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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING

(Taken from Minutes, Mar. 9)

Acting Commander, Clinton Bohannon called the meeting to order with the advancing of the colors and the reciting of the Preamble by all. Prayer was given by Chaplain C. M. Johnston. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read by acting adjutant, Georgette Mayo and were approved as corrected.

Chaplain Johnston was welcomed back to the meeting after a long and serious illness.

J. Earl Simpson announced that he had secured an outstanding film from the Shell Oil Co., which also will supply the operator and projector. This film will be shown on the same night as the next covered dish dinner, April 20th.

Eddie Gambill reported on the Sons of the American Legion. He encouraged members who have sons, step-sons, adopted sons or grandsons to ask them to join and build our local organization. Acting Commander, Bohannon, introduced Lt. Hill of the 2nd Division Recruiting team who spoke briefly and then introduced his team composed of Lt. Copeland, M/Sgt. Lohman, T/Sgt. Glanson, and T/Sgt. Weaver.

The Acting Commander, introduced two ladies of the Tulsa Town Club. They are bringing Ted Malone to lecture, March 30th at Convention Hall. Legion members were urged to buy tickets at \$1.22 each.

## CHAPLAIN JOHNSTON GETS NATIONAL PUBLICITY FOR POST

As a result of his alertness and initiative, our Post Chaplain, C. M. Johnston, gained national recognition for the post on the popular Breakfast Club, heard over KOMA and ABC. As Chaplain Johnston was listening to the Breakfast Club, he conceived the idea that some of the large network programs should use the day of the thirtieth birthday of the Legion to acquaint the public with the Legion's accomplishments and aims. He then wrote to Don McNeil of the Breakfast Club, giving him the history and aims of the Legion and asked if he would mention it on his broadcast. This, Don did on his Tuesday, March 16th broadcast. As well as giving an inspiring tribute to legionnaires the world over, Don read the Preamble to the Legion Constitution. Mention was made of Chaplain Johnston and Carson-Wilson Post. The editors of this paper want to express sincere appreciation and congratulations to a great legionnaire who is ever alert to put the Legion before the public. It is men such as C. M. Johnston who have made the Legion the respected organization that it is today.

## Radio Chairman Announces Poppy Day Publicity

The Department Radio Chairman, Gregg Chancellor, announced today that one minute and thirty second poppy day recordings with organ background have been prepared for use on all Tulsa radio stations. These announcements are based on the theme of "Flanders Fields", "If Ye Break Faith with Us Who Die..." and are expected to increase the poppy sales in Tulsa by a large amount. The Chairman also announced that a thirty minute dramatic show has been completed to be used on most of the Tulsa stations the evening preceding Poppy Day. The program and announcements will be played at the meeting in the near future.

## Vets Pay Own Bills

A recently completed survey by the Veterans Administration reveals that of every 100 Americans today 32 are veterans or members of veterans families. The VA estimates that within five years veterans and their families will make up 43 per cent of the nation's population, and a study by Sen. Walter F. George of Georgia, shows that within 20 years the veterans will comprise one-half of the total number of taxpayers of the country.

In the time which has elapsed since VJ-Day the biggest business of the federal government has been the administering of veterans' benefits.

Almost all of the 18,000,000 ex-service men and women have received material assistance of one sort or another, ranging from low cost insurance to pensions, war disability compensation, jobless pay or hospitalization.

In 1946—figures for 1947 are not available — \$7,600,000,000, about one-fifth of the total federal budget, and one billion dollars more than was spent for maintaining our army, went to pay benefits to veterans. In the year 1946, the report shows, the VA granted a total of 13,327,870 benefits of all kinds.

VA now has 124 hospitals with 108,000 beds. Plans call for the building of 91 more hospitals. Nobody will hazard a guess as to how many beds will eventually be needed as more and more veterans reach middle age. Then it is inevitable that illnesses will increase and hospitalization will become more frequent.

To get the money to pay veteran benefits, Uncle Sam has to put the bite on all taxpayers, veterans and non-veterans alike.

