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## NATIONAL COMMANDER JAMES F. O'NEIL HERE JAN. 15

### FREEDOM TRAIN

By FRANK H. J. CRAWLEY  
Service Officer

A sight to thrill every loyal American will be in Tulsa on Saturday, January 25, 1948. It will be the FREEDOM TRAIN which is carrying to every part of the nation the documents which are part and parcel of the American way of life. The tour highlights dramatically a year of rededication to our democratic way of life.

There is cause for shouting and rejoicing. The rights and freedoms recorded in the documents aboard the train constitute the most precious heritage in the world.

But there is cause for sober thinking, too. The written guarantees of human dignity and liberty to all men, regardless of color of skin, manner of worship or national ancestry, are freedoms dearly bought. Men may have been born with inalienable rights to life, liberty and happiness, but he has had to fight like fury to keep them. The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were wrenched out of the suffering and human anguish of the Revolution and the Proclamation of Emancipation became a reality only after a gory and grizzly civil war.

And not so very long ago, we discovered for ourselves at staggering cost in human lives and property, the truth of what Tom Paine said a long time ago: "Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must undergo the fatigue of supporting it." Thousands of disabled veterans, years of sweat and toil and blood and countless graves where our own buddies lie buried, bear solemn witness to the fact that liberty exacts a steep price for her bounties.

And we're not through yet! Right now, the forces we thought  
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### RE-DEDICATION PLANS DRAWN

City-wide plans for observance of "Re-Dedication Week" Jan. 18-24, are in a formative stage under direction of a representative central committee appointed by Mayor Lee Price to guide arrangements for the visit of the "Freedom Train" here.

Rapid progress on plans for a number of programs during the week was evidenced at a meeting of the committee called Wednesday by Robert Wheeler, central committee head and chairman of the Tulsa Jaycee Americanism committee.

To open on Sunday "Re-Dedication Week" will feature during the first day a community church program in which 28 religious denominations will participate, under direction of Rev. J. T. Morrow, head of the Tulsa Council of Churches.

Rev. Morrow reported that representatives of the religious groups would meet next Wednesday in the city commission room to make final plans for the Sunday event.

L. Harold Wright, Chamber of Commerce industrial manager, is chairman of a committee planning  
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### SOONER PARTY

Yes!—We are finally going to have a **Free Membership Party**. Friday, January 16, 1948. The party starts when you get there and ends when you leave. However, regardless, there will be a light lunch served at 6:30 p. m., plenty of cold refreshments and then some time during the evening a few \_\_\_\_\_ will entertain with a bang-up floor show..

**Admission to party:** Your 1948 membership card or be eligible to join and have \$3.50 in your hand so you can join.

### LEGION LEADER TO SPEAK AT LUNCHEON

The Carson-Wilson Post will be honored by National Commander James F. O'Neil here January 15.

Commander O'Neil will speak at a luncheon in the Chamber of Com-



JAMES F. O'NEIL  
National Commander  
The American Legion

merce dining room with the American Legion in charge.

O'Neil, 49-year-old police chief from Manchester, N. H., and a World War I infantryman, is making a tour of Legion installations in several Oklahoma towns. He will also visit the Veterans' hospital at Muskogee.

John Rogers, senior past post commander of the Carson-Wilson Post and a member of the national committee of distinguished guests, will introduce O'Neil at the luncheon.

Following his talk here, the Legion head will leave immediately for Muskogee where he will visit with veterans at the hospital. Fol-  
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**Freedom Train—**

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we had smashed on the battlefield—oppression, tyranny, intolerance and aggression—are busy staging a comeback. They would like to make a mockery of our victory by whipping up hatred and suspicion and turning one group of Americans against another—capital against labor, Christian against Jew, white against Negro. Their chances of dividing us and sapping our strength are pretty dismal as long as we remain loyal to the spirit of AMERICA.

We wish the FREEDOM TRAIN GODSPEED and a successful journey! Let veterans everywhere spearhead its reception and ring loud its messages. Let's make this, not a year, but a lifetime of re-dedication to ideals and belief that have made our country the strong-

**WELL-KNOWN LEGIONNAIRE  
 MIDGET AUTO DRIVER KILLED**



**WM. B. RUDOLPH,**  
 World War II veteran,  
 (Member Carson-Wilson Post)

Killed in automobile and train collision at Westville, Okla., on Dec. 26, 1947.

Rudolph was a partner with his brother at the Rudolph Bros. Motorcycle Sales Co., 2510 East 15th, and a prominent driver of midget autos and motorcycle races since 1940.

Buried at Mt. Comfort cemetery at Fayetteville, Ark., on Monday, Dec. 29, 1947.

Services were held in the Central Methodist church at Fayetteville, Ark., with the Reverends John Ashell and William Sherman, pastors.

The Watson Mortuary of Fayetteville was in charge.

