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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Commander Halley. Acting Chaplain was Comrade Lavery. Acting Adjutant was Irene Gaddis. Meeting was opened by the advancing of the Colors. A prayer by acting chaplain, reciting of Preamble and reading of the minutes of the last meeting by the acting adjutant.

Commander Halley reported that the present membership is slightly ahead of last year's membership at this time. He emphasized, however, that we must get to work if we are to make a good showing in the Department this year.

C. E. Marshall said that letters have been sent to the posts at Enid, Shawnee, Muskogee, McAlester and Oklahoma City to see if they desired to have the next Department Convention here in Tulsa. He also suggested that a committee make an investigation to determine the number of rooms available for convention housing. This, he said, should be done as soon as possible.

Comrade Allred announced that he expects to have something to report on the Junior Baseball program in the near future.

Floyd Long said that he had been to see Chaplain Johnson and it is believed that he will be back this Tuesday night.

J. Earl Simpson made a motion that all memberships turned in since last Tuesday night be applied on the contest approved by the Executive Committee. Prizes to be given include Legion caps, neckties, shirts, etc. The motion was carried.

O. D. Waters said that plans were underway for the Fourth of July Fireworks Display. An attempt was made to bring Alex Drier here, but he was previously engaged. An attempt is now being made to bring an outstanding movie star to the display.

Comrade Benton read a letter from the dean of the school where the Legion's adopted son attends. The letter was highly complimentary of the child's outstanding scholastic achievements.

## THANKS, WALTER DEPPE

Inadvertently we omitted Walter Deppe's name from the list of those credited for the huge success of the last smoker. Of course, all of those who attended the smoker know that Walter did a creditable job as chief server of the "Fruit of the Hops."

By the way, buddies, if you liked that last smoker, and of course you did, you'll be interested in knowing that a bigger and better one is being planned for April 2nd. Watch this "scandle sheet" for more details. This smoker will be sponsored by the 40 & 8.

## 1931 - 1948

### FROM THE SERVICE OFFICER'S DESK

FRANK H. J. CROWLEY

A Tulsa Word of March 14, 1931 is an article from General Pershing's Memories, the Grand Old Officer of '17 and '18 still is with us and his words are true today as they were in 1931.

"No matter how severely wounded they were I never heard a word of complaint from any of our men. They could not have been found in the hospital of any army a more cheerful lot. It was a lesson in fortitude, an inspiration to see their fine courage. Some would never again see, others would never be able to walk again, but they all seemed proud of their sacrifice, which many of their countrymen are often prone to forget all too soon."

How true, General, are these words repeating themselves today. The truth as it is today, and as it apparently is becoming worse with the passing of each succeeding day.

Those who were not actually engaged in World War I and II in any phase, for the most part, have forgotten the war, and its effects. Many of those who actually face the r-r-r-r of the German and Jap machineguns, have forgotten their comrades of yesteryear, because they wanted to forget.

Yet thousands upon thousands of former soldiers and sailors and marines are enjoying the benefits of the GI Bill of Rights that the American World War I veterans fought to lighten the burden of World War II. They are enjoying the greatest comradeship of all times through their association together in one of the greatest organizations to be of service to all men of both wars.

Hundreds of men are flocking to the American Legion daily to receive benefit entitled to them, also attending meetings who have not participated before some of World War I because they are becoming more convinced that only through unity can there be secured the legislation so sorely needed.

The year 1948 will witness the greatest enrollment of members in the American Legion that has ever been known. 1948 will go down in history as one of the years that veterans of both wars have banded together for a common cause.

Legion Posts in most towns and cities are experiencing an increase of new membership but lots and lots of old members are passing up the notices that it takes time and money to get out. Carson-Wilson Post is lagging and many are there who ask the question, "Why?"

Membership in Carson-Wilson Post No. 1 today offers every ex-

service man more than ever before.

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## NOTICE

TULSA COUNTY SALON, 214, will meet Tuesday at 8 p. m. for a regular business meeting at The American Legion Hut.

## Saturday Night Dance Highly Successful

As entertainment chairman, Sam Burnham reported that last Saturday night's dance was one of the most successful ever held.

The credit for its success goes to the young ladies of the Legion, Georgiette Mayo, Edna Allen, Pat Rupe, Cena Lemmon and Irene Gaddis. Thanks a lot gals for a mighty fine evening.

## Legionnaires Urged to Attend Oratorical Contest

The District Oratorical Contest is to be held next Friday, March 12th, in the North Auditorium of Central High School. District Americanism Chairman C. C. Victory encourages all Legionnaires to attend this contest and show these young contestants that the Legion is genuinely interested in them.

It will be an interesting and stimulating experience for you to see what ideas these young people have on Americanism. You are requested to wear your caps if possible.

Three-fifths of all World War II veterans are married and two-thirds live in urban areas, a Veterans Administration report revealed.

## - AUXILIARY NEWS - MRS. H. E. GLASER Publicity Chairman

Plans are under way for a membership contest, in order to reach our quota of 641 members. As we are still 212 members short, it can readily be seen that we shall have to "get in and pitch" to reach it. So, if you are willing to help call Mrs. H. A. Pope, membership chairman, 227 E. Seminole Place. Phone 2-1280. and tell her so. Mrs. Delores Jennings and Mrs. Jean Hill have consented to be captains of the two teams. At the close of the contest the losing team will serve a dinner to the winning team.

The American Legion Auxiliary will serve the American Legion's dinner in honor of the American Legion's 30th birthday celebration on Tuesday, March 16 at 6:30 p. m. Tickets (which are \$1.00 per plate) may be secured either from Mrs. J. B. Allred, unit president, 310 N. Santa Fe (Phone 3-7408) or Mrs. Cecil Jones, social chairman, 1828 N. Boston Place (phone 3-9742).

At the last regular meeting (Tuesday, March 2nd), the American Legion Auxiliary voted to give \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) to the permanent War Me-

## I AM PROUD I'M A LEGIONNAIRE!

The Legion will soon observe its 30th year of service to the veteran. Legionnaires have the right to swell with pride at the accomplishments of their great organization.

