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Legion to Join in Twelve-State Sandlot Clinics February 13th

Indianapolis, Ind.—The American Legion has joined with the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations in accepting the offer of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues to hold a series of clinics for "sandlot" baseball coaches in 12 states on February 13th.

The offer was accepted on behalf of The American Legion by the Junior Baseball Section of the National Americanism Commission.

The February 13 clinics will be held in California, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas and Washington.

The High School Athletic Associations in these 12 states will select the cities for the clinics. The American Legion will provide an associate chairman for each state clinic.

Clubs of the American and National Baseball Leagues will furnish the instructors for all the clinics. All American Legion Junior Baseball, high school and sandlot coaches and managers will be invited to attend.

Legion Auxiliary To Hold First District Convention Jan. 15-16

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold its First District Convention in Pawhuska, Oklahoma, January 15th and 16th, in the First Methodist Church.

Saturday Agenda:

- 1:30 P. M.—Registration.
- 2:00 P. M.—Meeting called to order.
- Advance of Colors.
- Pledge of Allegiance by Helen Dozier.
- National Anthem by Mrs. Eddie Gambill of Tulsa.
- Prayer by Julia McKibben.
- Preamble by Mrs. Jennie Mitchell.
- Welcome addresses by Miss Ruth Johnson and Mrs. Margaret Stabler of the Indian Division.
- Response by Mrs. Verna Williams.
- Introduction of Guests.
- Reading of Minutes.

Reading of Correspondence. Old Business—National Convention report by Birdie Patterson. New Business to come before us in 1949.

Reading "Gettysburg Address" by Kathy Lou Taylor.

Roll call of Units.

7:00 P. M.—Banquet at Legion Hut.

Sunday agenda:

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- 9:00 A. M.—8 & 40 breakfast at Duncan Hotel.
- 12:00—Luncheon by Indian Division at Legion Hut.
- 1:30 P. M.—Organ recital at First Methodist Church.
- 2:00—Meeting called to order—talks by Department Officers. Unfinished business and President's report.

3:30—TEA in the home of Unit President Miss Ruth Johnson.

Auxiliary members wishing to attend this First District Convention are to make their reservations with Miss Ruth Johnson, % American Legion, Pawhuska, Oklahoma at once.

THANK YOU

We want to take this means of thanking the many Legionnaires and Auxiliary, the Chaplain, Rev. Pat Murphy, Mr. John Lovejoy and Mrs. Milburn who furnished the beautiful music and to all of you who braved the winter blast on Tuesday, January 11 to assist in the funeral services of our loved one, Arley Virgil Malone.

Signed—

Mrs. Arley Virgil Malone and Family.
William and Georgia Walker and Family.

STAG

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THE ADJUTANT'S COLUMN

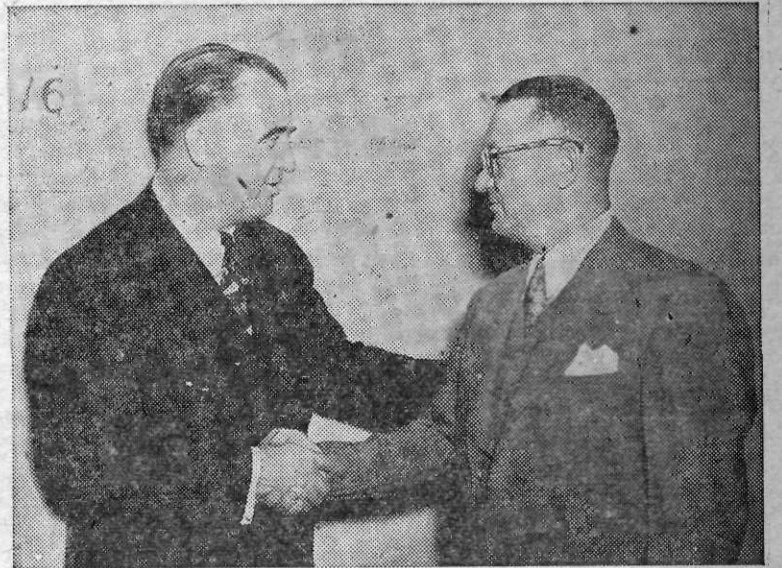
By EDDIE J. SHIELDS

Tuesday night the 11th was a bad night for a meeting, or anything else, or almost anything. However, we had a corporal's guard and held a meeting for the reason that it was the night for the third and final reading, and voting on the BONUS RESOLUTION. So after considerable discussion back and forth by the few present, J. Earl Simpson made a motion, 2nd by Pig Davis and carried, that the third reading and voting of the Bonus Resolution, be postponed until Tuesday, January 18th, 1949. Now I am sure this is final and you had better be here next Tuesday night, if you are interested in this issue, and as I have said, voice your opinion on the floor and vote as you see fit.

ORCHIDS to the Funeral Detail on Monday, January 11, 1949. If you will remember on that particular day we had snow, sleet, rain, hail, and—oh! was it slick under foot. Well, this Post had the misfortune to have to cover a funeral of a World War I veteran, and a member of this Post, for burial in the Legion plot at Memorial Park, which is five miles from Tulsa. Frank H. J. Crawley, our Service Officer, who takes care of the funeral detail lineup made approximately one hundred telephone calls before he was able to fill the detail which was to be a complete detail composed of Commander, Chaplain, Bugler, Color Bearers, Color Guard, Pallbearers and Firing Squad. The detail was composed of Frank H. J. Crawley, Rev. Pat W. Murphy, John Snyder, O. D. Waters, J. P. Bewley, N. D. Covington, Cal Blackford, C. S. Hickman, Sam Craig, William Walker, Charles C. Franks, Glenn Coddington and Alex Wilson. The last six names served double duty, pallbearers and firing squad. The commander, Guy Belford, Jr., personally wants to thank each and every one of you for your faithfulness to duty as a Legionnaire, regardless of the weather.

Chairman Chism of the Sick & Visitation, reported that Jude Lewis had another bad attack

\$50,000 HANDSHAKE



Baseball Commissioner Albert B. Chandler, a Legionnaire, congratulating Dale Miller, (right) administrator of American Legion Junior Baseball, on the contribution of another \$50,000 by the major leagues to the sandlot program. The action took place at the annual joint meeting of the American and National Baseball Leagues in Chicago, Ill.

