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ORATORICAL CONTEST ANNOUNCED

The American Legion annual Oratorical Contests in the high schools of the state will be held the first two weeks in March. The local high school elimination to see who will represent the school in the county contest will be held on or before February 27th.

In Tulsa county the county contest will be held at 2 p. m. in the north auditorium of Tulsa Central high school March 5th. The winner will receive the Bronze medal. The District (high schools in the First Congressional District) contest will be held at 2 p. m. in north auditorium of Tulsa Central high school March 12th. The winner will receive a silver medal and in addition if there are more counties participate, a \$25 savings bond.

Floyd Long, County Commander, announced today that the county American Legion Oratorical contest finals will be held March 5th at 2 p. m. in the Central high school auditorium. Judges selected are Bill Taylor, chief announcer at KFMJ; Harold Heslip, speech major at Tulsa University and popular KWGS newscaster, and Gregg Chancellor, production manager of KOMA. All were judges in the district contest last year.

The purpose of the contest is to develop in high school youth an understanding and appreciation of American ideals and ability to better express them. The subject for the 1948 contest is:

"Our Living Constitution — The Symbol of Progress."

All contestants will deliver from memory a prepared oration not to exceed 12 minutes and an extemporaneous speech not to exceed 6 minutes. The subject of the extemporaneous speech to be taken from the Constitution and given to the contestant about 6 minutes before he is to speak on it. These contests, sponsored by The American Legion, are a part of the Americanism program of the Legion and create much rivalry and enthusiasm in the speech departments of the respective high schools.

Tulsa county high schools have in the past had many in local contests and have sent contestants to the sectional and national contests. Several hundred students took part in this program during the past year. Students in every district received savings bonds for outstanding work. Our Oklahoma state champion represented us very well and received for himself approximately \$1,300 in savings bonds and scholarships. The program is worthwhile to the students participating, to the school and to the community.

While the American Legion takes part in many events in its Americanism program we feel that the oratorical contest is one of the most important.

C. C. VICTORY,
First District Americanism
Chairman

DON'T FORGET STAG PARTY FRIDAY

Well, this is our final warning that Friday night is the night for the biggest stag party ever held at the hut.

I don't think we'll have to do much coaching to get you to attend after you see the menu the boys have lined up. Here 'tis:

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Charlie Clark, popular master of ceremonies will emcee the show. N. H. "Pigskin" Davis, entertainment chairman, will receive the credit for a top-notch stag party. Don't be sorry Saturday morning that you missed it, Friday night.

IT'S NUMBER THREE

Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Stevens announce the birth of a band new 9-lb., 3-oz. son, Roy, Jr.

This happy event took place at 11:30 p. m., Feb. 18th at St. John's hospital. Both the Mrs. and the boy are doing excellent in Room 426 and Papa Roy—well, he's OK, too.

SPASTIC PARALYSIS FUND DANCE

There will be a 100% benefit dance given for the Spastic Paralysis Fund on Wednesday night, February 25th. The place will be the Carpenters Hall, 416½ So. Detroit. Music by Ray Hillman.

The Carpenters Local No. 943 are donating the hall with Hillman donating his music. 100% proceeds will go to the Spastic Institution at Norman, Okla.

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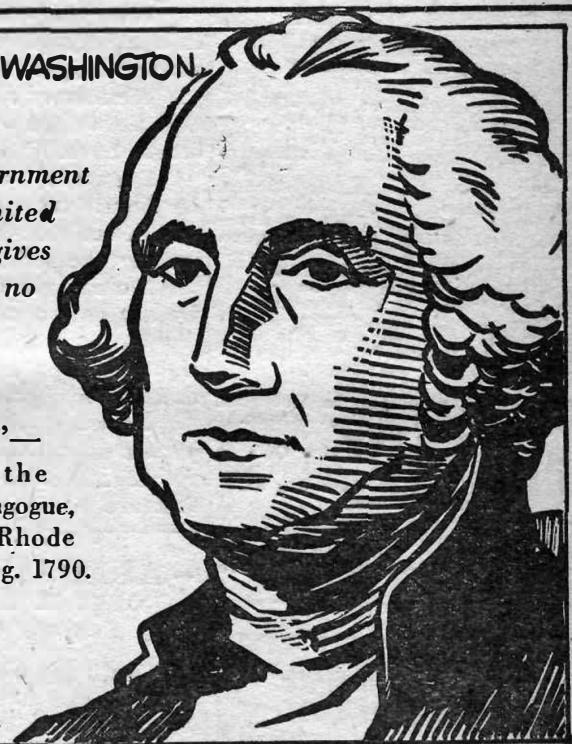
Eddie Shields Busy Letter Writer

