

Veterans' Craft Exchange And What It Does

The Veterans Craft Exchange, the shop which spells hope to so many disabled veterans of World Wars I and II, recently celebrated its eighth birthday of helpfulness to these men and women and their families.

Established in 1937 by the American Legion Auxiliary Past Presidents' Parley of Illinois, the shop is located at 30 W. Washington St., Chicago, Room 739. Its quarters are being enlarged so that more space will be available to display and sell veterans' handicraft.

This year-round shop sells about half of its materials over the counter and the remainder by mail and to individuals or at sales held in shops, homes, at unit and district meetings, church bazaars, carnivals, theaters and many other places. Almost \$50,000 was returned to veterans during the 1944-1945 year, Mrs. Ralph Webber, the Exchange's volunteer business manager, reports.

Articles sold included such hand-made items as plastic earrings and lapel sets, leather billfolds and key-tainers, woven rag rugs, book ends, silver jewelry, knit goods, crocheted bedspreads, lamps, pictures and plaques, baskets, nicknacks and toys of all descriptions. Before the war many objects made of metal were also included. All objects are reasonably priced, the price being set by the veteran.

In addition to assisting in the sale of the hand-made objects, the 700 units of the auxiliary in Illinois also give cash contributions each year for the upkeep of the Exchange from funds derived on Poppy day. Augmenting the Exchange's volunteer board of ten auxiliary members, there are 30 volunteer saleswomen, each giving a day's service or more every month.

Citations are given by the Illinois department to the unit in each district which tops the sales of veterans' handicraft in its district.

Most of the rags used in the woven rag rugs, which, like the baskets, are usually made by blind veterans, are sewn by auxiliary members or other interested persons. Rag material is constantly needed, as are old silk, rayon, or nylon stockings, old colored felt hats, and beads of all sizes and descriptions. Those having the above named items to give, if they will call either Mrs. Eggert Carlsen rehabilitation chairman of the Highwood unit, H.P. 2458, or Mrs. Phil Cole, Highland Park chairman, H.P. 2085, arrangements can probably be made for pick-up or delivery.

Numerous are the grateful letters received by the auxiliary from the disabled veteran exhibitors, many of whom are badly crippled and in need of the extra money they are able to earn in this way. One veteran states: "My legs being paralyzed, the Exchange has certainly proved invaluable in disposing of the various handicrafts which I make at home. I have received valuable suggestions to create new items and improve others, and assistance in securing material."

A veteran in a soldiers' home writes:

"If we did not have the Exchange to send our articles to, we would hardly realize any profit from them. All that I make goes

to the upkeep of my family." From a war nurse comes the following letter:

"I want you to know how much I appreciate your service to all of us. We are — at least most of us — hard up, and what you add to our income means more than people differently situated can imagine."

Stamp Collectors Exhibit For Boys and Girls

Highland Park's first city-wide philatelic exhibit and contest for boys and girls will be held at the Community center on the afternoon of Saturday, May 11. The contest will be conducted by Community center's Junior Stamp club, under the leadership of C. A. Sanborn.

There will be two classes of entrants: (a) grammar age boys and girls and (b) high school age boys and girls. Ribbons of merit will be awarded worthy exhibits.

All boys and girls of the community are eligible to enter the show and there will be no entry fee. Therefore boys and girls, get your exhibits ready for May 11th.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES

The subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, April 14, was:

"ARE SIN, DISEASE AND DEATH REAL?"

The Golden Text was:

"Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God" (Ps. 43: 5).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible:

"And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. And his fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them" (Matt. 4: 23, 24).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy:

"If sin, sickness, and death are as real as Life, Truth, and Love, then they must all be from the same source; God must be their author . . . Is it possible, then, to believe that the evils which Jesus lived to destroy are real or the offspring of the divine will? Sin, sickness, and death are comprised in human material belief, and belong not to the divine Mind. They are without a real origin or existence. They have neither Principle nor permanence, but belong, with all that is material and temporal, to the nothingness of error, which simulates the creations of Truth . . . Sin, sickness, and death must be deemed as devoid of reality as they are of good. God" (pp. 474, 287, 525).

Baby Clothing Being Collected

Baby clothes, blankets, and other baby needs will be collected at the regular monthly meeting of the junior group, Highland Park-Ravinia Infant Welfare center, on Monday at the home of Mrs. Gustavus Babson, 1100 S. Linden ave-

nue. The baby things will be sold at the Thrift shop during a special sale as part of the observance of annual Baby Week, April 28 to May 4.

