

### R. C. Blood Banks To Take Over Job For Added Needs

#### \$13 Million Needed To Finance Project

Members of the Susquehanna Branch of the Red Cross have been advised by E. Roland Harrison, president of the American National Red Cross, that the 1953 National Fund Goal is \$93,000,000. This net fund goal allocates \$48,000,000 for National organization and \$45,000,000 for the 3,727 chapters.

A study of the release indicates the fund requirements for the Blood Program is estimated to be \$13,677,200. Of special importance is the additional \$7,000,000 which is needed inasmuch as an urgent emergency request from the office of Defense Mobilization results in plans for stepping up the blood collections for defense purposes. Increased blood production is needed too, in order that blood may be available to be used for fractionation into serum, albumin, and gamma globulin. Gamma globulin is a small fraction of the human blood containing antibodies which inhibit the paralyzing action of the polio virus. Health information releases indicate that controlled tests of passive immunization for poliomyelitis are being carried out in various research centers.

Miss Ethel H. Blair, chairman of the Susquehanna Branch, reports that the Red Cross has assumed the responsibility for the collection of this extra blood for gamma globulin purposes. But the distribution of the gamma glo-

bulin will be by another agency designated by the Office of Defense Mobilization and not by the Red Cross.

This increase in the Blood Program cost and the proposed additional expenditures for services to the armed forces represent the only significant increases in the National Organization budget.

The greatest amount, \$39,204,300, the Board of Governors anticipates to be needed in order to provide Service to the Armed Forces. The increase in this sum of \$1,500,000 over last year is made in anticipation of a specific request from the armed services for the Red Cross to expand its recreational activities in behalf of the men overseas.

The work which the Red Cross is today engaged, indicates that no more worthy call could be made upon the generosity of the American people, for these people constitute the Red Cross.

### FCC Okays 13 New Television Stations

The Federal Communications Commission last week authorized construction of 13 new commercial television stations.

These raised to 157 the number of new TV stations authorized since the Commission lifted its freeze five months ago.

The grants included:

WJTV-TV, Inc., Channel 20, at Baltimore, Md.

Chautauqua Broadcasting Corp., Channel 17, Buffalo, N. Y.

Easton Publishing Co., Channel 57, Easton, Pa.

Hazleton Broadcasting Co., Inc., Channel 63, Hazleton, Pa.

Piedmont Broadcasting Corp., Channel 24, Danville, Va.

### CHRISTMAS CHEER

Dorothy Boys Killian

NAN RAYMOND, seated in the hall deck of Ridgedale's ten-bed community hospital, stared disconsolately at the tiny table tree which she had just finished trimming.

"Would it be just too much to ask you to take Christmas Eve duty for me, Nan?" Grace, the other night nurse, had asked her some days ago. "I know you aren't going to be able to get home for the holidays anyway, and my family is right here in town."

The urgent ringing of a bell broke in on her lonely dream—the handbell of the patient in room two.

"Old Smithers! I wonder what long-winded complaint she'll have now," Nan groaned.

She opened the door. "Mrs. Smith, every grey hair in place, was sitting bolt upright in bed. "I'm expecting a visitor tonight. Where is he?" the old lady snapped.

"If anyone asks for you, of course I'll bring him up," Nan forced herself to answer politely.

"It's almost nine o'clock, and Algernon wrote definitely that he'd make it for Christmas Eve," Mrs. Smith glared at Nan. "It's bad enough being here, let alone trying to celebrate alone."

"I'm not celebrating either, Mrs. Smith."

"Oh, you—you're young and strong, and well, this is your job." The woman sighed. "How will I remember Christmases when I was your age! Sit down a minute and I'll tell you about the time we—"

The old lady ignored her excuse.

"The time we invited the church choir to supper and to help decorate our tree before choir practice," she went on. "Well, somebody began a carol as he tied a popcorn ball to a branch, and, do you know, before the last apple was hung on the tree, we had gone through our whole blessed program."

"Did you always put a star on the top of your tree?"

"Oh, my, yes," Mrs. Smith smiled. "I'll tell you just exactly what we did use for decorations. Let's see, now. There were the popcorn balls, and cranberry chains . . ."