The American Legion is the most American organization in the United States today. It is the most all-inclusive group in our nation, yet one which has one ironclad requirement. That requirement is tested love of country through active service in the United States' armed forces.

Apart from that The American Legion makes no distinction of race, color, birth, class, religious creed or political belief. Neither does it recognize rank. The ex-buck private has an equal voice on the floor of his American Legion post with the ex-general. It is only performance that counts in our great organization of which we may be justly proud. To put it colloquially, you can have a h— of a good time in the Legion if you are willing to work. That emphasis upon WORK is what makes the American Legion different from a last man's club. There is a grim bond uniting the members of The American Legion. It was forged in the unspeakable horrors of war. It is being constantly purified by memories of heroism, sacrifices, affections and devotion. It is strengthened daily by dedication to continued unselfish service to community, State and Nation, which means to God and Country.

It is upon this sound foundation that The American Legion was built by its members into the largest veterans' organization in the world and in all history. There has never been anything like it. There has never been an organization that could approach it in prestige, in public good will, in influence and in the record of its accomplishments.

Our organization could only have been born and grown in the United States. Veterans' organizations in European countries confine themselves almost entirely to purely selfish activities. Their leaders are amazed over the scope of the unselfish programs of public service carried on by The American Legion. Of course, no veterans organization overseas would be permitted by its government to sponsor training of youth for leadership, or fight for national preparedness, or support other programs in the public interest. That is "verboten" by most foreign governments. They would frown on any organization of veterans that showed promise of becoming a powerful body.

The founders and original members kept The American Legion a growing concern for 25 years. World War II put the "GI" into the Legion in a big way. Today 70 per cent of The American Legion's record membership of more than 3,260,000 is

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## Birthday Party Sperry, Okla.

Two years has passed as a Legion post came forth with determination to be of service to the veteran in their locality. Joe Herman was 1st District Commander with his team installed this post. From this day to the present has been marching forward.

On this coming Monday night, March 8, 1948, they will celebrate by having a Stag Party so we are informed by Earl Stewart, Adjutant of Sperry Post No. 277.

An invitation is extended to all members of Carson-Wilson Post No. 1, to all desiring to attend and do not have transportation be at the Hut at 6:30 p. m.

Come one, come all, good time assured.

FLOYD A. LONG,  
County Commander.

## 40 et 8 News

The Promenade of Voiture 185 will be staged Wednesday, March 10th. In addition to the regular promenade there will be a special dinner served at 6:30. As you know, the 40 et 8 has not put on one of their famous feeds for quite some time and this certainly should be a real treat with Eddie Shields in charge of the eats. The Cheminot have voted to permit the Chef de Gare, Ed Wienecke, to put on two of these feeds at his own discretion.

Eddie asked us to warn you that it's your own fault if you eat anything before coming to this dinner, because there will be plenty of food for everybody. The Auxiliary will cook and serve the dinner. It will not be covered dish style.

## Let's Get Behind Spastic Program

Legionnaires, if there is any one program that needs our special attention at this time, it's the Spastic Program. If you have ever had the opportunity to visit the spastic home here in Tulsa, you'll agree with us that it cannot have too much attention.

The State of Oklahoma has voted \$20,000 to be used at the newly acquired spastic clinic at Norman, but, this money is to be used only for treatment. At the present the 40 and 8 has obtained the building, but has not yet been able to obtain funds to equip it.

In order to raise funds for this purpose, dances are being sponsored all over the State by the 40 and 8. On April 7th, Voiture 185 is staging a dance at the Hut with ALL PROCEEDS going to the Spastic Program. Music will be furnished by George Balay and his fine orchestra without charge.

In addition to the dance, the \$1.00 per couple admission will entitle the holder to a chance at many fine prizes, one of which is a brand new car.

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**Three New Conditions  
Announced For On-the-  
Farm Training for Vets**

Although farm management training under the GI Bill ordinarily is limited to one veteran on a single farm, Veterans Administration today announced three conditions under which two veterans may take this training on the same farm.

This program is part of the institutional on-farm training program which combines classroom instruction with practical farming. To qualify for the farm management instruction, a veteran must own his own farm or have economic control of a farm. Those veterans who do not own their own farm may take institutional on-farm training as employee-trainees of a successful farmer approved by the farm training institution.

The conditions which will qualify two veterans for farm management training, on the same farm are:

- (1) The approved training institution and VA must find that conditions on the farm will assure successful training and subsequent self-employment on the same farm for both veterans.
- (2) The training of both veterans must meet all requirements specified in Public Law 377 which established the institutional on-

farm training programs.  
(3) The two veterans must furnish documentary evidence that they have formed a bona fide partnership, with equal authority in the management and operation of the farm.

Under no circumstances will VA permit a veteran to enter training as an employee-trainee on the farm of another veteran enrolled for farm management training.

The new ruling also cautions farm training institutions to exercise extreme care to determine that bona fide training situation exists for each veteran when more than one veteran is enrolled as an employee-trainee on the same farm.

Almost 87 per cent of the 203,000 World War II veterans enrolled for institutional on-farm training under the GI Bill are training on farms under their control. The remainder are training as employee trainees on farms approved by the training institution.

**Week's Legion News  
In a Nut Shell**

Don Wetzel, star shortstop and captain of the 1946 national championship American Legion Junior Baseball team of New Orleans, La., has signed a minor league contract with the Jersey City, N. J., club.

North Dakota has won the 1948 award of the General Henri Gouraud American Legion membership trophy by becoming the first department to enroll its entire quota for this year.

The Craig-Schlusser Post 31 of The American Legion at Milwaukee, Wis., has started a Miami 1948 Convention savings club.

The Kenosha, Wis., Post 21 of The American Legion has become the first post in Wisconsin to install a large television set in its clubhouse, receiving telecasts from Milwaukee and Chicago.

Eight new all-women's American Legion posts have been chartered raising their total to an all-time high of 196.

For saving the life of 12-year-old Mary Jane McGregor when her dress caught fire at the vigil light in a church, Sister Mary Brigetta has been presented with the American Legion Medal for Outstanding Heroism by the Matthew A. Corrigan Post 508 in Detroit, Mich.

