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Legion Kitchen Detail

The Legion Kitchen Detail, under the administration of ex-commander Harry Halley, starting October 11, 1947, to date has shown a profit of 61 cents, figures released today indicate.

Expenses for the detail ran pretty high, so any showing of a profit by the group should be commended.

An itemized listing of expenses for the groups follows:

October 25 — \$3.04 for lamp shades for auxiliary rooms.

October 25—\$5 for dish washing.

October 31 — \$2.65 for picture frames to go in auxiliary room. \$1.25 for lock for cupboard in Legion hall.

November 29—\$37.09 for light in front entrance. \$26.85 for 3 chairs for auxiliary room.

December 12—\$2.35 for castors and bowls for kitchen.

December 13—\$10.05 for three dozen forks for kitchen.

January 12—\$3.01 for save-a-sink for kitchen.

The Kitchen Detail has turned over the sum of \$75 to the Legion, and has some cash on hand.

Post members all join in commending the fine work of the group.

Those working now on the kitchen detail, or who have worked on it in the past are:

Cle Spain, Ada Koenig, Alberta Burnham, Blanche Emerson, Louise Johnson, Irene Davis, Adelaide Henneger, Wanda Spain, Grace Weinecke, Emma Dugger, Foster Storm, Freddie England, Mrs. Howerbrink, Gene Sullivan, Helen Balay and Ann Benke.

If we have missed anyone on this list, we offer our apologies.

New Uniforms For Our Women

After eight months of puzzling and polling, the American Legion 7-man national emblem committee this week was attempting to come to a final decision on a new uniform for female Legionnaires.

When announcement was first made that a new uniform would be designed, the committee was swamped with suggestions—not only swamped but completely baffled, with six-gore skirts and box pleats, et cetera whirling thru the mails to plague them.

Finally last January, the male committee decided to take a poll of more than 200 all-women posts.

The replies will be sifted this week, and the votes tallied. The male members no doubt will retire from the women's fashion world when this thing is settled.

Staff Sgt. Bert K. Tevis, formerly of 3132 East Fourth Place, is serving as a personnel equipment technician of the Second Rescue Squadron at Kadena air force base, Okinawa. Entering service in October, 1941, Tevis served 26 months in North Africa and Italy during the war.

Appreciation Dinner Was a Success

The Post's Annual Appreciation Dinner, held last Tuesday night, was an unqualified success, with about 99 guests from the Muskogee veterans hospital, the regional VA office at Muskogee, and the state veterans hospital at Sulphur, in attendance. About 100 Legionnaires were present.

Speeches were made by Dr. D. H. Miller, manager of the Muskogee veterans hospital, by P. T. Lunquist, manager of the Muskogee regional office, and there was an address of welcome by Commander Clinton J. Bohannon.

The food, prepared by the Women's Auxiliary, was tops.

The dinner is an annual gesture of the post, in appreciation for the splendid services of the hospital staff to Tulsa's disabled veterans.

General To Speak

Brigadier General J. R. Sheets, commanding general of the Universal Military Training Unit at Fort Knox, Kentucky, will be guest speaker at the chamber of commerce public affairs forum luncheon May 6th, it was announced.

With the increasing amount of stress placed on the importance of preparedness, Gen. Sheets' address on his views concerning the UMT problem will be of special interest to Legionnaires, who are asked to attend the forum luncheon if at all possible.

The day's program is sponsored by the chamber of commerce military affairs committee, headed by chairman Russell Hunt.

Charles G. Anderson, seaman, 1/c, USN, son of Mrs. O. C. Anderson, 1131 South Quebec, is undergoing training in underwater repair and salvage work at the second class diving school at Pearl Harbor. The course gives students practical experience thru training dives, to familiarize them with all duties they will be required to fulfill as a second class diver.

The six-weeks course trains the students to use pneumatic tools, underwater welding, burning and all safety precautions involved in diving and underwater repair.