So, if, as the VA survey shows, 32 of every 100 Americans are veterans or members of veterans' families a very, very sizeable chunk of the veterans bill is now being paid by veterans themselves.

## A Salute to Ed Brewer; Birthday Committee

It is the policy of this paper to give credit where credit is due. And credit is certainly due to those who were responsible for the fine success of the birthday celebration last Tuesday. A tip of the Editors' hats goes to Ed Brewer, chairman of the celebration and a mighty hard working legionnaire, Clara Jones, the gal who can turn out the best dog-gone grub of any, Lyle W. McFetridge, a top-notch emcee, and all of those who appeared on the most entertaining and inspiring program. We are sure that every legionnaire and citizen who attended that celebration went away with a much better understanding and appreciation of the Legion.

## Broken Arrow Girl Wins Tulsa County Oratorical Contest

In an all-girl contest, Marilyn Blakey of Broken Arrow was named winner of the County Oratorical contest sponsored by the American Legion. Miss Blakey will represent Tulsa County in the District Contest to be held, Monday, March 15th. All the boys were eliminated in the preliminary high school contests. The finalists, seven girls, appeared before the three judges in the north auditorium of Central high school. The topic was "Our Living Constitution—The Symbol of Progress."

Miss Blakey was awarded a bronze medal and will compete with the winners from 10 counties.

Other winners were Eva Stewart, Collinsville, second; Luanna Hendrick, Union Consolidated, third. The other contestants were Patricia Cole, Skiatook, Jeanne McCracken, Sand Springs, Helen Jane Randolph, Central, and Margaret Sisson, Will Rogers.

Judges were John Whitney, KWGS, Harold Heslip, KWGS and Gregg Chancellor, KOMA.

## Bigger and Better Stag Party Planned

We're not going to say much about it this week, but we do want to remind you not to make any engagements for the night of April 2nd, for that's the night of another famous stag party under the direction of Eddie Shields. If you enjoyed the last party, you'll certainly want to keep the calendar open for this big party coming April 2nd at the Hut. More details in our next week's issue.

## Chains, Chains, Chains, Chains

Considerable has been said the past few weeks, and possibly more will say less from now on. During the snow of this late season unusual for Oklahoma. It was the outstanding topic on the radio and all broadcasts was letting the country know that was something unknown in these parts. Warning! PUT ON YOUR CHAINS.

The chain that is the greatest interest to the exservice man is the chain that links him with his buddies, no matter where he may be—this chain is the greatest organization which emanated from the WORLD WARS.

In the American Legion one finds a chain that binds together around the entire world. Posts of The American Legion have been organized in almost every town in the United States and more coming in daily, other posts can be found in almost every country of the world. Each a link in the organization that binds the soldier, the sailor, the marine, the air force, WAC and WAVES and the nurses to one another no matter whether they may be in Shanghai, London or Tulsa.

The stranger in a strange town or country knows that if he walks into a meeting of The American Legion he is sure to receive a hearty welcome for here he will be among his friends of wartime days, friends made during strife and under stress of battle periods, friends that should continue as friends through life.

The disabled, the ill, the destitute have found there is a haven of rest and unusual succor in almost every individual post of The American Legion. Instances of relief are common in every Post. Hardly a day passes but what some buddy or GI is given a lift either by the post to which he appeals, or by an individual member of the post.

With such thoughts as a background there is added reason that every former service man should be a member of The American Legion. Carson-Wilson Post, as one link in this vast chain is now endeavoring to strengthen this link—the membership of that veteran you know, who is not now enrolled on the lists, will add another bit of strength. GET HIM, AND SEE THAT HE OR SHE GETS THE ENTHUSIASM TO GET ANOTHER.

Build for the future as you build for today in CARSON-WILSON membership. When you need service—see us.

