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Legion Chief to Set Legislative Goal

Mrs. Hubert A. Goode National President Amer. Legion Auxiliary

Leadership of the American Legion Auxiliary's near million members for the year 1948-1949 has been entrusted to Mrs. Hubert A. Goode, of Portland, Ore., who was unanimously elected National President at the organization's National Convention in Miami, Fla., Oct. 18-21. Mrs. Goode will serve in the Auxiliary's highest office until her successor is elected at the 1949 convention.

At the time of her election Mrs. Goode was completing a highly successful year as Chairman of the National Rehabilitation Committee, which has charge of the Auxiliary's vast program for the welfare of disabled veterans of both world wars. She is a former National Vice President of the Auxiliary and has served as chairman of other national committees.



MRS. HUBERT A. GOODE
National President
American Legion Auxiliary

Mrs. Goode was born in La-Fayette, Ore., the daughter of Dr. Charles C. Poling, who came to Oregon as a missionary in 1884. She attended West Union College at Le Mars, Ia., specializing in social service studies. At Dallas College, Dallas, Ore., she specialized in music. Her husband is assistant City Commissioner of Portland. They have one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Cooper, whose husband served as a Captain in the Army Transportation Corps during World War II. Two brothers, Dr. Daniel A. Poling and Dr. Charles S. Poling, served as Chaplains in both world wars.

Becoming a member of Portland Unit No. 1 of the American Legion Auxiliary in 1932, Mrs. Goode at once became active in the work of the organization. After proving her ability in offices of the Unit, she advanced to state offices. As President of the Department of Oregon in 1940-1941, she gave the state organization progressive leadership which

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Veteran Builders Getting Underway

Thursday evening, Nov. 11, 1948, was the fourth weekly meeting of the Veteran Builders, Inc., prior to this meeting our time was mostly spent in discussion and getting acquainted.

The executive committee was elected at this time and is as follows: Mr. Jim Livasy, president; Mr. Max Jackson, vice president, and Mr. Byron Hummitt, secretary-treasurer.

Through the efforts of Mr. Livasy, we were privileged to have Mr. Paulin, chief underwriter of the Federal Housing Administration, to explain the F.H.A. loan system to us. They offered their cooperation and assistance to the utmost extent. Open forum was held and many questions were cleared.

Four new members joined the organization, which consists now of about 35 and all meetings in the future will be held in room C, second floor of the YMCA, each Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m.

THANK YOU

Tulsa, Oklahoma.
November 15, 1948.

Mr. Guy Belford, Jr.,
Commander Carson-Wilson
Post No. 1, American Legion
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Comrade:

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to the officers and members of Carson-Wilson Post No. 1 and its Auxiliary for their sincere and sympathetic understanding and helpfulness, in our most difficult hour, and in conducting the last rites for our beloved son and brother, without which our burden would have been greater to bear.

Particularly do we wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the Post and Auxiliary for the beautiful floral offerings, and to the funeral detail for the dignified and impressive services conducted by them.

Very sincerely yours,
A. E. WILSON
MARTHA WILSON
W. H. WILSON
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40 et 8 To Hold Thanksgiving Dance

The Tulsa County Voiture 185 of the 40 et 8 will hold its annual Thanksgiving dance on Wednesday, Nov. 24 at the American Legion Hut.

The usual good time will be had by all attending this special party. Dance time 10 til 2 with Ray Hillman furnishing the music.

Don't Forget
Regular
Saturday Nite Dance
Legion Hut - 10-2

THE ADJUTANT'S COLUMN

By EDDIE J. SHIELDS

The Auxiliary had a fine dance last Saturday, biggest crowd of the season. Why don't you try and attend the Legion Saturday Night Dances. Open to Legionnaires and their friends—men, \$1, ladies, 50c. Bob Howe, our entertainment chairman for the '48-'49 season, has changed the picture this year and I am sure you will enjoy yourself. Try it out just once and see for yourself.