If you get a letter from Eddie Shields, Assistant Adjutant, don't think that Eddie is getting lonesome and resorted to letter writing. Eddie looked like Santa Claus when he dropped 1,140 notices of delinquent memberships in the mail Thursday.

These notices are gentle reminders to 1,140 members that they have not renewed their 1948 memberships. If you get one, make Eddie happy by enclosing your check for \$3.50. If you do, you'll save him the trouble of mailing out the final notice in March.

GEORGE WASHINGTON SAID:

"The Government of the United States... gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance"—
Letter to the Touro Synagogue, Newport, Rhode Island, Aug. 1790.



Now IN HIS FOOTSTEPS —

Report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights: "We can tolerate no restrictions upon the individual which depend upon irrelevant factors such as his race, his color, his religion or the social position to which he is born."

Washington and Lincoln — 'Americanism'

In the month of February—just ten days apart, on the 12th and 22nd of the month, we celebrate the birthdays of two great Americans. Abraham Lincoln and George Washington symbolize to every person in our country, the personification of Americanism.

To the personnel of the Armed Forces, these two men have added interest in that they were both former Commanders-in-Chief. Washington was as great a General as he was a President. His greatest body of admirers came from the men who served under

him. No higher tribute could be paid an officer. Lincoln, although never serving in the field as Commander-in-Chief, earned the respect of the men under him as a Captain of militia before entering upon his political career. Later, as President, he won the respect of the entire Army by his deep interest in the military. He counted strongly on his generals for combat strategy, and in return offered them and their troops the greatest encouragement and backing.

Time Again For National Commander Scholarships

Twenty National Commander Scholarships of The American Legion, with a total value of \$24,000, are available to sons of deceased veterans of either World War.

Three nominations from Oklahoma will be submitted to the National Scholarship Committee in April. Winners of these National Commander Scholarships will receive \$100 for each three months while attending a full-time course at a college or university, with a maximum of \$1,200 for the entire course.

Any son of a deceased veteran who is in need of financial assistance, irrespective of the cause of his veteran parent's death, is eligible for one of these scholarships. All interested in these scholarships should contact Frank Crawley.

The American Legion will start mailing the first of its Freedom Booklets in its 12-month "Dividends From Democracy" Americanism series to more than 1,000,000 homes on April 1, 1948.

The title of the first American Legion Freedom Booklet in its direct mail Americanism program will be "Wanted Ten Million Salesmen."

AUXILIARY NEWS

By Mrs. H. E. Glaser
Publicity Chairman

One hundred and ninety-one American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary members enjoyed a delicious fellowship dinner in celebration of George Washington's birthday on Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 6:30 p. m., at the American Legion Hut.

Mrs. Cecil Jones and her capable corps of helpers had worked untiringly to make the dinner a success even to the perky white rose trimmed hats and gay red and white tissue paper aprons worn by the pretty waitresses. Novel hand made cranberry adorned metal fruit trees and red paper hatchets on blue and white crepe paper panels completed the table decorations and scrumptious baked ham (furnished by the American Legion) and home made cherry pie added the finishing touches to a most satisfying meal presided over by our gracious Unit President, Mrs. J. B. Allred and our gallant Commander Mr. Harry B. Halley. Following the dinner hour the latter introduced Col. Levall, the speaker of the evening who gave a most interesting and informative talk on conditions in the Near East (Iran, Iraq, Palestine, etc.).