## YOU DO NOT KNOW—

This was a conversation heard in the Office of our Service Officer:

"You do not know your (Continued on Page 3)

## All Legionnaires Urged to Support Paralysis Program

All of the Legion's activities are important to the welfare of the community, but one of the most important is the Spastic Paralysis program sponsored by the 40 & 8. If you have ever had the opportunity to visit the Milton Berry Home here in Tulsa, you will find great satisfaction in doing your utmost to help these children ravaged by Spastic Paralysis.

At this great humanitarian institution, sorely crippled children find new hope through the generosity of those of us who realize that our contribution can restore life to withered limbs. The majority of these children are victims of spastic, infantile and cord injury paralysis; some have broken backs as the result of automobile accidents; others are afflicted with spinal ailments and twisted limbs. At the cost of infinite patience and your contribution they are regaining the power of motion.

Tragedy walks in this yard, for many of these children have been helpless for years, incapable of movement, prisoners inside the tombs of their living bodies. Some have withered bodies. Some have a withered arm, or a leg that dangles like a rope, or a crooked spine; others are in worse condition and are brought to the hospital in wheel chairs or in the arms of relatives. It is an inspiring sight to see what the competent attendants and teachers are doing for these children with the help of financial assistance of understanding Tulsans.

It is rather ironical that a dance is used to raise funds to aid those who cannot even walk, but every Legionnaire can help this great program by attending the 40 & 8 dance at the hut on Wednesday, April 7th. It is a great opportunity for you to enjoy yourself and at the same time aid a worthy cause. Why not count on attending the dance?

## Found—Two Legion Caps

Eddie Shields has in his possession two Legion caps found in different parts of the city. One of the caps has an Executive Committeeman's patch on it. If you have lost a cap recently, please check with Eddie.

## DISTRICT ORATORICAL CONTEST WINNER ANNOUNCED

Winner of the District American Legion Oratorical contest has been announced by C. C. Victory, District Americanism Chairman. The district winner was Joan Harris of Hominy. She also won first place in the sectional contest and will appear in the State finals to be held in Stillwater.



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The membership contest, with Mrs. Jean Hill and Mrs. Dolores Jennings as captains, is in full

swing. If you know of a prospective member, call either Mrs. Hill—Phone 3-3719, or Mrs. Jennings—phone 5-9717.

Mrs. Isabel Turner, our bridge chairman, phone 9-3904, and Mrs. Ruth Brown, bridge committee, phone 2-9871, announce a dessert bridge for March 30th at 12:30—(note the hour.) Reservations must be in by March 27th.

A broadcast on the subject—“Community Service,” will be heard over KFMJ on Tuesday, March 30th at 1:15 p.m. Mrs. Sam Craig, community chairman, and several of her helpers, Mrs. Roy Brock, Mrs. Geo. Jackson, Mrs. Ruth Brown and Mrs. Isabel Turner, will be participants. Don't forget to listen and to write to Harry Clarke (of Clarke's Good Clothes) if you enjoy the program.

**YOU DO NOT KNOW**  
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strength”, said a man the other day in talking about the American Legion. “You have the greatest factor ever brought together, if you but knew it and exercised yourself.

Therein lies a great story. As related by the Service Officer.

Without doubt, were the American Legion to enter politics, city, county, state and national, as an organization solidified, it would wield the greatest sledge ever known. But the American Legion endeavors to be bigger than this—endeavors to pick its work for the good it can do to its own comrades for the betterment of the living conditions of the disabled, the sick and needy.

The American Legion wishes to wield an influence, but it must be an influence for the good of its community, of its state and of the nation. The American Legion is composed of the rank and file of every day life, the rich man is there, and the poor is in; the seeker after political favors may

be a member, as well as the man who wishes to be known as John VOTER.

War burdens were incurred not by the boys and girls who make up the Legion, (they are the lads and lassies who went into service giving their very best) but were contracted by Mr. and Mrs. Average Citizen and therefore the burden of rehabilitation and readjustment should be spread upon the shoulders of all rather than a few.