Fire has gutted the new \$20,000 clubhouse of the Allen Jewett Post 47 of The American Legion at Fairfield, Iowa.

**Rockets Lay Field  
Telephone**

The use of rockets in laying lightweight field telephone wire over inaccessible terrain by means of an improved type wire dispenser has been proven practical by recent Signal Corps tests at Fort Dix, N. J., the Department of the Army announced Jan. 2.

According to Signal Corps engineers, the tests showed that in emergencies the rockets may be fired without the use of the rocket launcher. The rocket in its original cardboard packing case, is fired from a wedge shaped hole dug in the ground, laying out the wire satisfactorily to distances up to 150 yards.

**O'Neil to Be On NBC  
Vet Program March 27**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—National Commander James F. O'Neil of The American Legion will appear on the radio broadcast "Salute to Veterans," March 27, as the guest of Commentator Ty Krum. This is a 30-minute show originating in Station WRC and carried over the NBC Network at 2:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. The commander will be interviewed on what The American Legion stands for. Music will be provided on the program by the U. S. Marine Corps Band.

**New Service to Blind  
Veterans Now Available**

Blind veterans, who have been issued equipment by Veterans Administration to aid them in overcoming their handicap, may now obtain minor repairs to this equipment without prior VA approval, Dr. Paul B. Magnuson, chief medical director, announced today.

Approximately 6,400 blind veterans are eligible for the new service. They are receiving VA prosthetic service cards, similar to those used by amputees to obtain immediate minor repairs to their artificial limbs.

By presenting their cards to any repair shop in any section of the country, blind veterans will receive, without delay, repair service up to a limit of \$20, without VA's prior approval.

Repair shops will bill VA for the work done.

Repairs to the following items are authorized under the new plan:

- Typewriters.
- Radios (excluding batteries).
- Braille writers.
- Recording equipment.
- Electric razors.
- Braille watches of any type.

Each card bears the veterans' name, claim number, photograph, list of equipment furnished by VA and other pertinent information.

In addition to providing for immediate repair service, the prosthetic service cards will enable blind veterans to establish immediately their eligibility for VA care at any VA field station, regardless of location. This will eliminate delay in checking VA records. The cards also will save veterans much time by reducing unnecessary travel to field stations to obtain authority for minor repair work.

The cards will be issued by the Prosthetic Appliances Unit in each VA regional office. All eligible veterans may call for their cards at their earliest possible convenience.

The cards do not authorize the

purchase of new appliances, aids or supplies. Prior authority for the purchase of these must be obtained from VA.

The cards measure about 3 5/8 by 2 1/2 inches and are designed to fit in most standard size wallets. All will be enclosed in a transparent celluloid envelope.

**British Legion Asks  
American Vets For Old  
Christmas Cards**

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Don't throw away your old Christmas cards! Here's a job for them.

National Commander James F. O'Neil of The American Legion has received a request from G. M. Stout of the County Committee Area Council of the British Legion at Morpeth, Northumberland, England, for used Christmas cards. Thereby hangs a tale of a gumption by a disabled veteran.

In 1914, Andrew Davison joined the 7th Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers for service on the Western Front. He lost both legs in action and spinal injuries confined him to bed until he died in 1945. While flat on his back,

he started a business of collecting old Christmas cards, cleaning and renovating them and selling them. He built up a business until he employed a staff of 30 girls and a full-time secretary. Before he died he asked that the profits of his business be turned over to the Northumberland County Committee of the British Legion for aiding disabled veterans.

The British Legion advised Commander O'Neil that demand for renovated Christmas cards has outstripped the supply this year. Councilman Stout asked Commander O'Neil to request American Legionnaires to gather up their old Christmas cards, slip them into an envelope and send them to The Andrew Davison Braeside Xmas Card Industry, Morpeth, Northumberland, England, to help out a good cause.

Joe Adams, widely known hotel executive, has been elected president of The American Legion 1948 Convention Corporation of Florida which will handle the 30th national conclave in Miami, Oct. 18 to 21, inclusive.

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### Nearly Half of GI Loans Are For Farm Operation

Nearly half of the veterans who obtain GI farm loans are engaging in specialized farming operations, according to a survey of guaranteed loan transactions made by the Veterans Administration.

A study of farm loans closed over a four-month period—May through August of 1947—shows 20 per cent of these veteran-farmers engaged primarily in producing grain, cotton, fruits or vegetables; 19 per cent in dairy products; 7 per cent in livestock and 2 per cent in poultry. The remaining 52 per cent were operating general farms with widely diversified products.

Nearly 40,000 veterans of World War II had received VA-guaranteed farm loans by the end of 1947, and new applications for such loans during recent months have averaged about 1,400 monthly.

Total value of farm loans approved approaches \$154,000,000, on which VA's liability because

of guaranty or insurance is nearly \$71,000,000.

The GI Bill authorizes VA to guarantee 50 per cent of the amount of the loan, up to a maximum guarantee of \$2,000 on non-real estate loans and \$4,000 on realty loans.

The survey further showed that 45 per cent of the farm loans were for purchase of land and buildings; 31 per cent for livestock and equipment; 5 per cent for working capital, and the remaining 19 per cent for alterations and improvements, crop production and other farm purposes.

Farm realty loans closed during the survey period averaged \$5,500 each, while non-real estate loans averaged about \$2,000, for an overall average of \$3,700.

Nearly three-fourths of the total amount borrowed by these veterans was loaned by commercial banks. Insurance companies accounted for 15 per cent; mutual savings banks, 4 per cent; savings and loan associations, 4 per cent, with the small balance financed by miscellaneous lenders and individuals.

The average realty loan was made repayable over a 15-year period, while the span for non-realty loans averaged 3 years. Under the law, farm realty loans may be amortized over periods up to 40 years and non-realty loans, to 10 years.

Unlike most GI home and business loans, about half of the farm loans made during the period are repayable on an annual installment basis. Nearly one-third carry monthly payments, while the rest are repayable quarterly, semi-annually, or on a term basis.

