

1955- Veterans in local hospitals were remembered with goodies and reading materials. Unit started Smorgasbords at such times as Legion or Auxiliary had special meetings. White elephant and rummage sales were best ways to earn money. Ground Observer Corps. still being manned by Auxiliary members. Unit purchased large Initiation Lamp for Post. Department Secretary Bertha Proestel passed away- all Units draped their Charters in her memory. Unit donates to L. C. Mohr Tribute. City flower will be the Petunia. District project of Retarded Children was recipient of money sent from all Units in District. Flowers and Mothers Day cards given Gold Star Mothers for Mothers Day. Mrs Helen Bair elected District President. Dr. L. M. Adler of Benton Harbor, American Legion 4th District, Child Welfare chairman gave in interesting talk to Post and Unit on Handicapped Camping Inc. Unit sent \$25.00 so children may attend this program. Bertha Proestel Memorial fund started. Memorial book placed in Library for member Josephine Elliott who passed away in August. Frances Gorman re-elected as President of Unit. Unit collected 3150 pounds of clothing and collected \$410.00 in cash for the Eastern Flood Disaster in Connecticut. These were sent to Hartford, Conn. A magic show was sponsored jointly by Post and Auxiliary - much fun. number of gifts gifts to Gift Shop reduced a bit - Units number of

10 boxes now. \$30.00 was donated to Red Feather Fund.
Haiti was Pan-American Study Country - Unit aided a Veterans
family of 6 children, with clothing and groceries. Three
baskets of food were given at ~~Thanksgiving~~. Child Welfare
Chairman, Madeline Chadden collected toys, clothing and
canned goods for needy family for Christmas. Gave her own
Christmas tree and a large quantity of food left over from
an Eastern Star Dinner to needy families at Christmas. A
new closing to Unit meetings was started.