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Enlisted Reservists Offered Active Duty

Enlisted U. S. Army reservists in every county of Oklahoma have been offered an opportunity to go on extended active duty at various army installations for periods ranging from 9 to 12 months, notification of such openings coming from the office of the Senior Instructor, organized reservists, Bldg. T-460, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma City.

The reservist can go back on duty, if qualified for the assignment sought, at the grade held in the reserve. He will be paid at the regular army rate for such rank, and will have an opportunity for promotion during his tour of duty. At the end of his active duty, if he desires to enlist in the regular army, he may do so in the grade at least as high as that held when beginning his extended active duty.

Oklahoma reservists have been notified there are numerous installations within the Fourth Army area to which assignments are available. The reservist also may state his choice in some other army area.

Detailed information on this active duty may be obtained by the reservist from his unit instructor or at the nearest U. S. Army recruiting station.

Post's Constitution To Be Distributed

A lively—and at points, heated—discussion took place at Tuesday night's post meeting, over interpretation of constitutional by-laws. Arguments of this kind can drag on interminably, with neither faction able to win its point or make the other side even understand it—and in this case, it's exactly what happened.

The discussion seemed to arise out of the requested reading of the minutes of the last executive committee meeting, and included a hot debate between Legionnaire Spain and Halley. Finally, Comrade George Norvell made a motion that copies of our Constitution be distributed to all members and the motion was carried.

Joe Herman Needs Cooperation

Comrade Joe Herman at the Tuesday night meeting urged increased cooperation from members in serving on funeral details.

As Joe pointed out, this is not only his responsibility, it is the responsibility—and duty—of every member of the post. The Funeral Detail has a solemn and serious task to perform, and has done a very excellent job all down the line; and the next of kin of those whom the Legion has laid to rest will attest to the worth of such a group.

Guiseppe de Verdi composed 27 operas.

Political Policy

A letter outlining the Legion's policy on politics was read to members at the Tuesday night meeting. The letter, from Department Commander Brad Risinger, follows:

As commander of the Oklahoma department of the American Legion, it is incumbent upon me to remind each and every Legion official that the American Legion is bound by its national and department constitutions to abstain from partisan politics. Also, remember that elective officials in Posts, Districts and the Department cannot file for, nor hold, any elective public office. Upon filing for any public office, such Legion officials must resign their Legion offices, for they are automatically disqualified for such Legion offices. Furthermore, no appointive Legion official who is paid for his Legion work, may run for or hold a remunerative elective public office.

In substantiation of these statements, let me cite Article III, Section 2 of the Constitution of the American Legion, Department of Oklahoma:

"Section 2. The American Legion, Department of Oklahoma, shall be absolutely nonpolitical and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment. No candidate for nomination or election to, or no incumbent of, any remunerative elective public office, shall hold any elective office or any appointive remunerative office in this Department or in any Post thereof."

Sincerely,
BRAD M. RISINGER,
Department Commander.

Theater Medals to Be Awarded June 22

Guest at the Tuesday night meeting was Lieutenant Hill of the Tulsa army recruiting station, who presented a film, "Westward, Bataan."

Lieut. Hill also announced that on June 22, he would bring Asiatic-Pacific theater and European theater medals to the post, to issue to ex-army, navy and air force eligible personnel. The applicant must bring his honorable discharge with him, Hill stressed.

Berry Foundation Enjoys Records

A vote of thanks from the Berry Foundation has been extended to Mr. Culp, of the Culp Music Co., 1405 E. First st., for his generous donation of phonograph records to the Foundation, and also to C. M. Stout, of the A M & O Coin Machine Co., 1218 S. Cincinnati av., for his kind donation. The children really enjoy those records, and the Foundation wishes the donors to know that their gifts are really appreciated.

High Honors For J. Earl Simpson

Legionnaire J. Earl Simpson, long active in Carson-Wilson post affairs, was presented with the plaited silk cord and gold pendants of the Fourragere of the Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux, Legion fun organization, for ten years' membership service, at the five-state mid-summer Wreck at Muskogee June 5 and 6.



J. EARL SIMPSON

Making the presentation was Guy Land, Chef de Chem de Fer, of the 40 et 8.