When the doorbell downstairs rang suddenly, Mrs. Smith brought herself up in the middle of a sentence and chuckled. "Thank you for listening to an old bore, my dear. Now you just go see if that isn't Algernon."

A young man, bare headed, with coat collar turned up to meet a tousel of sandy hair, smiled at her through the gloom. "Are you an unfortunate gal who's taking care of my Granney Smith?" he asked.

An imperious voice called from upstairs, "Is that you, Algernon?"

The young man grinned at Nan.

### Christmas Pearls

By Royce Fields

THE JOLLY SANTA, ringing his bell in an appeal for contributions for the needy, grinned his thanks as Dick Slater dropped a bill into the kettle. The donation was a salute, not only to the Yuletide spirit, but to Dick's own good fortune. He had a home, a lovely wife named Jean, and a smaller reproduction of himself named Pete. What more could a man want?

One other thing made this a great day for Dick. He was on his way to fulfill a dream. While they were still engaged, he had bought a strand of simulated pearls for Jean. Somehow the feeling had grown on him that, until he could replace the phony baubles with a string of real ones, he wouldn't be a success in the eyes of his dark-haired, brown-eyed Jean.

"Put this card on the outside of the package," he told the clerk who wrapped his gift. On the card he had written: TO A REAL PEARL—A STRING OF THEM!

It was beginning to get dark when Dick got off the train in suburban Roseville where he lived. He started to walk briskly toward his home, two blocks away. Happy in the glow of having at last realized his cherished dream, he didn't see the figure lurking in the dark alley till the man stepped out and thrust the gun into his abdomen.

"This is a stickup!" the thug snapped hoarsely. "Turn around and get your hands up!"

A feeling of relief flooded Dick as he remembered he had spent most of his money on the necklace. Then the thought hit him—the necklace itself was in his pocket!

"Listen fellow," he pleaded, over his shoulder, with the gunman. "I have a Christmas present for my wife in my pocket. Take my money, but leave me that."

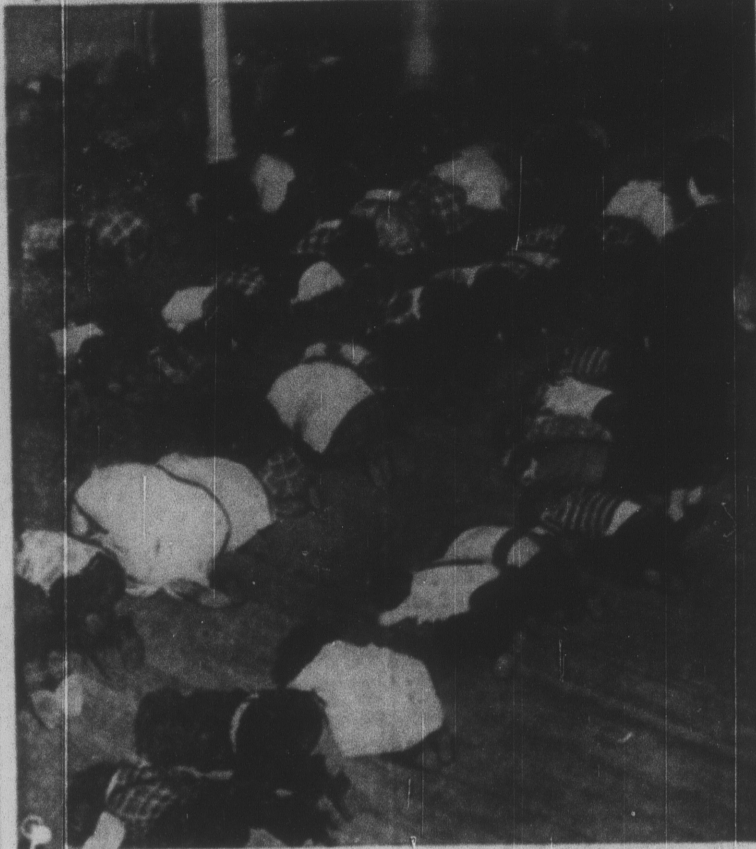
The hoodlum didn't answer. Methodically, he continued taking everything out of Dick's pockets. As his hand started to remove the precious little package, Dick Slater went wild! He whirled, slapping with his left hand at about where he thought the gun would be. He caught nothing. The thief merely stepped back and brought the heavy gun crashing down on his victim's head.

