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"Eighty-Niners" Theme of Dance

An old-time "89'ers" dance will be given by the Carson-Wilson American Legion post at 6 p. m. Saturday at the clubhouse, 1120 E. Eighth St. Proceeds will be used to furnish uniforms for the guards of honor and the firing squads which will participate in military services for the returned bodies of Tulsa county war dead.

There will be no admission charge to the dance, but "script" money will be sold each person at the door. Those attending are asked to dress in old time pioneer costumes. There will be both square and round dancing in addition to modern dance music.

Off the Service Officers's Desk

By FRANK H. J. CRAWLEY

THIRTY YEARS IN THE LEGION

The grandest organization in the Nation, composed of the highest type of true loyal blooded Americans. Looking back into old memories how gladly men stood erect in the sun once more and let their fires shine out at night without concealment, how the load of anxiety fell in a moment from a world of women's hearts, how a war-took world turned back to peace with a profound gratitude to the God who gave it and to the men who paid for it with their lives.

And we who have offered our lives in service to our country turned back again to the task of peace. Well we remember the slogans we were taught that we were fighting the "war to end all wars," to make the world safe for democracy; to protect the defenseless and to overthrow the aggressor. "At last," we said, "we had finished our task." How sadly we were mistaken for what World War II has brought and ended no assurance we are free from

Just Before We Pulled Out of New York For Tulsa



In front of Prince George Hotel, New York City, Sunday, August 31, 1947. 40-8 Box Car. First row: Grant Eckman, Earl Howard, Ruben Beals, Denny Howe, Jack Farringer, Ted Whittenburg, Bill Howard. In car: Joe Lane, Bill Johnson.

The Belting Party

Don't forget the belt line that will be staged at our next regular October meeting night, to teach our delinquent membership getters a lesson. Only two cards filled puts you in the line at the "giving" end.

'Tis better to give than to receive in this case—and how!

Pay your 1948 Membership Dues before Armistice Day.

CONDOLENCES
to
DEXTER MOSS, Jr.
upon the untimely passing
of his dear Mother,
Mrs. Edna Moss
From his buddies on the
editorial staff

Above was printed unknown to
Dexter

Oklahoma Guardsmen Gaining in Strength

New national guardsmen from Tulsa and adjacent region, added to others from the units in more than 60 Oklahoma cities and towns, have pushed the Forty-Fifth Division's recruiting total to 1,617, only 211 men short of the goal for this entire campaign, according to reports to Brigadier General Roy W. Kenny, adjutant general. Aggregate strength of the Oklahoma National Guard now is 6,435 men.

In the first three weeks of the two months' campaign, the Oklahoma guard continued to lead the nation, helped by the 185 new members added by the Tulsa units, the Hq Battery, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, Company A, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, Company F, Headquarters Company, Service Company and Medical Detachment, of 279th Infantry; and Medical Detachment, 160th Field Artillery.

Leader in the state is Company

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Off the Serice Officer's—
the aggressor. We found ourselves a nation unprepared to meet the emergency which was thrust upon us. By not being prepared when the Legion had for years fought for National Defense.

Let us take three steps and weigh what has happened in 30 years. One lesson of World War taught us and is emphasized by the present, we must not become soft in times of peace. The successful prosecution of a war demands men who are physically strong, mentally alert and morally fit. These needs are apparent to all in times of war, but when comes the peace they are too often forgotten or neglected. At the beginning of Selective Service, preparatory to the present war, it was discovered with alarm that the percentage of young men in our nation who were unfit for military service was surprisingly large! In years of peace we had neglected the training, physical, mental, and moral, which makes men fit to meet the rigors of wars.

Another lesson which we learned

as slowly which has been underscored in the event since December, 1941, is that this country cannot over again allow her material defenses to fall below a point which will insure that she shall not appear weak to any other nation or combination of nations on earth. We hate war. It has taken from us the right to live normal lives in our early years. It snatched from our sides in Flanders bloody fields those comrades whom we loved and without whom we have become immeasurably poorer, and whose loss the world has so keenly felt.

"But war cannot be forestalled by discarding all our armaments. We, more than any other nation, have followed the hope and dream of a warless world into a sense of false security. We sank our ships. We allowed our coastal defense to fall into despair. We neglected to keep pace with the major powers of the world in the development and construction of new and modern arms. And we have already paid a terrible price for our lethargy.

"The need of the spirit of self-sacrifice is also a lesson of the hour. The greatest glory of war is the spirit of incredible devotion which it engenders. Men offer their lives and risk their lives with magnificent abandon. Heroism becomes an epidemic.