VA thus far has paid out only \$167,464 in connection with 168 claims of lenders against Government guarantees on farm loans, and this amount is subject to reduction as security for the loans is liquidated.

More than 3,000 farm loans, totaling \$6,500,000, have been repaid in full by veteran borrowers.

Veterans Administration predicts that in the year 2000, more than 3,400,000 World War II veterans will be alive. Their average age will be nearly 78.



### ARMY TIMES VET - LETTER

As of today, if Rep. Leo Allen (R., Ill.), chairman of House Rules Committee which under normal procedure must give "go" signal on such legislation, has his way the Towe bill, H. R. 4278, authorizing universal military training, never will be given a "rule" never will reach the House floor for a vote.

If Rep. Walter G. (Ham) Andrews (R., N. Y.), chairman of House Armed Services Committee, which has approved Towe bill, carries out his threats, and is supported by a majority of the House, he can force a vote, without resorting to the time-consuming and usually unsuccessful use of a "discharge petition" and probably pass UMT.

Right here, it's almost an even money bet, but Vet-Letter still is inclined to string along with year's end prediction of no UMT for 1948, with reservations.

The one thing that would force Rules Committee to give UMT a rule, and thus pave the way for almost certain passage, would be for Secretary of State Marshall to appear before Committee, in executive session, and scare members into action by off-the-record disclosure, painting the state of present world unrest as more serious, much more, than most members of Congress presently believe.

But, such an appearance might have serious repercussions, is unlikely, unless conditions are more serious than most people believe.

Allen, justifying opposition, receives grass roots mail 75 to 10 against UMT, is personally concerned over cost, would prefer to see money used to buy war planes.

Andrews, on the record, is hell-bent for a vote on UMT, has thrown big scare into opponents, by threatening to use parliamentary procedure available on "calendar" Wednesdays when any Committee, such as Armed Services, can summon up and compel a vote on any public bill, which has been reported favorably and which has been denied a rule by Rules Committee.

Andrews' Armed Services Committee occupies Spot No. 3 on Wednesday calendar and is in excellent position to carry out threat, if Andrews is 100% sincere.

Meanwhile, however, Allen does not intend to budge from his position of refusing a rule to UMT has had approximately 100 members of Congress, in off-the-record requests, urge him to keep UMT from reaching a floor vote.

Present alignment of Rules Committee, probably but not definitely, is 6 to 6 on UMT, with coming strategy of proponents calling for Rep. James W. Wadsworth (R., N. Y.) a member of the Committee to "light a fire" under Allen and attempt to get a rule.

But, if going gets tough, if proponents continue to gang up on Allen, he may use threats of his own, to get them out of his hair, reminding them that they are dependent upon his Committee for action on less important pet bills of their own for non-action on bills to which they object.

Both Allen and Andrews can threaten more than either probably would do, in dog-eat-dog (but personally friendly) parliamentary squabble, one to kill UMT, one to save it.

Outcome may depend on whe-

ther Republican high command, within and without Congress, really is opposed to UMT, and decides to put brakes on Andrews' crowd.

Meanwhile, as usual in Congress, in matters of this kind, anything can happen, almost overnight.

### Ted Malone Here to Tell Oversea Experience

Ted Malone, who comes to Tulsa March 30, for an evening lecture under the auspices of the Tulsa Town Club, has endeared himself to mothers and fathers of GI's and to the GI's themselves ever since his overseas broadcasts from the European theater of war.

Before the war he recited poetry to a very large radio audience, and don't let him hear you saying that's sissy. In 1944 he was sent overseas as a war correspondent. After the invasion of Normandy he traveled all over the European theater, accompanying combat missions over enemy territory—sending home the real down-to-earth news and stories of interest from the men he met.

He'll tell about his experiences and in his lecture give much the same kind of "visit" he now makes over the air each morning.

Tulsa Town Club, one of the city's oldest civic clubs, will sponsor Ted Malone's lecture. They expect that his popularity will pack Convention Hall.

Tickets for groups are still available. Get them from Commercial Printing Company, Mrs. Bob Hudson, 417 East 3rd; The Philtower Flower Shop, 5th and Boston; The Lee Carter Studio, 1336 S. Boston.

Funds will be used to pay for scholarships for girls at the University of Tulsa.

A special invitation to Legion members and Auxiliary members to hear Ted Malone on the night

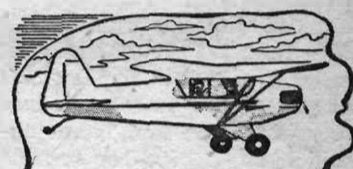
of March 30th, is issued by Lucile Johnson, Town Club president.

Of the 18,624,000 veterans of all wars on January 1, about 14,745,000 served in World War II. The remainder were in World War I, the Spanish-American War, Civil War and Indian War.

Veterans Administration supplied disabled veterans with nearly 300,000 prosthetic appliances (excluding batteries for hearing aids) during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947. The total includes 157,500 stump socks for amputees, 32,000 pairs of eye glasses for veterans with exceptionally poor vision, 17,000 pairs of arch supports, 16,000 braces, 9,400 hearing devices and 8,000 artificial legs.

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composed of the veterans of the recent conflict.

Today The American Legion has more than 16,700 posts. This means there is scarcely a whistle stop in our nation that hasn't its own American Legion post. A majority of these posts now have its own clubhouses which are as here in Tulsa, centers for community and patriotic undertakings. It is through the community service program that the Legion has become best known to Americans.

Thousands of cities, towns and villages are better places in which to live today because of public improvements sponsored by The American Legion posts. Drinking fountains, swimming pools, public libraries, "iron lungs," health clinics, SPASTIC PARALYSIS CLINICS, playgrounds and parks, ambulances, are but a few of the contributions of American Legion posts to the welfare of their communities.