The Active Detail of the Carson-Wilson Post No. 1 of Tulsa, Okla., was in charge of the Military rites at the cemetery. Joseph F. Herman was Commander and Bob Rocka officiated as Chaplain.

The bugler was Cpl. C. S. Crouch, Jr., of the Fayetteville Legion Post.

Felix Graves, Angelo Howerton, Chic Gicalotto, Dick Gregg, Howard Donohue, and Burt Gates, Pallbearers.

The body was escorted by a detail of five motorcycle officers of the Tulsa Police Department and the Fayetteville police, under the command of Officer Staley.

est, the most united and the greatest democracy in the world.

**LET EVERY LEGIONNAIRE BE  
 OUT TO WELCOME THIS TRAIN  
 SEE THAT EVERYONE VISITS IT.**

Theodore E. Murphy, World War II veteran and nephew of Past National Commander Ray Murphy of The American Legion has been elected commander of the McNamara-Moore Post 61 at Ida Grove, Iowa.

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## Re-Dedication—

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an industrial and labor program for Monday. Wright will be assisted by Terry Beam.

### Talk On Freedom

He reported at the meeting that a 15-minute radio program had been arranged over Tulsa's five stations, during which representatives of labor and industry will talk on "Freedom—The American Heritage."

All phases of "Re-Dedication Week" will be aimed at bringing about a city-wide effort toward familiarizing Tulsans with the many ideals on which democracy, Americanism and the "American freedoms" have been built.

With each day to feature programs by different organizations and groups enjoying the democratic freedoms, "Re-Dedication Week" has been set up to show the opportunities offered by democracy in all walks of life.

Other programs have been planned as follows:

Agriculture, Tuesday, Jan. 20; Women's Day, under direction of Mrs. S. A. Scherbatskoy, Wednesday; Tulsa schools, under supervision of Dr. Charles Mason, Thursday; American justice, to be arranged by the Tulsa County Bar Association, Friday, and Veteran's Day, to be handled by the Veterans Liaison Council Saturday.

Any group or organization wishing to take an active part in the re-dedication programs may contact the chairman of the department in which they are interested, it was announced.

Mrs. Scherbatskoy said 40 Tulsa

women's organizations would participate in the Women's Day programs, which will feature a two-hour luncheon in the Junior League building beginning at noon, with Negro Women's clubs slated to meet in Convention Hall.

It has been planned that women not able to attend these meetings will be asked to invite one or more neighbors to their homes for lunch and to listen to the women's program over any of the five radio stations.

The chairman pointed out that elaborate luncheons should not be arranged by women who choose to take part in the program at home. "We are merely asking that they invite a neighbor in and take part in the women's phase of the re-dedication program," she said. "And we expect 5,000 women to take part in the program."

The last day of "Re-Dedication Week" will be marked by the arrival of the Freedom Train, which will be officially welcomed by Mayor Price. A maximum of 12,000 persons will be able to visit the train during its one-day stop here.

More than 100 historical U. S. documents, from the original Magna Carta to the World War II surrender papers of the German and Japanese governments, are exhibited on the train, which is touring all principal American cities.

The VA reports that as of June 30, 1947, a total of 18,216 women veterans, 13,652 of them from World War II, was drawing government disability compensations or pensions as the result of their war services.

## SPECIAL! GET A FREE LUNCH

Anyone securing one new membership or three renewals will be entitled to a free luncheon ticket for Commander O'Neil's meeting to be held January 15 in the Chamber of Commerce Dining Room, Tulsa Building, at 12 noon.

## WRESTLING

### AVEY'S COLISEUM

8:30 P. M., MONDAY, JAN. 12

TITLE MATCH—Junior Heavy-weight Champion LeRoy McGuirk vs. Danny McShain.

TAG TEAM MATCH—Gil Knutson and Johnnie Swenski vs. Jack Steel and Frankie Hill. (Two falls out of three to a finish).

Wild Red Berry vs. Jimmie Lott, (Two falls out of three to a finish).

Karl Gray vs. Jack Nazworthy, a one fall match.

## ATTENDANCE PRIZE

The executive committee has announced that a minimum of \$5 will be given each week as an attendance prize.

Here's the way it works:

The Post puts up five bucks next Tuesday night; a name will be drawn from the entire membership list. If that person is not present the Post then adds one buck more, making six bucks for the next week. This continues each week until some one gets the pot. Then the Post starts all over with five more.

Think of the opportunity — come out and try to get a little of this gravy!

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By JACOB STEINBACH

Past Finance Officer O. D. Waters gave a complete report of the fire-works show held last year. After mentioning several sources of income, and a large number of expenses, he came up with a profit of \$2344.47. Not so bad, eh what!