Anderson, who attended Will Rogers high school prior to entering the navy, was formerly stationed at the naval air transport command's John Rogers field, Honolulu.

About \$224,000,000 of supplies and equipment—ranging from spools of thread to X-ray machines—were received at Veterans Administration supply depots during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947, and later distributed to VA hospitals, homes and offices.

Veterans Administration estimates that 103,000,000 veterans and general records are on file in its Central office in Washington, D. C., and in offices, hospitals and homes throughout the country.

Proclamation Signed For Poppy Day

Mayor Lee Price, also a Legionnaire, signed his last proclamation before leaving office as mayor of the City of Tulsa. This proclamation sets aside Monday, May 3 as Poppy Board Sale Day in Tulsa.

Poppy chairman H. K. Nelson says that necessary clearance will be obtained through the Retail Merchants Association to present these boards to all merchants and industries. Poppy Board chairman George E. Norvell, for the Post, and Mrs. Ruth Brown, chairman for the auxiliary, are still badly in need of volunteer workers to help dispose of the boards.

Of course we can rely on a few of the old-timers to sell their annual quota, as an illustration that Popular legionnaire, C. C. Johnson, gets out on the first morning and places a hundred boards before he stops. Glen Coddington gets rid of at least 50 boards. C. O. Gettinger and many others whom we cannot name off hand, do their share. But we would like to have some of the younger members as well as the ladies of the auxiliary. The secret of success in this campaign is the more workers out, the quicker the sales. Mr. Norvell and Mrs. Brown will cooperate to the fullest extent.

Don't forget, buddies, that the funds from the sales go not only to help Legionnaires and their families but also to help all veterans who hold honorable discharges.

Once again we repeat our plea of last week—help this year, on these sales.

Each of you owe it to your sick and disabled comrades at the Muskogee veterans hospital. These patients spend all year in making these boards, depending on you to give one day's time to disposing of them.

Don't forget—you have a date with Poppy Board sales starting Monday, May 3rd.

United in our efforts to sell them, we will gain success.

Indifference on our part means failure and that your post is stuck financially for the boards.

"Forward, Legionnaires and Auxiliary Members!"

Mayor Lee Price last week issued an official proclamation, designating May 3rd as Poppy Board Sales Day, and in doing so urged cooperation of Tulsans in the annual drive.

The proclamation follows:
WHEREAS, Carson-Wilson Post No. 1 of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the City of Tulsa will conduct a city-wide advance sale of Poppy Boards on the third day of May, 1948.

WHEREAS, the Poppy Board Sale offers each merchant an opportunity to translate into action his desire to honor the dead by helping the living, by purchasing Poppy Board; and

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Junior Baseball

The important role that American Legion Junior Baseball is playing in providing the major leagues with its star players was never more clearly demonstrated than in the box score of the first regularly scheduled big league game played in 1948.

When the Boston Red Sox and the Philadelphia Athletics squared off here on Monday morning, April 19, to open the American League 1948 season, 15 of the 18 players on both teams were graduates of American Legion Junior Baseball.

The three Red Sox players who smacked out successive home runs in the second inning to tie a major league record, Stan Spence, Vern Stephens and Bobby Doerr, all starred in American Legion Junior Baseball.

The Athletics won this opening contest 5 to 4 in the 11th inning.

The lineups of the two clubs at the start of the game, with asterisks designating American Legion Junior Baseball graduates, follow:

Philadelphia: *Joost, SS; *McCoskey, LF; White, RF; *Fain, 1B; *Majeskie, 3B; *Chapman, CF; *Rosar, C; *Suder, 2B; Marchildon, P. Boston: *DiMaggio, CF; *Pesky, 3B; *Williams, LF; *Spence, 1B; *Stephens, SS; *Doerr, 2B; Mele, RF; *Tebbetts, C; *Dobson, P.