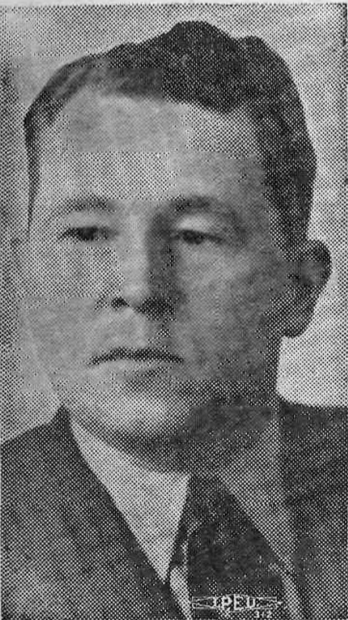
More than \$150,000,000 in dues have been paid into the Legion's treasury by the members since 1919. This is the foundation upon which the Legion has become strong in its finances. Today the total assets of the national organization of the 58 departments and of all the posts is estimated as high as \$200,000,000. This represents real estate and clubhouses, national, department and post treasuries, investment funds, reserve funds, trust funds and building funds.

In the legislative field alone it has piled up a record of beneficial legislation for World War I and II veterans that is amazing. Since 1943 alone, our organization has successfully sponsored 188 laws in Congress affecting World War II veterans alone. The financial benefits derived by World War II veterans from these 188 laws now total \$30,066,426,139. Foremost in this legislation is the GI Bill of Rights, conceived, drafted and successfully pushed through Congress by The American Legion. Our present great task is UMT.

This article describes but a very small portion of the boundless service and benefits derived

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by our great organization. These attributes should make everyone of us swell with pride when we say that we are a member of The American Legion . . . The World's Greatest Organization. If you feel this pride, and of course you do, then you will certainly want to join the other members of Carson-Wilson post in their celebration of the Legion's 30th birthday Tuesday, March 16th.

At this great meeting, leaders of our Government, Business and Industry will express their appreciation and congratulate the Legion for its 30 years of patriotic spirit and unselfish service to the veteran, his widow and his children. They will express their opinion of the Legion's service to the community, to the nation and greatest of all, to God.

A few of these speakers tentatively scheduled to speak are: C. L. Pontius, W. G. Skelly, Harvey Heller, H. V. Dowell, Mayor Lee Price and our Department Commander, Brad Risinger.

There will be a fine dinner served by the laides of the Legion, and top notch entertainment to be selected by Joe Herman. Dinner is to be served promptly at 6:30 p.m. Due to the large demand for tickets and limited seating at the Hut, members are requested to get reservations from Eddie Shields as soon as possible.

Get these reservations early, for if you wait too late, you'll be sorry. If you're proud of your organization . . . show it . . . attend the 30th Birthday Celebration. Chairman Ed Brewer promises you'll be more proud of YOUR organization after you attend.

### VETERANS RE-EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS

The Selective Training and Service Act provided for the establishment of a Personnel Division in the Selective Service System to render aid to veterans on problems related to re-employment in their former positions. While most of the provisions of the Act expired on March 31, 1947, the re-employment provisions did not expire and Congress by Public Law 26 (80th Congress) provided for continuation of the functions performed by the Personnel Division by transferring the responsibilities to the

Secretary of Labor. The Veterans' Re-employment Rights Division of the Department of Labor is now responsible for helping veterans and members of the Merchant Marine exercise those re-employment rights to which they are legally entitled. The Division can also furnish information and assistance to employers on problems related to their responsibilities under the law.

The law now applies to all persons who re-enlist within 90 days after discharge from the military service and to those who now enlist or re-enlist in the armed forces, leaving a position other than temporary for this purpose. Re-employment rights will continue in effect under the provisions of Section 7 of the Service Extension Act of 1941, as amended. The authority conferred upon the President under Section 2 of that Act will terminate after a joint resolution of Congress which has not yet been enacted.

Reservists called to active duty within the meaning of the Army Reserve & Retired Personnel Law of 1940, as amended, are entitled to re-employment rights under Section 3 of that law provided they otherwise qualify.

The Courts have held that a veteran must institute an action to enforce his rights within a reasonable time after a cause of action arises and may not delay taking steps for an undue period of time and thereby increase the amount of damages. The veteran is not, however, responsible for delay (due to circumstances beyond his control) after the case has been placed in the hands of the Veterans' Re-employment Rights Division or the U. S. Attorneys. All that is required is that he be diligent in exercising his rights and to avoid unnecessary delay. When the veteran seeks only money damages without reinstatement the State Statutes of Limitations would usually determine the duration of the veterans' right to recovery for compensatory damages. As a result of these time limits within which a veteran's claim remains alive, some employers may have contingent liabilities of which they are not aware.

It may in some instances be desirable for employers to review the status of all reinstated veterans to determine if the basic re-

quirements of the law have been fulfilled.

A veteran has re-employment rights:

- If the position was in the employ of a private employer, the U. S. Government, its territories or possessions, or the District of Columbia;
- If the position was other than a temporary position;
- If he left such a position in order to enter upon active duty in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard, including the women's components thereof; or the Merchant Marine or related maritime services; or if within 30 days after having satisfactorily completed service in the armed forces, he entered the Merchant Marine, or if having served in the Merchant Marine he terminated such services in order to enter the armed services and in fact did within 30 days thereafter enter the armed forces and subsequently did receive a partial certificate of substantially continuous service in the Merchant Marine or related service;
- If he satisfactorily completes his period of service in the armed forces and received a certificate to that effect, or if he satisfactorily completed a period of substantially continuous service in the Merchant Marine or related services and received a certificate to that effect;
- If he is still qualified to perform the duties of the position;
- If he makes application for re-employment within 90

days after he is discharged from the armed forces or released from the Merchant Marine or related services, or within 90 days after hospitalization continuing after release or discharge, as the case may be, for a period of not more than one year;

- If such position was in the employ of a private employer, the employer's circumstances have not so changed as to make it impossible or unreasonable to reinstate the veteran to such position or to a position of like seniority, status, and pay.
- If the conditions described above apply, any of the following have legal rights to jobs:
- All persons inducted for military training and service under the provisions of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended.
  - Members of any reserve component of the land or naval forces who were on active duty on August 27, 1940, or who were called to active duty after that date.
  - All persons who, subsequent to May 1, 1940, have entered upon active military or naval service in the land or naval forces of the United States, including the women's components thereof.
  - Reserve officers of the United State Public Health Service called to active duty after November 1, 1943.
  - Persons who entered the Merchant Marine between May 1, 1940 and July 25, 1947.