At the meeting Tuesday night the 16th, our sick and visitation chairman, Herschel Chism, Jr., reported that Richard Hart, whom he had reported about two weeks as in bad Condition, was still in a very serious condition. It seems that Richard has a bad back and is also shell shocked, caused from his war service. I understand he needs some help. We are checking into the matter today. He also reported that Walter Eastman was still in 370 St. Johns. Our Good Legionnaire, Jude Lewis, is still at his home as yet and perhaps will be for some time. Jude says company is his specialty right now and he would appreciate some of the boys showing up around his place once in a while. Lloyd Markham is in the hospital with a skin disease—which I am told is service connected. Reported Jimmy Rigby in hospital due to a car accident. In connection with this detail Comrade Joe Herman reported that our old time friend and Legionnaire, Riley Stuart, who has spent much time in Arizona for his health, is now back in Tulsa for a while, account having his wife in Hillcrest Hospital—with cancer. The Post is indeed sorry to hear of this misfortune and the old saying of "It never rains but what it pours" was never more true than in this case. Commander Belford reported that Maynard Farr had just died at the VA at Wadsworth, Kansas. No details on the funeral are yet available.

Jack Tracy, chairman of the Christmas party for the crippled kiddies was at the meeting last night and stated that he was in favor of inviting the VFW to join us in this party this year, as he was in town only about one day a month now, due to the fact that he was on the road now and not connected directly with the Berry School Foundation on South Peoria. Did say, however, that the party would be at the Will Rogers Theatre on the Thursday before Xmas. Comrade Beck made a motion, seconded by Alex Faulkner, and carried, that we invite the VFW to participate with us in the crippled childrens' Christmas Party.

A motion was made and carried that we hold our Annual Sooner Party on Friday, December 3rd—and that all those holding a 1949 Legion Card would be admitted FREE. This will be a nice party so you better get your dues paid up. Another motion was made and carried that no membership credits be given on the night of the Sooner Party, unless requested by the member.

Lost, two swell Legionnaires this last week. The Twins, Jimmy and Joe Wilson. These boys were never separated during the war, combat and all and still are not separated as their father came up from Philadelphia, Mis-

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL SHAPE 1949 ACTION PROGRAM

Indianapolis, Ind.—The National Executive Committee will designate the major legislative program of The American Legion for 1949 within the framework of the Miami national convention mandates during the series of national conferences in Indianapolis, November 15 to 23.

The meetings will bring to the Hoosier capital city hundreds of American Legion leaders from all sections of the nation. Their chief concern will lie in the promotion of The American Legion's nation-wide activities in the fields of national security, Americanism, rehabilitation, child welfare, housing, employment, and community services.

Meetings scheduled here include:

November 15 to 17—National commissions, committees and boards.

November 18 to 20—National Executive Committee.

November 21 to 23—Annual conference of all state commanders and adjutants.

NEC Agenda

The National Executive Committee will face a busy program. Its agenda will include:

Designation of the major legislative program for 1949.

Selection of the 1949 national convention site for which to date only two cities are bidding, Philadelphia and Greater Miami.

Fixing the operation budget for The American Legion for 1949.

Selection of a national adjutant national treasurer, national judge advocate and national historian.

Confirmation of the appointments of some 1,000 Legionnaires on the 12 basic national commissions and their 30-odd subordinate committees.

Highlight of the annual conference of state commanders and adjutants will be the telegraphic roll call on Nov. 22 in which the department leaders will report an expected record advance membership for 1949.

War I Vet Receives Tardy Purple Heart

Thirty years ago—in August, 1918—German machine-gun fire in Argonne forest ripped into the shoulder of U. S. Army Corp. James Austin Collom.

Today, Collom, now an oil field worker here and 52, received a package from the War department. It contained the Purple Heart.

UMT Approval Expected by Congress

An informed Democratic congressman said a universal military training program may be approved next year.