In expressing the appreciation of The American Legion for the 1949 contribution, Miller said, "The American Legion gratefully acknowledges the 22 years of consecutive assistance which the big leagues have provided to our Junior Baseball program. We intend to keep American Legion Junior Baseball on the same high plane as in 1948. We hope to make 1949 our all-time banner season with more and more young players on the diamonds of America and 16,000 teams competing in our national tournament."

but was resting OK at this time. Reported Richard Hart as doing fairly well.

We had no meeting of the Executive Committee, Tuesday night as we didn't have a quorum present.

New Bank Clerk: "Miss Jones do you retire a loan?"
Stenog: "No, I sleep with Aunt Emma."

"That lump on Willie's head is where papa helped him with his arithmetic last night."

The preacher finished his sermon with, "All liquor should be thrown in the river." And the choir ended by singing, "Shall we Gather at the River."

She: "I'm thrilled. My husband's got detectives watching me. I don't know whether to give 'em and eyefull or not."

Dogs in Siberia are the fastest in the world because the trees are so far apart.

"I've just taken a shine to your wife," said the Stork to the Negro as he left the house.

Banker to elderly colored woman turning to her gold:

"Auntie, you've been hoarding."

"No suh, boss, you is wrong. At least \$20 of that is washing money."

No meeting, not much news.

Sorry. See you next week.

Don't forget the Legion Stag Party—Friday, January 21st. Admission, one dollar (\$1.00). Eats at six-thirty, show at eight with pictures. Legionnaires and their friends.

Legion Chaplain Hits Clergy Stand on UMT

Camarillo, Cal.—Ministers who insist on turning their congregations against Universal Military Training just don't know the score.

This was the statement here of National Chaplain Thomas Grice of The American Legion, a retired Methodist minister.

"Most preachers who oppose U. M. T. do not know the true facts of the many benefits of proper military training", the former World War I combat chaplain said. "Many of them don't seem to want to learn. A campaign of education is necessary for such men of the cloth, regardless of their faith."

Chaplain Grice pointed out that many ministers, without having the true facts about UMT, frighten the rank and file of their congregations by leading them to believe that young men will not have the proper spiritual guidance in service.

"They do not tell them that the new American Legion-sponsored UMT bill includes a clause which would provide a chaplain for every 800 men," he said.

BONUS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, We consider, in view of the fact, that several states have already passed Bonus legislation; and

WHEREAS, We think that Oklahoma should manifest as much concern for her own Veterans; therefore,

RESOLVED, That Carson-Wilson Post No. 1, American Legion of Tulsa, Oklahoma, be recorded as favoring the payment of a Bonus to our World War II Veterans that served in the Armed Forces of the United States.

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to our Department and State Officials urging their support.

(Final Reading on the above Resolution was passed to Tuesday night, January 18th).

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Walter E. Alessandroni

National Vice Commander, The
American Legion
(Biographical Sketch)

Walter E. Alessandroni, 36, of
Philadelphia, Pa., was elected
national vice commander of The
American Legion for 1948-49 by
the 30th national convention at
Miami, Fla., October 21, 1948.

Alessandroni is in private life
an attorney, former secretary to
the present mayor of Philadelphia
and secretary to the late Judge
Robert E. Lamberton when he
served as mayor of Philadelphia.
He is a member of the faculty
of Villanova College where he is
teaching business law. He first
attracted attention in American
Legion circles as a vigorous advo-
cate of housing measures on be-
half of World War II veterans.

Born in Philadelphia, Decem-
ber 12, 1912, the son of Joseph
and Sally Asprino Alessandroni,
he was educated in the public
and high schools of his native
city, was graduated with honors
from Villanova College with a
Bachelor of Science Degree in
economics and received his Bach-
elor of Laws degree from the
University of Pennsylvania Law
School. He was elected presi-
dent of his class in elementary

school, high school, college and
law school.

During World War II he vol-
unteered for service in the U. S.
Marine Corps. He attained the
rank of captain and when re-
lieved from active duty at the
close of the war, he was an assis-
tant chief of staff with the com-
manding general, Marine Forces,
Pacific.

Following his return home from
war, Alessandroni affiliated with
the Russell C. Gross Post 562 of
The American Legion in Phila-
delphia. He has served as chair-
man of the executive committee
of his post, as senior vice-com-
mander, as a delegate to the Phila-
delphia County Council of The
American Legion, as general
counsel of The American Legion
News, as chairman of the council
committee on the Veterans'
Hospital and National Cemetery,
as chairman of the Philadelphia
Return of the War Dead Pro-
gram, as a delegate to The Ameri-
can Legion national conventions
in 1946-47-48, as president of the
1946 and 1948 department con-
vention corporations of the Pen-
sylvania American Legion, as
judge advocate of the Philadel-
phia County Council, as a chair-
man of the department committee
on World War II membership
stabilization and expansion and
is vice chairman of the depart-
ment policy committee. He served
in 1947 as a member of the
National Naval Affairs Commit-
tee. He was appointed chairman
of the National Housing Commit-
tee of The American Legion for
1947-48. At the Miami National
Convention in 1948 he was elected
as chairman of the National Hous-
ing Convention Committee. His
activity on behalf of veterans'
housing also brought him the ap-
pointment on July 1, 1947, as ex-
ecutive director of The Philadel-
phia Housing Authority.

He served also as chairman of
the Junior Bar Association of
Philadelphia County in 1941; as
business manager of "The Shing-
le", the Philadelphia Bar Asso-
ciation's monthly magazine; he
was secretary of the Philadelphia
Citizens' Committee for the 1940
national Republican convention;
he was assistant chairman of the
mayor's committee for both the
1948 Republican and Democratic
national conventions in Philadel-
phia; he served on the board of
governors of the Villanova Col-
lege Alumni Association during
1939-41; he was a representative
of the trustees of the University
of Pennsylvania Council on De-
velopment; he is now secretary of
the Philadelphia Bar Association
and secretary of the Board of
Governors of the Philadelphia
Bar Association.