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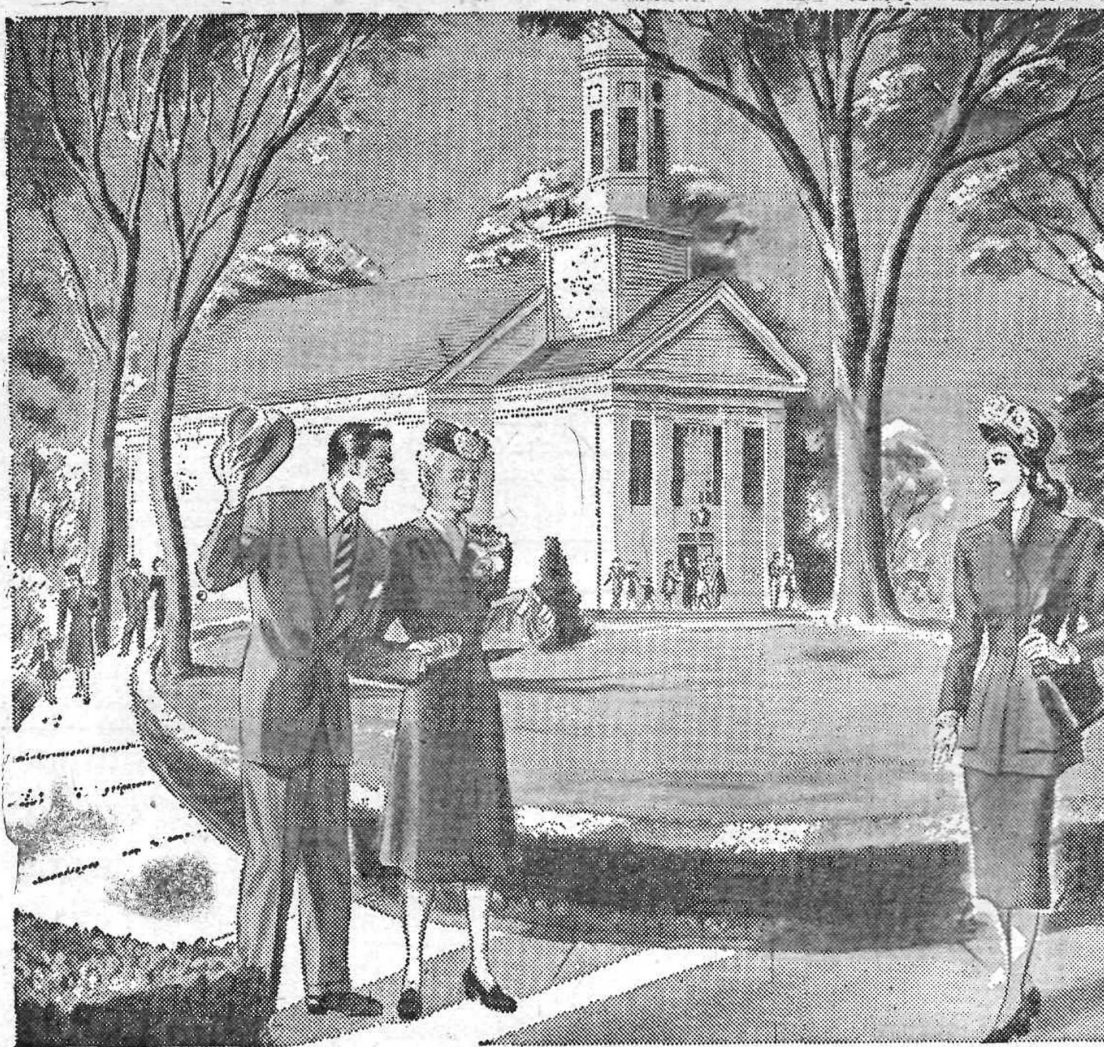
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*You have done your share to create a foundation for a peaceful world. The present world situation indeed is grave — we urge that all veterans, this Easter Sunday, unite in prayer for brotherly love and guidance thru-out the world, that your efforts shall not have been in vain.*

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