"But self sacrifice must be confined to those men who go to the field of battle. Those who stay at home, and by whose efforts the front lines are supplied, must manifest the same spirit. Those who insist upon making great profit out of the materials of war must be shown that those profits are blood-money. Those who refuse the labor of their hands unless it is handsomely rewarded must be made to understand that such refusal is mutiny. Those who

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do anything to slow up the production of vitally-needed material must be shown how treasonable are their actions, how comforting to our enemies and how harmful to our armies. The same spirit of devoted self-forgetfulness must be shown by the mill owner or the mill employe, the miner and the operator, the office hands and managers, as is shown by their sons and brothers who go out into the raging conflict to suffer and to die.

The courage of war leaves all the world at once proud and humble. It is for us to show both mental courage and civil courage are essential to a truly great nation. We must convince ourselves that we can be brave at home and brave on the field of battle. We must inspire a bravery in the day when peace comes again that will be the foundation of bravery in time of national peril must recognize that civil courage is a high quality that we cannot do without. We must honor the courage of our fighting men and the courage of every day the valor of clean, uncompromising lives lived in common honor and devotion.

It is for us to learn the valor that endures in warf and peace is we must not loose the ideals of preparedness and universal military training.

The clubhouse of the Joseph L. Davis Post 47 of The American Legion at Havre de Grace, Md., has been destroyed by a \$50,000 fire.

Back in the Swing!

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- AUXILIARY NEWS -

MRS. H. E. GLASER

Publicity Chairman

MEMBERSHIP . . . The First Essential in helping to carry out The American Legion's great program of service . . .

Have you ever thought that only by enlisting as an American Legion Auxiliary member (active or inactive, according to the time you can give), can you be a part of the American Legion's great program of national defense which is needed to preserve our country's very existence? Do you realize that by joining the American Legion you are upholding its Legislative Program as well as helping to carry on its great work of Child Welfare and Rehabilitation. Thousands of women in this city are eligible to mem-

bership and they are not only welcome but urgently needed. We are not interested in reaching our quota for its own sake. We are interested in reaching patriotic people who are anxious to uphold our nation's form of government and to help make the United States a better place in which to live and, to keep it forever free. All eligible women are hereby invited to enroll in this worthy humanitarian program.

Women eligible to become members of the American Legion Auxiliary include wives, mothers, sisters, and daughters of American Legion members and of men who died during the World Wars or who have since been discharged from war service.

Women who, themselves, were enrolled in the armed forces in either war are eligible to become members of the American Legion and Auxiliary.

Mrs. Eddie Gambill (phone 4-3069) who has been pinch-hitting for Mrs. H. A. Pope in the latter's absence, would greatly appreciate your sending or handing your dues to her voluntarily. It would facilitate the work of greatly exceeding our quota of six hundred and forty-one (641) members. These dues are to be in by November the eleventh. Let all of us, who possibly can do so, assist her in this great and worthy task.

Mrs. E. B. Benton and Mrs. Effie Blanchard, Child Welfare and Rehabilitation Board members, of which Mrs. Leota Ernst is the Chairman, reported at the last regular meeting that they had expended \$86.00 for groceries for four families and for a layette for an expectant mother (wife of a World War II veteran). This amount was expended from the Poppy Fund which is used exclusively for Child Welfare and Rehabilitation.

All members of the American Legion Auxiliary are urged to attend the regular meeting on Tuesday night, October 21 at the Legion Hut at 8:00 o'clock as announced by the unit president, Mrs. J. B. Allred. Come to the covered dish dinner at 6:30 preceeding the meeting and bring a covered dish and a new member. Mrs. Cecil Jones, Social Chairman, has announced that all members of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary and their wives and husbands, respectively, are invited to attend this covered dish dinner on Tuesday night at 6:30 at the American Le-

gion Hut — so bring yourselves and a covered dish and plan to spend an enjoyable evening and get acquainted with each other. There is no better way to get acquainted than to "ak bread" together at a friendly gathering of folk who have a common bond of fellowship. All prospective members of the American Legion Auxiliary are hereby invited to attend the covered dish dinner and bring their dues for 1947 and 1948 and be prepared to be "one of us" at the meeting which follows the dinner. Mrs. J. B. Allred, unit president, and Mrs. Eddie Gambill will be at your service to receive your dues—and all Auxiliary members will be on hand to welcome you.

Second Tulsa Guard Unit Joins Bivouac

An F Company, 279th Infantry, Tulsa national guard, detachment under Sgt. Jim Wagoner will accompany T/Sgt. Homer L. Lumpkin's 279th Medical detachment on its bivouac outing at Spavinaw lake this week-end.