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Philadelphia, the Pennsylvania
and the American Bar Associa-
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sociation, the Marine Corps Re-
serve Officers Association, the
Military Order of World Wars,
the Military Order of Foreign
Wars, the Marine Corps League,
the Municipal Employees' War
Veterans' Association, the 40 and
8, the Lawyers' Club of Philadel-
phia, the James Wilson Law Club
and the Veterans' Committee on
Guidance in Advertising, the Pan
and Pencil Club, the American
Society for Public Administra-
tion, a delegate to the Health and
Welfare Council, Inc., and a mem-
ber of the executive council of
the Big Brothers Associations.
He is also chairman of the Joint
Veteran Organizations Committee
on Americanism for Philadelphia.

His family are all members of
the Philadelphia Bar including
his father, two uncles and a
brother who served with distinc-
tion as a captain in the U. S.
Marine Corps with the famous
1st Marine Division.

Married to the former Ethel E.
Decius, Alessandroni is the father
of two sons, Eugene Victor, 2nd,
and Eric Gregory and lives at
5854 Overbrook Avenue in Phila-
delphia.

**LEGISLATIVE
NEWS-LETTER**

WASHINGTON — (ALNS) —
Eleven pieces of top priority
American Legion legislation—in-
cluding the universal military
training and pension bills—were
in the congressional hopper at the
close of the first week's session
of the 81st Congress.

Topping the list is The Ameri-
can Legion's own universal mili-
tary training bill, S. 66, co-intro-
duced in the U. S. Senate by Sen.
Millard E. Tydings (D., Md.), and
Sen. George W. Malone (R., Nev.)
The measure has been referred to
the Senate Armed Service Com-
mittee.

Legion authored and sponsored,
the bill calls for four months
basic training for all youths upon
attainment of their 18th birthday
. . . The program would be civil-
ian-controlled by appointees of
the President . . . Training would
consist of 16 continuous weeks of
instruction devoted to elementary
military principles . . . Nine op-
tions would be available to the
trainee for completing an advance
training course adding up to a
full year's preparedness instruc-
tion.

Upon introduction of the bill,
National Commander Perry

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Brown declared that the Legion
would press for early hearings
before the Senate committee. In-
troduction of the same bill in the
House of Representatives was ex-
pected momentarily.

Pension Bill

Legislation granting old-age
pensions to veterans of World
Wars I and II has been introduc-
ed in the House of Representa-
tives by Rep. John Rankin (D.,
Miss.) on behalf of the Legion.
Carrying out the mandate of the
1948 Miami National Convention
of the Legion, the measure has
been tagged H. R. 898.

Referred to the House Veter-
ans Affairs Committee, the bill
would entitle World War veter-
ans to monthly payments of \$60
at the age of 60 years and \$90 at
the age 65.

Rep. Rankin also introduced
nine top rehabilitation bills for
the Legion all referred to the
House Veterans Affairs Commit-
tee. They include:

H. R. 900—to provide increases
of compensation for certain veter-
ans with service-connected dis-
abilities having dependents. 80th
Congress provided same for vet-
erans with 60 per cent or more
disability. This measure would
take care of all with 10 per cent
or more disability.

H. R. 903—in three sections,
would: 1. Increase war-time rates
for service-connected disabilities;
2. Hike permanent and total dis-
ability pension rates; 3. Increase
monthly rates of death pension
for widows and children of non-
service-connected deceased vet-
erans.

H. R. 896—to restore full com-
pensation awards in World War I
cases in which service connec-
tion was established by so-called
"presumption". 73rd Congress
cut awards to 75 per cent of rates
otherwise authorized.

H. R. 899—to liberalize re-
quirements for eligibility to the
permanent and total disability

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pension, stressing age and unem-
ployability, increasing the rates,
and elevating income limitations.

H. R. 901—to prove statutory
ratings for service connected ar-
rested tuberculosis instead of
statutory awards which were
made available after World War I.

H. R. 902—to clarify the in-
terpretation of service connection
on the ground of aggravation in
service of a disability incurred
before service.

H. R. 904—Puts widows and
children of veterans of World War
II on the same basis as widows
of World War I in establishing
non-service connected death pen-
sion. Elevates income limitations
for receipt of said death compen-
sations . . . and provides death
compensation for widow and chil-
dren of all who died in the serv-
ice regardless of cause.

H. R. 905—Provides equitable
basis for determining dependency
of parents under laws adminis-
tered by VA.

H. R. 906—to facilitate cooper-
ation of recognized organizations
with the VA by furnishing them
stenographic assistance in VA
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...TAPS...

ARLEY VIROIL MALONE Legionnaire, WW. I.

Died at his home, 117 West Brady
January 8, 1948.

Funeral, January 11, 1949 at 2:30
p. m. at Mean's Funeral Chapel.
Burial in Legion Plot, Memorial
Park, American Legion Service.

Commander, Frank H. J. Crawley
Chaplain, Rev. Pat Murphy.
Bugler, John Snyder.
Colors, O. D. Water, Jas P. Bew-
ley.

Guard, Dee Covington, Cal Black-
ford.
Pallbearers and Firing Squad:
C. S. Hickman, in charge; Sam
Craig, William Walker, Chas C.
Franks, Glen Coddington, Alex
Wilson.

OSCAR L. DAVIS Legionnaire

Died Sunday, January 1, 1949, at
his home, 1510 South Denver.
Funeral, Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1949.
Moore's Memorial Chapel, 2 p.m.,
Rev. J. W. Storer, Chaplain,
First Baptist Church.

Graveside Rites by American Leg-
ion.
Commander and Chaplain, H. K.
Nelson.

Colors, Katherine Welch, J. P.
Bewley.
Guard, Dee Covington, Cal Black-
ford.

Bugler, LeRoy Henninger.
Service Officer, F. H. J. Crawley
Firing Squad & Pallbearers:
Alex Wilson, T. F. Stroud, John
Rife, Lundy Crowder, Tom
Aarrington.