There was a large commotion about the show "Cavalcade of Stars," which is to be held at Convention Hall on January 27, 1948. The 40 and 8 is to get a certain amount of money out of it for its Spastic Fund, and it seems that there was an oversight in regards to the appointing of a duly empowered committee to decide upon the running of the project. A 1934 amendment to the by-laws of the constitution had been accidentally overlooked. A motion by Ed Brewer to appoint the necessary committee at once saved the day. The motion was passed and the committee appointed.

V. V. Veach, sick and visitation chairman, made his sick report.

County Commander Floyd Long told us about the Freedom Train. He explained about the confusion between the Freedom Train and the Friendship Train. "The Freedom Train has many original historical documents which date back to the founding of our country," he said. He told how well guarded the train is, and the fact that the train has a priority second only to the

President's train. The train is due in Tulsa on Saturday, January 24. There is to be a parade on that day, and Floyd Long and Hess Crossland were put in charge of the arrangements.

Pigskin Davis told of a free membership party with refreshments and entertainment on Friday evening, January 16 at 6:30 p.m. Any member with a paid 1948 membership card will be admitted free.

Clinton Bohannon, membership chairman, announced that there were 1800 paid 1948 members; and also that the Sooner Party was to be held in the very near future. He also mentioned the fact that dating from last Tuesday to January 15, any member bringing in a new member or three renewals would get a free ticket to the luncheon for National Commander O'Neil, which you know is to be held on that date at the Chamber of Commerce building.

**Make Plans Now**

First District meeting in Vinita January 24 and 25. Details next week.

**Willson to Speak On 'Alaska'**

C. O. Willson, editor of the Oil & Gas Journal, will speak at the regular meeting next Tuesday night, January 13. Mr. Willson's subject will be "Alaska."

Willson has recently returned from Alaska and will show colored slides in connection with his talk.

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**- AUXILIARY NEWS -**

**MRS. H. E. GLASER**  
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All officers but one responded to roll call at the Auxiliary meeting Tuesday, January 6th. This fact and the presence of several new members and guests as well as a goodly number of regulars added to its interest.

The following members assisted the patients at the Veterans Hospital at Muskogee in selecting, wrapping and mailing their gifts at the Christmas Gift Shop on December 15th: Isabel Turner, Gladys Pope, Ruth Brown, Georgia Foster, Bessie Craig, Frances Ford, Gene Sullivan, "Sugar" Humphrey and Marie Alred. Among the Department officers present were Ann Redman, Mary Demke, Nina Grimmett and Mrs. Quissenberry (Department Rehabilitation Chairman).

Since we still have over 300 members to secure in order to reach our membership quota—the loyalty of each of us is challenged to attain it. If any member knows of an eligible person or of any old member who has forgotten to pay her dues, she will be doing a real service if she contacts them and secures their name and payment.

Mrs. Hazel Taylor, Sick and Calling Chairman, reports that Mrs. Harvey Wasson and Mrs. Nancy Barnett are ill. Mrs. Wasson is in St. John's and Mrs. Barnett in Hillcrest. A cheery card would brighten their days.

**8 et 40 to Meet**

By Harriet Lacy, Publicity Chrmn.  
Tulsa County Salon 214, 8 et 40, will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the American Legion Hut for dinner honoring Mrs. A. C. Anderson (better known as Cora) from Vallejo, Calif. A business meeting will follow the dinner.

**40 et 8 Dance a Success**

The 40 et 8 New Year's Eve dance held at the hut new year's eve, was another grand success. Everyone attending had a grand time and 1948 was welcomed in very lustily by over 300. Ray Hillman and his orchestra gave out with a lot of good dance music.

The ones that stayed late got a good taste of winter weather with snow and all the trimmings.

I want to thank the Voyageurs on the dance committee for their fine cooperation. It was the kind of cooperation that assures success to an activity. These Voyageurs are E. J. Taylor, Harry Pope, Gus Gunn, Lon Markham, Bob Howe, John Lovejoy and last but not least Joe Norton for the fine job on decorations.

Be watching for details concerning the Bridge party to be held on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Mrs. Cecil Jones, Social Chairman, reminds us that another Fellowship dinner will be held in February. Read your Auxiliary News so as to be informed as to the date.

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"Cavalcade of Stars" is sponsored by the 40 et 8 Voiture No. 185 and proceeds will be used for the Spastic Children's Fund.

### National Commander—

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lowing his stopover there, O'Neil will go to Ponca City and will inspect the Legion orphanage. He will wind up his tour of Oklahoma by making a stop at Oklahoma City.

The public is invited to the luncheon and tickets are now on sale at the Carson-Wilson hut, 1120 E. 8th St. Only a limited number of tickets will be available.

O'Neil was elected commander at the national convention in September, 1947.

Harry L. S. Halley, Commander of Carson-Wilson Post, has made the following appointments to the Reception Committee for the National Commander:

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