Simpson, ardent Legion membership worker since 1919, has a 16-year average of 182 new memberships per year from 1933 to 1948 inclusive. In 1946 he signed up 324 new members, in 1936, 319 and in 1928, 220. He is a member of Tulsa County Voiture 185.

Letter of Gratitude

June 4, 1948.

Joe Herman, Chairman
Burial Detail
c/o American Legion.

Dear Joe:

We want to thank you and the boys for the splendid service for "Our Pop". It was beautifully done and exactly as Pop would have liked.

We want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Yours,
MRS. C. M. JOHNSTON,
AND FAMILY.

Fireworks Committee Gets Confidence Vote

Legionnaire George Norvell made a motion that we express a vote of confidence in the Post Fireworks Committee. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Comrade George Norvell suggested at the Tuesday meeting that every member "bring another member" to the meetings, and in that way hold up attendance. It's a good suggestion for us all.

Mrs. Bessie Slater Dies; Was Tulsan Since 1927

Mrs. Bessie Slater, 53, 204 S. Nogales av., a Tulsan since 1927, and wife of Tom R. Slater, employed in the city refuse department, died at 11 a. m. Wednesday in a local hospital. She was ill for six weeks.

Funeral services are tentatively set for 2 p. m. Monday at the North Main Church of Christ. Interment will be in the Prague, Okla., cemetery. The Tulsa Funeral home is in charge of local arrangements.

Mrs. Slater was a native of Pettigrew, Ark., and belonged to the North Main church. Her husband has been employed in the Tulsa refuse department for 16 years.

Other survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Jack Saulman of the home and Mrs. J. H. Tribble, Fort Worth, Tex.; one grandchild, Jimmie Tribble of Fort Worth; three sisters, Mrs. Lola Smith, Sallisaw; Mrs. Elsie Scott, Muskogee, and Mrs. Marie Holick, Prague, and two brothers, Albert and Francis Pryor, both of Prague.

90 Years Old, Joins Legion

Malden, Mass.—A 90-year-old veteran of World War I, who was refused admission in World War II only because he was over age, has been inducted into Malden Post 69 of The American Legion.

Nicholas G. Carroll, a veteran of 26 years Navy service, attempted to get back into active service shortly after Pearl Harbor. Surprisingly enough, he passed the physical examination, and Navy officials were forced to turn him down because of his—then 86.

Born in Moscow, Russia, in 1856, Mr. Carroll left his father's hotel at the age of 14 to seek his fortune at sea. Since that time he has sailed into every far corner of the seven seas on merchant ships and on the warships of the U. S. Navy. He has visited almost every major port in the world.

Mr. Carroll, who received his discharge from the Navy as a chief quartermaster in 1921, now wears his Navy uniform to Legion meetings with his Legion cap cocked at a rakish angle and with his body held upright with military bearing.

Happy Birthday, Mrs. Border

The mother of Comrade Border, celebrating her 80th birthday Tuesday, was an honor guest at the Tuesday night meeting, and the entire post sang "Happy Birthday", then gave her a rising round of applause. Congratulations and many more happy birthdays, Mrs. Border.

American Legion 280 at Iriquois, S. Dakota, has rented a farm and sowed it to wheat to finance a new clubhouse.

OFF THE SERVICE OFFICER'S DESK

By FRANK H. J. CRAWLEY

1. Q. Have I any recourse to civil rights if I do not like VA's decision on my claim for disability compensation?

A. No. The law specifically provides that the decision of the Administrator of Veterans Affairs in such matters is final and conclusive.

2. Q. I lost the use of my legs in line of duty during World War I, and would like to know if I can get a car from the Government?

A. Under existing law, the authority to furnish automobiles is limited to World War II veterans.

3. Q. My first husband was killed in World War II and I remarried. I have divorced my second husband, and now I would like to know if my widow's pension can be reinstated?

A. Existing legislation provides that compensation or pension shall not be allowed to a widow of a World War II veteran who has remarried. Her status cannot be changed if she is later divorced.