Reserve Officers' Ass'n Attacks Army's Policy

The Reserve Officers' Associa-
tion has protested to Army Secre-
tary Royall that the Army's pro-
motion system was "discrimina-
tory in the extreme" as applied to
Reservists.

In a letter signed by Col. C. E.
Barnes, national president, the
association attacked the policy as
setting one standard for Reserv-
ists and another, more favorable
plan for Regular officers.

The association cited the pro-
motion systems applying to cap-
tains and first lieutenants as ex-
amples of what it described as
discriminatory.

A Regular Army captain, it
stated, can be considered for pro-
motion to the rank of major if
he has a total of nine years' ser-
vice in any grade, while the Re-
serve captain must have a total
of six years' service on active
duty as a captain.

In the case of the Regular

Army first lieutenant, the latter
added, he may be considered for
promotion to captain if he has
had four years service in any
rank.

"The Reserve officer must have
served in grade as a first lieuten-
ant for approximately four and
one-half years or longer in grade
than the total service of the Reg-
ular," it said.

"The promulgation of such a
policy has caused an adverse ef-
fect on the morale of the Reserve
officers who at the invitation of
the Regular Army have remained
on extended active duty for a
long period of years," Col. Barnes
wrote.

Col. Barnes said Royall had re-
peatedly expressed himself forc-
ibly that he would not permit dis-
crimination against members of
the reserve.
The recently issued promotion
plan "has done more to under-
mine the morale of the Reserve
officers . . . than almost any other
single act that has been com-
mitted by the department," he
said.

The association, which was
highly critical of the Army's re-
serve policies until the present
officers, including Col. Barnes,
were elected, held what amounted
to "peace" meetings with high
ranking Army officials several
months ago. The letter to Royall
was the first evidence that the
association was dissatisfied with
the way the department has been
conducting Reserve affairs since
that meeting.

Legion's 1949 Junior Baseball Handbook Out

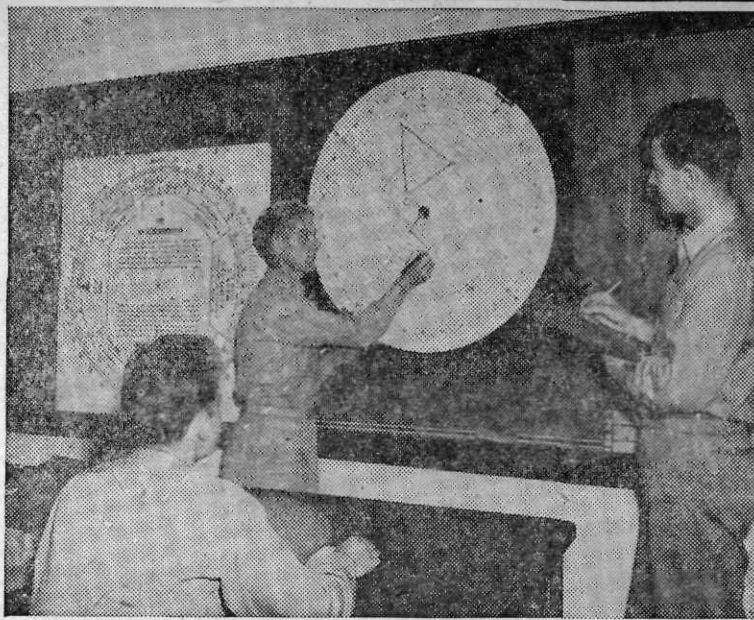
The 1949 Junior Baseball Hand-
book is now being distributed to
the 17,169 posts of The American
Legion by its National Ameri-
canism Commission.

The 1949 handbook contains 34
pages of illustrations, records and
the new set of rules for American
Legion Junior Baseball.

There are 36 pictures of star
Junior Baseball graduates, cham-
pionship teams of 1948, trophies
and of American Legion and or-
ganized baseball officials in the
new booklet. Among other fea-
tures there is included a list of
the 243 American Legion-trained
players in the major leagues dur-
ing 1948.

American Legion aid has been
sought to locate 1,900 American
citizens who served with the
Royal Canadian Air Force during
World War II and now are eligi-
ble for RCAF bonuses of \$7.50
for every 30 days of service plus
25 cents for every day of over-
seas service.

Student Navigators of the Skies



At Pensacola, Florida, future Navy carrier pilots are taught
tricks of navigation on a large-scale model of an aviator's plotting
board. Pensacola Naval Air Station, the "Annapolis of the Air,"
is the focus of the recently reactivated Naval Aviation Cadet
training program, which is open to healthy, single young men be-
tween 18 and 25, with at least two years of college. Upon gradua-
tion they are commissioned ensigns in the Naval Reserve, or sec-
ond lieutenants in the Marine Corps Reserve, are awarded their
wings and assigned to two years' active duty.
(Official Navy Photograph)

Legion Recommends 10 Books That Expose Reds

Ten books on Communism are
recommended by the National
Americanism Commission of The
American Legion as elementary
reading for Americans who want
to inform themselves about the
world-wide red conspiracy.

The books and their authors
are:

- "American Communism",
O'Neal and Werner.
- "Blueprint for World Conquest",
Human Events, Inc.
- "I Chose Freedom",
Klavchenko.
- "Out of the Night",
Jan Valtin.
- "Red Fascism",
Senator Tenney.
- "Soviet Spies",
Hirsch.
- "Struggle for The World",
Burnham.
- "Tell The West",

Gliksman.
"Three Who Made a Revolution,"
Wolfe.
"The Whole of Their Lives,"
Gitlow.

The Commission also recom-
mended its own booklet, "How
You Can Fight Communism."

Countless Memorials have been
erected to honor the men who
died in the late war. We read
recently that out in Utah, the citi-
zens of Salt Lake City have ded-
icated a chapel to all service men
killed in World War II, whose
bodies were not recovered. Ac-
cording to the report, this beau-
tiful sanctuary will be open to
people of all faiths and creeds
"searching for solace and com-
fort." We go for that idea but
we're still holding out for the
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he'd say their ball was bad.



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When you'd gotten a promotion and he
didn't get one too.
Jim would say you got your rating through
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Now that Jim is out of khaki, he's as
jealous as before.
And another fellow's breaks are always
sure to make him sore.
When he fails to match your wages or
the business that you're in,
Jim will pick on your religion or the
color of your skin.