Thanks to Mrs. W. I. Rainwat-

er, Unit Americanism chairman, American Legion members were privileged to witness a most interesting and inspiring Americanism program presented by the 6th grade pupils of Park school under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. E. L. Cole. Most of the Auxiliary members present learned many things about their city and state that they had never known nor pondered on before. From the description of Oklahoma's flag and seal (both of which they displayed) on through the history of "Tulsey Town" down to the singing of the state song the youngsters never once lost the attention of their appreciative audience. We take off hats to Mrs. Cole and her well-trained and wide-awake young American scholars.

Mrs. Opal Harrison Williford, one of our own members and composer of both the words and music of "Oklahoma I Love You" so well interpreted by Mrs. M. W. Taylor and Mrs. George B. Smith, accompanist at the opening of the program, was present at the meeting and graciously presented the Udit and the Glaser trio copies of her song which has been popularized by Gordon Berger, who sang it at the unveiling of the Will Rogers Memorial at Claremore. A movement is on

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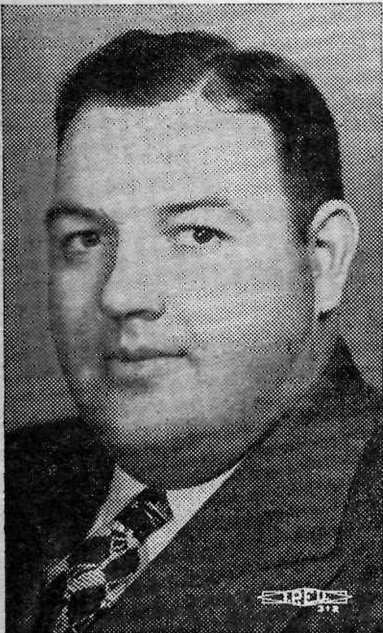
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If minor, but vociferous groups of men and women who call themselves Americans are to discriminate against others, solely because of their claims to religion, or ancestry, their right to live in the right neighborhood, to join the right fraternities, to attend the right colleges, then all the things that we fought for have been lost.

There is a disease of democracy which attacks and weakens its spirit, and if let go long enough, destroys the democratic institution.

Democracy is an attitude towards life, a thing of the spirit, it is a way of life which regards men as sacred in their person without respect to what they are by birth, race or religion.

We merely reaffirm that all men must have equal opportunity; that the things we want for ourselves we must want, and see that others have.

Democracy, as we of the United States know it, is a passion for justice for all people. If we say that decent living is confined within our church, our home, our school, then we defeat the things we say are basic principles of this land of ours.

We can not draw around ourselves a circle of living in which we say only a select few may enter.

We have said, and many times we have fought, to uphold the right of all people, men, women, and children, everywhere, to walk and live in dignity and decency.

As we would permit no nation to ring us in steel, so we will permit no nation to ring us and others in poverty.

Like it or not, we owe to the people of the world the blessings that are ours.

- AUXILIARY NEWS -

MRS. H. E. GLASER
Publicity Chairman

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foot to make its beautiful melody with words so representative of our surroundings, our state song.

Will the person who took Mrs. Josephine Bailey's floral print apron by mistake, please send it to her or bring it to the hut next meeting night?

Heard on the air Tuesday afternoon over KAKC from 1:15 to 1:30 were Mrs. J. B. Allred, unit president; Mr. O. D. Waters of the Legion; Jerry Rainwater, student at T. U., and veteran of World War II, and Mrs. Harold Heslep, unit historian in a 15 minute National Security Broadcast.

Listen next Tuesday morning at 10:30 over the same station for an Americanism Broadcast with the following Auxiliary members as participants: Mrs. W. I. Rainwater, unit Americanism chairman; Mrs. Ora Ernst, unit child welfare and rehabilitation chairman; Mrs. Leonard Hill, and Mrs. Leroy Henninger, unit members and active workers.

Mrs. J. Ted Turner, Bridge chairman, announces that a desert-bridge will be held at the hut on Tuesday, February 24th at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are 25 cents each and those desiring reservations should call Ruth Brown, Bridge Telephone chairman, not later than Monday evening. All members are urged to attend and bring a member with them.

The New York American Legion has voted to give financial backing to a proposed State Freedom Train.