4. Q. May I name more than one beneficiary to my National Service Life Insurance?

A. Yes. You may divide the amount of your policy between two or more beneficiaries. You may also name one or more contingent beneficiaries.

5. Q. May I transfer part of my eligibility for education benefits to my wife, who also is a veteran but does not have sufficient educational entitlement to finish her college course?

A. No. A wife, even though she is a veteran, cannot use any part of her husband's entitlement under the G. I. Bill.

6. Q. May I work while I am enrolled for rehabilitation and training under Public Law 16?

A. A disabled veteran, while pursuing vocational rehabilitation training, should not engage in employment except with approval of the training officer, and in cases of serious disability, only as approved by medical authority.

7. Q. Does the age of World War I and World War II veterans affect the amount of compensation or pension paid them?

A. Compensation is not affected but pension for non-service connected permanent, total disability is increased upon reaching age 65.

COLORED FILM ON TAP FOR NEXT TUESDAY

A scheduled showing of colored moving pictures taken by Comrade Jack Tracy was postponed until our next Tuesday meeting, due to the fact the films did not get back from the processing plant.

The film included shots taken at the funeral of our late Comrade C. M. Johnston, and at the Memorial Day ceremonies.

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AUXILIARY NEWS

MRS. H. E. GLASER
Publicity Chairman

Mrs. J. B. Allred, Unit President, announces that the next regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held in the Auxiliary room of the Legion Hut on Tuesday evening, June 15, at 8:00 p.m.

Members of the Auxiliary are bringing miscellaneous gifts to the hut Tuesday night to send to Alpha Johnson, one of their adopted daughters in the Ponca City Home school. Alpha was married on June 3rd.

Mrs. Ray Brock, Unit Pan Americanism chairman, and Mrs. H. E. Glaser and daughter, Sara Louise, presented a Pan Americanism program over station KFMJ. Lucille Burns Civic Forum from Clarkes Good Clothes) Tuesday, June 8 at 1:15 p.m. Following Mrs. Broyle's splendid talk, Mrs. Glaser and daughter sang the following songs: "It's the Pan American Way," by Opal Harrison Williford, one of our own members and "O Ya Ya (O Si Si)" by Alexander de Markoff. "When I look in Your Eyes" by Xavier Cugat—Sara Louise.

The Auxiliary is deeply grateful to Lucille for her friendly interest in all patriotic organizations and for her courtesy to the American Legion Auxiliary.

"Don'ts" Listed On Child Labor

Okla. City.—Some of the important "don'ts" for employers of this state on the employment of minors during the summer vacation period were listed today by Alton P. Vickery, 410 Oklahoma Natural Building, who represents the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions, U. S. Department of Labor, in Oklahoma. He advised employers subject to the Fair Labor Standards Act, (Federal wage and hour law):

Don't permit children 14 and 15 years old to work more than 40 hours a week when school is not in session, or more than three hours a day and 18 hours a week when school is in session.
Don't permit children 14 and

15 years old to work between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m.

Don't permit children 14 and 15 years old to work in manufacturing, mining or processing occupations, including occupations requiring the performance of any duties in workrooms or work places where goods are manufactured, mined or otherwise processed.

Don't permit children 16 and 17 years old to work in occupations held to be hazardous—in plants manufacturing explosives; as motor vehicle drivers or helpers; in coal mines; in logging or sawmill occupations; around power-driven wood-working machinery; operating power-driven hoisting apparatus, including elevators, and in jobs where they are exposed to radioactive substances.

Don't forget to get employment and age certificates and keep them on file.

Don't forget to pay minor employees at least the minimum wage set by law, and time and a half for overtime after 40 hours in any workweek.

If the firm is working on a contract under the Walsh-Healey Act, he further advised:

Don't hire boys under 16 years or girls under 18 years to work on such contracts, or pay them less than the minimum wage and overtime.

Post Using Television To Combat Delinquency

New Brighton, N. Y.—Television is being used here by The American Legion as a preventive for juvenile delinquency.

The Carmine Granito-William Smith Post 1296 has installed a television set in its clubhouse here for nightly entertainment of local youngsters. The first video party was attended by 93 boys and girls. By this program the post is attempting to take juveniles off the streets at night and keep them out of poolrooms and other mischief-breeding locations. The post has drawn no color line. All youngsters are welcome.