Hundreds of "kreegies" who sweated out the war as PW's will remember top turret-gunner Harry Goldstein. He's the guy who single-handedly upset Herr Goebels' propaganda machine with a wise-crack. Goldstein, a lace salesman before Uncle Sam sent him greetings, was captured by the Nazis when he bailed out of a flying fortress on his 24th mission. One day one of Goebels' propaganda boys was making a poison spiel to the PW's about the Jews in America. "You don't see them over here, fighting!" he screamed. "No! There are no Jews in uniform!" At this point Goldstein jumped up and yelled, "I demand a recount!". Another Nazi lie was laughed to death.

Pfc. Raymond W. Riker, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Riker, 3111 East Admiral Place, is serving with the First Cavalry Division, now standing occupation guard in the ten prefectures of the Tokyo-Yokohama area of strategic Central Honshu Island, Japan.

Enlisting in the regular army in September, 1946, Riker took basic training at Fort McCellan, Alabama, sailing overseas in January, 1947. He is now assigned to a military police platoon. He graduated from Will Rogers High School prior to entering the service.

Master Sgt. Daniel C. Griffin, son of Mrs. Ella Merchant, 1826 North College Ave., is serving as first sergeant of B battery, 11th Field Artillery battalion, 24th Division, on occupation duty in Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan.

Every Legionnaire Should Be Proud Of Funeral Detail

Last Wednesday, April 21st, our funeral detail under the command of Joe Herman had the honor of serving the deceased, Pfc. Jerome C. Feenberg, who was killed in Germany, January 30, 1945. The funeral was held in the Temple of Israel and served by Rabbi Morvin Fierman and Rabbi Norman Shapiro. The Temple was filled with friends of the Feenberg family. Rabbi Fierman who was a chaplain in the air force of this last war, delivered the funeral sermon and it was most inspiring. Rabbi Shapiro gave a beautiful biography of young Feenberg's life as a boy, growing up in Tulsa before he entered the service of his country and died on the field of battle for our beloved land and the principals for which it stands. The father was a member of the famous "Lost Battalion" of World War I.

Twenty-one Legionnaires in full uniform and capes served on this detail. The names appear elsewhere in this issue. Among those names are our new popular Post Commander, Clinton J. Bohannon. The firing squad performed perfectly as well as the color guard. Legionnaire Hess Crossland acted as sergeant for both color guard and the firing squad and he proved a veteran in this command.

These 21 uniformed Legionnaires made a very impressive setting in the Temple with the honor guard at the flag draped casket. Likewise at Rose Hill Cemetery the full detail stood out as a fine representation of the American Legion.

After the usual Legion service, conducted by Joe Herman, your Chaplain, and the two Rabbis, the final farewell military salute was given by the firing squad and as the echo of the last volley of the firing squad faded with the morning breeze, the beautiful notes of "Taps" came from the bugle of Legionnaire Carl Fisher who always brings tears to most of those in attendance.

Many of our members don't realize how difficult it is at times for the funeral director, Joe Herman, to get detailers to act on their funerals. No doubt he had to call 50 members or more before he got this detail of 21 men. It takes a lot of time and then there are some who on many occasions promise to show up but fail to do so.

Each member of our Post in some way should make himself available at least once a year to serve on this most important detail.

With a number of our returned dead now coming home from foreign battle fields in addition to the usual amount of the local deceased veterans' funerals, it un-

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EDITORIAL

Victory Everywhere

Three years ago this month, we finished up in Europe. VE Day was the beginning of Victory Everywhere.

Thirty-six months later, what do we have?

At home, a housing shortage that still keeps millions of vets in run-down furnished rooms or crammed in with long-suffering relatives. And a skyhigh cost of living that makes it harder and harder to make-do with our salaries—or GI allotments, if we're back in school. But worse, the war drums are rumbling and there's much talk of World War III!

Yet we're enjoying plush comfort, compared to the straits of people in other lands, where the war was fought. There, the search for food and shelter is a major headache of whole nations; while the lack of fuel, machinery and other essentials retards the rebuilding of industry. As if to symbolize the unhappy state of all Europe, a million men, women and children are huddled in displaced persons camps, still waiting, three years after victory, for a chance to resettle in new lands.