But it's still
The old baloney;
Jim is jealous
Through and
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Business Week Appraises New Session of Congress

Here's how BUSINESS WEEK sizes up the new session of Congress:

FOREIGN POLICY

Marshall Plan—An early vote will give the extra \$1½-billion needed to finish out the fiscal year ending June 30. Later, Congress will O. K. around \$4-billion more for fiscal '50. It will make only incidental changes in administrative authority (Congress will make Hoffman continue to give American flagships half of ECA cargos).

Atlantic Community—This regional collective-security alliance with West Europe will be ratified as a military backup for E. C. A.

Lend-Lease—Around \$1-billion will be voted to start a year-long program to help re-arm Europe.

U. S. Rearmament—The modest program started last spring (the draft and a 70-group Air Force) will be continued as the minimum necessary to bolster U. S. diplomatic efforts. But, short of some big new crisis, there will be no major step-up in preparedness.

Miscellany—There will be more money, again, to fight Markos' guerillas in Greece; not another dime for Chiang in China (but a new regime there might get help) The Hull reciprocal trade act will be extended again without last year's G. O. P. strings. U. S. membership in the International Trade Organization will probably be O. K.'d.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Minimum Wage—You can be sure of an increase from the present 40c an hour, either to 75c right away or to 65c now with an

escalator to 75c in a year or two; coverage will be broadened, but there will be a stiff fight over making food-processing workers eligible.

Housing—Federal subsidy for low-rental public housing is a sure bet this year. Congress also will vote additional government secondary-mortgage-market money in case home-building slacks off.

Old-Age Retirement—It's a fair bet that Congress will finally permit the 1% payroll tax to go to 1½% at the end of the year, to pay for additional coverage to be voted.

Health Insurance—The Murray-Wagner-Dingell compulsory insurance bill won't get through, but some kind of federal participation in group medicine will be passed.

Aid to Education—The \$300-million-a-year federal grant to equalize teachers' salaries will be passed, unless it again gets snarled up over race segregation.

Civil Rights—There may be an antilynching law this year, but not a fair employment practices act.

FISCAL AND INFLATION CONTROL

Taxes—A higher corporate-income rate will be levied but there will be no excess-profits tax; no change in excise taxes; probably no change in personal-income rates. Taxation goal: an extra \$2-billion or \$3-billion in revenues to pay for the added military costs and the new social legislation.

Budget—Chairman Nourse of the Council of Economic Advisers says it will total more than \$44-billion, less than \$45-billion; we figure that is the minimum. Whatever the figure, Congress will see to it that revenue will at least match spending.

Credit—Regulation W, restricting installment buying, will be extended beyond June 30. The Federal Reserve won't fight for further authority over bank reserves. Consumer price controls haven't a chance.

BUSINESS REGULATION

Materials Allocation—Extension of the Commerce Department's voluntary allocation program is the minimum, plus at least standby authority for the government to step in where industry doesn't do the job. New Dealers will wage a real fight

to take allocation completely out of industry's hands.

Rent Control—It will be extended another year. Any changes will be limited to reconrol of rents that the last Congress exempted.

Antitrust—The Justice Department will get all the money it can use for investigation and prosecution of monopoly cases. Kefauver's bill regulating mergers by acquisition of physical assets will get through this time.

Federal Charter of Corporations—O'Mahoney will plump hard for it but Congress won't get around to acting on it this year.

OVERRIDING THE SUPREME COURT

Basing-Point Pricing—Congress will huff and puff over this issue but won't clearly define what kinds of delivered prices are legal.

Overtime on Overtime—The court's decision in the Bay Ridge stevedoring case will be nullified by legislation recognizing contractual time and a half pay as satisfying wage-hour law requirements.

Tidelands—No bill waiving the federal claims has a chance with the Democrats. Some form of joint federal-state administration might get by, charging royalties collected by coastal states against federal grants in aid for highways and the like.

LABOR

Taft-Hartley—As we've said before (BW-Nov. 13 '48, p. 15), there will be a new law with a repeal clause in it. But there also will be provisions covering such T-H

features as—the President's power to defer national emergency strikes; the ban on secondary boycotts and jurisdictional strike. The closed shop will be legal again.

Labor Dept.—Secretary Tobin will get Ching's mediation service (without Ching); he'll also get USES and unemployment compensation, to make his job more than that of a bureau head.

RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

TVA Steam Plant—It will go through like a breeze, early in the session; but Congress will say it isn't a precedent for federal construction of steam power plants elsewhere.

Regional Authorities—No Missouri Valley Authority will be set up, but the Bonneville Power Administration may be formalized into a Northwest TVA.

St. Lawrence—It has a better chance this year than ever before, but not one that's yet good enough.

Industrial Expansion—There'll be an "educational" airing at this session of bills authorizing government construction of steel and synthetic oil plants if industry doesn't pick up proffered RFC financing. Improved oil supplies make action unlikely on the Krug-backed synthetics scheme; any tightening in steel could bring Sen. Murray's steel bill to a vote.

Science Foundation—This will probably go through, this time.

AGRICULTURE

Support Prices—Pressure for revising last year's flexible schedule of government price floors

is gaining ground fast. The prospect is for a new law with high, fixed support prices coupled with mandatory production controls.

Grain Storage—The Commodity Credit Corporation is certain to get authority, which Republicans forgot to give it last year, to build storage bins for grain on government loan.

Wheat Agreement—Congress would jump at a chance this year to ratify last year's plan for a guaranteed export market. But it won't get the chance, with prices dropping here and abroad. The foreign buyers will want a lower guarantee than this government would approve.

GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

Pay—Truman will get that raise and, more important a big hike in his tax-free expense account; cabinet members, bureau and agency chiefs also will be taken care of; military personnel will get something less than Forrestal's recommended 15 per cent increase; government clerks may get nothing.

Hoover Commission—The study as a whole won't get anywhere, but many pieces of it will—the proposal to give the Defense Secretary real authority; a new welfare department; postal mechanization; and more.

