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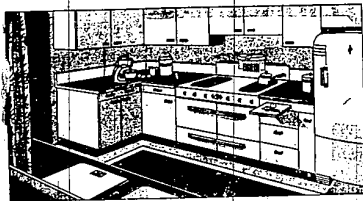
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## RED CROSS NOTES

Announcement is made of changes in two Red Cross services according to C. G. Riddick, chairman of the Oakland County Chapter, American Red Cross. Mrs. Ferd Brook has been appointed chairman of Volunteer Special Services and Mrs. Sheldon Noble will assume the chairmanship of the Home Service Committee. Mrs. Noble has been chairman of the Volunteer Service since November 1940 and Mrs. Brook has served for a number of years as vice-chairman of the service. Mrs. E. P. Turner, former chairman of the Home Service, will continue to serve as a member of the committee. Mrs. Turner has been chairman of Home Service since 1942. Both services have been extremely active during the war period and are still continuing their activity.

Members of the Junior-Red Cross at Winsor School, Pontiac, have received a portfolio from the Junior Red Cross of Chile according to Mrs. R. A. Armstrong, chairman of the Junior Program of the Oakland County Chapter, American Red Cross. The book is entitled "A Tribute to Members of the North American Red Cross." The book was prepared as part of the international correspondence plan in which many Juniors participate. A book is prepared by Juniors in one country and sent to a country of their choice after which the Juniors receiving the book make a portfolio in exchange. These books usually describe the country telling habits of the people, sometimes enclosing samples of flowers or grains grown in the country. A letter written by the entire schoolroom accompanied the book from Chile. There were also pictures of Juniors performing their Junior activities, such as sewing for needy students and sales to secure funds for their work.

### March 1 Deadline Set For Army Commissions

Men who desire to become commissioned officers in the Regular Army should apply immediately to qualify under recent legislation, according to Colonel Walter C. Cole, Commanding Officer of the Michigan Recruiting District, who has arranged to assist applicants at his headquarters here.

Applications must be received by the Adjutant General of the War Department, not later than March 1, 1946. Colonel Cole said, so men who are eligible to apply, whether they are now on active duty or not, should take the first steps immediately.

Recent legislation, he explained, authorizes the War department to procure additional officers to increase the commissioned strength of the Regular Army to 25,000. All appointments under this law will be made within the next six months.

Any male citizen who served on active duty as a commissioned officer in the Army of the United States, or any component, some time between December 7, 1941, and the enactment of the present law on December 28, 1945, is eligible to apply for appointment as long as his separation from the service was honorable. Former commissioned officers who are now serving as enlisted men are eligible to apply for a commission.

Appointments will be made in the grades of second lieutenant, first lieutenant, captain and major. Colonel Cole said, but no man will be appointed in a grade higher than that which he held during wartime. The grade that a man receives will depend on his age or his commissioned service, whichever gives him greater credit.

Application forms are available at all posts, camps, air bases and general hospitals in the Sixth Service Command, as well as at the Michigan Recruiting District Headquarters in Room 403, Federal Building, Detroit. Michigan, and at all Army Recruiting Stations throughout the Lower Peninsula. In addition, every Army Recruiting Station throughout Michigan has a copy of outlining the procedure for obtaining a commission, and recruiting officers can advise applicants on the program.

The age limit for Medical, Dental, Veterinary, Pharmacy and Chaplain Corps officers is 45, and the age limit for other branches is 48.

Officers who are no longer on active duty, or who are on terminal leave, must file their applications directly with the Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C. Officers still on active duty will submit application through their immediate commanders.

Personnel centers in the Sixth Service Command, to which applicants will be sent for processing, include Fort Sheridan and Camp Grant, Illinois, and Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

## LOCALS

Mrs. Mable Checketts is entertaining the bridge club Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. James Tuttle and Mrs. Sherry and children, Mr. Lin. guests of Detroit were the Sunday guests of Mrs. William Irish.

Dr. M. G. Brown was out to visit his son, David, who is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Auten.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Reaf were Sunday dinner guests of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McClelland of Lake Orion.