And on the world front, the Allied nations that fought so valiantly together are at loggerheads, with Soviet Russia using every means short of war to snare country after country in the net of communism.

What is the remedy for all this? The answer is plain: democracy, and more democracy—for everybody, everywhere!

That's the point of our European Recovery Program—to feed the people of Europe, help them get back on their feet, and so give them a chance to set up strong, free governments.

That's the point of our Universal Military Training plan—to show the world that we mean business when we stand up for freedom for all.

That's the point of the Displaced Persons legislation now before Congress—to show that we mean to shoulder our fair share of the world's responsibility to these war victims.

AUXILIARY NEWS

MRS. H. E. GLASER
 Publicity Chairman

Ninety-four doctors and nurses and one hundred and sixteen Legionnaires and Auxiliary members attended the annual appreciation dinner given by the Carson-Wilson Post Tuesday night, April 27th at 6:30 P. M. Mrs. Cecil Jones and her helpers, Mrs. Jane Greenfield, kitchen chairman, and her helpers and Mrs. E. B. Benton, dining room chairman, in charge of the tables and serving and her helpers, served a delicious meal most efficiently. Spring flowers donated by members from their gardens were attractively arranged on the tables and added greatly to the enjoyment of the repast. Mrs. Jones wishes to thank all who donated them as well as all who cooked and served the dinner. At its close Dr. Miller, head of the Veterans Hospital at Muskogee, a most interesting talk about his work and what is being done for the veterans at the hospital.

The Junior American Legion Auxiliary will honor the Gold Star Mothers of the American Legion Auxiliary with a Mother-Daughter banquet Thursday, May 6th at 6:30 at the American Legion Hut. Mrs. L. A. Burns, Jr., activities chairman, and the Jr. girls, headed by Barbara Mae Burns, Jr. Auxiliary president, have arranged a lovely program for the occasion in which the following girls will participate:

Evelyn Peacher, Charlene Fletcher, Shirley Samples, Frances Lee Hamilton, Wanda Henibrink, Roberta Henibrink, Gracie Shannon, Jerry Jean Rogers, Peggy Reed and Barbara Mae Burns. Barbara Mae will act as toast-mistress and Mrs. H. E. Glaser will be accompanist.

Frances Long and Clemma Sue Heslep, past Jr. Auxiliary presidents, will also be on the program. Mrs. Heslep is also a past Junior Activities chairman. (She served last year). Mrs. William F. Long assisted by Mesdames P. C. Wheeler, Ed Wienecke, Bertie Crumb, C. M. Johnston, Mrs. Neva Solomon and Mrs. Cecil Jones will have charge of the dining room.

Mrs. Gracie McCrary will have charge of the dinner. She will be assisted by Mrs. Warren Fales and Mrs. Ada Koenig.

Reservations for tickets which are 75 cents apiece, may be made by calling Mrs. W. F. Long telephone 6-8870) or Mrs. L. A. Burns (Phone 2-3980).

Cpl. Joseph H. Swink, 212 East Fairview, was one of 66 students completing a four-week course of instruction at the non-commissioned officers' leadership school at Fort Clayton, Canal Zone, recently. Upon completion of the course, Swink returned to his organization, the 278th Military Police Co., at Corozal, Canal Zone, for further orders.

That's the point of our new drive to strengthen civil rights—to make democracy even stronger at home, even while we take up the cudgels for it abroad.

VE Day can still mean Victory in Europe—and Victory Everywhere—provided we all pitch in and see these jobs through. Uncle Sam has a reputation for getting things done, because the American people know how to pull together for the common good.

Yes, the assignment's bigger and tougher than ever—but with teamwork and unity right down the line, we'll get it done. Veterans should take the lead!

Week's Legion News In a Nutshell

The American Legion has registered a strong protest against the VA decision to shift supervision of the G. I. Bill training program to the various states.