Volunteer Craftsmen Needed to Interest Hospitalized Veterans

Mrs. D. U. Gutmann, 166 Beech, leads Highland Park Red Cross arts and skills volunteers in the

number of hours given to that service, the Chicago chapter Red Cross says. Mrs. Gutmann has served a total of 1,979 hours at the U. S. naval hospital, Great Lakes, in the past three years.

Her cheerful green arts and skills uniform is a familiar sight in the hospital psychopathic wards, where she teaches the men relaxing crafts, such as leatherwork, braiding, and simple weaving. The Highland Park woman is particularly well trained for this work; before she entered Red Cross volunteer service she was trained as an occupational therapy aid at Cook County hospital.

"Some of the patients become so interested in arts and skills projects that after they leave the hospital they turn an avocation into a vocation," Mrs. Gutmann said. "The other day I received a letter from a former seaman from Brooklyn who took part in some art work here and is now studying in New York. Another man who took up needlework while he was sick bay here is now making his living from this craft back in his home town."

But, as Mrs. Gutmann pointed out, the main goal of the Red Cross program is not to train the men either for an avocation or hobby but to give them relaxing diversion projects that will make long hours of convalescence pass more quickly.

Mrs. Gutmann is one of 21 persons from Highland Park who are serving in this volunteer Red Cross program. The others include Mrs. Charles Bartell, Mrs. T. K. Blatchford, Miss Marilyn Bryant, Mrs. Nathan Corwith, Mrs. Harold D'Ancona, Mrs. Susan Gutmann, Mrs. J. H. Harmon, Mrs. Ivy Harvey, Mrs. Charles Menkle, Mrs. Randolph Herman, Mrs. George Livingstone, Mrs. Hilda Living-

stone, Mrs. James MacMurchy, Mrs. Margaret Norden, Mrs. A. M. Rosenthal, Mrs. Richard Taussig, Mrs. John VanBergen, Mrs. H. J. Van Ornum, Mrs. William White, and Miss Adele Whitfield.

More daytime volunteers are needed to teach patients in Chicago area military and veterans' hospitals. Amateur, as well as professional artists and craftsmen, are urged to apply for this service now. Those who have had little or no training in handicrafts will be trained in the Red Cross arts and skills workroom at 529 S. Wabash avenue.

All applicants are urged to apply immediately for the next orientation class which will be scheduled for the middle of April.

For more information, phone Wabash 7850 or call at Chicago chapter Red Cross headquarters, 529 S. Wabash. A personal interview is necessary for enrollment.

Well-Known Cartoonist To Present Program At Woman's Club

The annual meeting and luncheon of the Highland Park Woman's club will be held on April 23, 1946, at the club house.

At 2 o'clock there will be a program given by Miss Lois Fisher. Miss Fisher's illustrations, whimsical in character, appear in leading newspapers, magazines and books. A series of humanized animals — a Lois Fisher creation — adds charm to "Wits-End" stationery. She has given many guide lecture tours to children through the Chicago Art Institute. During a year abroad she held an honor guest membership in the Arts club of Oxford university.

Miss Fisher's lecture will be "Behind the Scenes with the Cartoonist." She tells her audience some of the secrets in the creation of

newspaper illustrations, and develops chalk drawings before the audience while describing the process of creating comic sketches. She tells how an author works with an illustrator — what preliminary research an artist does and how a drawing develops from "comprehensive" to "finish."

"Cartooning for Fun and Profit," a book written and illustrated by Miss Fisher is dedicated to those who have always wished to draw but thought they couldn't. Miss Fisher is convinced that drawing, like handwriting, can be learned by everyone who wants to learn.

Arthur Maertz Injured

Arthur Maertz, 23, formerly of Sheboygan, Wis., but now living at 1342 East street, is at Highland Park hospital suffering from cuts and bruises and possible injuries as the result of an automobile accident on Main street, near Prairie avenue, Highland Park.

The car he was driving south on Main street veered off the road when he lost control of it, turning over when it hit a culvert on the west side of the road. The accident occurred at 4 a.m.

Unhurt were his two passengers, William Zahnle, with whom he lived, and Lloyd Sanders, 606 Waukegan avenue, Highwood.