Rep. Carl T. Durham of North Carolina, fourth-ranking Democrat on the house armed services committee, told reporters UMT stands a better chance in a Democratic congress than it did in the Republican controlled 80th congress.

That is assuming, however, that President Truman will ask for the legislation again next year. The administration has not yet announced whether it will ask the new congress to okay the program.

UMT legislation was approved by the house armed services committee under GOP leadership last year. But the house rules committee stopped it. Durham said this won't happen with the Democrats in control.

Durham said he expects a close vote in the house when and if the issue gets to the floor.

Universal training had no very strong Republican support in the house last year, except among G. O. P. members of the armed services committee. Democrats also were divided. But there appeared to be more support among Democrats than Republicans.

Durham said he also expects the next congress to approve an excess profits tax on corporations, public housing legislation, and some modifications in the Taft-Hartley labor law.

Defense officials, he said, are pleased with the way the draft is working and do not now contemplate asking congress for any changes next year.

One pressing problem, however, he said, is the shortage of doctors in the military services. But Durham said he doubted that congress could correct this situation by legislation.

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gee, Okla. Body returned to Tul-
sa, Okla. Tulsa Funeral Home di-
recting. Funeral Friday, Nov. 12,
er, 4 p. m. Christian Services.
Reader Lawrence Hartman at
chapel. Graveside services by
the Carson-Wilson Post No. 1 in
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**THE ADJUTANT'S
COLUMN**

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Mississippi, and took them back to
the farm with him. They have
been in Tulsa since coming out of
service and are working at the
time for the American Air Lines
at the Modification Center. The
best of luck, buddies.

"So you complain of finding
sand in your soup?"
"Yes, sir."

"Did you join the service to
serve your country or complain
about the soup?"

"To serve my country, sir—not
to eat it."

**Unknown Soldier
Of Last War Soon
Will Be Selected**

World War II's unknown serv-
iceman will be buried in Arling-
ton National Cemetery sometime
in 1951, it was learned on Sat-
urday.

Unlike the unknown soldier of
World War I, who was buried in
a big State funeral in Arlington,
the unknown hero of the last war
may be from the Army, Navy,
Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast
Guard. Elaborate plans are be-
ing mapped to make certain that
neither his service nor his iden-
tity is ever known.

The selection will not be made
until all known war dead are
either returned to this country
or buried permanently overseas,
officials said. The return of the
war dead will not be completed
before the end of next year.

When that program is com-
pleted the Army Graves' Regis-
tration Service again will exam-
ine the records and circumstances
of death of all the unidentified
to make one final effort at iden-
tification. It is likely that all

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those then unidentified will be
buried permanently overseas but
that determination will be made
by the Secretary of the Army.

After completion of those pro-
cesses the elaborate procedure of
choosing the unknown service-
man will begin.

Preliminary selections will be
made and finally unknown dead
from 16 areas—corresponding to
the Graves Registration sections
—will be picked. All records will
be destroyed on these dead and
three—one each from the Euro-
pean, Pacific and China-Burma-
India theaters—will be selected.
The final unknown serviceman
will be one of those three but
it will never be known from
which theater the final designa-
tion was made.

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**Draft Rejections
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Selective Service officials in the
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cent of the 24 and 25-year-olds
called up for preinduction physi-
cal examinations are unfit for
military service.

The rejection rate ranges from
87.5 per cent in New York City to
37 per cent in Los Angeles.
Psychoneurotic disorders and
heart ailments were the major
causes.

The rejection rate during World
War II, from November, 1940, to
August 1945, was 35.3 per cent.
During that time, 17,954,500 men
were examined.

However, draft officials pointed
out that with veterans exempted
from the peacetime draft, most
of the men being called were
4-F's during the war or held es-
sential jobs. They estimated that
roughly 10 per cent of the war-

time 4-Fs have recovered from
their disabilities.

Selective Service Director L. B.
Hershey said the rejection rate
among the 24- and 25-year-olds
was just about what he and his
aides had expected, and maybe
a little better.

