



"BUFF" LENDS A PAW—"Buff," Dalmatian mascot appearing with Bonnie Bazan, 4, of Grand Rapids, Mich., 1954 poster girl for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, goes through his tricks in New York City for the little victim of the crippling disease. He's saving his best trick for Thanksgiving time, when he'll point the way for the nation's firemen as they answer the alarm to lead the annual fund-raising drive.

### Pfc. Clyde Hobbins Completes 8 Week Training Course

Pfc. Clyde R. Hobbins, Jr., 22, whose parents live at 21117 Oxford, recently graduated from the Army Information School at Fort Slocum, New York.

During the eight-week troop information and education course, Hobbins was trained as a specialist in the Army Education program, which is designed to inform military personnel about their responsibilities and benefits as soldiers and citizens.

Pfc. Hobbins, who is regularly assigned to the 52nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, attended Highland Park Junior College before entering the Army in August, 1953.

#### DO IT YOURSELF

Asphalt tile and carpeting are the most commonly used coverings for slab floors that have been laid in conjunction with a radiant heating system. Other satisfactory materials are clay tile and wood less than 1/2-inch thick. The important thing is to use a material that doesn't insulate the slab and prevent the heat from coming through.

"The hardest thing on a woman's clothes is another woman," — Derek Wingrave.

### County Red Cross Explains Blood Program, Asks Continued Support

With the United Fund campaign now in progress, Oakland County Chapter of American Red Cross takes the opportunity to acquaint the county with the blood program.

American Red Cross does not buy blood... it does not sell blood. Blood comes from the veins of the community and is returned to the veins of the community.

Each pint, priceless when measured in terms of life, costs \$4.87. A contribution to the United Fund helps bear this cost.

Collection, preservation and distribution accounts for the cost. You can save a life by parting with 30 minutes of your time, one pint of your blood and five of your dollars.

In September of this year the Oakland County Chapter collected 539 pints and released 409 to Oakland County residents.

One hundred per cent of the blood used by the Oakland County Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Contagious Hospital, Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital and Pontiac State Hospital was furnished by the Red Cross.

The Red Cross has never turned down an individual request for blood. This is because the people of the county communities have responded to both the Red Cross call for blood and to the United Fund call for money to keep the program going.

Red Cross wishes to point out

that the life of a pint of blood is only 21 days. After that the blood is broken down into plasma, serum albumen, gamma globulin. That is why bloodmobile visits are frequent.

In each of its phases, however, blood is priceless. For example, victims of severe burns must be treated for shock with plasma and serum albumen before anything can be done for the burns.

It takes two pints of blood to make one pint of plasma. There is an even poorer ratio on the serum albumen.

The Red Cross wishes to stress that anyone in good health can give blood. Blood can be shared. Keeping it within your body gives no protection, but you may save your own life by giving some of it away.

Bloodmobiles could hardly collect too much blood, for any whole blood left over the 21-day limit is broken into derivatives and turned over to Civilian Defense for use in event of disaster, war or natural.

Would you let a young woman die in child birth if you could save her life with your O negative blood? Of course not. And you could set up a little insurance for someone, somewhere, by rolling up your sleeve... and by putting your hand in your pocket.

Oakland County Chapter is slated to receive \$21,000 from the year's United Fund goal.

### FEWER PEOPLE DIE IN FIRST HALF OF '54 THAN LAST YEAR.

Provisional figures released by the Michigan Department of Health show that compared with 1953, fewer people have died so far in 1954.

From January through June, 1954, there were 29,976 deaths from all causes, the Health Department says, compared to 31,565 for the same period of 1953, which is a reduction of some 1,600 deaths.

The decrease carried over into the three leading causes of deaths, with diseases of the heart, cancer and vascular lesions of the central nervous system, (largely apoplexy) all showing a moderate decline.

Other top ten killers of Michigan residents that also show a decline include accidents, pneumonia and influenza, arteriosclerosis or hardening of the arteries, and nephritis and nephrosis (kidney diseases).

Only three of the top ten causes of death increased somewhat during the first six months of 1954. They are diabetes mellitus, immaturity, and congenital malformations.

Still, the ten leading causes of death accounted for 83 per cent of all deaths in the first six months of 1954 compared with 82.3 per cent from January through June, 1953. Michigan citizens can look forward to even further increases in life expectancy as new advances are made in science.

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