat around the stove are familiar with it, and it has been mentioned numerous times in our ads.

One clue to poetry needs a bit of explanation, particularly to the newer generation. It says "the traveller paid it tribute as he passed." The tribute was usually a stream of tobacco juice, which would bounce off its hot sides into the sand box below. A dubious sort of tribute, perhaps, but we maintain it was, sort of an affectionate carass as the traveller went past.

Another clue in poetry ended with "what I give I give out of myself." Isn't that true of a stove? It gives heat, and its pot-bellied shape was developed to give more hot surface and to make it possible to burn longer logs. The last poetic clue was—We think—almost a dead giveaway. "Cold as a miser's buried gold, yet knee deep in old tradition." The old stove, No. 22, is surely as cold as a miser's gold in the Village Store. It's stove pipe leads to a phony chimney. It isn't a chimney, and the old gentleman who sold us the stove and delivered it, couldn't understand how we were going to get a draft. I told him there would be plenty of draft around the stove, but he didn't understand that the draft wouldn't be supplied directly to the old stove.

Many hundred persons wrote answers. Five out of the first hundred cards filed had the correct answer, and about 10% of all the answers were correct. But some of the other answers were so unexpected, so unusual, that we thought you'd like to list a few of them.

There are 22 letters in Around the Cracker Barrel, the name of this column. There are 22 symbols in the name of the store, with 21 letters and the apostrophe. Someone wrote that we were listed on page 22 of the new phone directory, in the yellow pages, which was delivered yesterday. True, but we didn't know it.

Christmas is the 22nd day said several. But one lady, perhaps having knowledge of the tired fable in the retail business, consolingly told us that in 22 days hence we would be past Christmas.

There is a lady who surely deserves some sort of special recognition. The reward for such kindness must be a sort of sublime happiness. For she wrote that the proprietor of the Village Store was 22 years of age. Oh, that I were 22 again. Yet as I turned up the next card I found that a gentleman had written that this store was founded in 1822. And right away I felt very ancient.

One unusual answer—and I yet can't get the significance—unusually said "The 22nd Psalm." So I read that Psalm, and found it was a Psalm of lamentation. Probably written by David on one of those days when things didn't look too good. Perhaps the contestant was remotely describing his feelings in not being able to get closer to the answer.

One of the most amazing answers, because it was repeated at least a hundred times, was the statement that this was the Village Store's 22nd anniversary. We had thought everyone knew the Village Store was less than three years old, but I guess we were wrong. If the store was 22 years old, and was founded in 1822, it just can't be that the proprietor who started it is just 22.

Two persons wrote "22 Skidoo." Many years ago, my children, the saying "23 Skidoo" was considered right smart. That was the quip that denoted a degree of mental alertness. I never saw it commonly found in humans; it was the quip deluxe in present day parlance it meant "Get the deuce out of here." That phrase, my children was in vogue about the time the Can-can was a powerfully naughty dance, and when your grandmother went out with her beaux in a carriage with a fringe on top. But it never was "22 Skidoo."

One Republican (I'll bet) wrote that 22 was Margaret Truman's hat size. A sports enthusiast miscalculated by starting it was 22 days to the Rose Bowl. One financier (who is a much better man than I am) suggested we started with \$22 capital; "I would have been quite a feat. Another optimist said 22 was the price of one of our fine custom suits; would that they were. Another said there were 22 snow balls in the Christmas decorations. Son, if you'd strung them up one at a time you'd know better.

Another prominent citizen suggested that 22 raised to the 22nd power, then squared, as the number of inhabitants in Washington. Many said there were 22 slaves in the Cracker Barrel; but we counted 'em and could only reach 21. Another gentleman who really must think we're a big outfit said this store was No. 22 in a chain; not so. This store is part of no chain, not even a short one.

But the answer which gave me the biggest lift of them all, the one which the writer stated was the feeling of customers when they dealt with the Village Store, was a descriptive phrase of 22 letters. It said simply "Quality and Satisfaction."

So now if you've read this far you are entitled to know who the winner is, who gets the Gift Certificate of \$100. The very first card in the Bar, No. 1, was correct. It was submitted by Miss Margaret Kahr of Birmingham. Our congratulations.

When you're doing your Christmas shopping stop in at the Village Store and see that 22 on the stove for yourself. And remember the store is not 22 years of age, the proprietor is more than 22 but not as ancient as 1822, and in every purchase you'll get those 22 letters worth of "Quality and Satisfaction."

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