The Staten Island Advance in commenting on this new activity declared The American Legion "deserves a pat on the back for some solid and selfless thinking" and "the kids in New Brighton are getting a break."

Free Trip—

San Francisco, Cal.—Five free round-trips to Miami will be given away at the 1948 convention of the California American Legion here September 2 to 5, to holders of advance coupon tickets.

The prize awards are designed to stimulate interest in the 30th national convention of The American Legion in the Greater Miami Area, Florida, next October 18 to 21.

The Miami trips will be either on the California special train or by air with overnight stops at Havana and Mexico City.

The advance coupon ticket books selling for \$2 will entitle the holder to numerous admissions and reservations at the department convention here and to a chance on one of the trips to Florida.

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Poppy Day

Wearing a poppy on Poppy Day each May is the individual way of honoring the memory of those who gave their lives for America in the two World Wars. The poppy is the flower which bloomed "between the crosses, row on row" in the war cemeteries in France and Belgium in World War I and naturally became the memorial flower of the dead of that war. In World War II more Americans fell on the poppy-studded fields of western Europe and the poppy became their flower, too, and the flower of remembrance for all American dead wherever they fell.

The poppies Americans wear are crepe paper replicas of the wild European poppy, made by disabled veterans in hospitals and convalescent workrooms through the country. Making poppies provides employment for thousands of veterans unable to do other work, fills empty hospital hours with interesting occupation and enables them to help support their families. The work is beneficial as occupational therapy.

Women and girls from the American Legion Auxiliary and cooperating organizations distribute the poppies on the streets in all parts of the country on Poppy Day. All give their services as unpaid volunteers and the contributions they receive in exchange for the poppies go entirely to the rehabilitation and child welfare work of the American Legion and Auxiliary. Approximately 125,000 volunteers are required each Poppy Day to distribute 25,000,000 American Legion and Auxiliary veteran-made poppies.

Those who wear the poppy honor the war dead and aid the wars' living victims, the disabled veterans and needy children of veterans.—Reprint from The Plumbing & Pipe Fitting Industry Journal. This was the May cover.

Membership Grows

NEW YORK, N. Y.—(ALNS)—Among the more than 17,000 posts in the American Legion there are today 1,289 which have an enrollment of 500 or more members each.

The total was raised by 30 such posts reported by the Department

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of Wisconsin. These were omitted from the survey made by the American Legion Magazine as announced April 29. Wisconsin's total of 30 such posts places it ahead of 47 other departments in this respect.

Wisconsin's largest post today, according to Department Adjutant Jack Spore, is the Alonzo Cudworth Post 23 in Milwaukee, which has a current 1948 enrollment of 4,339.

The other big posts in Wisconsin are located at Appleton, Ashland, Beaver Dam, Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, Fort Atkinson, Green Bay, Janesville, Kenosha, LaCrosse, Madison, Manitowoc, Marinette, three others in Milwaukee, Neenah, North Milwaukee, Oshkosh, two in Racine, Rhinelander, Sheboygan, Stevens Point, Waukesha, Wausau, West Allis and Wisconsin Rapids.

Legion Amateur Golf Tournament

Miami, Fla.—The 1948 American Legion national amateur golf tournament will be held at the Miami Springs Country Club here, October 15 and 16.

Each American Legion department may enter two contestants.

Qualifying rounds of not less than 18 holes of medal play will be conducted to determine the representatives of the various states in the tournament. Competition will be restricted to players who are amateur golfers as defined by the rules of the United States Golf Association.

Automatically qualified for the 1948 tournament, and not included in the department quotas, are the 1947 national American Legion golf champion and the runner-up.

Eighteen holes will be played on October 15, with the low 50 golfers qualifying for the 36-hole championship will be held on the next day. The title will be decided entirely by stroke play.

Morgan W. Strother of Richmond, Va., a member of the National Americanism Commission, will serve as director of the tournament.

The annual convention golf tournament, which is open to any registered Legionnaire attending the 1948 national convention, will be held on October 19. It will also be played on the Miami Springs Country Club course.