**ARMY TIMES
VET - LETTER**

NSLI INSURANCE: The \$2 billion cash dividend fund accumulating to the benefit of millions of veterans who hold, or held, National Service Life Insurance, was endangered this week by the hasty and ill-considered action of Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers (R., Mass.), chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Acting with good intentions, but little knowledge, Mrs. Rogers introduced two bills embodying original and modified versions of a proposed new insurance law which if taken seriously would add greatly to the existing "mess" in VA's insurance division, and incur the wrath of millions of dividend-expectant vets.

The Rogers' bills, H. R. 5054 and H. R. 5088, the latter an amended version of the first, basically involve proposals to provide automatic reinstatement of all lapsed GI insurance holdings by applying without the consent of the veterans, all dividend cash as credits on past and future premiums.

Holders of term NSLI could receive their dividends in cash only by surrendering their insurance, this defeating one of prime purposes of the proposed new plan, insurance protection for greater numbers of vets' dependents.

Holders of converted NSLI could receive their dividends in cash, but only by making a specific election in writing and if dividend credits were not exhausted in paying over due premiums.

iums.

The over-all effect of the Rogers' legislation, suggested to her by Herman L. Ekern, Madison, Wis., lawyer, former Wisconsin insurance commissioner, and author of the original War Risk Insurance Act, would be to wipe out, as far as cash payments are concerned, most of the \$2 billion due veterans on their GI insurance.

Harold W. Beining, chief of VA's insurance division, bitterly opposed to Rogers-Ekern plan, on grounds "unworkable and inequitable" tending to put insurance fund in "terrible mess," endanger rights and benefits of bona fide NSLI beneficiaries, violate terms of existing contracts between Congress and insured vets, set up artificial basis for computing dividends without regard to accurate determination of surplus.

Under Rogers-Ekern plan, dividend credits would be based on new method of computing, known as 1941 Commissioners Standard Ordinary Table of Mortality, which assumes much lower death rate, than Table on which NSLI premiums are based, and would give insured at least two free years of insurance, for each year

of past premium payments, calculating dividends on arbitrary basis contrary to present NSLI act, and probably unconstitutional.

In Breining opinion, if Rogers bill became law, holders of NSLI could enjoy coverage for extended periods . . . without additional premium payments, and at end of dividend-credit period could

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My Hobby Is America

CHICAGO, ILL., (ALNS)—The American Legion has an interesting exhibit at the World Hobby Exposition in the Chicago Coliseum, February 21 to 28, thanks to the ingenuity of Assistant Department Adjutant George Kelly of Illinois.

He has secured 20 feet of booth space over which he has placed a sign reading "MY HOBBY IS AMERICA!"

In this space the Department of Illinois has mustered an exhibit of everything which The American Legion issues in pamphlets and booklet material dealing with Americanism activities.

Aviation Post 651 of Chicago, set up an adjoining booth with a sign "Air Power is Peace Power." This booth is manned by members of the post who are not only recruiting membership but also spreading information on the vital need for building up America's aviation.

Auxiliary members are on hand to demonstrate the various types of craft activities they sponsor in the veterans' hospitals.

The Jacob Coppus Post 258 of The American Legion at Little Chute, Wis., has on its 1948 membership roster one set of seven brothers, four sets of six brothers each and 14 sets of five brothers each for a record of some kind.

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Political Announcement



D. A. GRAHAM, 3620 E. 15th St. Announces as a Candidate for Water Commissioner on the Democratic Ticket in the City Primary Election.

An East Side Real Estate Broker. A Resident of Tulsa for 21 years. World War II Veteran.

A member of Carson-Wilson Post No. 1, American Legion. A Master Mason, Pilgrim Lodge No. 522, Tulsa.

An Elk, Lodge No. 946 B. P. O. E., Tulsa.

A member of the Chamber of Commerce.

An active member of the League of Young Democrats.

PROPOSED PROGRAM

FIRST—Discharge all inefficient help in the water department, and initiate a program to reduce the cost of operating this department, in order that we can return to the \$0.75 minimum charge that this department operated on for several years.

SECOND—Reduce the Meter Tap or installation charge from \$45 back to the old \$25 charge, and make other adjustments that are necessary to reduce the cost of building, in order to stimulate building and relieve the housing shortage.

