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## Fireworks! Fireworks! Fireworks!

### FIVE MILLION VETS AIDED IN SCHOOLING BY LEGION G I BILL

WASHINGTON, D. C.—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.

"The G. I. Bill has proved to be the greatest boon to higher education in the nation's history," declared National Commander James F. O'Neil of The American Legion in commenting on the approaching fourth anniversary of the enactment of this measure. The late President Roosevelt signed this Act on June 22, 1944.

Commander O'Neil pointed out that one out of every three veterans of World War II has availed himself of the educational provisions of the G. I. Bill since 1944.

"Thanks to the G. I. Bill," he said, "attendance at institutions of higher learning in the United States today is nearly 60 per cent above the immediate prewar years. A total of 5,019,000 veterans took advantage of this Act to attend colleges, universities or other training institutions. More than 1,122,000 are now attending such schools as we celebrate the fourth anniversary of this great Act. The schools have benefited, too, through the expansion of all their facilities and staffs. To what extent the amazing veteran college attendance will enhance the nation's culture only the future years will tell."

#### G. I. Bill Record

Four years of the administration of the G. I. Bill have produced the following results, according to Commander O'Neil:

5,019,000 veterans have made use of its educational provisions. 1,122,000 are now attending colleges and universities.

694,000 are now enrolled in trade and technical schools.

450,500 are in the on-the-job training program.

242,000 are in institutional on-the-farm training.

7,225,000 veterans have been paid unemployment allowances. This includes some duplications, but only 887,000 have exhausted these benefits.

595,000 veterans have been paid self-employment allowances.

1,160,000 veterans have secured government-guaranteed loans to buy their own homes.

92,000 have received such loans for business purposes.

45,000 have been granted farm loans.

"The results of the G. I. Bill during its first four years of operation speak eloquently for the character of the World War II veteran," Commander O'Neil stressed. "In school the veteran has been among the top students. Under the lending provisions of the G. I. Bill a total of 1,297,000 loans have been completed of which 54,000 have already been repaid in full and only 6,381 are in default. This makes the veteran the best credit risk in the country."

The 1948 reunion of World War II members of Co. E, 145th Infantry, 37th Division, will be held at Ashland, Ohio, July 17-18, according to Joseph C. Morehead, Carrollton, Ohio.

### Legion Suggests Return of Subversive Publications

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The American Legion said today that municipal schools and college libraries plagued by receiving unsolicited publications through the mail which they consider subversive, or at least undesirable, can turn the tables on the senders.

All the libraries have to do, the Legion said after checking postal rules, is write the word "Refused" near the address on the envelope and hand it back to the letter carrier.

In that way the unwanted mail is returned to the sender for payment of return postage, or is disposed of by the postal department.

The Legion said it has received many complaints from libraries that they were on the mailing list for unwanted subversive material and pleas to publishers to disist were of no avail. What could be done about it?

The Americanism Commission of the Legion said it was circulating notice throughout the organization of the protection provided by postal laws through marking the mail "Refused."

### Dick Spady Wins First Start in Minor League

HASTINGS, Neb.—Dick Spady, star American Legion Junior Baseball pitcher, who gave his \$500 bonus for signing with the Brooklyn Dodger chain to the Hastings post, which gave him his training, got off to a flying start in the minor league.

He sat down Independence, Kan., with five hits to pitch Ponca City, Okla., to an eight to one victory in his first Kansas-Oklahoma-Missouri League start, May 9.

#### Junior Baseball

John Allred, chairman of the junior baseball program, urged support from all members on the junior baseball program.

### Convention Plans Made at Muskogee

Plans for entertaining the Oklahoma Department Convention are already being made by American Legion Post No. 15 of Muskogee. M. H. Thornton has been appointed Convention City Chairman.

Other members of the Muskogee Convention Committee appointed by Commander E. R. Rulison, Jr., were: John D. Reid, Lucian Crane, Duke Segrest, L. A. Rounds, R. M. Mountcastle, Sam Sanders, Roy H. Cox, Bert Craig, R. P. Jones, John Naylor, Frank E. Davis and Harold Cartwright.

Commander Rulison stated, at a recent Post meeting, that a survey indicated housing in Muskogee indicated that rooms would be available for all Legionnaires who might desire to attend the Convention. He said that an attendance of some seven to ten thousand Legionnaire and Auxiliary members could be expected.

