



DOUBLE DUTY—Doubling as a watch dog, Boots, a Dalmatian coach dog, crouches in a car alongside his master's brief case. They were on their way to an impromptu "show" of Dalmatians at a New York engine house.

Home Service Division Being Set Up In Red Cross; Board Meets

Need to get the home service department well organized as soon as possible was brought out at the monthly meeting of the Lane county Red Cross general board, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. David B. Evans is chairman of the home service division for the local Red Cross chapter and is busy lining up membership of the group to work on the many problems that come before this department of the Red Cross. Mrs. Cora Pirtle, executive Red Cross secretary here, told the board. It is the hope to line up persons from varied representative organizations of the county—veterans' organizations, civic groups, etc.—this committee to discuss and make decisions on the many problems arising in this department.

The home service department has a big job in working to assist families of service men before their claims are adjudicated. Other topics up

William S. Fort has been named from the Red Cross board and as a representative from the bar to serve on the home service committee.

Announcement was made regarding organization of a "Learn to swim" week program at Wendling under the Red Cross branch there, Sgt. D. L. Ringland, who conducted the swim work in Eugene and Cottage Grove, handling the class.

Mrs. Harry Gordon, chairman for the nurse's side division, said another class would be organized early in the fall to train another group of Eugene women in this work. An afternoon and an evening class already are under way,

nearing completion of the first part of their training. Reports Given

From the production department, of which Mrs. Royal Glick is chairman, it was stated that under sewing, 207 garments have been completed; and under knitting, 102 garments completed. There have been shipped out since the last report, 199 knitted garments, 369 hospital garments, 128 Junior Red Cross items. A total of 210 volunteers put in 2889 hours, Mrs. Glick said of this department.

Other reports showed that on kit bags, 50 unfilled kit bags were shipped out, and that material for six gross has arrived and these are all cut and ready for distribution.

A report on the emergency closet stated 44 used garments repaired, 27 new garments made, 35 garments given out, 58½ hours given to this service.

Many Dressings Made

Mrs. Joseph H. Jackson, chairman for surgical dressings work, stated a total of 132,975 dressings was put out for the month of June.

The Lowell-Fall Creek unit was "spotted" for special recognition, this group putting out 11,100 of the total of dressings. All other sections of the county reported good totals, Mrs. Jackson said.

It was decided to hold no general board meeting on the fourth Tuesday in August, only the executive board to meet on the second Tuesday of the month, regular schedules to be resumed in September.

Margaret Zimmerman Studies With Knoch

Margaret Zimmerman, dramatic soprano of Eugene, is at Laguna Beach, Calif., learning operatic roles under the tutelage of Ernest Knoch, world's leading voice coach in Wagnerian opera, it was revealed here Thursday by Sigurd Nilssen.

Nilssen, professor of voice at the University of Oregon with whom

Miss Zimmerman has studied the past four years, made arrangements while in southern California recently for Knoch to hear Miss Zimmerman. On hearing her, Knoch consented to coach her because he believes she has a voice of high technique, great abilities, and staying power, Nilssen said. Knoch plans to leave for the east coast early in August, and has made arrangements to continue his training of Miss Zimmerman this fall in New York. She will leave for the east Sept. 1. Knoch is said to believe that she will be doing

featured roles in grand opera within two years.

Knoch's talents are particularly suited to training in Wagnerian opera, since he is related to and received training from the composer of the "Ring" operas. He was the first director to conduct a performance of "Parsifal" outside of Bayreuth after the ban against such "outside" performances was lifted on the death of Wagner.

At present, Miss Zimmerman is studying leading roles in "Tannhauser" and "Lohengrin," and the

soprano roles of Sieglinde and Brunnhilde in "Die Walkure," all of which she has learned. She also knows the leads in Verdi's "Aida" and "La Forza del Destino."

Knoch has been at Laguna Beach during the summer for special training of Helen Traubel, the leading Wagnerian soprano of the Metropolitan, who took all her earlier Wagnerian training under him. Nilssen also studied under Knoch during his earlier singing career.

Margaret Zimmerman is the younger sister of Mrs. J. W. Gran-

nan, 146 Twelfth Avenue east, and daughter of the late Dr. E. L. Zimmerman. Two brothers, Edward and Prentice, are in the armed services.

Russian Ace Flies American Aircobra

BUFFALO—(U.P.)—The top allied air ace, Russia's Lt. Col. Alexandre Pokryshkin, has won 48 of his 59 air victories while flying an American designed and built fighter plane, the army P-39 Aircobra. Bell Aircraft Co. is the manufacturer of the plane.

Quoting officials of the force in Washington, 48 victories give the top Russian ace the top record of the war. It also was revealed that the top Russian ace counted for a total of 100 planes while in air average of more than one each.

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