Capitalism Haunts Russian Theaters

New York.—The specter of capitalism is haunting the stages of Russia's theaters, says Business Week. The Soviet Council of Ministers has pulled state subsidies out from under 70% of them, told them to stand or fall on their own box-office receipts.

"Alexei Kosygin, Russia's tough new finance chief, chose the theater business as a good starter in his drive to put Soviet economy on a businesslike "pay-as-you-go" basis. Individual enterprises are under increasing pressure to show a profit. The need for efficient production is beginning to make inroads on the Marxist theory.

"The move touched off strange doings in theater circles all over the country," the magazine continues. "Theater managers went quickly into a huddle to draft plans to meet the emergency. Most of the plans smacked of free enterprise. Less emphasis is being placed on "Sovietized art", more on pleasing the public. There will be more plays—but sets will be cheaper. Seating capacity is to be expanded; expendable actors are being weeded out and some big companies are scheduling road tours. Several Moscow theaters are even ballyhooing their plays with big sales campaigns aimed at selling tickets outside the box-office; till now, all tickets have been sold there. The price of tickets, formerly 12 to 15 rubles, will probably go up.

"Opera and ballet theaters remain under the government's wing and so do fledgling theaters in the national republics, and academic theaters such as the Moscow Art, Moscow Maly, and Pushkin Theater in Leningrad. The other 646 were cut loose."

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All-Time High Membership Record

Indianapolis, Ind.—New Mexico has become the first department of The American Legion to establish an all-time high state membership record in 1948.

New Mexico won the coveted 4-star membership honor by reporting a 1948 enrollment of 11,707 which topped its previous record of 11,068 set in 1947.

At the same time Kansas became the 10th department to exceed its 1948 quota and Indiana the 11th. Kansas mustered 59,326 members against its quota of 59,211. Indiana came up with 117,449 against a quota of 114,087.

Mid-May 1948 national American Legion enrollment soared to 2,841,670.

National Vice-Comdr. Richard B. Ott of Ritzville, Washington, emerged as winner in an area membership contest with National Vice Commander L. W. Barns of White Lake, S. Dakota. The 14 departments in vice commander Ott's area enrolled 338,463 members as of May 1, or

105.19 per cent of their area quota. Vice Commander Barnes' area embracing 11 Midwestern departments came up with 912,796 members or 100.98 per cent of the area quota.

Alabama defeated Georgia by enrolling 46,164 members by May 1 against the loser's 39,161 in a 1948 department membership contest. This assured Alabama department officers a dinner at the Miami convention.

Minnesota mustered 80,389 members by May 1 or 88.22 per cent of its total 1947 enrollment to beat Michigan which reported 74,480 or 80.02 per cent, to win the well-known "little brown jug."

Risinger Delivers Lawton Address

Department Commander Brad M. Risinger was the principal speaker at a joint meeting of the Lowery-Whitehead Post and Unit at Lawton on the night of April 27. The two groups met in the Legion hut.

The Auxiliary was in charge of the program, with Mrs. Ruby Whitlock, Unit Child Welfare chairman, serving as program chairman, Mrs. Claude L. Hight, Unit President, presided during the program.

Commander Risinger, who has served on child welfare committees for many years and is a present area vice chairman, outlined the Legion's program on child welfare. He also discussed the Legion poppy program.

Musical numbers were presented by Dale Miller and Mrs. J. Ray Stewart, who sang solos and Michael O'Brian, who played a piano solo.

The Commander made the trip to Lawton by plane, leaving Tulsa at 2 p. m. and leaving Lawton at 9:44 p. m.

O. U. Post Indorses Moore

Norman, Okla.—The Thomas C. Reynolds Post 303 of The American Legion at the University of Oklahoma has endorsed its commander, Pres Moore, for the office of department commander.

Under Moore's leadership, Post 303 has become the largest American Legion campus post in the nation. He has increased the enrollment of the post from 323 to 980. The post is composed of veterans attending the university under the provisions of the G. I. Bill of Rights. Robert D. Smith is post adjutant.

Thursday is named from Thor, the thunder and war god of Norse mythology.