Former Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, Frank T. Hines, has been made a life member of The American Legion by Salt Lake City, Utah, Post 2, in recognition of his services to all veterans.

The Malvern J. Nabb Post 82 of The American Legion at Millville, N. J., has moved into its new \$150,000 home.

A dream weekend in Detroit, May 15 and 16, for 15 disabled veterans at the Percy Jones Hospital at Battle Creek, Michigan, including dates, a ball game, visit to a night club and dinners at famous inns has been arranged by the Cadillac Motor Car Post 551 of The American Legion.

An annual \$1,000 scholarship in memory of Colonel Frank D. Rash who represented Kentucky on the national executive committee of The American Legion for 21 years until his death in 1946 has been established by the Jefferson Unit 15 of the Auxiliary at Louisville.

Following his appointment as a municipal judge, William P. Haughton of El Monte, Cal., has resigned as a member of the national executive committee of The American Legion and has been succeeded by Ed Bolt of San Francisco.

Department Commander James A. Lane of Alabama, youngest World War II state commander, has been endorsed by this executive committee as its candidate for national vice commander of The American Legion for 1948-49.

The Rev. Mr. John W. Hollister of Fairmont, W. Va., has been endorsed by his department executive committee for national chaplain of The American Legion for 1948-49, becoming the third candidate in the field.

Earl A. Meyer, 54, who was director of the old film service of The American Legion during 1921 to 1924 is dead in St. Louis, Mo.

Commander Joe Thomas of the Frank Courteney Post 22 of The American Legion at Linton, Ind., has announced work on a \$100,000 new clubhouse will start by May 15.

Northumberland, Pa., American Legion Post 44 has shipped 15,000 used Christmas cards to the Northumberland County, England, Committee of the British Legion for aiding disabled veterans.

The Webb City, Missouri, Post 322 of The American Legion used \$300 raised through a pie supper to purchase an electric glider chair for a disabled World War I veteran.

A deed to 4½ acres of land on which to build a \$25,000 clubhouse has been presented to the newly-organized Valley Post 1468 of The American Legion at Syracuse N. Y., by a businessmen's club there.

Bogota . . . Communism at Work

Washington, D. C.—Past National Commander Lynn U. Stambaugh of The American Legion, who occupied a ringside seat at the recent riot in Bogota, has labeled that disturbance a "palpable product of international communism at work", and compelling evidence of the need for legislative noutlawing the red party in the United States.

Stambaugh, a director of the Export-Import Bank of Washington and adviser at the Pan-American Conference at Bogota, witnessed the full fury of the uprising which took 500 lives and all but destroyed the Colombian capital.

"As an illustration of the ability of a communist minority, through recourse to utterly ruthless and unscrupulous methods, to incite the overthrow of lawful authority, the Bogota affair is a lesson we cannot afford to ignore," Stambaugh said. "There isn't any doubt in my mind that communists played the leading role in engineering a comparatively minor disturbance into a nationwide epidemic of murder, rioting, and property destruction."

The 1941-42 American Legion leader was isolated with other members of the U. S. conference delegation in a downtown office building during the first twenty hours of the Bogota strife. Describing the scene as viewed from a vantage point on a seventh floor balcony, Stambaugh said:

Well Planned Plot

"Within a matter of minutes after we received word of a political assassination, the street below swarmed with people. I saw a few individuals urging the crowd toward the capitol square two blocks away. These agitators seemed to be encouraging violence.

"Pretty soon, the mob began to fire churches and public buildings and looting started in earnest. One group broke into a hardware store next door and came out brandishing machetes, shovels, ax-handles and everything else that could be used as a weapon."

Citing similar disorders which occurred almost simultaneously in

other Colombian cities, Stambaugh said the revolt was obviously stimulated and sustained by organized effort.

"It just doesn't make sense that people noted for religious faith should destroy their own churches and raze their schools and other public buildings and indulge in furious rioting without some deliberate provocation," Stambaugh asserted.

