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Annual Sooner Membership Party Dec. 3

LEGION CHIEF SAYS UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING BILL CERTAIN TO PASS IN NEXT CONGRESS

A universal military training bill is certain to be passed during the next four years, S. Perry Brown, new national commander of the American Legion, forecast last week.

President Truman three times proposed such a measure to Congress, he said. A majority of the legislators, he continued, were in favor of it.

But each time, he said the Republican-controlled House Rules Committee refused to allow the bill to come to the floor and blocked all chances of its passage.

Improved Chances Seen

"Now, with a change in the political complexion of Congress," he went on, "the chances are better than ever before. The only difference of opinion on the matter concerns the length of the basic training period, and this can easily be settled when it is understood that the basic training period is only a screening period, designed to find out the part the selectee is best fitted to play in the armed services."

Brown did not specify what sort of bill the American Legion would favor this time. Generally speaking, he said, his organization favored one that "least interfered with the academic and business life of young men."

One of the primary reasons for the Legion's advocacy of universal military training, he said, was its realization that too few people understand the need for armed forces to protect the Nation.

Attitude of Defeatism

"They will not understand it," he continued, "until either they have served themselves or until some member of their family has served."

He said that all the talk of the power of the atomic bomb, as exemplified by the thinking of Albert Einstein, has created an attitude of defeatism on the part of the youth of America. Universal military training, he continued, would foster the "will to resist, the greatest asset any nation could ever have."

"The people who have a job to do, no matter what happens, never will be licked," he said. "I think universal military training would teach the young men of the nation that even if an atomic bomb falls, they still have a job to perform, and in doing their job, they will have the country."

Given universal military training and a thorough defense program involving the civilian components of the military, he said, the Nation will receive not only a more capable defense force, due to its youth, but a cheaper one because the standing Army may then be reduced.

Annual Crippled Children's Christmas Party December 23

The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Griffith Theaters will hold their Annual Crippled Children's Christmas party at the Will Rogers Theater, 4500 East Eleventh Street on Thursday morning, December 23 at 10 a.m.

Everyone knowing of a crippled child (no age limit) please contact either of the three sponsors (see ad) before Monday, December 20 in order that transportation may be arranged if necessary. For those children unable to ride in autos or busses the sponsors have made arrangements with the Tulsa Funeral Homes to provide ambulances for this occasion.

The Griffith Theaters have a movie planned for this morning. The Dokey band will be on tap and Santa Claus and his helpers will have plenty of nuts, fruits, candy and pop corn for all.

Contact may be made at the following phone numbers:

American Legion—5-7696.

V. F. W.—5-1324

Will Rogers Theater—6-8912.

Brown said that the Legion shortly will announce the list of legislative reforms that it believes necessary for the next Congress to enact.

Should there be introduced a housing bill that the Legion can support, he said, full aid will be given it. But if not, he went on, then the organization will cause its own to be introduced.

However according to an Associated Press dispatch universal military training probably will not be pushed when the new Congress meets in January.

So far as military officials in Washington know, there has been no final White House decision.

But some officials in the military establishment, in a position to know policies, express doubt the UMT program will be urged at the next session of Congress.

It is pointed out that the armed forces still look on UMT as the best long-range method of building up a reservoir of trained manpower. But the urgencies of the present world situation, as developed during the last year and especially during the last six months, make it more essential to give full attention to the present combat strength of the Army.

The Army now is endeavoring to build up to the 837,000-figure authorized by the last Congress. If UMT were adopted now, part of the effort and expenditure of the military would be diverted to

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THE ADJUTANT'S COLUMN

By EDDIE J. SHIELDS

Well, tomorrow is Thanksgiving Day. Let's all sit down in front of a mirror and talk things over with ourselves—what have we got to be thankful for. Well, for one thing we can sure be thankful for, is that it isn't four years ago today—remember—the terrible War II for one, thank God for this, for I have a son who came back to me from service in the Navy of three and one half years, of which about half of this was spent in the Pacific, and he came back to me with the same sound body as he left and why shouldn't I be thankful. I AM. Just think of the millions of fathers and mothers who can't be thankful in the same manner.

We had an initiation Tuesday night—fourteen took the oath. I sent out 56 cards. It is not always convenient to attend the meetings for these initiations, but remember this, you will only get one card telling you to come in for the initiation, but these initiations are always held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. So if you can't come in the first time you get your card, just remember this and come in some fourth Tuesday and take the oath. Your Legion membership will mean so much more to you.

Herschel Chism, Jr., sick and visitation chairman, reported that W. J. Bryson was in O'Reilly General Hospital at Springfield, Mo. Lloyd Markham, son of Lon Markham is still in hospital but he is gaining weight. Going thru a series of tests to try and find out what is causing his skin disease. Richard Hart, the comrade we told you about last week with the back back in 324 St. Johns. They are going to take X-ray pictures to find out if an operation on his spine would help and Chism just talked to his mother this morning and she advised him that after the pictures were examined the doctors had told her an operation would not be necessary but that they were going to give him shots instead. Jude Lewis is improving each day. But still wants company. Get out there, Buddies, and see Jude, as he is still confined to his home and he gets pretty lonesome. Reported that Charles H. Stanley and Lester DeShan were back from Vets Hospital at Muskogee.

Pretty big week coming up next week here at the Hut. The first thing to look forward to is the covered dish dinner which will be served by the Auxiliary, next Tuesday about 6:30 p.m. November 30th. If you have never attended one of these dinners you have missed something. They are get-togethers of the Legion and Auxiliary and a good meal is al-

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Then there are hundreds of others who have been fortunate enough not to need any sort of aid who should belong—just to "carry on" if for no other reason.

A comrade said to the Service Officer the other day: "I'll have to be sold on the idea but I can't take the time right now." Well, this comrade has had more work done for him and is now putting more on him to do. Now, most any member of the Post should be able to convince any and all prospects of the necessity for his belonging to this great exservice men's organization, a body with a potential membership of over four million or more.

If you are one who is still "holding out", switch over, sign up a membership blank which we will gladly mail you and mail in, don't wait for one of the membership getters to call on you—get in on the ground floor for our 49er for the big thing that Carson-Wilson Post No. 1 is attempting and doing for you and the good of Tulsa and the exservice men in need is outstanding.

Come—let 1949 be a Banner Year for This Post!

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ways served. You know if you bring a covered dish you and your wife will get a ticket which will permit you both to eat, if you don't bring a dish the Auxiliary will sell you a ticket for around seventy-five cents and I will guarantee you that you couldn't buy the same meal any where in town for less than a dollar and a quarter. In addition the Auxiliary as a rule furnishes some kind of entertainment. This is our regular meeting night but when we have these dinners we forego this ordeal and everybody has a good time. Try it our just once and see for yourself.

Saturday night the 4th, will be a dance. Sunday the 5th, the 40 et 8 will have the Hut for their Winter Wreck. And I do mean WRECK!

Another date I do not want any of you to forget is December 19th. That is the Sunday before Christmas and the day on which we will give our Annual Christmas Party for the Vets at the Muskogee Hospital. This I am sure will be a grand party for early arrangements have been made for everything, entertainment and presents by our chairman and co-chairman, George Norvell and Ralph T. Harrison, not forgetting our very capable friend and Auxiliary member, Mae Wilcox. Mae this year, as per usual, twists the arm of the Retail Merchants for the money to buy the presents such as socks, handkerchiefs, combs

and whatever else Mae thinks they should have, providing she can stretch the money she gets. Then the Legion this year, thru Government channels, has already purchased three hundred and sixty cartons of cigarettes. That will give each veteran in the hospital a carton. In this purchase we have been ably assisted with help from the 40 et 8 and Auxiliary. These cigarettes are in addition to the gift packages. So all in all it will be a grand party and we do want as many as possible to go down with us on that day for I am sure you will get a thrill out of seeing the enjoyment that the boys in the hospital get from this party. You know this annual party of Carson-Wilson Post No. 1 is a big affair at the Hospital, so make your plans to go, for we will need all the help we can get to put it over with a BANG. Make your transportation plans among yourselves. The Caravan will leave the Hut promptly at noon on the 19th.

Floyd Long talked on the Crippled Children's Party to be held at the Will Rogers Theater at 10 a.m. on the Thursday before Christmas, which is the 23rd of December. You know we have invited the Veterans of Foreign Wars to affiliate with us, this year, on this party and they have appointed a very capable committee, so I am positive this party will be a success. In case you can do anything or want to do anything, get in touch with Floyd at Sears—8111. The Auxiliary of the Legion and VFW have agreed to function as nurses on this party.

Commander Belford talked to the regular meeting about the proposed addition to the Hut, explaining that it would be built to the west of the present Hut and connected to the main building with a ramp. This new addition will house all the recreational facilities and the bar.

The Executive Committee accepted the resignation of one of our Executive Members, Leslie A. Chaffin, Jr. It seems that Leslie's outside duties are going to take all of his time from now on. We hate to lose him for he was doing a fine job as an executive of the Legion but when you got to go, you got to go. Good luck,

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"Yes, this is a nice little apartment, but I don't see any bath."