He recalled that, after Congress
decided not to draft veterans, Se-
lective Service recommended reg-
istering only youths 21 or under,
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especially in the expansion of the
child welfare program. The following
year she was appointed child welfare
chairman for the western states.

Elected National Vice President
for the Western Division in 1942,
she gave leadership to the entire
Auxiliary program in the western
states during the second year of
the war. At the conclusion of
her term in this office, she was
appointed Vice Chairman of the
National Rehabilitation Committee
and turned her efforts to the
Auxiliary's work for the disabled
veterans of World War II, then
beginning to be discharged from
the armed forces. Her next assignment
was Chairman of the National Poppy
Committee, in which she directed the
National-wide manufacture and distribution
of memorial poppies in 1945. In 1946
she guided the Auxiliary's work for
security from war as chairman of the
National Committee on National Defense
and the following year served as
Chairman of the National Child Welfare
Committee.

Mrs. Goode always has had a
deep interest in social service.
After completing her college studies,
she served as a volunteer case worker
for child placing. She is a member of
the Public Welfare Commission appointed
by the Governor of Oregon. For 20 years
a member of the board of directors
of a nursery, a home for juvenile
delinquents and a juvenile hospital.
For three years member of the budget
committee of the Community Chest.
In this work, as well as in American
Legion Auxiliary activities, she has
shown herself as a talented leader
and administrator.

LEGION BOOSTS MERCHANT MARINE

The American Legion announced last week the launching of a new and extensive educational program about the American Merchant Marine, with release of four radio shows to more than 1,000 radio stations and a 24-page, two-color free educational booklet about the Merchant Marine.

The four 15-minute each transcribed radio shows have been distributed to 1,012 radio stations throughout the Nation and are titled "America at Sea." Top professional talent was employed to produce the shows. The dramas are entitled "The Ships We Never Built," "The Belt of Steel," "The Big Mistake," and "The Drawing Board Fleet."

Casts include such well-known radio stars as Mandel Kramer, Staats Cotsworth, Mason Adams, Bret Morrison, Michael Garin, Jim Boles, Neil O'Malley, Julian Noa, Craig McDonnell, Howard Smith, Ralph Camargo, John Seymour, Amy Sedell and Vicki Vola.

Each radio show offers to listeners without charge a 24-page, two-color illustrated booklet titled "Ships and America," produced by the American Legion, obtained by sending a penny postcard to National Headquarters, Indianapolis 6 Ind. The booklet tells the story of the American Merchant Marine from its beginning more than 340 years ago to the present date.

National Security Division of the Legion explained that the new and extensive educational program about the American Merchant Marine grew out of national convention action in New York in 1947 and again in Miami last month, as a result of the work of the Legion's Merchant Marine Committee.

According to Legion National Commander S. Perry Brown, the educational program was begun as a result of the Legion's concern with the need for implementing and maintaining a strong American Merchant Marine as essential to the national security.

"Today we have less than one-half the passenger ships needed for conversion to troop carriers in event of national emergency," Brown declared. "Moreover, the present American merchant fleet, while speedy and efficient, is not balanced as to the types of vessels which we must have available for our national security."

"This national educational program in the interests of the American Merchant Marine has been designed by the Legion as a public service to acquaint all Americans with the necessity for a strong merchant marine, the requirements and needs of that service as it affects our national security," Brown said.

Eight Billions in Loans

World War II veterans obtained a total of 1,462,000 GI loans from the beginning of the loan guarantee program thru Sept. 25, 1948. Total face value of the loans approached \$8 billion.

The Floyd Station Post 121 at Marshville, N. C., which had 118 members for 1948 became the first American Legion post in the nation to be certified for the new Honor Ribbon membership award as the result of enrolling 145 members for 1949.