The U. S. delegates had neither sleep nor food that night, Stambaugh said, and fires several times threatened to engulf their building. He said the structure was unguarded except by three Colombian civilians who succeeded in talking rioters out of entering the property.

The group was evacuated to a hotel on the outskirts of the city the next morning in trucks escorted by Colombian soldiers. Three days later, Stambaugh was flown out of Bogota in a United Air Force plane and returned to Washington by way of the Canal Zone.

The American Legion has chartered the Dr. James M. Sullivan Post 814 at the University of San Francisco as its 41st campus post.

North Dakota has been adjudged the 1948 winner of the John G. Emery American Legion department membership trophy.

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Legion Press Association Growing

Indianapolis, Ind.—Under the direction of an Oklahoma publisher, Ray Fields of Guthrie, a closely-knit new press group has developed in the United States since 1945 which is rapidly making itself felt in the formulation of public opinion.

It is The American Legion Press Association.

The association is composed of editors of American Legion publications. The story of its growth during the past three years is a record of the amazing expansion of what is called The American Legion Press. Its nationwide stories may be identified by the by-line slug "ALNS". The initials stand for American Legion News Service.

Stimulation of the growth of The American Legion press is one of the important functions of the national public relations division of the world's largest veterans' organizations. Fields is director of this division. His policy since he took office, August 1, 1945, has been to furnish every encouragement to American Legion posts to publish their own news organs. The "ALNS" is the medium through which American Legion news and pictures are furnished free to all such publications. This is being done through regular weekly syndication.

The result has been the birth of hundreds of hard-hitting weekly and monthly publications on the post level which crusade with zeal for all current major American Legion undertakings.

THE "ALPA"

Jack R. C. Cann, editor of The National Legionnaire, is serving as secretary-treasurer of The American Legion Press Association. Cann, for many years the editor of The Detroit Legion News before joining the staff of the national public relations division, has been assigned by Director Fields to aid the ALPA in carrying on all its business affairs. This business has developed to considerable volume.

There are today almost 600 publications in The American Legion. The editors of 472 of them now are members of The American Legion Press Association. The membership has doubled in 1948. Cann's job as ALPA secretary is to advise member editors on editorial, mechanical and advertising matters. Annual dues are \$1.00.

The national organization has two large publications. They are The American Legion Magazine and The National Legionnaire whose combined circulation exceeds 7,000,000.

Thirty-six American Legion departments (state organizations) publish weekly or monthly newspapers. Typical of these are the California Legionnaire whose circulation in 1947 was 170,000; The Ohio Legion News, 153,000; and The Hoosier Legionnaire, 126,000.

There are 545 district, county and post publications. This list is growing from day to day as more and more posts become interested in publications of their own.

In the order named, all these publications report on local, state and national American Legion doings.

THE "ALNS"

To furnish all these publications with current American Legion news and the progress of national programs and activities, is the function of The American Legion News Service. This has

been vastly expanded under Fields' direction. It embraces not only a legislative news service from Washington, D. C., but also all general American Legion news from all over the nation.

Items of general interest such as advance releases on future events, official pronouncements on current public issues and human interest features are carried in the printed American Legion news clip sheet issued every week by the national public relations division.

This clip sheet has a mailing list of more than 17,000 editors. It goes to every daily and weekly newspaper in the United States, to all labor publications, to trade journals, to college newspapers, to all radio stations, to motion picture and radio magazines and to all newspaper columnists and radio commentators. It is also sent to all American Legion publications.

News releases of purely American Legion interest are furnished to all the organization's publications through a supplementary weekly mimeographed news service. This mimeograph service includes a weekly boiled down digest of all current American Legion news. This column is called "The Week's Legion News in A Nut Shell". It consists of 2 or 3 line items. It is designed largely for the smaller publications which do not have space for more comprehensive reports.