The annual reunion and picnic of the 15th U. S. Engineers' Society will be held July 10 at West View Park, Pittsburgh, Pa.

### New Legion Headquarters Construction Starts July 15

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—New bids on the proposed new building to house the national headquarters of The American Legion have been received here, and a contract is expected to be awarded within the next few weeks. Commencement of construction has been promised by July 15. Originally May 19 had been set as the date to open bids, but an extension of time was requested by several bidders.

The 1945 Indiana Legislature voted an appropriation of \$2,500,000 to cover the cost of three new buildings. Because of rising costs, however, bids far exceeded the amount appropriated. Consequently it was decided to erect one building of Indiana limestone which will be twice as long as the present Legion building.

### OPEN LETTER

The American Legion in the majority of States has done a magnificent job of supporting the Taft-Ellender-Wagner Housing Bill. Largely through the efforts of just such groups, the House of Representatives has finally just begun to realize that the people of this country want a comprehensive housing bill passed. But it's almost too late. The House Banking and Currency Committee have used every known trick to bottle up this measure, but have been forced to release it for fear Congress will sign a discharge petition and force the Bill out in spite of their opposition. The Bill may come to a vote before Congress adjourns this month. As you know, the American Legion Executive Committee has endorsed this Bill, subject to its being amended to include the homestead feature of the American Legion housing programs.

The opposition to this Bill has millions of dollars to fight with and is doing a tremendous job of blocking this legislation. The only way they can be whipped is for evidence of support to come from every community in the country urging Congress to act at once.

You can be a great help to the passage of this Bill if you will write and have other write or wire your Congressman before the day is over, urging him to support the Taft-Ellender-Wagner Bill, and urging him to keep all of the provisions in the Bill.

We have had a hard and bitter fight. Now that success is possible, we can't afford to lose. Please help by getting support to your Congressman, and if possible, to other Congressmen from your state.

Sincerely yours,  
L. WALTER HENSLEE,  
Chairman, NPHC.  
Legislative Committee,  
Southwestern Region.

### Dept. Commander Visits Muskogee

Department Commander Brad M. Risinger was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Muskogee Rotary Club on Thursday, May 20.

Ned Prator, Department Poppy Director, introduced Commander Risinger, who addressed the group on legislation and benefits received by Oklahoma and Muskogee veteran facilities through efforts of the American Legion.

During the afternoon, Mr. Risinger made a tour through the Veterans hospital and the American Legion offices.

The 1948 Fireworks Display, sponsored by the Legion, promises to be the outstanding attraction of its kind ever presented here.

A top-notch entertainment program has been prepared, and plans are in full swing to make a big success of this July 4th Patriotic show.

O. D. Waters, fireworks committee chairman, reported at the Tuesday night meeting on the progress of the show committee. He urged all members to get bumper signs advertising the show and to put them on their own cars and those of their friends.

Only about two weeks are left before the day set for the show.

Rev. Bill Alexander, of the Oklahoma City First Christian church, has been selected as guest speaker. He will talk on "Democracy in the World Today."

The Tracy Silvester choir, of 60 mixed voices, will provide a choral background to Alexander's talk. Organ music will be presented by Dubert Dennis. Jenkins Music Co., has donated the use of a Hammond organ.

The Post band, directed by Eddie Gambill, will provide a concert before the show starts.

Ralph Talbot, of the Talbot theaters, has promised to bring a famous movie star here to appear in person at the show. As yet, the name of the star has not been disclosed.

Forty-five minutes of dazzling and thrilling fireworks will be presented. It will be a spectacular display, one which you will remember for a long time.

Serving on the publicity committee for the show are Dexter Moss, Jr., George Norvell and Ernie Keen.

The Veterans Cab Co., has promised to put the bumper signs on all its cabs. It is hoped that the Tulsa City Lines will put them on their busses also.

Comrades, don't let the committee down, they need all the help they can get. They are doing a fine job, but without cooperation they can't succeed. So get in there and let's all help to make this show the best ever.

### Membership Increasing

Membership of the post is now 2,862—118 less than the same time last year, Guy Belford, Jr., reported Tuesday.