"Oh, pardon me, I thought you were one of those college boys who wanted a place just for the winter."

She: "There are a lot of couples who don't pet in parked cars."

He: "Yes, the woods are full of them."

Two little rabbits were being chased by a pack of wolves. One little rabbit turned to the other and said, "How 'bout you and me stopping a minute and outnumbering 'em?"

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A question shy, an answer spry—
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Gertie said she didn't take up with the idea of being a General's wife because that would put a stop to all her private affairs.

Question: "What does a dog do that man steps in?"

Answer: "Pants."

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PVT. MILLARD M. JENNINGS
Sn 38591232

Sgt. Mulsineer Escort

Killed in Italy, Oct. 12, 1944.

Husband of Mrs. Delores Jennings; son, Larry Dean.

Body arrived Saturday, Nov 20. Tulsa Funeral Home, directing. Funeral, 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Chapel.

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of your letter under date of No-
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Robert J. Murphy, 1st Lt., Co.
I., 351st Inf. Regt., 88th Division,
who was killed in action in Italy
on June 3, 1944, and whose body
was returned to this country on
the army transport, Lawrence
Victory, on November 8th, accord-
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This writer has had several
communications from the War
Department that the body was
enroute to this country and ex-
pected at the Kansas City Quar-
termaster Depot on November
10th. The news that his body,
along with some 7,100 others, had
arrived on November 8th, at New
York, confirmed the expectation
of the body's arrival in Kansas
City on November 10th.

According to instructions given
in my application for the return
of the body to this country for
burial, I have been advised by the
Kansas City Quartermaster Depot
that 20 days notice will be given
me before the body is shipped to
Pittsburg, Kansas, to be buried
beside his mother, whose death
occurred within six weeks after
receiving the notice of his death
in action and which was caused
indirectly from receiving the
shock of this news. Hence, I had
two deaths take place in my small
family within a matter of six
weeks after receiving the notice
of my son's death in action in
Italy.
In view of the fact that my son
will be buried in Pittsburg, Kan-
sas. I want to take this oppor-

tunity to thank you for your fine
gesture of November 9th, in of-
fering to render any service pos-
sible and want you to know that
I deeply appreciate your sincere
offer of assistance in this respect.
It is my intention of giving my
son a full military funeral and
the same will be handled by the
American Legion Post at Pitts-
burg, Kansas. My son, who was
a former National Bank Exam-
iner, entered the service from
Junction City, Kansas. I have
been residing in Tulsa for the
past four years, hence the reason
for the notice appearing in the
Tulsa papers.

Again wishing to thank you for
your thoughtfulness and sincere
sympathy, I am,
Sincerely yours,
Millard F. MURPHY.
MFM/mm

Child Welfare of Legion Cost Tops

FRANK H. J. CRAWLEY,
Service Officer

There is not a day passes that
this office is not called or con-
tacted relative to our Relief as the
stork and Old Man HCL were
cited as reasons why the Ameri-
can Legion expended a record
of \$5,323,969.27 during the fis-
cal year of 1948 on direct emer-
gency aid to needy children of
veterans. This is \$2,000,000 more
than the American Legion ever
spent on this humanitarian cause
in any year before.

The National Child Welfare
Chairman said the increase was
due to two factors:

1—The fact that fully one-half
of all the children in the United
States today are now the children
of veterans, which has increased
the need for child welfare and
made individual Legionnaires
more conscious of that need.

2—The rapid rise in the cost of
living, which has shoved many
families to the point where they
must become dependent on some
outside source of help in time
of emergency.

The Chairman pointed out that
American Legion expenditures
for food, clothing and medical
treatment for needy children
since 1925 now has reached a
grand total of more than \$68,000,-
000.

This money represented above
are from resources of the national
organization of the American Le-
gion, its 58 departments and its
17,075 posts, as well as from 12,-
680 units of the American Legion
Auxiliary, 750 voitures of the
Forty and Eight and 300 salons
of the Eight and Forty.

The strength of the American
Legion lies in its community
posts. The effectiveness of our
child welfare work being com-
munity centered. We do not at-
tempt to maintain any large cen-
tralized program, since our first
principle is to maintain the Ameri-
can family home.

NO REVELLE

A veteran of World War II, at-
tending a large Armistice Day
party, informed a friend that he
had learned to play "Taps" on the
bugle. "Can you play 'Reveille',
to," asked the friend. "No", re-
torted the veteran, "I only want
to know how to play what gets
me in bed, not what gets me out."

AUXILIARY NEWS

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A dinner meeting — "Family Night"—Pa and Ma and all the kids—what a good time we'll all have at the Legion Hut, 1120 E. Eighth Street, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 30th. The Legion will furnish the meat, the Auxiliary the vegetables, salad, coffee, the cream and rolls. Now look closely Auxiliary members and prospective members you are expected to bring for each person, with you, a pie or for each 2 persons with you a cake—now you can have your choice whichever you choose will be satisfactory, or if you choose not to bring food the price per person for dinner is 75 cents. It is going to be a good old wholesome family get-together that every one enjoys. So come on down, we'll be looking for you.

We are anxious to meet all new Legion and Auxiliary members so this will be the time and the place, for new and old members to become acquainted.

Home School in Ponca City for Veterans' Children

The Department Commander, Preston J. Moore and Department President, Mrs. J. Sam Johnson have appealed to all Legionnaires and Auxiliary members to support the Special needs at the Home School—the school is very crowded and in order to correct the situation and provide additional facilities so vitally needed a Special Fund Raising Committee was appointed by the Department of Oklahoma to raise funds to retire the mortgage of \$60,000.00 and apply any surplus to an expansion program in order World War II can be taken care that the children of Veterans of of when such requests are received. We of the Legion and Auxiliary must not fail to answer that Veteran when he pleads with us "Take Care of My Child!" This is Oklahoma's American Legion Home School? Your Home School? NO—not until we have paid off the mortgage. This is our project and you can help your Post Commander and Auxiliary President with your cooperation and contribution to this fund. Your Quota is \$1.00 or more per member of both Post and Auxiliary.

This appeal will come to some of you who have already made contribution this year, and for some it will serve as a reminder that it is a worthwhile investment. It will doubtless reach some who have no money at all to offer, but your being for it will add much to its effectiveness. We hope you will enjoy hearing of the Legion's Home School and how the Orphans of Veterans are being cared for and that you will receive an inspiration to help these splendid young ones. Whatever your situation may be, be interest in the Home School is assured of appreciation that your its greatest asset.

The Post and Auxiliaries reaching their quotas will be presented with a special citation at the State Child Welfare Meeting. So come on Legionnaires and Auxiliary members—make this A HAPPY CHRISTMAS FOR ALL.

GIFTS FOR THE YANKS

These yanks now number more than 1,000 in our Oklahoma hospitals. This is one time in the year that all organizations and all individuals can give to our Yanks.

Checks for cash contributions can be made to your local American Legion Auxiliary Secretary, Mrs. J. Earl Simpson. Perhaps the most appreciated gift to the patient is the privilege of telephoning home on Christmas Day. This year poinsettias are being placed in the wards of bed-patients. Every gift will bear a sticker, tagged "Gift for a Yank."

Please do not send hair oil, shaving lotion, poker chips, ink, games or razor blades, and because of diet restrictions of some patients please do not send candies or cookies. (Refer to the list furnished in Mrs. Sam Craig's Article). Whatever you do will be appreciated and will be accepted by Mrs. Nathan Dundee, telephone No. 5-1843, or you may bring it or mail it to Legionnaire George E. Norvell, care of American Legion Hut, 1120 East Eighth Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma. To properly distribute these gifts they must reach these chairmen not later than December 9 for distribution on December 19th at the Christmas Party to be held at the Hospital at that time.

We all extend our sympathetic feelings to Mrs. Delores Jennings and Larry Dean, whose husband and Father was brought back from overseas and entered here.

If you know of anyone ill or stricken with any misfortune connected with our group, will you please contact sick and calling chairman, Mrs. Elwood Taylor.

Monday, November 29 is Hospital Day at Veterans' Hospital in Muskogee, if you can go get in touch with Mrs. E. B. Benton, hospital chairman.

Membership is still in high stride bring a prospective member with you to the dinner. Next business meeting will be held December 7, Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock p.m., Legion Hut, 1120 East Eighth.

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Vet Builders Meet

Thursday evening, November 18th, was the weekly meeting of the Veterans Builders, Inc. Open discussion was held on the Price and Source of Materials.

Some of the men already have their lots and others plan to have them soon. It was decided to contact all absentee members and to inform them that the ground will be formed at our next meeting.

We will divide into groups of ten then have a drawing in each group to designate the rotation of houses. The motion was made and carried that we not meet during Thanksgiving week. Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 2nd at 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd floor of the Y. M. C. A.

Past National Commander J. F. O'Neil of The American Legion has resumed his duties as chief of police of Manchester, N. H.

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