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### LEGION MAILING FIRST MILLION OF FREEDOM BOOKLETS APRIL 1ST

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — The American Legion will start mailing the first of its freedom booklets in its 12-month "Dividends from Democracy" series to more than 1,000,000 homes on April 1.

This was announced here by National Commander James F. O'Neil when subscription orders for this direct mailing program of positive Americanism reached 500,000. He said that orders were coming in so fast that distribution of the first million lot will be possible in six weeks.

Commander O'Neil explained that through this series of monthly "Dividends from Democracy" freedom booklets The American Legion is seeking to bolster faith in American ideals and institutions against the inroads of communism by dramatically illustrating the superiority of the American way of life in every respect of daily living.

"This is truly a 'Dividends from Democracy' Americanism campaign," Commander O'Neil said. "We are going to arm the people of America with factual information through this series of freedom booklets with which they can forcibly and vigorously rebut imported alien thinking that any other system of government can provide greater opportunities and benefits for the people.

"We are going to give them the actual margins of the superiority of the American way of life in terms of individual rights, free-

doms, automobiles, radios, electric refrigerators, bath tubs, vacuum cleaners, life insurance and other ordinary American necessities which are luxuries abroad."

Commander O'Neil explained that this program of revitalizing faith in Americanism was a "non-profit campaign by a non-profit organization."

The success of this direct mailing program depends on the mass distribution of millions of freedom booklets every month. Commander O'Neil pointed out. An eventual distribution of 10,000,000 booklets a month is being sought.

"Obviously the huge cost of such a program is beyond the potential of The American Legion's own financial resources," he said. "We are, therefore, offering these booklets to organizations on a scale never before attempted through a low cost subscription plan. Under this plan, the entire set of the 12 monthly freedom books of the 'Dividends from Democracy' series will cost the subscriber \$1.35. This includes the cost of printing, packaging and mailing the entire set of booklets over a 12-month period."

The American Legion's "Dividends from Democracy" freedom booklets have been wholeheartedly endorsed by leaders of all walks of American life, Commander O'Neil said.

Heading these endorsements is that of President Truman. Others include Secretary of National Defense James Forrestal, Attorney General Tom Clark, Secretary of War Kenneth C. Royal, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, General Dwight Eisenhower, Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman; Archbishop of New York; Rabbi William Franklin Rosenbloom, president of the Synagogue Council of America; Dr. Daniel Poling, editor of The Christian Herald; AFL President William Green, CIO President Philip Murray, Teamsters Union Vice-President Dave Beck, Eric Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, Inc.; Earl Bunting, president of the National Association of Manufacturers; Earl O. Shreve, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, and many others.

### UMT Collecting Dust

WASHINGTON, D. C. (ALNS) —In a move unprecedented in history the four major veterans organizations of the U. S. have joined forces in a united demand for immediate action on the Universal Military Training Bill now collecting dust in Congress.

Meeting in the Nation's Capital, national legislative representatives of The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans and the AMVETS, in a combined voice, charged Representative Leo E. Allen (R., Ill.) chairman of the House Rules Committee, with a "Czarist complex" by denying the House of Representatives the right to vote on H. R. 4278 (The UMT Bill).

The following statement was issued jointly by the four veterans groups:

"Following the mandates of our respective national conventions for the immediate enactment of Universal Military Training and recognizing the critical state of world affairs today, we the representatives of the four major veterans' organizations of the United States find it incumbent that we unite to demand the immediate release of H. R. 4278 by the House Rules Committee for the consideration and vote of the entire House. We are wholeheartedly united for the enactment of this legislation by this Congress.

"This legislation has been on the House calendar for more than six months after having been favorably reported by the House Armed Services Committee which is charged with the responsibility of study and deliberation of all such proposed legislation affecting our national security.

"Under our form of government, which we fought to preserve, no individual sitting as a chairman of a committee of the House of Representatives has any right to deny to the members of the House the demands of the people—their constituents—in their Congressional districts—consideration and vote on any legislative measure. Rep. Leo E. Allen, chairman of the House Rules Committee, is attempting to appropriate this right.

"Congress has questioned the authority of others it has thought possessing too much power. Since Chairman Allen has demonstrated a czarist complex on this issue, his behavior is certainly subject to review in this particular light.

"We, out of our own practical experience in what national security means and requires for preservation and protection against any eventuality in this divided and trouble-torn world, demand that such autocratic control over the democratic processes of government by one man—an announced opponent of this legislation—now be put to an end. No democratic government can long exist under such forced undemocratic dictatorship.

"It is the expressed desire of the veterans of this nation that the will of the people be given an expression on UMT. We know that a preponderant majority of the country's voters want to see this issue brought to a vote now."

Participating in the discussion from which the statement was drawn up were: For The American Legion—Robert W. Colflesh of Des Moines, Iowa; Raymond B. Littlefield of Providence, R.I.; Lynn G. Peterson of Los Angeles, Calif., and John Thomas Taylor of Washington, D. C.; for Veterans of Foreign Wars—Edward Inman of Washington, D. C.; Edward L.

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Send in your membership dues now!

### Re-Employment—

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Any veteran entitled to re-employment rights and benefits shall not be discharged within one year without cause from the position to which he is restored. Upon restoration the veteran is entitled to any general increase in seniority, status or pay which accrued to his position during his military service, and is entitled to participate in insurance or other benefits applicable to employees on leave of absence at the time of his entry into service. These statutes further provide that he shall suffer no loss in seniority, shall receive seniority credit for the period of his military service and shall not be discharged from his position without cause for one year.

The ordinary procedure for handling veterans re-employment rights is for amicable settlement on the local community level by intercession of the local veterans re-employment rights committeemen with the employer involved. Veterans or employers with questions concerning re-employment rights should contact either the local State Employment Service office or the local Re-employment Rights Committee (whose name and address can usually be secured through the local employment office). Most cases are settled in this manner and at this level. More complicated cases are referred to a field representative of the Veterans' Re-employment Rights Division by the local committeemen. Here again, an attempt is made to settle the case out of court by means of negotiations and conferences.