AS THE DARKNESS cleared away, Dick became aware that he was in a hospital. Gradually, he realized Jean and little Pete were beside his bed.

"Oh Dick!" Jean half sobbed, half laughed, "I've been scared! The doctor says you only have a slight concussion, though, and you're going to be all right!"

As his head continued to clear, the realization of his loss overwhelmed Dick.

### MOCK ATOMIC BOMB RAID DRILL



STUDENTS at the Thompson Elementary School in Washington, D.C., crouch on the floor of their classroom during a mock atomic bomb raid drill which included all government buildings in the capital. The alert continued for fifteen minutes. (International Soundphoto)

### Oak Wilt Curbed in Area At Present Says C. E. Zerby

#### Only Outbreak Here in Woods At Portage

Oak wilt, most dangerous of threats to Pennsylvania's forests since the devastating chestnut blight, is believed under control, in this area for the current year.

"Ninety per cent of the work in eradication of oak wilt in the known infected spots has been completed," Charles Zerby, district forester said.

Although the disease has been prevalent in the Upper Mississippi Valley for 20 years, it was not until 1949 that an eastward spread of the forest plague was noted.

The wilt is known to have hit seven different spots in the Cambria-Indiana-Blair district this year. Only outbreak to have been discovered in Cihabria County was in the woods just south of Portage.

Indiana county also had one known outbreak. Wilt was discovered in a two-acre tract of red oak four miles southwest of Indiana borough.

It was here that a chie was given that will may be present here for some years before the disease was noted by foresters, Zerby said an Indiana County farmer told him that he noticed the first oak dying about five years ago.

Between 40 and 50 per cent of the average hardwood stand is oak, and about 30 per cent of this is red oak. Mr. Zerby said

that thus far the disease has been found locally only in red oak, although white oak is believed susceptible.

Right now the story on oak wilt locally is that all possible measures have been taken to halt its spread. Mr. Zerby said he planned to have crews complete the eradication work before the year ends. What 1953 will bring is anyone's guess.

An aerial survey, operating from the City-County airport, was made this summer to spot infected areas. The other five infected spots in the Gallitzin district were in Blair County. The disease was reported more prevalent in Bedford county where similar control measures were taken.

With leaf conditions providing the only ready clue to wilt-stricken trees, work of spotting the disease must be confined to the growing season.

### RANDITTS TAKE \$3,400

Philadelphia—(PNS)—Three bandits, two of whom were armed and brandished revolvers, robbed an office here of \$3,400 in cash which was being prepared for bank deposit. One of the men threatened the manager. After scooping up the money, they ran to a waiting automobile and fled.

### PICKED UP BY FBI

Pittsburgh—(PNS)—Two teenage girls have been apprehended by FBI agents on charges of attempting to extort money from businessmen here. The FBI said in one instance they demanded \$30,000 as the price for not harming three children of one of the men.

—General George C. Marshall, former secretary of defense, was born in Uniontown.

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Kitty Lee and her MELODY RANGERS...

The thief merely stepped back and brought the heavy gun crashing down on his victim's head.

"I had a present for you, Jean," he began.

"I know, Foolish," his wife cut in, "and you almost lost your life trying to save it."

"But it was the string of real pearls I've always wanted you to have, Jean. You know how much they meant to me!"

"Yes, I've known the silly obsession you've had about my wearing simulated pearls," Jean said almost sternly. "I never seemed to occur to you that my husband and little Pete were the real pearls in my life!"

"Well, this is going to be a bum Christmas for you," Dick said glumly, "and I thought it would be the best yet."

"It's going to be," Jean told him. "Look!"

She put her arm under his shoulder and lifted him to a sitting position. In one corner of the room was a beautiful little Christmas tree. Piled high under it were the gifts he and Jean had wrapped for little Pete. Jean went over and brought back two of the packages. One was her present to him—a watch he had wanted. The other package... Suddenly, he recognized it—the pearls!

"Yes," Jean said, "my pearls. When the police caught the thief, he hadn't time to open them even."

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