Proclamation Signed

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WHEREAS, proceeds from the Poppy Board Sale will be used exclusively for the service work of the veterans; and

WHEREAS, the sponsors of the Poppy Board Sale, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, are organizations composed of Americans who fought our country's enemies and are now carrying in the same spirit of comradeship into progressive leadership of our city;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lee Price, Mayor of the City of Tulsa, do hereby proclaim May 3rd, 1948, as Poppy Board Sales Day and urge each merchant to assist in this worthy cause.

(Signed) LEE PRICE, Mayor
Attested by City Auditor,
Maxwell Smith.

Every Legionnaire

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doubtedly works a hardship upon the same members to be called upon each time.

This Carson-Wilson Post funeral detail makes a lasting impression upon the loved ones of the deceased and the general public as well who attend the serv-

ices. The thought is, fellow Legionnaires, loan to Joe Herman every cooperation you can give in answering the call to serve on these funerals.

Joe has been our funeral director for four years and has done a job that every member of our Post should be proud of. To my knowledge, Joe has only missed being present in person on two funerals in this four years and on both occasions he was out of town. This four years represents hundreds of funerals.

Sometimes to Joe, he feels he is performing a thankless task but to all of our officers and members who have served with him, we are proud of his fine work, it couldn't be done any better.

And for the beautiful and impressive work of this detail, given in last earthly honor and tribute to a departed veteran, it makes me PROUD TO BE A LEGIONNAIRE!

C. M. JOHNSTON,
Post Chaplain.

Editor's note—There is a "T" in my name "Johnston".

You no doubt will carry list of detail in this issue who was on the Feenberg funeral. It was not in last week's issue.

THE MIRACLES

Eight years ago this week, a miracle took place in France. Things looked mighty black as the Allied Armies, trapped in a pocket and surrounded by the advancing German army, faced certain extinction or surrender at Dunkerque. Yet, while the world waited with bated breath, the miracle happened. In the fact of heavy blasting from German bombers and ceaseless pounding by Nazi big guns, 400,000 French, British and Belgian troops escaped to safety through the harbor of Dunkerque. It was an event almost unparalleled in history for courage and daring.

Just recently, another miracle took place—this time right here in the USA. It started when the town of Dunkirk, N. Y., which is situated on the banks of Lake Erie, adopted as its sister city the very same war-racked town of Dunkerque, France, from which the Allied troops staged their historic evacuation on May 29, 1940.

The people on Lake Erie had heard the tragic story of that fishing community on the North Sea. As a result of repeated bombings, Dunkerque's churches and city hall, its crowded buildings and quays were reduced to rubble. During the occupation that followed, it citizens died before German firing squads. When the war ended, only 640 of its 60,000 people came back. These

were starved and threadbare.

The inhabitants of Dunkirk, N. Y., all 20,000 of them, are hard-working people, for the most part fishermen, steelworkers and silk mill hands. They tried to imagine what it would be like to have their own homes in shambles, their families hungry and cold. Next thing they knew, steelworkers were rounding up hundreds of garden tools and farmers were bringing in pigs and goats to ship overseas. The Elks donated one bull and Farmer Lynn Hawkins contributed another. The Dunkirk Red Cross rolled miles of bandages and made other surgical dressings. The Hebrew Ladies and the ACE, another women's group, bought piles of new, warm wool blankets. The city's 21 churches, representing 17 denominations, purchased \$1,500 worth of powdered milk and powdered chocolate milk.

The town's stores gave generously of their wares. Dunkirk housewives gave bedding and surplus clothing and shoes. Youngsters in the schools gave pencils and copy books. The teenagers in the high school YMCA saved up \$150 and bought a microscope. Doctors contributed medical supplies and precious machines and instruments. The canneries sent in truckloads of canned fruits, meats and jellies. By Thanksgiving Day, 1946, they had piled up gifts to the tune of \$100,000. They are still carrying on. And in the course of the miracle, the people of Dunkirk made a discovery. They discovered that by helping others, they had done a great deal for themselves. They

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