Electoral College—Congress will submit to the states the Lodge-Gossett constitutional amendment to divide the presidential electoral vote proportionately to the popular vote in each state.

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National Legionnaire Becomes Magazine Insert in Big Merger

Indianapolis, Ind.—The National Legionnaire will make its first bow to more than 3,000,000 readers in its new form as an 8-page news insert in The American Legion Magazine in the February, 1949, issue going to press January 20th.

Shortage of paper and increased costs of printing were the factors which contributed to the merger of The American Legion's two national publications.

The merger brought to a close 14 years of independent existence of The National Legionnaire. It was started late in 1934. The paper shortage restricted publication of The National Legionnaire to six issues during 1948.

Stutler Editor

Boyd Stutler, managing editor of The American Legion Magazine, is editor again of The National Legionnaire in its new insert form. He was editor of The National Legionnaire during the World War II period, pinch-hitting for Elmer W. Sherwood when the latter went into active military service. He served until he himself went to the Pacific area as war correspondent for The American Legion Magazine. Jack R. C. Cann, of Detroit, Michigan, succeeded Stutler and served as editor until the merger. Cann, in addition to other duties, will now serve as full-time secretary-treasurer of The American Legion Press Association, composed of the editors of more than 600 department and post publications.

Editor Stutler announced that The National Legionnaire masthead would appear over the magazine news insert, that pictures would be used but that there would be a change in style and makeup.

Men Didn't Like Bataan Orders

A tale of deliberate disregard of orders, fist fights and armed mutiny among several high-ranking officers during the Battle for Bataan and Corregidor was unfolded last week from top secret Army files.

Dr. Louis Morton, chief of the Army's Pacific section, Historical Division, said Gen. Jonathan Wainwright, in command of Luzon, ordered Gen. Edward P. King, commander on Bataan, not to surrender.

But, Dr. Morton said, "When Gen. King saw the situation was hopeless, he ignored the command." Gen. King expected to be censured after the war but never was.

After Gen. Wainwright received permission to surrender Corregidor, he radioed commanders in the Southern Philippines that they were no longer under his command.

However, the Japanese conquerers demanded the complete surrender of the Philippines, so Gen. Wainwright contacted the Mindanao commander, General William F. Sharp, who had ordered his men to spread out for guerilla warfare. Gen. Sharp had done so on separate orders from Gen. Douglas MacArthur. However, when Gen. Sharp received

Gen. Wainwright's new orders he changed his mind and ordered his men to surrender.

The Commanders of General Sharp's individual units refused to surrender. On the Island of Negros, the men mutinied, divided into two groups and fought it out. Some inter-unit fights involved gunfire.

Gen Morton said the officers finally surrendered, altho with reluctance. When the Japanese came to get them, however, more than 90 per cent of the men had disappeared into the hills.

From Sea Island, Ga., Retired Gen. King described an Army historian's report that he ignored a command not to surrender Bataan as "not correct in detail, but generally correct."

Dr. Louis Morton, chief of the Army's Pacific section, historical division, reported that King surrendered the storied Philippine peninsula when he saw the situation was hopeless despite an order from Gen. Wainwright to hold on.

King said that he was not ordered specifically either to surrender or not surrender but to "take action which was not entirely inconsistent with surrender."

The matter of how he followed orders in the Bataan crisis has never been brought up officially, King said, "but it still isn't too late for that."

The 64-year-old retired general said that he made a full report to the War Department three years ago concerning the situation on Bataan when he decided to surrender, and the details of the surrender.

King was taken prisoner and spent three years, four months and 15 days in Japanese prison camps. After his liberation, he served as deputy inspector of the Army and on the Secretary of War's personnel board before his retirement in 1946.

BATTER UP!

Ever hear of a baseball league in which every team benches its left-handed players—for no reason other than that they are southpaws? If there were such, you'd call them crazy. Obviously the team that disregards this foolish prejudice and uses ALL its best men will go to the top of the league.

The United States is such a championship team. Other nations have larger populations, cover broader areas, possess greater natural resources. But, because we have made use of ALL of our manpower, we have outstripped the rest of the world. Our statesmen, our doctors, our teachers, our inventors, our captains of industry are the best. Why? Because they were not drawn from just a few privileged groups. Americans of ALL the groups have been encouraged to get up at bat. Our team is Protestant, Catholic and Jewish, both white and colored, Mayflower descendants and recent immigrants.

We have one more patriotic holiday. Congress recently set aside February 1 as the day to celebrate this formula for success. It's called National Freedom Day. Officially, it commemorates President Lincoln's signing of the document which eventually became the thirteenth Amendment and freed the slaves. Actually, this national observance is a salute to all those men in our history who went down the line fighting for human liberty—those who understood that, to be strong, America must be free; who understood that with every extension of democracy we add to our strength and prosperity.

This free way of life has made us immune to the strength-sap-

ping diseases of racial and religious bigotry that have laid other nations low and driven out some of their finest minds. Indeed, as a haven for the oppressed, we have gained a wealth of talent which other nations have suicidally rejected.

We're proud that our team give all its men a chance to show their stuff. And it's paid off. We know that's why we've been leading the league so far, way ahead of nations that keep some of their stars on the sidelines.

Now, more than ever, we've got to keep the U. S. A. out in front. We can do it by keeping America strong—physically, mentally and spiritually. We can do it by preserving what we have and, where possible, strengthening our liberties and human rights.

On National Freedom Day let us pledge (and work) to keep this country the land of opportunity—a place where every man is free to do his best. Let's remember that the United States can be only as strong as her sons make her—ALL her sons.

A one-minute prayer for peace every day at noon has been started by members of the Cissel-Saxon Post 41 of the American Legion at Silver Springs, Md.

Child welfare leaders of The American Legion and its affiliated organizations from 12 Mid-western states scheduled their 1949 Area D conference for January 7 and 8 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Miss Donna Niedermeyer, 18-year-old high school girl and accomplished musician, has been appointed as the official bugler of the Earl Francis Post 3 of the American Legion at Moundsville, West Virginia.