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Some chemical seed disinfectants control plant disease and seed decay by killing certain seed-borne and soil-borne fungus and bacterial organisms on contact, while others release toxic vapors or fumes that do the trick. The vapor or volatile group include formaldehyde, ethyl mercury phosphate, and ethyl mercury chloride. The non-volatile compounds that kill by contact include copper oxide, copper carbonate, nitrophenol mercury, chlorophenol mercury and tetramethyl thiram disulfide.

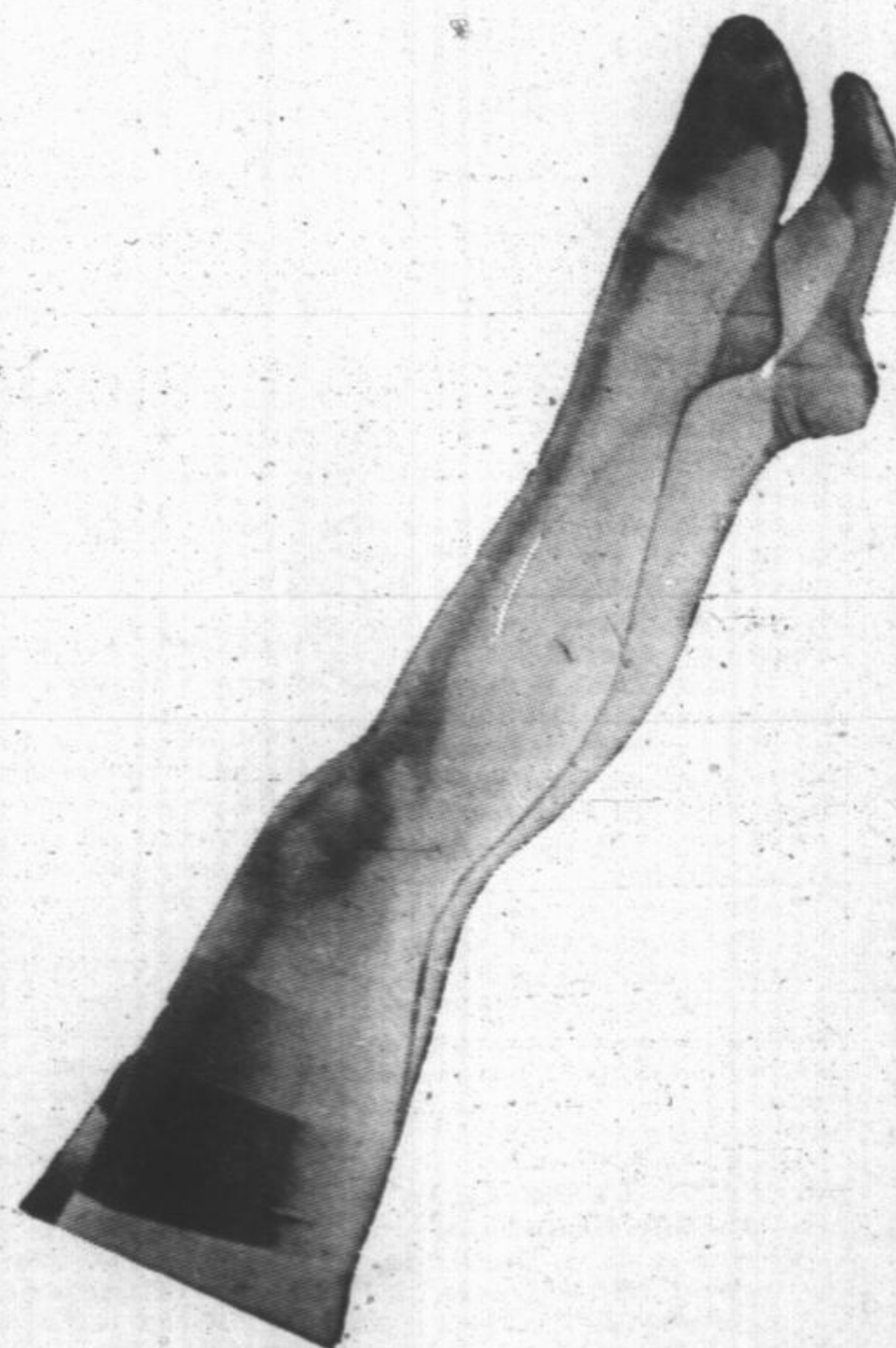
When seeds are sown in damp soil, the seed may be attacked by mould. Since the soil must be damp in order for the seeds to germinate, the danger of such attacks is always present. There is no danger to the

seed in using disinfectants provided the simple directions are followed. Seed dealers will be able to furnish the disinfectants, together with the



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