### Michigan Bell Telephone Makes Retroactive Award

The Michigan Bell Telephone Company announced 114 retroactive awards under its Employee Suggestion Plan, including nine of \$50 or more each.

The awards were for suggestions advanced by employees' union.

der several departmental plans that were in effect between April 16, 1942, and March 15, 1945. On the latter date, a company-wide plan was adopted.

Awards of \$250 each were made to Luther J. Reynolds, Detroit, chief switchman, and George H. Wyle, switchman. The former developed a new test for locating trouble occurring during wet weather in the wire between the house and the cable. Wyle worked out a time-saving method for lubricating dial equipment.

Francis N. Purlong, Detroit, switchman, was awarded \$100. Awards of \$50 each went to Ziba A. Winget, a retired employee at Benton Harbor; and Ralph R. Edwards, Phillip J. Green, Rachael Kemp, Erma Gopin, and R. R. Hooper, all of Detroit. There were 105 other awards of \$10 each.

### Flag Shakers

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# WHY Michigan Bell Goes to Court Again

A year ago, Michigan Bell asked the Ingham Circuit Court for relief from an order of the Michigan Public Service Commission directing us to refund \$3,500,000 from 1944 revenues. That court declared the order illegal on the grounds that the Commission has no authority to make a retroactive rate reduction. The issue has been taken to the Michigan Supreme Court on appeal.

On December 13, 1945, the Commission issued another order directing us to refund \$7,000,000 from 1944 and 1945 revenues and to reduce rates for 1946 by an amount estimated by the Commission to be \$3,500,000. Michigan Bell has now asked the Ingham Circuit Court to restrain the Commission from enforcing this present order.

*We went to court BEFORE because of our obligation to protect the service we render the public. For the same reason, we must go to court AGAIN.*

We can afford no such reduction in our revenues, and the same conditions apply to the refund provisions of the new order as in the 1944 order, previously held illegal.

Each utility, the same as each different business, has its own individual problems. During the war, we gained a large number of telephones, although restrictions prevented expansion of facilities to meet ordinary civilian needs. We still are far behind the demand for service.

We are shy \$50,000,000 of investment in facilities needed to serve today's business the way it should be served. This plant already would have been built had it not been for the war. Now it must be built. But as we add these new investment dollars, with no additional revenues from the increased investment, our rate of earnings will go even lower than the inadequate level to which it already has fallen.

Michigan Bell's earnings today are a lot lower than those of most industries. Our wartime earnings were the lowest in history except during the depression. Now and in the future, savings from lower taxes will be more than offset by the increased costs of doing business. Our basic wage rates, for example, are up more than 10 per cent

since a year ago, and the national pattern of further wage increases is still a matter of debate. Other costs are climbing higher every day.

*Unless conditions not now foreseeable improve the situation, the Commission's order would reduce our earnings to the point of impaired credit, which, if continued too long, would result in insolvency.*

When the financial standing of a public service institution is impaired, rate increases are necessary or the service slips. Earnings must be fair over the years or good telephone service cannot be maintained.

If refunds and a rate reduction cut our earnings further, it will tend to discourage folks from investing their money in the telephone business. And we'll be needing more investment money from now on to expand and improve telephone service in keeping with the high standards you want.

Michigan Bell's objective is to furnish the best possible service at the lowest possible cost. Since 1936, the last time the Company challenged a reduction in exchange rates, there have been numerous rate cuts, representing a total savings of some \$7,700,000 a year on the basis of present usage.

Looking toward the widest possible use of the service, we expect and want our rates to come down as rapidly as technical improvements will permit. Such improvements in the past have kept telephone rates down in the face of rising costs. But today, increased costs are coming so rapidly that improvements in the telephone art cannot keep pace in offsetting them. We simply cannot afford another rate cut at this time.

What it all adds up to is this—Michigan Bell is not in court seeking increased rates or large profits. The Company is in court AGAIN to contest an order which is contrary to present economic conditions and which cannot be carried out at this time without jeopardizing the future quality of your telephone service.

## MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY