



LEGION FIGHT TO AMEND SOCIAL SECURITY SPURRED BY TRAGEDY

INDIANAPOLIS.—The death of an Alabama World War II veteran eleven days too late for his widow and four children to qualify for old age and survivors' insurance payments, today focused dramatic attention on the fight of The American Legion to correct inequalities in the federal social security system.

By action of its recent national convention in Miami, Fla., subsequently re-affirmed by its National Executive Committee here, The American Legion as part of its 1949 major legislative program is asking Congress to protect all World War II veterans under the Social Security Act in the following ways:

1. Grant credit under the old age and survivors' insurance program for time spent in the military service during World War II.
2. Make permanent the blanket social security coverage given every World War II veteran by the 79th Congress for three years following his discharge.

Alabama Case Tragic

David V. Addy of Detroit, Mich., national child welfare chairman of The American Legion, pointed to the Alabama case as grim proof of urgent need for correcting the inequalities of the social security program.

"This Alabama veteran, a farmer not covered by social security, was discharged from the Army on Oct. 29, 1945," Chairman Addy said.

"He died on Nov. 9, 1949, just eleven days after his automatic three-year blanket coverage expired. If he had died eleven days sooner, his widow and four orphans would have received \$62.62 a month in old age and survivors' insurance payments. Now they get nothing and are left penniless. The American Legion, through its National Child Welfare Division, has granted the family emergency financial aid. Unless Congress corrects this situation quickly, it would seem as though the only advice we can give a veteran, if there is any danger of his dying before his children are grown, is to be sure to die within three years after his discharge from military service!"

War II Vets Penalized

Chairman Addy charged that the failure of Congress to grant social security credits for time spent in the military service imposed penalties on all veterans of World War II.

"Take the case of a veteran who was in covered employment and who served five years in World War II," Chairman Addy said. "His social security benefits are decreased by exactly the time off he took to fight for his country. In the case of a covered veteran of World War I who served five years in World War II, the loss in social security payments upon reaching the retirement age of 65 will amount to exactly \$11.33 a month for himself and his wife. This is the grossest kind of injustice. The loss rate will vary in direct relation to the veteran's age and length of military service. Many veterans who went from covered employment into the military service find upon returning to their old jobs that they have lost all their social security credits and have to work

for several years unprotected to re-establish those credits. It just doesn't make sense."

Other 1949 American Legion child welfare objectives, Chairman Addy said, include health examinations for all children under state or community provisions, improved services for crippled children and enlightened state legislation covering adoptions, juvenile courts, training schools and child labor.

Truman to Get Legion's Highest Honor in 1949

INDIANAPOLIS.—The American Legion will present its Distinguished Service Medal to Legionnaire President Harry S. Truman at its 1949 national convention in Philadelphia, Pa., next August 29 to September 1.

The award was approved unanimously under a suspension of rules by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion during its annual meeting here.

President Truman will be the first living President to receive this highest honor of The American Legion. It was awarded posthumously to the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt by the 27th national American Legion convention in Chicago, Ill., in 1945.

Miami Policemen Form Their Own Legion Post

MIAMI, Fla.—Spurred by the recent national American Legion convention held in the Greater Miami Area, 15 members of the local police department have organized a post of their own. It has been chartered by The American Legion as Miami Police Post 298.

THE ADJUTANT'S COLUMN

By EDDIE J. SHIELDS

Well, I don't know whether you will get much today or not as I am a little under the weather this morning and don't know whether I will make the day out or not. But I will give you what I am able to and try to beat the deadline on the press. Big issue coming out next week—The Xmas issue.

Well, the party for Imogene Pruett, our sponsored child at the Legion Home in Ponca City, on this Saturday, the 18th, is going to be a grand success. All the presents she listed as wanting, in my last week's column, have been purchased and are ready. The only thing we run short on was the "Lone Ranger Watch." But in case we don't find it, the Chairman, Dorothy Cosby, is going to purchase a little better watch, as she has some surplus money in her kitty. In addition to the 12 presents she listed as wanting we have a few additional ones which she didn't ask for that I know will please her. One thing is a nice kodak. I would live to have time to go over to Ponca and see the expression on her face when she gets all these nice presents. As far as I am concerned, Christmas is for the kids. The grown up kids overdo the proposition most of the time. One tries to out-do the other and half the time they can't afford what they are doing.

Our annual vets party is also going to be a grand party and I will tell you all about it in next week's issue. You know it is Sunday, the 19th, and any of you that get this issue before then, should if you can make arrangements, go with us. The time on leaving the Hut has been changed to 11:30 a.m., instead of 12 noon. The Auxiliary Ladies are going to serve some BRUNCH at 7:00 p.m., here at the Hut, for those who go to Muskogee. The Legion and Auxiliary are going to split the expense fifty-fifty, but they will serve it.

Our second annual Christmas Party for Crippled Children of this vicinity, sponsored jointly by this Post and the Veterans of Foreign Wars this year at the Will Rogers Theatre is also bound to be a grand success this year from what detail I get from both Committees. Watch your local papers and listen to your Radio for further detail from now on until the party. Can tell you here that I was informed Tuesday night that the party will be at TEN A.M., instead of ELEVEN A.M., as I announced in last week's paper. We don't have the Legions' allotted 20 personal cars for this occasion. (Continued on Page 4)

OFF THE SERVICE OFFICER'S DESK

Veterans Please Watch These Dates As They Are Closing

Legion Commander Brown Picks Namesake As Aide

National Commander Perry Brown of The American Legion has announced the appointment of a namesake as his aide. He is Albert D. Brown, Jr., 27, of San Antonio, Texas. He is no relation to Commander Brown, whose home is in Beaumont, Texas.

The two Browns will travel together during the ensuing year in which the national commander is expected to journey more than 150,000 miles by train, automobile and plane.

Young Brown is a veteran of the 36th Division with more than 29 months of service in World War II. He served as a corporal with the medical detachment of the 155th Field Artillery, entering the service on Nov. 25, 1940, and being discharged for service-connected disability on July 15, 1943. He is a native of San Antonio.

The new aide has been a member for five years of Alamo Post 2 of The American Legion in San Antonio. He has served as post commander. He is also a graduate of the first term of The American Legion College in Indianapolis, a member of Voiture 542 of the Forty and Eight in San Antonio and is at present on a year's leave from his job as department service officer of the Texas American Legion. He is married and has a 2-year-old son.

Legion's 44th Campus Post Started By 320

INDIANAPOLIS.—The American Legion has issued a temporary charter for a new campus post at the Logan Basic College of Chiropractic at Normandy, Mo. It is The American Legion's 44th college campus post. The real news, however, lies in the fact that the application was signed by 320 charter members, all World War II veterans attending school under the provisions of The American Legion-sponsored GI Bill of Rights. The new post will be known as the Robert E. Lee Memorial Post 585. Carlton W. Fuller is the first commander. The names of five girl students appear on the charter list.

The De Shazo-George Post 68 of The American Legion at Shamrock, Texas, is completing one of the finest new clubhouses in the state.

* **July 25, 1947**—Persons entering service after July 25, 1947, are considered peacetime veterans (excepting those who enlisted or re-enlisted between Oct. 6, 1945 and Oct. 5, 1946) are not entitled to benefits under Public Law 16 and 346, 78th Congress. If entitled to compensation or pension due to injury in line of duty, it would be on the bases of peacetime service.

Dec. 5, 1948—Final date for Spanish-American and Philippine Insurrection veterans discharged in the Philippines to file for travel pay and allowances.

Dec. 9, 1948—Spouses and minor children of citizens who are members of the U. S. armed forces, or have been honorably discharged, may be authorized for admittance into the United States on non-quota bases.

Dec. 31, 1948—This is the final date for making application for an alien fiancée or fiancé, to enter the United States as a temporary visitor for the purpose of marriage to a serviceman or veteran of World War II.

Dec. 31, 1948—This is the final date on which dependents of World War II servicemen who died in service may claim refund for overpayment of federal income tax on his estate. Death must have occurred on or after Dec. 7, 1941, and before Jan. 1, 1948. Liability for income tax in such a case is cancelled for any year after 1940 during any part of which the deceased person was in service. If such tax was paid, it will be refunded. Tax for any year before 1941 that was unpaid at date cannot be collected, even though the man was not in service at the time. If paid after veteran's death may be refunded. Claims must be filed with the Collector of Internal Revenue with which the returns were filed. Treasury Department Internal Revenue Form 834 is used to file claim.

June 30, 1948—Final date to make application for automobile or other conveyance by leg amputees.

July 25, 1949—The first GI Bill deadline is not far away. Veterans discharged before July 25, 1947, have only until July 25, 1949, to apply for readjustment allowances for unemployment or self-employment. GI's discharged after the 1947 date have until two years after discharge.

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Nations Differ In Ways of Observing Christmas Season

Christmas is celebrated as a world-wide occasion, and various nations have their own particular ways of observing the holiday season.

Norwegians celebrate Christmas season by giving extra grain to animals. A well-stocked pantry, spinning, weaving, baking, butchering and general household activity characterizes pre-Yuletide feasting. Accent is upon peace in security and well-being. Peace and good-will keynote Christmas there, with family devotions, singing and Bible-reading playing an important part.

In Poland, the singing of carols is the highlight. Boys go from house to house carrying a golden star, singing happily. One of Poland's favorite Christmas carols begins with the words, "Jesus Christ is born tonight, how happy we will be, all the angels sing in heaven merrily as we."

Great feasting on Christmas Eve follows a two-day fast in Czechoslovakia. After a sumptuous meal, the family plays games. Members of the family crack nuts and pare apples. When an apple is halved and the star is perfect and seeds are plump, health and happiness will follow for another year, according to legend.

In Southern Europe, Italians begin preparing for Christmas a month ahead of time, making shrines depicting the story of the birth of Christ. Trays filled with green grass, tiny toy sheep and a small naked baby doll decorate windows and doorways of homes and shops. The song "On That Most Blessed Night When Christ Was Born" fills the air during the Yuletide season in Italy.

And in Sweden, a three-weeks' round of visiting, feasting, singing and general gaiety typifies the Christmas season. Before the tree is lighted on Christmas Eve, every

Peace Desirable

We are of the opinion that some plan of uniting the world nations in order to insure peace is very desirable. We see eye to eye with several of the organizations on many phases of the subject. Nevertheless, having in mind the fact that we have previously recommended by resolution that the veto be abolished in matters of aggression and preparation for aggression, which, of course, includes the adoption of the American plan for control of atomic energy, it is our opinion that the best interests of the American people and the peoples of the world can best be served by our continued and strengthening support of the United Nations.

In the four weeks since the Miami convention, the world situation has improved somewhat in the west, but has greatly deteriorated in the east. Communist-bred strikes in France have quieted down; but Communist-led armies have overrun North China and are sweeping southward.

The European Recovery program is beginning to create stability. Its future will depend upon the common sense, energy and reliability with which it is administered. The American Legion was a pioneer in supporting this far-seeing plan, and it is our duty to see that it moves forward steadily and efficiently to help disheartened peoples to withstand the force and trickery of Communism. We reiterate, however, that ERP is a two-way street. It does not imply unilateral aid by the United States, but cooperation between us and Europe. The recipients of our supplies must use them to increase their own production and strength while the United States must see to it that his life-giving stream is not cut off by any cause whatsoever, lest confidence be impaired and resistance to Communism weakened.

Fred L. McGuire, of Bright Waters, N. Y., long-time member of Bayshore Post 365, is the new advertising director of The American Legion Magazine.

The New Mexico American Legion has achieved a long-standing child welfare objective with the opening of a children's wing to the T. B. Hospital at Socorro.

Perry Brown of Beaumont, Texas, has appointed a namesake, Albert D. Brown, Jr., 27-year-old 36th Division World War II Veteran of San Antonio, no relation, as his aide.

The American Legion Area E child welfare conference, first for the year, 1948-49, was scheduled to be held at Hollywood, Calif., Dec. 9 to 11.

room must be spotlessly clean, silver polished and usually a special kind of rice pudding with almonds is on hand. According to the legend, the first unmarried person to find an almond in his pudding will be the first to marry following the holiday.

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LEGION SHORTS

Look for strong "accent on youth" in coming year's activities in American Legion, with more and more important jobs within organization going to young War II veterans, more balanced emphasis on both national defense and domestic problems.

During past year, major Legion activities centered around attempts to get Congress to pass universal military training, and vigorous anti-communist campaign.

Nex year, Legion will emphasize support of broad housing legislation, aimed at getting more homes at better prices for veterans, but won't ignore UMT or anti-communist drive.

Perry Brown of Beaumont, Tex, new national commander of Legion, convinced that nation's biggest vet organization must cater more to young War II vets, give more attention to their problems, help them understand the aims, purposes and achievements of the Legion.

Brown also convinced that Legion leaders should chart a definite course for upcoming year's activities, both as to over-all legislative program and as to specific objectives.

Legion's governing board, the National Executive Committee, now in session at Indianapolis, setting up major legislative program for 1949, choosing a national adjutant, national treasurer, national judge advocate and national historian, confirming the appointment of some 1000 legionnaires on the 12 basic national commissions and 30-odd subordinate committees, fixing the operating budget for 1949 and choosing between Philadelphia and Miami as the 1949 national convention site.

Although there has been no confirmation from the Legion, Vet-Letter expects National Executive Committee to name Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge (R., Mass.), a War II veteran and member of the Legion, to head one of its major national committees, probably housing.

National Commander Brown is expected to recommend complete replacement of present National Housing Committee, with new committee accenting both youth and maturity, and inclined to carry out recent convention mandate to support broad housing provisions, including public housing, slum clearance, Federal assistance to States and communities, with emphasis on veterans' housing.

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Legion Auxiliary Head Completes Her Cabinet

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Committee chairmanships included:

Americanism, Mrs. Willis C. Reed, Vinita, Okla.; Child Welfare, Mrs. Franklin P. Bowersox, Fremont, Neb.; Community Service, Mrs. Francis S. Garber, Summit Hill, Pa.; Education of Orphans of Veterans, Mrs. W. E. Alexander, Durham, N. C.; Finance, Mrs. J. J. Jerabek, Algoma, Wis.; Girls' State, Mrs. John Engesather, Brocket, N. D.; Legislative, Mrs. Jerome Duggan, St. Louis, Mo.; Membership, Mrs. Horace V. Rau, Bryan, Texas; Music, Mrs. John A. Lakeman, Jr., West Springfield, Mass.; National Security, Mrs. Euga A. Campbell, Homer, La.; Pan American Study, Mrs. J. B. Kirkpatrick, Eustis, Fla.; Poppy, Mrs. William B. Dingle, Dayton, Wash.; Publication, Mrs. Rae Ashton, Vernal, Utah; Radio, Mrs. Harold S. Burdett, Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Rehabilitation, Mrs. Norman L. Sheehee, Rockford, Ill.

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A native of Wabash, Ind., Henley was regarded as the "father" of the \$16,000,000 Indiana World War Memorial project in Indianapolis, of which the national headquarters building of The American Legion is a cornerstone. He was the blueprint expert behind the new \$1,918,000 American Legion headquarters building now under construction here.

Burial was at Wabash, Ind., where Henley was a life member of the Thomas Stineman Post 15 of The American Legion. Henley served in Company D, 160th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, during the Spanish-American War. He was commissioned as a first lieutenant in the Army Quartermaster Corps during World War I, serving two years, and retiring with the rank of captain. He was appointed department adjutant of the Indiana American Legion, Oct. 26, 1921, serving until Aug. 31, 1926, when he became secretary of the commission.

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Housing Big Issue

Lawrence J. Fenlon, of Illinois reported to the regular meeting of the National Executive Committee for the National Economic Commission which covers housing, veterans' employment and preference, labor relations and agriculture. There were no resolutions for adoption, but a report entered into a lengthy discussion of the Legion's program. Fenlon recalled the action of the Miami convention that priority be given to housing, this being one of the most serious problems facing the younger veterans, and he said that, if accomplished, a major contribution will have been made by the Legion. He urged the utilization of the full resources of the organization in solving the issues. Pointing to the fact that upwards of 800,000 veterans are presently employed by the Federal Government under Civil Service, Fenlon said that this number would increase and that Legion officials must be on the alert to guarantee preferences established by law in the Veterans Preference Act. Gainful employment being the ultimate objective of all veterans, he pointed to the problems involved as increasing numbers of Legion members are overcome by age and face greater trouble in securing jobs. He mentioned also the unsound practice increasingly followed by employers, in emphasizing youth over experience and he insisted that the Legion's program of employment conference to sell the usefulness of veterans to employers must be continued without relaxation.

Special emphasis was given in the report to the matter of veterans in agriculture where a million and a half are engaged and should receive assistance with their troubles.

The American Legion's latest pamphlet "As The Twig Is Bent", to further the spiritual training of children, now being distributed to its 17,176 posts, was made possible by a contribution of \$650 made by George H. Keen, Hialeah, Fla., Legionnaire to defray the cost of printing.

National Security

The subject of national security was presented to the regular November meeting of the National Executive Committee by three World War II veterans—Louis K. Gough, of California; Erle Cocke, Jr., of Georgia, and Martin Buckner, of Michigan. For the 143-member Commission, these men reviewed the Miami convention report and, with the aid of charts, separately discussed major questions of national defense.

Gough, in discussing civilian protection, particularly outlined the Legion's demands for a comprehensive civil defense at national, state and city levels. Although he admitted that further study must be made before the Legion's place in the plans can be announced, he stated that a recently proposed outline of basic needs coming from the Federal Government meets generally with Legion approval. The Legion having a directive from the Miami convention, the planning of the Government will be analyzed and be made subject to the closest scrutiny before Legion participation is defined.

Cocke discussed principally the Legion plan for peacetime military service which has been advocated since 1926. He termed it the "crux of national security," and warned that UMT under civilian control must be the democratic way to security. No milked-down substitutes will be acceptable to the Legion, he declared.

Buckner confined himself to Merchant Marines needs and the Legion's educational program which is in pamphlet form, "Now is the Time to Build Ships." He told of radio transcripts being used to dramatize needs of the Merchant Marine, these being available to all posts and supplemented by other reading material. He proposed a Merchant Marine chairman be instituted in all Legion State departments, and telling the story in schools and elsewhere. Briefly summarized, the highlights of the Legion program for defense are demands for UMT a strong civil protection, an expanded Merchant Marine, an air force second to none and navies sufficient to meet all needs.

Resolutions were adopted urging immediate legislation to include the maritime service under the Navy in wartime, and immediate enactment of Umtee by the Congress.

American Legion service officers are calling the attention of World War II veterans to the fact that for a small additional premium there may be added to any NSLI policy a total disability rider providing for monthly payments to the insured while he is totally disabled longer than six months.

Work clinics for American Legion service officers for the 1948-49 year now include Denver, Colorado, November 19 to 21; Atlanta, Ga., December 8 to 10, and Dallas, Texas, February 16 to 18.

GENERAL GRANT ELECTED
Washington, D. C.—Major General Ulysses S. Grant, III, has been installed as commander for 1948-49 of the Cooley-McCullough Post 22 of The American Legion.

BUCKNER APPOINTED LEGION SECURITY DIRECTOR BY BROWN

INDIANAPOLIS.—Martin B. Buckner, 31, of Flint, Mich., Air Force combat veteran of World War II, is the new director today of the National Security Division of The American Legion.

Buckner's appointment was announced here by National Commander Perry Brown. Buckner, a past national vice-commander, had been acting director of security since the resignation of Milt D. Campbell, of Cincinnati, Ohio, May 15, 1948.

In his new post, Buckner will direct all of the programs of The American Legion on behalf of national security, including Universal Military Training, an Air Force and Navy second to none, a long-range civil defense organization, the building of an adequate Merchant Marine and other preparedness objectives.

Vet of 35 Missions

Buckner is a veteran of 35 bombing missions over Europe during World War II. He was a B-24 bomber pilot. He was a 1st lieutenant with the 466th Heavy Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force. He served 47 months. He is now a 1st lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve, assigned to the headquarters of the 323rd Troop Carrier Air Division at Stout Field, Indianapolis.

Born at Leachville, Ark., June 4, 1917, Buckner moved to Flint with his family in 1924. He was graduated from Michigan State College in 1941 with a bachelor's degree in psychology. He completed a 4-year ROTC course at college and was commissioned immediately upon graduation.

Rises in Legion

Two days after separation from active service in August, 1945, Buckner affiliated himself with the Oakley Traynor Post 64 at Flint. He served as secretary of the post drum and bugle corps and as Americanism chairman. In Dec. 1945, he served as World War II consultant to National Executive Committeeman Herman F. Luhrs of Michigan. While attending the NEC meeting, he was selected as a member of a special committee of three young Legionnaires to accompany the national commander to Washington, D. C., to testify before the House Military Affairs Committee on UMT. He was named also to a three-year term on the National Aeronautics Commission and as member of the Special Committee on the Control of Atomic Energy and the Unification of Command. The 28th national convention in San Francisco elected him as national vice-commander for 1946-47. He joined the national headquarters staff in Indianapolis as assistant director of aeronautics on Jan. 1, 1948.

Buckner was married to Miss Therese Fromm, Sept. 6, 1941. They have four children. He is a member of Theta Kappa Nu, Lambda Chi Alpha and Alpha Epsilon Mu fraternities.

One Man Signs 501 Members in 10 Days

TYLER, Texas—Meet a real American Legion membership-getter.

He is Earl W. Solomon, who in a 10-day period here has signed up 501 members for 1949 for the Favre Baldwin Post 12 of The American Legion of Tyler. He has pledged to sign an additional 1,000 members before Dec. 31, 1949.

Solomon is president of the 100 Members Club of the Department of Texas, The American Legion.

Havana, Cuba, Post 1 of The American Legion reports 2,500 Legionnaires, their wives and friends flew there for a visit after The American Legion national convention in Miami, Florida, establishing a record "air lift" in the history of commercial aviation.

THE ADJUTANT'S COLUMN

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casion. Won't some of you good Legionnaires open up your hearts. We need about ten more cars. I know it is a busy time for everybody, but inconvenience yourself just a little and call me at 3,0723 or 5-7696 and give me your name for a car. The party is Thursday, December 23rd and we would like to have you report here at the Hut at 9:00 a.m.

The Executive Committee gave me permission to leave next Thursday to go to Chicago and spend Christmas with my son and daughter-in-law. I guess I won't be afraid of the trains. Haven't been any place in the last 11 years but TULSA.

Buddy Chism, Chairman of Sick and Visitation, reported that our Comrade Hart is back in St. John's, 216, with a liver infection. Henry Hayden is in St. John's with stomach ulcers. R. H. Brigrance, 1525 N. Birmingham Place, ill at home with TB. Past Commander Harry L. S. Halley's father-in-law just passed away. Grover Bourland is back in the hospital at Muskogee. Grover is a sick man.

John Cochran stated that Donald McCormick was working hard on plans for new building and perhaps we would see a sketch in the Tribune in a short time.

Good bye—See you next week.

History of Mistletoe Provides Source of Many Myths, Legends

When Americans think of the Mistletoe, they usually think of Christmas decorations—something to be hung over doors and on chandeliers under which a kiss may be stolen.

"Give me a kiss" is the meaning of the word Mistletoe, according to Scandinavian mythology, while some say it means literally "a different twig."

Historically, it has an interesting background. Legends and superstitions abound around this semi-parasitic plant which decks our homes during the Yuletide season.

Mistletoe is the Golden Bough in "Virgil," by which Aeneas was able to descend to the underworld and make a safe return.

In ancient Britain, Mistletoe was the center of elaborate ceremonies in which the Arch-Druid and his fellow priests performed their rites at the Winter solstice.

Shakespeare described the plant as the "baleful Mistletoe," probably referring to the Monkish herbalists' conception of the "Wood of the Sacred Cross." According to the herbalists, the Cross of Cavalry was made of Mistletoe.

In modern times, however, Americans like to accept the Scandinavians' definition of Mistletoe—especially around Christmas-time.

Past National Vice Commander Ed Mulrooney of The American Legion has been appointed assistant manager of the Wilmington, Del., Regional VA Office.



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PRESIDENT MUST NAME COMMISSION FOR WAR CLAIMS

Former prisoners of war will be entitled to compensation amounting to \$1 a day for the length of their imprisonment under the War Claims Act passed by the 80th Congress.

But they will have to wait until administrative machinery is set up.

Public Law 896 grants them that amount as food allowance, and also provides for the appointment by the President of a three-man War Claims Commission.

To date, however, this commission has not been appointed. Inasmuch as it is the only agency that can act on applications, no governmental action has yet been taken to prepare forms or instructions, and the benefit remains "on paper."

It has been unofficially reported that the commission will not be appointed until after the new Congress meets in January.

Some veterans have reported being solicited by private agencies offering, usually for a fee, to prosecute their claims for the POW compensation. None of these agencies has any official connection with the Federal Government, according to responsible authorities.

Veterans eligible for POW food allowance compensation will be able to get full information from their county service officers and veteran service centers as soon as the not-yet-appointed War Claims Commission issues application forms and instructions.

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Noted State Writer Tells Story of First Oklahoma Yulides

By ANGIE DEBO

It was a young and happy people who celebrated those first Christmases in Oklahoma. For it was the gay in heart who made the pioneering venture, while the timid and the sedate stayed back in the old home. To their lively imagination poverty was only a passing incident. They could almost see the big white house they intended to build on that knoll, and the red barn, and the laden orchard. Always they found things to celebrate, and Christmas was one of the best.

If they had any money at all, they bought things for the family. A pair of overshoes, some winter underwear, even a school reader was an acceptable Christmas present for a child. And imagination and planning did the rest. Mrs. Elmer Featheringill of Marshall tells this story of the hardest year of all in the early 90's.

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sorghum molasses they had. I don't know whether they colored it with something, but I think they just pulled it—anyhow it was stripe din different coolrs. Then they spread it out in plates in round, flat cakes as pretty as they could. And the next morning we found a plate of taffy on each chair. Those were the only presents we had, but we were as happy and excited as though we had got lots of toys."

As soon as Sunday schools started, there were Christmas trees in the churches and school-houses. The children worked for weeks on decorations, making chains of colored wrapping paper, cut in strips and pasted in rings. Just at the last the mothers stepped in, popping corn and stringing it. And the men cut and set the tree—a cedar brought from some ravine. It looked very grand when the decorations were looped about it.

When the great evening came, the seats were filled and the aisles were packed and the overflow was grouped outside the door. The program was only slightly religious. This fact was so apparent that if Christmas Eve fell on Sunday, the observance was instinctively shifted to a secular night. Santa Claus was the hero. And how the audience shouted with laughter at his jokes! Some wag always placed burlesque presents on the tree—a mustache cup for some fuzzy-lipped boy or a doll for a bachelor home-steader. But even in the hardest years there were a few substantial gifts—perhaps a photograph album or a brush and comb set from this

same bachelor to the girl he was courting.

The settlers spent Christmas day itself visiting and eating dinner in each others houses. Meagre as was the family fare, their pooled resources of food made a festive showing. If the sod or log shanty was too small to hold the crowd, the men grouped in the sun and talked and the children dashed about the premises yelling at their games, while the women worked inside. Any nobody in this simple society was ever heard to say, "Christ is such a mad rush I don't see how Im ever going to get everything."

...TAPS...

SK 2/c Earl C. Cosby
Died Sept. 23, 1945 at Saipan.
Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cosby of 1402½ S. Birmingham Ave.

Body arrived Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1948. Funeral Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1948 at 2 p.m. Burial Legion Plot, Tulsa Funeral Home directing.

Commander—Joseph F. Herman.
Chaplain—H. K. Nelson.
Bugler—LeRoy Henninger.
Service Officer—Frank H. J. Crawley.

Colors—Jas. P. Bewley, Katherine Welch.

Guards—C. F. Sheldon, Alex Wilson.

Pallbearers—A. E. Finley, T. F. Stroud, Vic Couch, Tom Arrington, Geo. Norvill, C. S. Hickman.

2nd Lt. Fred Marvin Thompson
SN O-825712

Son of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Thompson, 2616 East 13th St.

Memorial Services Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1948—4 p.m. Memorial Park. Dr. Edmund F. Miller and Dr. C. W. Karr of First Presbyterian Church conducted service at graveside.

Military escort furnished by Carson-Wilson Post No. 1 American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 577.

Commander—Joseph F. Herman.
Flag Custodian—O. D. Waters.
Colors—J. P. Bewley, Katherine Welch.

Guard—C. F. Sheldon, Alex Wilson.

Cpl. Raymond T. Bowers

Killed in Korea Sept. 4, 1948.
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Henry Bowers of Tulsa, Okla.

Body arrived in Tulsa Friday, Dec. 10. Funeral Monday, Dec. 13, 1948. Services at Mingo Holliness Church, 2 p.m. Tulsa Funeral Home directing. Burial at Rose Hill Cemetery.

American Legion conducted the graveside rights.

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As the drawing of the curtains of 1948 nears may we review old sayings of words to live by:

1. Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you.
2. Know thyself.
3. Anything that is worth doing at all is worth doing well.
4. If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.
5. The great essentials of happiness are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.
6. The only way to have a friend is to be one.
7. As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.
8. Knowledge is power.
9. Actions speak louder than words.
10. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Our Annual Christmas party held jointly with the Legion and our Auxiliary will be Sunday, Dec. 19, at 7:00 o'clock P. M. Bring a toy and come down for sandwiches, baked beans, coffee and donuts, and a good show. The hut will be decorated with Christmas decorations and a huge Christmas tree. Hostesses according to Mrs. Delores Jennings, for the party are: Mrs. G. W. Humphreys, Mrs. Paul Solomon, Mrs. Mabelle Williams, Mrs. Harry Kehr, Mrs. Lloyd Markham, Mrs. Elwood Taylor, Mrs. Eddie Gambill, Mrs. Mary Johnson, Mrs. Sam Craig, Mrs. Anna Petty and Mrs. Joe Johnson.

Next business meeting Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 8 p.m., at Legion Hut, 1120 E. 8th St. Don't forget to

remind your husbands to give you a "Membership in the Auxiliary" for that added gift, for Christmas, you'll enjoy carrying an Auxiliary Card in that new purse or billfold you might receive. Need an application, then, call Mrs. J. Earl Simpson, Secretary, she'll be glad to mail as many as you need.

Air Force to Draw From Military And Naval Academies

Defense Secretary James E. Forrestal has authorized the newly independent Air Force to draw officers from the 1949 graduating classes of the Naval Academy at Annapolis and the Military Academy at West Point.

He also suggested that a board be created to study the need for establishing a third service academy to provide future Air Force officers.

His order provided that the Air Force will get up to 40 per cent of the West Point class graduating next June, and up to 7 per cent of the Annapolis graduate. West Point's senior class now has 576 members, and the Naval Academy's 785.

Since the Air Force was a branch of the Army until the "unification" act was passed last year, it is nothing new for West Point graduates to get wings.

But Annapolis has previously sent its men only into the Navy and the Marine Corps. There have been a small number of Naval Academy graduates who were transferred by mutual consent to the services in the Army, or the Air Force, but never on a mass quota basis such as Forrestal is ordering.

Calls Move "Innovation"

Forrestal said the step was "an innovation, the success of which depends largely upon the wholehearted co-operation of the services concerned."

Informed observers believe the defense secretary hopes to minimize old interservice rivalries and develop a new sense of "unity in spirit" by mingling graduates of the two rival "trade schools" in the Air Force.

They said it also appeared obvious that Forrestal had in mind between the Navy and Air Force over the role each should play in strategic bombardment.

Forrestal made it plain the assignment of the naval grads to Air Force careers was an experiment. He indicated he would watch the results before determining whether the quotas should be repeated.

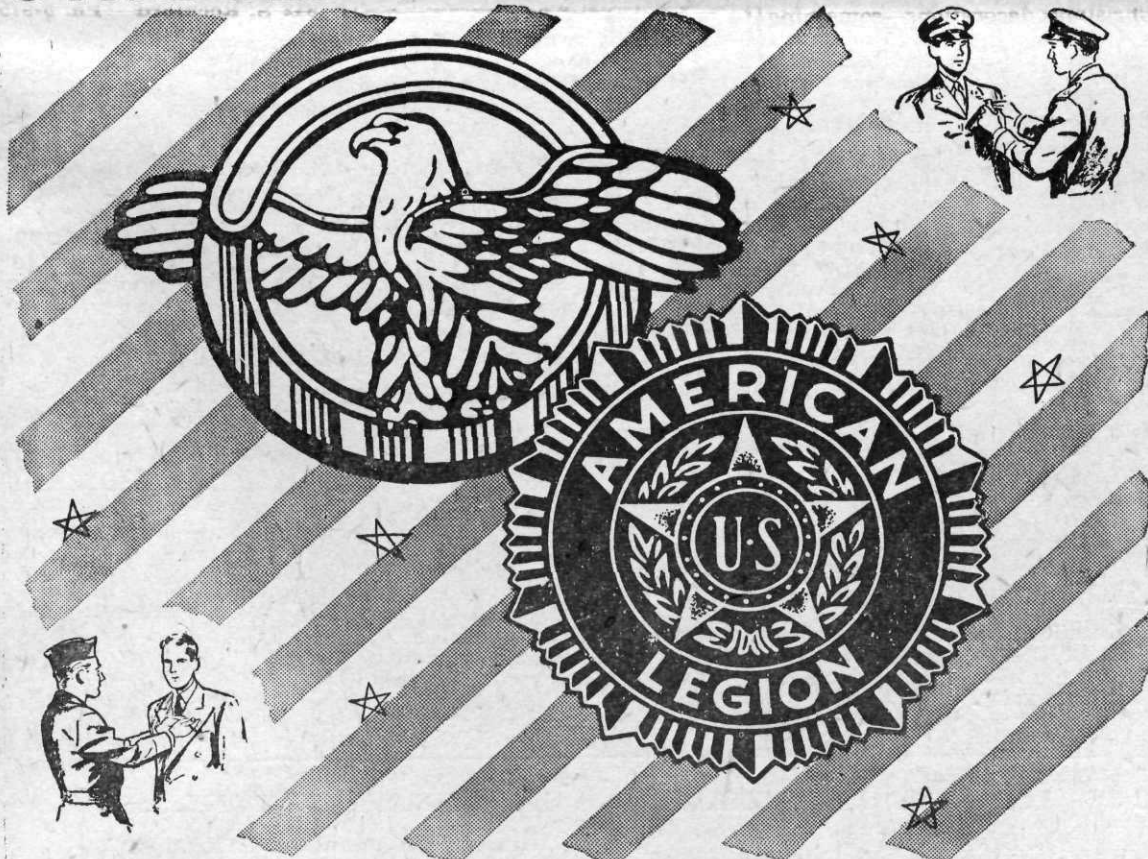
He invited the comments of the secretaries of the Navy, Army and Air Force on his proposal to set up a board to study the whole problem of providing academy graduates for the Air Force.

Legionnaire Stanley Lahr of Pittston, Pa., is believed to be champion American Legion blood donor, having given 129 transfusions during the period of World War II.

Earl W. Solomon in 10 days signed up 501 members for 1949 for the Favre Baldwin Post 12 of The American Legion at Tyler, Texas, and pledged to bring in 1,000 more.

Alexander Gardiner, editor of The American Legion Magazine, hit the \$100 jackpot on the ABC "What's My Name" program by correctly identifying Marie Antoinette from clues given him by Arlene Francis.

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All of us labor for a living. And as laborers we are all interested in making as much money as possible by producing more goods and services for more people.

At the same time we are all consumers. We buy food, clothing, shelter, and luxuries. And as consumers we are interested in fair prices, honest values, good service.

Like the newsboy, each one of us is a combination of capitalist, laborer and consumer.

Each of us is free to take his own future in his own hands—and pull himself up by his bootstraps. That is the grand American privilege. It makes newsboys into business men—shop workers into industrial leaders and successful farmers out of chore boys.

There are no restrictions on ability in America—and there must be none.

For as business, industry and agriculture grow in this country, more jobs are created. More people benefit. More men, starting at the bottom, reach the top. New products are made. Production goes up. Prosperity follows. Higher standards of living are provided for more people. A desire for still better things is created. That's progress. That's free enterprise. That's AMERICA!

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REVIEW OF DISCHARGES

The Army and Navy Departments (and Treasury Department for Coast Guard discharges) have established boards to review discharges under the provisions of the GI Bill of Rights. Those boards may, up to 15 years after a discharge or 15 years after June 22, 1944, (whichever is later) review and change any discharge except that ordered by a general court martial sentence. In case of the veteran's death, the widow, next-of-kin or legal representative of the deceased veteran may apply for review of discharge.

A simplified method of filing such an appeal to the Department of the Army has been established. Any veteran desiring a review of his discharge can go to the office of the Veterans Administration nearest him, or any Red Cross chapter, or the nearest post of any recognized veterans' organization, and ask for Department of the Army form 94. Fill out the form and return it to the Veterans Administration. From there it will go to the Department of the Army, and a veteran will be notified when his case is to be reviewed.

For review of a discharge by the Navy Department, a veteran should write to the Board of Review of Discharge and Dismissals, Navy Department, Washington 25, D. C., giving full particulars concerning his case, such as the reason for discharge and for other facts concerning the reasons why he wishes to apply for a review. Upon receipt of such information, the Navy Department will send the proper form suitable to the individual case, which form is then to be filled out and returned to the Board of Review of Discharges and Dismissals, the Navy Department, for official action. The veteran will be notified of the outcome of the case.

For review of Coast Guard discharge, write to Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington 25,

D. C.

The original discharge should accompany the signed letter of application for review. Supporting statements and affidavits may be sent at the same time. The applicant has the right to appear before the reviewing board and to present witnesses. The applicant may be represented by counsel. Veterans' organizations are authorized to provide counsel service to veterans without any charge.

The application for a review of discharge under any circumstances is no assurance that the discharge will be changed. Each case is decided on its individual merits.

In addition to this right granted by the GI Bill for review of discharge (other than discharge imposed by sentence of a general court-martial), the Legislative reorganization act of 1946 (Public Law 601, 79th Cong.), in Section 207, provides: "The Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of the Treasury with respect to the Coast Guard, respectively, under procedures as set up by them, and acting through boards of civilian officers or employees of their respective departments, are authorized to correct any military or naval record where in their judgement such action is necessary to correct an error or to remove an injustice."

The Attorney General has ruled that these boards have the power to change sentences of general courts-martial and consequently to change a dishonorable discharge to one of a higher character.

Application for such consideration by these civilian boards may be sent to the respective Secretaries according to the branch of the armed forces in which the serviceman served.

A JOB FOR THE LIVING

We veterans who are here today, owe a debt to those who are absent. For we, the living, enjoy the freedoms they died to preserve.

Now is a good time to remember that, for Wednesday, Dec. 15, was Bill of Rights Day. Now is the time to recall that everything we've got, including that Bill of Rights, others have died for.

Every veteran ought to cherish and guard the Bill of Rights. He ought to maintain a special vigilance over it. For it was the blood and sweat of veterans that won it in the first place.

After the war for American Independence had been won, a nation still had to be set up. To do this job a Convention of the wisest men in the country was called. After long debate a Constitution was drafted, and sent to the 13 states for ratification.

The men who had fought the Revolution examined the document. "Yes," they said, "it's pretty good. But it isn't enough. Something more has to be added."

Some of the founding fathers were shocked. It was a good Constitution. The best in the world up to that time. "What's wrong with it, boys?" they wanted to know.

The answer of these first American vets was short, sharp and to the point.

"We want our human rights spelled out," they said. "We fought a war against King George to win them, and they've got to go into our Constitution in black and white for everyone to read."

So the first Ten Amendments were added to the Constitution, and soon they became world-famous as the Bill of Rights. What do these amendments do? They protect your right to free speech, press and assembly. They guarantee your right to go to any church or synagogue you choose. They assure you of a fair trial by a jury of your equals under laws known to all. They make America a free country. They are some of the things we've all fought to preserve.

The veterans of '76 did a great job. The grandest country in the world was built on the foundations they laid. But let's not forget—that foundation and that building has to be protected, repaired and strengthened to withstand the special stresses and dangers of the 20th century.

Freedom is not a brass ring on a merry-go-round that you catch once and then get a free ride. It has to be fought for and worked for all the time. It has to be expanded to keep pace with an expanding nation in a shrinking world.

It isn't enough to sit back and applaud the deeds done by our ancestors. We have to get out and do some pitching on our own. The vets of '76 did their job. So did the boys of 1812, of 1861, of 1917. And we have a job to do today, as vital as any that they did and did so well. We must see to it that the rights they fought for are insured to Americans of all races, religions and national origins here and now. Unfortunately, there is plenty of evidence that such is not yet the case.

Only last year a Committee on Civil Rights, appointed by the President, investigated the condition of these rights in our country. They found that a lot of Americans weren't getting a square deal because of prejudice against the color of their skin, their religion, or their ancestry. Youngsters weren't getting decent schooling, capable students were barred from colleges or medical schools, skilled workers weren't getting the jobs they were equipped to handle, and a lot of people couldn't get a decent house to live in because of this evil thing called prejudice.

Out at Arlington Cemetery lie a couple of unknown soldiers, one from World War I, the other from World War II. Now I don't know the color of their skins. I don't know what church they attended when they were alive. I don't even know if their grandfathers came from France or Germany, Italy or Poland, Ireland or Russia. I don't know and you don't know. No one knows. And furthermore, who cares? It is sufficient for us to know that they are Americans; that they fought for America; that they died for it. That's all that counts. That's enough reason for us to honor them.

Well, if we can give these unknown dead the highest honors our nation can bestow without a thought about race, religion, or ancestry, surely we can see to it that their brothers, sisters and children are given fair and equal treatment while alive. The living ought to be as worthy of our country's attention as the dead. Decent homes for living vets are as important as decent graves for dead ones.

Out of the report of the President's Committee has come a human rights program approved by both major political parties. As did the vets of 1776, so we vets ought to be leading the fight for the support of this program. All our wars have been fought in the name of democracy and fair play. Let us apply those high-sounding words to the days of peace. The soldiers of '76 gave us the Bill of Rights. On the anniversary of this document, Dec. 15, 1948, let us pledge to our children human rights.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Fire caused by overheated pipes caused damage estimated at \$22,500 to the attic and roof of the annex of the clubhouse of Nashville Post 5 of The American Legion here. The loss was fully covered by insurance, according to Post Commander Paul L. Williams.

The South Dakota American Legion has scheduled pheasant dinners for patients at the Fort Meade VA hospital on Dec. 6 and at the Hot Springs hospital on Dec. 7.

Past Department Commander Arthur G. Bouton, 67, of the New York American Legion, who served during 1942-43, is dead at Scarsdale, N. Y., as the result of a heart attack.

Army to Cut Draft Call For January

The Army slashed its 20,000-man January draft call in half and warned that the proposed budget for next year isn't big enough to build the 900,000-man army authorized by Congress.

The armed forces asked for \$23,000,000,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1. President Truman set a \$15,000,000,000 ceiling on defense spending.

Of this total, \$600,000,000 must be spent on stock-piling strategic raw materials. The balance of \$14,400,000,000 will be split among the armed forces. The Army is expected to get around \$5,000,000,000.

It was learned that the Army figures it will have to limit its strength to 677,000 officers and men if it stays within the five billion budget. This is 223,000 (24.8 per cent) less than the 900,000 authorized by Congress last summer.

The Army has launched its draft program in November with a call for 10,000 men. The December call was for 15,000 and the original January call was for 20,000. Later, it was planned to make the monthly calls around 30,000.

But the Army cut the January and the February call to 5,000. It explained that the reduced budget made both cuts necessary.

Neither the Navy nor Air Force has turned to selective service to boost manpower. Volunteers to date have been adequate.

Present strength of the Army is estimated at 645,000, an increase of 9,527 over Oct. 1.

Air Forces together had 1,564,018 officers and men on Nov. 1, Secretary of Defense Forrestal said. This was a boost of 19,528 since Oct. 1.

The overall goal set for June 30, 1949, was 1,876,500. To reach that figure the monthly increase would have to be 27,810.

If the Army limits its manpower to 677,000 men because of reduced funds, an authoritative source said it would have to drop plans for two new divisions scheduled for June. The stabilized strength will be just slightly above its present strength.

That will mean sharp reduction in draft calls, too. Instead of drafting 225,000 to 250,000 men this fiscal year ending June 30, the total would be but a fraction of that.

New Legion Home Now Rising Above Ground

INDIANAPOLIS—Work on the \$1,918,000 new four-story national headquarters building of The American Legion here will be "out of the hole" by mid-December.

All of the foundation of the 360-foot long structure, the basement and the main floor have been poured in concrete, according to Superintendent of Construction G. W. Long. Stone work on the second floor will be under way by Christmas, Long said.

The first shipment of New Hampshire granite has arrived for the east and west entrances to the new building, which will be 2½ times the size of the present headquarters structure. The new building will be faced with Indiana limestone from the quarries at Bedford and Bloomington.

The new building is expected to be ready for American Legion occupancy by April, 1950.

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NEW GI LOOK FOR ARMY

If ambitious Pentagon plans are carried out, the man who gets drafted is in for a surprise. He'll find the Army treating him not just as another serial number but as an individual, capital "I".

He will find the Army taking a new and special personnel-management interest in him and his well-being—"but not," Army hastens to add, "at the expense of discipline."

The Army's new look has been carefully worked out at the Pentagon building. Top Army people feel strongly that the time has come to do a real job of selling the Army to the country, and this is their attempt to do it.

BROADER TRAINING

Success of the idea, of course, will depend on how it is received and acted on at lower command levels, but here is what the Pentagon planners have planned.

The \$75-a-month recruit (that's his official title) will hear a lot of "right face," left face" and "rear march", but he'll also get lessons on things like "character guidance," his responsibility as a citizen, the mission of the armed forces and his place in it, and national and international issues "pertinent to the soldier."