If amicable settlement is impossible the case is then referred to the United States Attorney, who, if reasonably satisfied that the veteran so applying has been de-

nied such benefits, appears and acts as attorney before a United States District Court to legally enforce the veteran's rights. No fees or court costs are assessed the veteran in accordance with the law. A veteran may, at any point in the above procedure, take his case to the United States District Attorney, or to a private attorney at his own expense. Field representatives of the veterans' Re-employment Rights Division strive not only to settle these cases amicable and out of court, but also make a sincere attempt to handle all cases in a manner which will maintain and improve good employer-employee relations.

Many former employees who entered military service have failed to apply for reinstatement and are being carried on seniority rosters against the eventuality that they may return to claim their re-employment rights. This may in some instances retard the advancement of veterans or other employees on the seniority roster and effect their right to pay increases and promotions. It is evident that the rights for re-employment of many of these holdover cases may have expired. Failure to apply for reinstatement within 90 days after unconditional discharge from military service or from hospitalization continuing after discharge for a period of more than one year is a voluntary waiver of re-employment, except when the veteran re-enlists within the 90 days.

If it can be determined that the veteran has been released from the military service for more than 90 days and has not applied for reinstatement or has not re-enlisted during the period, he can be removed from the roster. Letters of inquiry addressed to the last known address may be useful. Where verification is impossible in this way, a request should be addressed to the Veterans' Re-employment Rights Division, Wm. E. Morris, Field Representative, 313-14 Council Building, Third and Broadway, Oklahoma City 2, Oklahoma, to make inquiry concerning the date of discharge.

This division will try to get the date of discharge, if available, through the Office of Selective Service Records or through the Demobilized Records Branch, World War II and the Navy Department Personnel Bureau.

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Q.—I have been granted admission to a Veterans Administration domiciliary home and now would like to know if it is possible for me to take my wife with me to stay at the Home?

A.—No. The law does not permit the wives of servicemen to be admitted to any domiciliary home of the Veterans Administration.

Q.—How do I calculate the period of eligibility time consumed while I am taking a correspondence course under the GI Bill?

A.—One-fourth of the elapsed time in following your correspondent course will be charged against your period of entitlement.

Q.—If I am hospitalized in a Veterans Administration hospital, must the benefits from my hospitalization insurance policy be assigned to VA?

A.—If treatment is rendered for a nonservice-connected disability, the amount of the policy that provides for hospital expenses must be assigned to Veterans Administration. If the policy

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**Ex-Legion Chief Heads Probe of VA Insurance**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The ailing insurance department of the Veterans Administration, long the target of American Legion and congressional criticism, is about to be treated by a specialist.

Carl R. Gray, Jr., administrator of veterans' affairs, has announced that former President Herbert Hoover has agreed to have his blue ribbon commission on the reorganization of the execu-

tive branch of the government "look into" the much belabored VA insurance setup.

The "looking into" will be done by a sub-committee headed by one of the greatest figures in the commercial insurance field in the United States. He is Franklin D'Olier of Newark, N. J., chairman of the board of directors of the Prudential Insurance Company.

D'Olier is one of the founders of The American Legion. He served as its first national commander in 1919-20.

**Gray Wants Action**

In announcing that the D'Olier sub-committee would investigate the VA insurance tangle, Administrator Gray said:

"Since my appointment as administrator, I have received numerous complaints about the insurance service the veterans are getting. I am determined that the veteran shall have the best possible service."

Gray added that the D'Olier sub-committee would go into both the organization and operation of the VA insurance program. He said the report would be made as quickly as possible in order to expedite any necessary changes.

**D'Olier Well Qualified**

D'Olier is exceptionally well qualified for directing this investigation. Elected as national commander of The American Legion at its first national convention in Minneapolis, Minn., November 12, 1919, he initiated the fight for the creation of a separate agency of government for the handling of veterans' affairs. The American Legion won this fight after several years of hard work when the old Veterans Bureau was created. It was the predecessor of the present Veterans Administration. Prior to this, President Harding, in 1921, appointed a committee of prominent citizens to review the entire situation and recommend a course of action. D'Olier served on the committee along with Frederic Galbraith, Jr., then national commander, Charles G. Dawes, Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., Thomas W. Miller, Harry S. Berry and Milton J. Foreman, other American Legion founders. That committee proposed the creation of the old Veterans' Bureau.

Brig. Gen. John M. Devine, commander of the experimental Universal Military Training Unit at Fort Knox, has been transferred to Fort Monroe, Va.

More than 50 types of sports—some adapted to the physical limitations of the ill and disabled—are available to patients in Veterans Administration hospitals who obtain permission from their physicians to participate.

On January 1, 1948, there were 6,055 veterans of World War II studying in 422 schools and colleges in 44 foreign countries under the provisions of The American Legion-sponsored GI Bill of Rights.

American Legion 1948 national membership had soared to 1,703,220 by Jan. 22 or 44 per cent of the year's objective.

Twenty-three of the 58 departments of The American Legion already have exceeded in their 1948 memberships their records of a year ago.

The number of veterans in educational institutions and on-the-job training establishments under the GI Bill and Public Law 16 reached a record high of 2,801,687 on Jan. 1, 1948, Veterans Administration announced.

Nearly 228,000 veterans were enrolled in on-the-farm training under the GI Bill and Public Law 16 on Jan. 1, 1948, Veterans Administration said. Of the total, over 203,000 were training under the GI Bill and 24,400 under Public Law 16 (for the disabled).

One in every three World War II veterans has taken some form of education or training under the GI Bill or Public Law 16 since both laws went into effect, Veterans Administration said. Nearly three-quarters of a mil-

lion educational institutions and on-the-job training establishments have been approved by state approving agencies and Veterans Administration to offer training to veterans under the GI Bill and Public Law 16. Nearly 700,000 of the total are job training establishments; the remaining 40,000 are educational institutions.