AUXILIARY NEWS

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Thank you! Thank you! says Auxiliary members to all who purchased dance tickets and also who assisted to make our First-Nighter Dance a success. The net proceeds from this project will go to the Legion Home School (Orphans Home) in Ponca City. If you have not already made your contribution to the Auxiliary for this fund please do so at once and help us make our allotted quota by January 1, 1949. Individual contributions are necessary to eliminate a sales project to make the money—so members and friends, your contribution is a worthy one—the individuals who have made contributions at this time (above \$1 are):

Mrs. George W. Snedden, \$20.
 Mrs. Sam Craig, \$10.
 Mrs. Nathan Dundee, \$5.
 Mrs. Leonard J. Hill, \$5.
 Mrs. Harry Kehr, Home School Chairman, made a visit to our (Orphans' Home) Home School in Ponca City and she advises they have a very crowded condition and the little ones are sleeping in double-deck beds, and you know a little tot can't make a double deck bed.

Our department president has asked that we ask each member for \$1—so if you feel you can spare a dollar or more, please turn it in to Mrs. Simpson, Secretary, for your credit. You will—won't you please.

We are informed that E. E.

Walker, season 1/c, member of Carson-Wilson Post No. 1 and son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Walker, who is on the tugboat, Mahopac, was shipwrecked while on the way to Kodiak, Alaska, and seriously damaged, the boys were in the water for a while but rescued and the ship returned to Bremerton for repairs. All landed safely without injury.

Delores Jennings' little boy, Larry Dean, fell from a car while traveling at a speed of 50 miles per hour. Larry Dean was not seriously hurt but badly bruised. We are all thankful that his injuries were not serious and we are glad he came out with "Look at my new jacket" which was ruined. Funeral information for the burial of Delores Jennings' husband and Larry Dean's father have not been announced definitely at this time. Mr. Jennings died in line of duty overseas. Please watch local newspapers for further information. All Auxiliary members are expected to pay tribute to our second vice-president, Delores Jennings and her son by our attendance.

Let's be right on flag etiquette, says Americanism chairman, Mrs. E. L. Cole. We are now studying for flag etiquette.

Hospital Chairman, Mrs. E. B. Benton, advises the ladies will not go to Veterans' Hospital Monday, November 22nd, but will go on November 29th (Monday), so please be ready and inform her if you can go.

Did you hear Eddie's (Cantor) program Sunday evening asking you and all of us for Gifts for the Yanks? These gifts are for the boys in hospitals and are to be in money or other gifts that

would be nice for Christmas—such as a long distance telephone call home to their loved ones—this is so little to do for ones who gave so much, please get in touch with Mrs. Nathan Dundee for the Auxiliary's part of this program. Mrs. Mozelle Williams was appointed chairman to work with the Legion to cooperate our Gifts for the Yanks.

Our President, Mrs. Sam Craig, sends her praise to all of you who made the beautiful float for Armistice Day Parade and passes to you the compliments and the words of beauty expressed by the general public, who have told us the Auxiliary Is On The Beam.

Overheard in a school dormitory: "That's gratitude for you! I saved his life on Anzio and now he won't even let me copy his homework."

Sick and Visitation

Sick and Visitation Chairman reports the following information on our comrades:

Comrade Lloyd Markham was admitted to the Muskogee hospital about 10 days ago with a skin infection. He seems to be getting along fine. Lloyd is the son of Comrade Lon Markham. Comrade Richard Hart is in a

very bad condition at his home, 2551 East Newton.

Comrade Ray Rains, who has been undergoing some skin grafting for his recent injury and is expecting to go home in about 10 days. Comrade Rains is in St. John's hospital, room 370.

Comrade Jude Lewis is able to be up for his meals and short periods through the day.

Comrade Jimmy Rigney who was injured in a recent auto collision, has been transferred from St. John's hospital to the V.A. hospital at Muskogee.

Comrade Walter Eastman is

progressing and expects to be able to go home from the hospital soon, however, due to his condition, company is not desired.

Comrades, these are your Buddies the same as mine. Where it is possible and their condition will permit, visit them. If a visit is not possible, drop them a card, they will be glad to get it.

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