Particular stress will be placed on the recruit's "dignity as an individual", which the Army acknowledges is something new for it to be worrying about.

He will be told that just because he has been drafted into (or voluntarily joined) the Army, does not mean he becomes a machine. Army planners hope to show him a well-rounded life not unlike the one he left.

Parts of the Army's new look are not entirely new, but this is the first attempt on a large scale to translate the look into action. In 1946 the Army set up a training unit at Fort Knox, Ky., to experiment scientifically with its new ideas. The experiment is generally considered a success and the plan is now on an Army-wide scale.

NEW ATTITUDE

"Atmospheres and attitudes" at training camps are under study with an eye to making them as much like home as possible. The Army believes no young man goes around looking for trouble. It thinks, rather, that he stumbles on it when he gets bored at lack of worthwhile things to do.

Freed from the watchful eye of mama and papa, the Army recruit must meet new constructive influences, says the Army.

These will take the obvious form of plenty of good first-run movies (with the film industry's co-operation); well-stocked libraries; ample athletic equipment and playing fields; weekend entertainments such as dances with carefully-screened girls from the nearby towns, and off-post activity sponsored by civic organization.

But aside from these purely recreational opportunities, every Army camp will have a "character guidance council" composed of a doctor, a chaplain, an information and education specialist and a special services officer, co-ordinated by the commanding officer.

Weekly seminars on current events are to be another part of the regular training programs. These will implement the Army's idea that each recruit has an important place on the American scene and responsibilities of citizenship.

MEN TESTED

Every recruit will fill out an

Army activities preference blank showing his particular interests. This is a psychological device and fits in with the dozen or so other tests he will take during his basic training, all aimed at fitting the man to the right job.

The tests are part of the Army's new "career management" plan. The plan is based on the idea that if a soldier can follow his specific interest and can be shown a workable plan of promotion he'll stay in and make a career of the army.

Fifty career fields have been established and sub-divided. The Army is looking for legislation to be passed which will allow an enlisted man to go from recruit to chief warrant officer in one of these fields, in 16 years. At that time he would be drawing the pay of major with 16 years' service.

Giving tragic urgency to the fight of The American Legion to correct inequalities in the federal social security system is the death of an Alabama World War II veteran 11 days too late for his peniless widow and four children to qualify for old age and survivors' insurance payments.

Week's Legion News In a Nut Shell

National Commander Perry Brown of The American Legion told the AFL at its 67th annual convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, that organized labor had nothing to fear from UMT under civilian control.

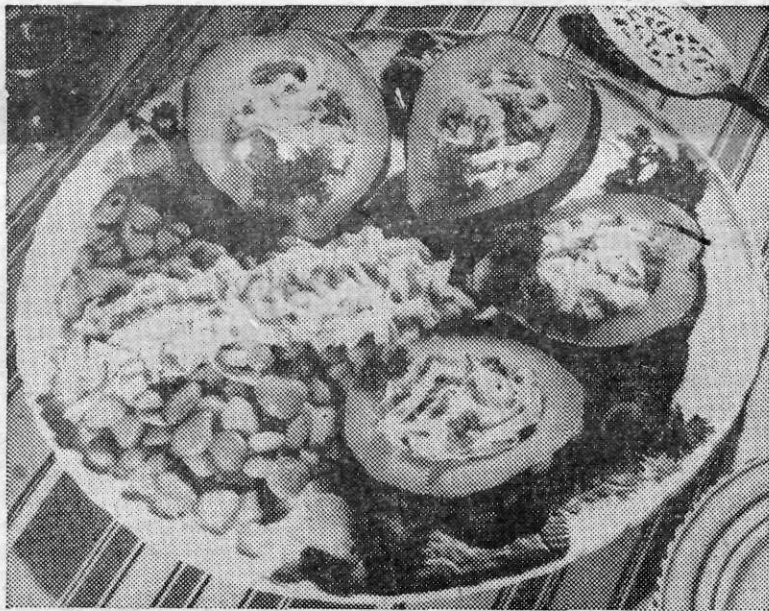
The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal will be awarded to Legionnaire President Harry S. Truman at the 31st national convention in Philadelphia, Pa., next August 29 to Sept. 1.

Governor Buford H. Jester has proclaimed Saturday, Dec. 11, as Perry Brown Day throughout Texas in connection with the national American Legion commander's homecoming at Beaumont on that date.

The American Legion has launched an intensive new educational program, using radio shows and a new pamphlet, to promote public support of immediate rebuilding of The American Merchant Marine.

World War II veterans have obtained a total of 1,642,000 loans, with a face value of nearly \$8,000,000,000 under The American Legion-sponsored GI Bill of Rights to date.

Savory Noodles in Baked Squash



SAVORY NOODLES in Baked Squash is good news to homemakers with a slightly over-worked holiday budget.

There is plenty of appetite and taste appeal captured in this thrifty main dish. To creamy mild-flavored egg noodles goes the credit for blending and extending the good flavors of delicately browned pork sausage and mellow acorn squash. Brown sugar and mustard are responsible for the new flavor of this hearty food fare.

The most inexperienced cook will have happy results when she tries Savory Noodles in Baked Squash. Simply bake the squash halves, brush with sausage drippings and sprinkle with brown sugar and mustard. Then heap the cooked noodles and crumbled sausage into them and sprinkle with the rest of the brown sugar mixture. Bake the whole about fifteen minutes and you have a dish guaranteed to delight the heartiest appetites or the most delicate.

Good news to homemakers, too, is the fact that this economical dish is healthful as well as just plain good eating. For durum egg noodles are high in protein, and when combined with pork and squash, they make a dish packed with good nutrition.

Buttered lima beans and a fruit salad add color and extra food

value to this menu. Serve enriched white bread and a beverage and your meal is complete.

SAVORY NOODLES IN BAKED SQUASH

2 medium acorn squash
1/4 cup water
1 tablespoon salt
3 quarts boiling water
3 ounces medium noodles
1/2 pound ground pork sausage
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon dry mustard
1/4 cup brown sugar

Cut squash in halves. Remove seeds. Place cut side down in baking pan and add 1/4 cup water. Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) 30 minutes. While squash is baking, cook noodles. Add 1 tablespoon salt to 3 quarts boiling water. Gradually add noodles and continue cooking until tender (about 5 minutes). Drain and rinse. Brown pork sausage lightly, stirring it with fork to make it crumbly. Mix with noodles. Brush inside of squash with sausage drippings. Sprinkle with 1/4 teaspoon salt. Mix mustard and sugar. Sprinkle half over squash. Heap noodles and pork sausage into squash. Sprinkle top with remaining brown sugar mixture. Put squash into oven and bake 15 minutes. Serve immediately.

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