The trucks, accompanied by current recruiting campaign prospects, will leave the fairgrounds armory at 2 p. m. Saturday. City Commissioner C. E. Braden has provided a camp spot on the Spavinaw town side of the lake, not far from the dam.

Bivouac technique, field sanitation and like training will coincide with fishing and other amusement.

Week's Legion News In a Nut Shell

OCTOBER 10, 1947

National Commander James F. O'Neil has hailed the tribute of Pope Pius XII to The American Legion as the best appraisal of its idealism he has ever read.

In an audience to visiting American Legion Legionnaires at Vatican City, Pope Pius XII said, "There is a grim bond uniting your members, forged in the unspeakable horrors of war, strengthened and purified by memories of heroism, unselfishness, affections and devotion."

James J. Cowhey of Chicago, Ill., was elected president of the class of 70 students of the first American Legion Post-Graduate College in Indianapolis, Ind.

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VETERANS' ADVISER OVER KVOO OCTOBER 18

Nine million former servicemen and women have failed to maintain their National Service Life Insurance since being released from service in the Second World War. This is a decrease of one million from the number who were in default at this same time last year, and it is officially attributed by the Veterans Administration as being due to the constant urging of veterans to renew their insurance on Veterans' Adviser and other radio participation. The drive to have veterans renew their insurance which is done upon the payment of two defaulted premiums and with no physical examination required, has reached the stage where Commander Krum believes it can be snow-balled to such proportions that eventually a majority of those veterans now in default will have reinstated their policies.

OVER KVOO OCTOBER 25

One of the main provisions of the GI Bill of Rights exclusively for veterans of the Second World War, is that which grants them government assistance in procuring funds with which to buy or build a home for themselves and family. Commander Krum, who has just completed a home under the GI Bill of Rights, will explain the various steps he took to overcome the many obstacles which arise for home builders, such as shortages of labor and material. Commander Krum will detail his own experience as an example of how other veterans may whip the housing shortage problem. In building his own home, Commander Krum employed all veterans' help and purchased his material himself through veterans in the building supply business at reasonable cost and without having to resort to overcharges. It makes a very interesting story based on actual experience which might well be followed by other war veterans.

LEGION GUARD OF HONOR

The Honor Guard of Carson-Wilson post is called upon many times in the course of a year to serve at Civic functions of all kinds. They are always willing to do their part to uphold the prestige and dignity of the American Legion.

Of the many appearances they have made in the past, perhaps the most noteworthy are at the last rites of their fallen Comrades. In the past thirty years, the Honor Guard

Oklahoma Guardsmen-

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C, 279th Infantry, Chilocco, with a total of 81 new members, followed by Company A, 120th Engineers, Tulsa, with 53, and the 45th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, Tishomingo, and Company A, 279th Infantry, Pawhuska, with 50 each.

High units for the last week were: Company F. 180th Infantry, Hugo, and Company K, 279th Infantry, Muskogee, with net gain of 21 members each; Company L, Watonga, 19; and Company A, 120th Engineers, Tulsa, with 18 new members.

has attended over one thousand funerals of their Buddies.

At the present time, the Honor Guard is making preparations to take care of their Buddies of the Past War. Of these, five will be returned to Tulsa in the next two weeks. The United States Government demands that they be given a full military funeral. This will call for six pallbearers, nine members of the firing squad, two buglers, five color bearers and color guards, the Chaplain and the Commander in Charge. You can see that means it will take at least twenty-four members to be present at each funeral.

As Chairman of this Guard of Honor Committee, I am making an appeal to the membership of the Carson-Wilson Post at this time, that you offer your services in the performance of this worthy duty.

Please send or give your name and address, also the name of the firm where you are employed, to the Legion office at 1120 E. 8th St., or phone 3-0723 or 5-7696. Do this at

once, as we are going to buy uniforms for the members of this Honor Guard, and time is running short.
IN PEACE AS IN WAR WE SERVE.

JOSEPH F. HERMAN,
Chairman of Honor Guard.

BE A SOONER

Pay your 1948 membership dues before Armistice Day, November 11, 1947, and become a Sooner. Attend the Sooner Party on Armistice Day. Admission free. Refreshments and entertainment. Fun for all.
THE SOONER THE BETTER!

National Commander O'Neal of The American Legion has been granted a year's leave of absence without pay as chief of police by the Manchester, N. H., police commission.

The total of American Legion department and post publications has jumped to 478 with the debut of three new papers.

The James F. Zundell Post 446 of The American Legion at Mt. Pleasant, Pa., has purchased a modern caisson for military funerals of veterans.



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