—TAPS—

Pvt. Woodrow Weiland World War II

Killed in France, October, 1944. Buried from Moore's Funeral Home to Legion Plot June 9, 1948. Active Detail

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Mike Saxon Sr., Ed L. Wiencke, R. C. Holloway, Charley Franks, Barney Pascoe, Jay Comfort, Pallbearers.

T/Sgt. Richard R. Francis, Escort.

The Carson-Wilson Post Funeral Detail was in charge Wednesday at funeral services for Pvt. Woodrow Weiland, who died in action in France in October, 1944.

Weiland, the husband of Mrs. Helen E. Weiland, 422 S. Wheeling av., saw action at Cherbourg and Le Mans, France, before his death. His body was returned to the United States May 8 aboard the army transport Lawrence Victory.

Funeral services were held at Moore's Memory Chapel, and interment was at Memorial Park.

O'Neil Hits Congress

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Charging that Congress has "fired a volley of blanks" at the nation's housing and defense problems, National Commander James F. O'Neil of The American Legion has again urged Congressional leaders to expedite action on these two fronts before recess or adjournment.

"Public patience and time are running out," the American Legion chief said. "After almost five months in continuous session, the Congress has failed to produce tangible achievements for housing or national defense."

O'Neil said protestations of insufficient time will not sit well with constituents who recall that these legislative tasks topped the Congressional agenda last January.

Asserting that Congressional policy-makers have dodged forthright action for reasons of political timidity, O'Neil stated: "They tried to get off the hook on national defense by authorizing a 70-group air force. We need strength in the air but there isn't a candid student of military preparedness in this nation or in Russia who believes air supremacy alone will insure America's security."

"The irreplaceable base for sound military strength is trained manpower. To provide manpower without delay we must have a temporary draft, and to make sure it will be available in the future we must have Universal Military Training."

With regard to housing, Commander O'Neil pointed out that critics of the Taft-Ellender-Wagner Bill no longer can cite American Legion opposition to the measure.

"By action of its National Executive Committee, the American

Legion is on record favoring enactment of the T-E-W Bill along with provisions of the Veterans' Homestead Act to meet housing needs of veterans. Opponents of the legislation no longer can find haven in American Legion policy on this score."

These measures own the "supreme priority of public demand," and members of Congress will feel the full force of public indignation if they fail to respond accordingly, O'Neil said.

Week's Legion News In a Nut Shell

The first American Legion FREEDOM BOOKLET, entitled—"Wanted Ten Million Salesmen", has rolled off the presses and is now in the mails enroute to the homes of many thousands throughout the nation.

The American Legion-sponsored G. I. Bill of Rights will complete four years of operation, June 22, 1948, during which it has aided 5,019,000 World War II veterans in acquiring higher education.

Two Louisiana American Legion posts, one at Crowley and the other at Newellton, are building hospitals as their 1948 contributions to community welfare.

Mayor Daniel B. Brunton purchased the first bond when the World War II Post 326 of The American Legion at Springfield, Mass., opened a campaign to raise \$30,000 to purchase a 14-room mansion for its clubhouse.

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ball are among the 1948 rookies who have won berths in the two major leagues.

The 1948 American Legion National Amateur golf tournament will be held at the Miami Springs Florida, Country Club, October 15 and 16.

Past National Vice-Commander Allan A. Tukey, 56, of The American Legion who helped to organize the Department of Nebraska is dead in Omaha.

The Pierce-Lawton Post 37 of The American Legion at Bellow Falls, Vt., has established an annual \$400 scholarship to honor the memory of the first local soldier killed in World War II.

Don Gentile, the air ace of the ETO in World War II, has joined the Costello Post 15 of The American Legion in Washington, D. C.

American Legion Post 2 at West Warwick, R. I., has made a gift of 500 pints of blood to the new Kent County Memorial Hospital there.

The \$150 bankroll of the Ray C. Waldon Post 214 of The American Legion at Centerville, Iowa, has disappeared from the post office pot in which it had been hidden for safekeeping.

The O. B. Nelson Post 3 of The American Legion at Ottumwa, Iowa, has purchased a 3-story stone building in the business district for \$75,000 for conversion into a modern clubhouse.

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