THIRD—Exercise my powers and agree to pave only the streets and thoroughfares that are absolutely necessary until the cost of such construction comes down.

FOURTH—Co-operate with the Mayor and other Commissioners to provide additional ball parks, and recreational facilities which is vitally needed for the hundreds of youngsters that have no place for entertainment.

Having sponsored a Pee Wee ball club that finished in second place last year, I realize this.

FIFTH—I propose, and will sponsor the construction of another swimming pool to be located at Mohawk Park or some desirable place on the east side.

SIXTH—I will exercise my power to see that the contracts on the new improvement program are awarded to local contractors, and insist on local labor, and that we buy all material and equipment from local dealers when it is available.

SEVENTH—I further agree not to stay awake nights trying to think of something else to put a tax on. But will do my best to reduce the cost of operating the City Government.
(Paid Political Adv.)

Jack and Larry Cann, World War II sons of Jack R. C. Cann, editor of the National Legionnaire, have started a baby sitting agency in Detroit, Mich., employing middleaged women only.

Teams operating under the auspices of the National Baseball Congress will not use players who have been certified for 1948 competition in American Legion Junior Baseball.

Queens Police Post 1103 of The American Legion at Flushing, N. Y., was scheduled to break ground February 22 for its new clubhouse.

Army Times News—

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claim and force government to pay in cash, dividends already credited to premium-payments.

On basis of necessarily hasty evaluation of Rogers bill, and ramification thereof, Vet-Letter predicts will be pigeon holed, probably by her own Committee certainly by House of Representatives if it ever reaches the floor.

Proposal appears faulty, foolish, and probably illegal, both from point of existing law and point of constitutionality, easily could further "gum up" works at VA.

Original idea on Ekern's part, to protect wives, mothers, etc., potentially good, but knocked galley west by amended version of bill, thereafter, practically abandoned by Mrs. Rogers with admission that only version of bill which could pass Congress, if any, would be one offering all vets choice of cash or credits.

VET LEGISLATION: Higher monthly allowances to GI students, boost in ceiling limits on combined wages and subsistence of GI trainees, are due for congressional approval very soon.

For umpteenth time, this week, Chairman Rogers filed resolution demanding that House Rules Committee release these, and six other long-pending vet bills, from pigeon holes, to permit voting action.

Difference between her latest plea for action and previous ones, is that House Rules Committee, which determines which bills shall go to the floor for action, and which shall not, is ready at long last, to give vets at least half a loaf.

Rules committee Chairman Leo Allen says "green light" for couple of these vet bills will soon be flashed, specified that one will be student allowance increase, but hinted that amount of increase may be somewhat scaled down from levels already approved by Senate last year.

Only thing delaying Rules Committee now is final decision by Republican Steering Committee on vet legislation with meeting due any moment.

Steering committee finally met for first time this week, had veterans' legislation on its agenda, but didn't get to it, because of time consuming palaver over tax relief program.

Rules Committee never will give "rule" for House action on all eight bills being pushed by Mrs. Rogers, but will expedite few "harmless" measures, as well as subsistence and ceiling boosters.

Eight bills wanted by Mrs. Rogers are H. R. 1335 raising disability compensation, H. R. 3016 asking VA to pay for stenographic needs of certain vet organization representatives, H. R. 3565 providing VA subsidies for 200,000 vet rental units, H. R. 3748 increasing death compensation for widows and orphans, H. R. 4212 boosting student allowances and raising ceilings, H. R. 4243 extending aid to vets with TB, H. R. 4244 to subsidize special homes for paraplegics and H. R. 4309 setting up new system of GI farm loans.

SIDELIGHTS: Semi-humorous remark by Rep. Leo Allen, Rules Committee boss, that he dares Mrs. Rogers to ask for a "rule" on her bill to pay \$75 a month for food needs of Seeing Eye dogs!

FACTS ON UMT: Here's real story of behind-the-scenes fight in House of Representatives over universal military training, as it shaped up at week's end, with a "happy" or "unhappy" ending, still very much dependent upon unpredictable events.

Leaders of American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and other vet organizations, fighting desperately for UMT, may find this information straight from the horse's mouth, usable in campaign now raging in and out of Congress.

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