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Thomas M. Owen, Jr., 54, of
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Vinson To Seek Big Air Force

Legislation formally authorizing a 70-group Air Force and an 837,000-man Army was proposed by Representative Carl Vinson, of Georgia, who will head the House Armed Services Committee in the new Congress.

A sheaf of five bills which he was to have introduced at the opening session also will push research in guided missiles, Vinson said.

"All the bills may not meet with the approval of the Pentagon," he said, "but I think Congress probably will approve them."

The other Vinson bills would: Require the Navy to get specific approval from Congress before building any vessels of more than 45,000 tons.

Extend the present income tax exemptions for service personnel until next July 1.

Make the 20 per cent luxury tax apply to perfumes, jewelry and furs sold at post exchanges and ships' stores.

The Air Force bill would specifically authorize 70 air groups, plus 22 separate squadrons and 61 reserve groups. The present authority for a 70-group Air Force exists only in an appropriation bill passed last year giving the Air Force the money to build up to that strength.

The Air Force would have a total strength of 502,000 men, not including aviation cadets, reserves on active duty for training, officer candidates, and one-year volunteers for training.

The Air Force would be allowed 24,000 aircraft, or 225,000 airframe tons of aircraft, whichever it chose. It would be allowed to buy 5,200 new planes a year.

It would have authority to buy guided missiles without reducing the number of planes allowed, and would be ordered by law "to intensify and participate in research and development programs."

The Army would have a permanent authorized strength of 837,000 men, making up 12 regular divisions, five regimental combat teams, and supporting combat and service units. The Army bill would allow a reserve of 27 National Guard divisions and 21 National Guard regimental combat teams, with 25 organized reserve corps divisions.

The Army would be allowed to buy equipment for six divisions each year.

It would have the same authority as the Air Force to buy and use guided missiles, and would have permanent power to do research and development work.

Vinson said these two bills would do for the Army and Air Force what was done several years ago for the Navy.

The bill limiting the size of warships would clip the Navy's wings so far as getting any more giant carriers is concerned, Vinson said. It now is building a 65,000-ton super-carrier which will not be able to pass thru the Panama Canal.

NEWSETTES . . .

Neighborliness is a pretty powerful thing. Ask Robert Hoelzle. He's an Okinawa veteran who came back to his home town, New Brunswick, N. J., with his spine shattered by a sniper's bullet. The folks in that town wanted Bob to know how proud they were of him, so they pitched in and raised \$22,000 to build him a home. Just recently, Hoelzle, seated in his wheel chair, watched the ground being broken on the property where his house will stand. Beside Bob was his bride-to-be; surrounding him, his good friends in the community who had helped to make this gift possible. It's things like this that make a guy feel that the new world of brotherhood isn't a pipe dream after all.

Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye! The USO is staging a comeback. Latest news is that the United Service Organization is being restored to meet the demand created by the expansion of the armed forces. It would be hard to find an ex-sailor or soldier who doesn't have a warm spot in his heart for that grand entertainment unit. Thanks to the USO, the average serviceman managed to see a great many live shows during the war, whether he was in a training camp, on the battlefield or in some far-flung island in the Pacific. Through USO clubs he kept up his precious ties with the civilian world. We're sure glad to hear that the USO is back on the job, and we're equally sure that many veterans will want to assist in this work.

It's No News that the citizens of Israel are pretty keen about the American way of life. They proved it when they modeled their form of government and their Constitution after our own. Now, they're going a step further and taking up American sports. Yup, the latest report is that the Palestine Film Corporation has invited Al Schacht to teach baseball to the Israeli youth. Schacht is that lovable zany of the baseball and entertainment world who has delighted millions all over the world, including 2,000,000 GI's in World War II, with his crazy capers on the diamond. Our Israeli neighbors are sure to go for the Clown Prince of baseball even if they get a screwy idea about the game.

Farm accidents in the United States claim a substantial part of farm income and more than 4,500 lives per year.

AUXILIARY NEWS

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On Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock the Auxiliary and Legion will serve a covered dish dinner. The Auxiliary will furnish the meat and potatoes, and you are to bring a vegetable, salad or dessert. Whatever you bring is to be equal to 75c in value per person—you no doubt realize it is expensive to serve a dinner to a large group and it is a lot of work, so we ask your cooperation in compensating by bringing a dish equivalent or equal to the above value. The price per dinner is 75c per person in the event you do not wish to bring a dish.

This is a special MEMBERSHIP GET-TOGETHER and our whole efforts are to effect a 100% membership in our organization. We will be honored with the presence of our guest speaker, Mrs. Sam "Alice" Johnson, State Department President from Edmond. Mrs. Johnson, in her amicable manner, will give us the highlights on "Service—not self" and in this message we will obtain the stimulus to bring in members. Each of you are expected to bring a new or prospective member with you we want the eligible members to hear Mrs. Johnson.

We will also be entertained by Mrs. Paul McBride—who will give a clever reading. Mrs. McBride is a competent entertainer with her readings.

Mrs. Millie Carroll at the piano will accompany group singing. Mrs. Carroll is also a very fine musician, having had her own orchestra for a period of time.

This is a worthwhile organization and a worthwhile dinner meeting—so grab your bonnet and be there.

The Staff serving in the kitchen and the dining-room will be announced in our "thank you" notes.

MAUDE ANNA WOODRUFF, AUXILIARY MEMBER, DIES

Mrs. Maude Anna Woodruff, 1833 North Columbia Place, a resident of Tulsa since 1917, died Wednesday in a Tulsa hospital.

Mrs. Woodruff was the wife of C. O. Woodruff, veteran accounting department employee of the Mid-Continent Petroleum Corp., and was a member of the firm's Twenty Year club auxiliary.

A native of Southwest City, Mo., she moved to Tulsa from Neosho, Mo., where she was reared. She was a member of First Christian Church and the auxiliary of the American Legion.

Surviving, besides her husband, are a son, Charles Jr., of the home; four sisters, two brothers and one half-sister.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday in the Moore memory chapel. Interment was in Rose Hill burial park.

ATTENTION! Legionnaires Step Right Up

**FRANK H. J. CRAWLEY,
 Service Officer.**

If you members of this post gets on its toes, very soon is going to ask you for some help—help it urgently needs to maintain its strength, service and prestige.