Nearly 1,200,000 veterans utilized Veterans Administration advisement and guidance services in selecting education and training courses under the GI Bill and Public Law 16. The service is on a voluntary basis for GI Bill students, and compulsory for disabled Public Law 16 trainees.

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## Week's Legion News In A Nut Shell

National Commander James F. O'Neil will meet with key Legionnaires of Florida and the nation in Miami, Fla., March 13 to 15, to discuss detailed plans for the 30th national convention of The American Legion there next October 18 to 21.

The American Legion may make a post-convention tour of Cuba following the adjournment of the 1948 national convention in the Greater Miami Area.

The needs of 13,253,501 youngsters under 18 years of age in the deep South will be discussed at the Area C child welfare conference in Memphis, Tenn., March 5 and 6 by leaders of The American Legion and its affiliated groups.

Frank A. White, for 20 years editor of The Hoosier Legionnaire

and recently director of public relations for the Indiana American Legion, has resigned both positions because of ill health.

West Virginia has nosed out Virginia in a close 1948 American Legion department membership contest which ended February 5, by enrolling for 1948 exactly 64.73 per cent of its entire 1947 membership at deadline time against Virginia's 62.87 per cent.

The Casimir Pulaski Post 78 of the American Legion at East Chicago, Ind., has completed plans for building a \$150,000 new clubhouse.

The Tighland Park Post 374 of The American Legion in Des

Moines, Iowa, has laid the cornerstone for its new \$60,000 home.

Max A. Curtiss, World War II commander of the Carl Vogel-Donald Lee Post 47 of The American Legion at Lake Worth, Fla., has been named by the Junior Chamber of Commerce there as the community's outstanding young man of 1947.

The Norris-Spencer Post 268 at New London, Wis., lays claims to having the shortest member of The American Legion in Carl W. Schoenrock who is 4 feet, 11½ inches tall.

Suggested slogans for the 30th national convention of The American Legion in Miami, Fla., next

## AMERICA'S LEADING RODEO PRODUCER TO DIRECT EXPOSITION 'BIG SHOW'

By FOG HORN CLANCY

Verne Elliott, managing director and producer of the Tulsa Livestock Exposition Rodeo, arrived in Tulsa today to make final preparations for Oklahoma's biggest indoor Rodeo which will include 14 performances scheduled from March 12 to 21 at the spacious fairgrounds coliseum, Herman Engel, general manager, announced today.

To know that the rodeo which is to be the big thrilling entertaining feature of the Tulsa Livestock Exposition, March 12-21, will be the biggest and most thrilling rodeo ever staged here, one has only to glance at the past performances, records and productions of Verne Elliott, who will be the big boss of the greatest hoss opera ever seen in these parts.

Now 57 years of age, Mr. Elliott has more experience and knowledge of rodeos crammed under his broad-brimmed Stetson than most any other cowgentleman in America. He was born on his Dad's ranch near Plattsville, Colo. It's the same ranch Verne now owns. He keeps his rodeo livestock here in the winter and at his Cheyenne, Wyo., ranch in the summer. His rodeo stock numbers more than 600 head of carefully selected and high priced stock among which are many of the greatest bucking horses and bucking Brahma bulls in the world.

Verne Elliott, who has produced more rodeos than any other living persons, began riding horses at such a young age that he can't remember when he first climbed into a saddle.

When he was 17, he was a top ranch hand and entered in bronc riding and steer roping contests at many western rodeos, but even in those days when he was just an ordinary rodeo contestant he made a study of the sport. He looked at it from a showman's standpoint and figured what the producers of those rodeos should do to attract greater appeal from the audiences.

In 1919 Mr. Elliott formed a partnership with his close friend, the late Eddie McCarty. That year Verne was a rodeo judge at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth, Texas.

From the start it was "big time" for the Elliott-McCarty rodeo. Even the committee of the famed Frontier Days of Cheyenne, immediately recognized the showmanship that went with the McCarty-Elliott combination and engaged them to direct and produce the great Wyoming show. In 1924, when Tex Austin, then

the leading American promoter of rodeos, made arrangements to take a great shipload of American cowboys and cowgirls to Wembley Stadium in London for a rodeo that had the greatest attendance and gate receipts of any rodeo ever held in the world up to that time, he took the McCarty-Elliott rodeo with Verne Elliott as manager of the big affair.

Elliott has produced the Fat Stock Show Rodeo at Fort Worth for 27 years and the Madison Square Garden Rodeo in New York for eight years. He produced the rodeo in Los Angeles three years, and he produced the World's Championship Rodeo in Chicago five years. His contracts for rodeo productions this year include the National Western Fat Stock Show Rodeo which was staged in Denver last month, the Fat Stock Show Rodeo at Fort Worth, which was a record-breaker, the El Paso, Tex., Fat Stock Show Rodeo, the rodeo in connection with the Livestock Exposition here, and the Cheyenne Frontier Days and the Pendleton, Ore., Roundup.

One of the greatest judges of bucking horses ever to cast an appraising eye over a bucking broncho, Mr. Elliott has gathered a great string of the greatest bucking horses that can be found on the open ranges of the West. His buckers have made more champion bronc riders bite the dust, or hot the tanmark, than the buckers of any other rodeo producer.

Verne Elliott discovered the greatest bucking horse of all time, "Midnight," a coal black bucking demon that for six years was a terror to all bronc riders—a bucker that wen through many contests and for years tossed the champions to the tanbark just the same as the novices. Midnight was known as the unridable steed until old age caught up with him and then Elliott retired him to the green pastures of his ranch until the great horse died in 1938. The horse was so well known and so much admired by cowboys who were never able to sit out his sunfishing that they banded together and made up a fund for a monument over the grave of the great horse, and then, with cowboy simplicity they had carved upon the marble monument the following verse:  
"Underneath this sod lies a great bucking hoss.  
There never lived a cowboy that he couldn't toss,  
His name was Midnight, his coat black as coal,  
If there's a hoss heaven please God, rest his soul."



October, are continuing to deluge National Convention Director Ed McGrail with the latest entry coming from Berlin, Germany.

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