

Red Cross Home Service Unit Hears Work Report

At a meeting of the home service division, American Red Cross, held last week in Bloomfield Hills, Mrs. Alice Subbers of Royal Oak reported on what that group is doing.

"We give aid in all sorts of emergencies," she said, "often providing stop-gap financial aid. We send telegrams to armed forces personnel when family emergencies arise, help veterans file claims and give all the home service we can to the servicemen overseas.

It was announced that another meeting is planned for October.

Out For Football Team

Clayton Joyce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Joyce, 2076 Deering, Walnut Lake, is working out for a starting guard spot with the William and Jefferson College's football team. A Birmingham high school graduate, Joyce has won two varsity letters in football at the college. He is a senior.

★ Smile a Minute . . .

John: "Your wife used to be so nervous. Now she doesn't seem to show a sign of it. What did you do for her?"

George: "That was easy. The doctor simply told her nervousness was a sign of old age."

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OFFICIAL OPENING of Oakland county Republican headquarters at 4518 Woodward, just below 14 Mile road, shows (left to right) 18th Congressional Dist. Rep. George A. Dondero of Royal Oak; County GOP Chairman Edward E. Wilson and Mrs. E. W. Hellier, Jr., headquarters manager. Wilson said two other GOP offices will be opened soon, one in Ferndale, the other in Pontiac.

GOC Makes ??th Appeal to Women

By ALICE E. MORGAN

An open letter to the women of Birmingham: There's an urgent need here for about 100 volunteers for Ground Observer Corps duty at Baldwin elementary school.

The men in bowler are taking over the night work, after finishing their business day, but between the hours of 6 a.m. and 8 p.m., our local post is badly understaffed.

During the summer months we were able to make great use of volunteers from among the Boy Scouts who did a splendid job. A number of these lads are still available to us before and after school hours, but they must have an adult on duty with them.

The new post at Baldwin isn't unpleasant. It provides an adequate and quite comfortable shelter for bad days. There's a safety rail around a substantial catwalk for outside duty.

There are tables, chairs, binoculars and a telephone. The place is easy to get to, requiring a minimum of climbing. It's clean and has a far better physical set-up than the majority of GOC stations.

GOC OFFICIALS don't want to be alarmists. They have no desire to be labeled war mongers, but the situation is serious. Air Force spokesmen have said we are in greater danger now than at any time since the opening of World War II.

It is known that Russia does have equipment to launch a long distance air attack.

Birmingham is close enough to large and important war centers to be of great value in the overall protective picture. The only thing that faces us right now is lack of personnel.

Frankly, the job isn't difficult and it's not strenuous. It requires, but two hours a week.

THOSE TWO hours are spent listening and looking for planes flying within the area limits of the local post. Each plane call for a phone call and the making of a simple report. It also entails filling out a report blank, which takes just about 45 seconds to do.

As one observer put it, "There's plenty of time to knit or sew, I use the in-between-planes time to keep the family's socks darned!"

Karl Bronson, at Turner's garage, the Jamie Martin Insurance office, Richard Dewey of this reporter will be only too happy to get the names of area housewives who will donate two hours a week to help protect their community.

The local post spots for the area including Franklin, Clawson, Berkeley, Royal Oak, Bloomfield Hills, Big Beaver and even Ferndale. Women from any of these communities will be as welcome as those of Birmingham.

In all fairness, the men should be given an assist, since they work all day and are still willing to spend a shift there one night a week.

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ARC Will Assist Veterans Filing Severance Papers

Two local residents, Dr. John S. Lambie, 280 Aspen, and Mrs. George McCormick, 673 North Elm, are among the several Red Cross workers in Oakland county who are helping veterans to secure their mustering-out pay.

The group is furnishing application forms and assisting veterans in filling them out correctly to expedite payment.

C. Carroll Nussey, home services director, said the Red Cross was deeply concerned with the number of men whose applications are rejected for lack of information. She pointed out that recently 15,000 rejections were made out of 50,000 applications received.

"Partly this is due to the fact that the veterans send in copies of the forms instead of the original," Miss Nussey explained. "Each form must be filled out in full and each must be signed. Incomplete forms and those bearing no signature account for a large number of rejections."

"VETERANS HAVE only to drop in at the Red Cross office on Huron street in Pontiac or Sixth Huron street in Royal Oak, to get the help we are offering them."

She explained that separation papers from Army and Air Force veterans, who are handling the job themselves, should be sent to Department Personnel Records Branch, Records Administration Center, ACO, St. Louis 20, Mo.

Ex-Marines mail theirs to Commandant, USMC Headquarters, Washington 25, D. C.; Coast Guardsmen to Commandant (PMM) USCG Headquarters, Washington 25, D. C.

★ Smile a Minute . . .

The young man, noted for his speedy driving, bought a new car—bright blue on one side, deep green on the other. A curious neighbor, questioning the color scheme was told:

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