The aid requested from you will not be tremendous, but it will be important. Should each member assist but a little, the post will succeed in its efforts. Where a Legionnaire fails, there this post also fails. Respond generously, therefore to your Commander's summons for aid.

Busy Season Ahead

This call will be given for membership. Our '49er drive is on its way from January 15 to February 15, 1949 when we want to complete our membership of 4,000. It is up to you to put your best foot forward and help us in our undertakings to make this a banner year. A busy season faces this post and its not a one-man job but the entire membership.

Do Your Share

Aside from any special service, which your officers and committees may ask you to perform, take your part in this undertaking to help us complete our pledge to our Department Commander.

1—Provide the membership committee with names and addresses of every ex-service man in your neighborhood and friends.

2—Personally your help can do us good in escorting these men to open meetings and the Membership Committee will be more than glad to explain fully to them the ideals of the Legion and all the accomplishments of the 31 years of operation. The legislative program that is available for the veteran of World War One and Two. It is through their constant study of the ever changing way of the mode of living.

Count Your Friends

You know, undoubtedly, one or more veteran who should be Legionnaires. Maybe one is a relative—father, son, brother, cousin, uncle, nephew and all your in-laws. Another might be a neighbor, a lodge or social club friend, business associate, union member, merchant or one of your several tradesmen. He might be a young fellow looking for companionship of his fellow service men who wants to belong but has never been asked.

They Are Waiting

One or more of these men is just waiting for you to invite them to join the American Legion. He wonders why you have not done so before. If you feel to give him a personal invitation obtain from this office an application card, be sure all the information is filled in and that the dues are three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50) delivered to this office and a card will be mailed and all privilege of the post.

Give Their Names

Should you feel unable for any reason to procure his application because you cannot give the necessary information that the said applicant so desires, leave his name and address and we will see to it that he is contacted and plenty of literature with full benefits and qualified men whom know the Legion program. It will be a distinct contribution toward

their success for the benefits of our Legion post.

Bring Them to Event

Invite your non-member to any open program conducted by your Post. Bring them to any and all events so they might learn about the Legion and meet the men who make up your post. Bring them to the events so they can learn about our American Legion and present anything they do not understand, feel free to learn.

Make Them Welcome

When ever a visiting Legionnaire from the outside comes to our Post, volunteer to take him around, make him acquainted with his Buddies in the Legion. You will enjoy watching the interest be shown him while visiting our Post and this will be discussed in other Posts where he will visit.

Happiness In Action

Now, these are not hard things to ask of any Legionnaire to do for his friends. They will bring untold satisfaction to the new members, outstanding triumph to our Post strength and prestige to our National Headquarters. To you they will bring reborn happiness in being an active member in this Carson-Wilson Post.

Why not try it. Start in today. Help build, by your assistance what 1949 will have in store for you and your friends.

"Big Mo" Only Big Battlewagon Left

Marking what the Navy Department terms a "step-up in anti-submarine training," the U. S. S. Iowa, has been deactivated leaving the U. S. S. Missouri the last American "pig-iron" on active duty.

The announcement of the Iowa retirement stated that the move was one in a series of revolutionary developments in underwater fighting and disclosed the reactivation of a light aircraft and eight destroyers. There are 13 other battlewagons presently in mothballs on both coasts.

The "Big Mo" was commissioned in 1944, roared gallantly thru the last phases of the battle of the Pacific and is famous as the ship on which the Japanese surrender was signed.

The biggest man o' war ever launched, the Iowa was commissioned in 1943. She was assigned to the "Tripitz Watch" and successfully bottled up the threat of the big German warship in Norwegian waters.

The Iowa carried the late President Roosevelt on one leg of his journey to the Tehran conference.

Paul A. Dever is the second member of Cambridge Post 27 to be elected governor of Massachusetts, the other being the late Charles F. Hurley.

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V. A. Sees Dividend Payment In 1949

The Veterans Administration plans to start paying a \$2,000,000,000 insurance dividend in 1949.

Sixteen million war veterans may share in the payments.

Veterans who took out the \$1,000 minimum policy of National Service Life Insurance and held it only briefly will receive comparatively small dividends.

But those who got into the program at the beginning and for the top amount—\$10,000—will receive an eight-year accumulation of several hundred dollars.

It is unlikely that dividend payments will start before next August, a spokesman for the agency said.

"But we're going to make every effort to have the payments flowing out by the end of the year," he added.

The VA is still calculating the size of the fund surplus from which the dividends will be paid. Unofficial estimates of the sum range from \$1,500,000,000 to \$2,000,000,000.

The agency also is working out the formula of payments. Refunds in each group will be in terms of number of cents per thousand dollars of insurance for each month that each policy is in force.

The VA plans to make refunds from the fund surplus on all policies on which premiums were paid for three or more months. This includes policies that have lapsed or matured as well as those still in force.

The insurance went into effect Oct. 8, 1940. Initial payments will cover a period of time extending thru the 1948 anniversary of each policy.

The surplus is the product of gains and savings on policy premiums. Much of it develops from the fact that the mortality rate among veterans has been considerably lower than was estimated

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before the war, when the size of premium payments was being established.

The VA spokesman said dividends will be paid on all types of National Service Life Insurance—on converted policies as on the so-called term policies.

Holdings of converted policies may in fact expect larger dividends because of the higher premium they pay.

Veterans initially took out term policies—that is, policies issued for five-year periods, which may be renewed at a higher premium every five years.

The VA regularly has encouraged veterans to convert their policies to one of the six other types—straight life, 20-payment life, 30-payment life, 20-year endowment and endowment at the age of 60 and 65.

The converted policies call for higher premium payments initially but accumulate cash value and other benefits.

Three Illinois Posts Working on New Homes

Bloomington, Ill.—Three more Illinois American Legion posts will be occupying modern new homes of their own during 1949.

Glen Ellyn Post 3 will start construction April 1 of a new \$100,000 clubhouse with completion scheduled for September 1.

Libertyville Post 329 is building a \$35,000 addition to its home.

Post 911, at Wauconda, is remodeling its present home.

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