### Visitors

A visitor at the Tuesday meeting was Dick Marrs, brother-in-law of Guy Belford, Jr.

Also a visitor—but he didn't make a speech this time—was Brad Risinger, department commander.



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**AUXILIARY NEWS**

MRS. H. E. GLASER  
Publicity Chairman

Mrs. J. B. Allred, Unit President, has announced that a district meeting will be held at Claremore June 26 and 27 at which time election of officers will be held. All members are urged to attend if possible.

If anyone has dues to turn in or can secure new members (new or old) please turn the name or names and money in to Mrs. Allred so that she may report them at the district meeting.

The girls who represented Tulsa at Girls State at Chickasha June 6-12 delighted the Auxiliary at the meeting Tuesday night with their reports of their experiences. Mrs. C. O. Gittinger, Girls State Chairman for the Auxiliary, secured the girls who went. They were: Miss Maxine Didlot (Webster H. S.) sponsored by the Cooperative Club; Miss LeNora Dickson (Central H. S.) sponsored by the American Legion; Miss Beatrice Crawford (Central H. S.) sponsored by the Auxiliary; Miss Elizabeth Neely (Will Rogers) sponsored by the Tulsa Business and Professional Women; and Miss Joyce McDowell (Will Rogers) sponsored by Kiwanis Club. Joyce was elected a city manager at Girls State. The girls expressed their gratitude in no uncertain terms to the Auxiliary for making it possible for them to attend Girls State.

Mrs. Jean Hill, Memorial Chairman, conducted a very impressive memorial service Tuesday night for the following members deceased during this year: Mrs. Mabel Wasson, Mrs. Charles Teale, Mrs. George Kyger, Mrs. Elizabeth Crow (a Gold Star Mother), and Mrs. Thomas Lynch. The Mesdames Reba Orr, Effie Blanchard, Jean Sullivan, Clara Jones and Irene Davis assisted in the services. Mrs. Glaser and Sara Louise sang "There Is a Reaper." They were accompanied at the piano by Mrs. J. H. Milburn. Mrs. Glaser acted as pianist in the absence of Mrs. Eddie Gambill.

A shower of miscellaneous gifts was held Tuesday at the regular meeting for Alpha Johnson, one

of the two girls whom our Auxiliary assists in the American Legion Home School at Ponca City. Alpha was married on June 3.

The five girls who attended Girls State from Tulsa this June and our unit Girls State Chairman, Mrs. C. O. Gittinger, will be on Lucille Burns Civic Forum Monday, June 21 at 1:15 p.m. (KFMJ). We hope you will listen to this broadcast and invite your friends to listen.

**First Legion Freedom Booklet Mailed**

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — The American Legion has opened its educational war on Communism with the mailing of the first of its new series of monthly Freedom Booklets to thousands of homes throughout the nation.

The first booklet, now in the mails, is entitled: "Wanted—Ten Million Salesmen."

National Commander James F. O'Neil said the Freedom Booklets are intended to serve as a refresher course on some fundamental aspects of the American way of life. They describe in latest facts and figures the superiority of the American system over all other philosophies of living.

"These Freedom Booklets are for the consumption by the fam-

ily circle," said Commander O'Neil, "so that the people can answer with truths and facts those who advocate replacing our form of government with some alien form."

The Freedom Booklets will be mailed out once a month for the next year to lists of families compiled by The American Legion. Each book is attractively styled in colors and will cover a different subject.

**Big Distribution Sought**

Commander O'Neil said that by the time the program has run its course the Freedom Booklets probably will be reaching more than a million homes every month.

President Truman, FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover, AFL President William Green, CIO President Philip Murray, Francis Cardinal Spellman and other leaders of all walks of American life have endorsed the Freedom Booklet campaign.

Booklet No. 1, now in the mails, points out the dangers facing American life and urges readers to tell others of America's accomplishments.

Booklet No. 2 will be entitled "7 Per Cent of the People Are on Top of the World." It will show how the American people, comprising only one-fourteenth of the world's population, own up-

wards of 67 per cent of the world's conveniences of modern living.

Later issues will illustrate the political, economic, spiritual and material advantages of our form of government as opposed to to-

talitarianism. Subjects will include the U. S. Constitution, the four freedoms, a comparison of earnings under capitalism and Communism and the Bill of Rights.

**WM. "Bill" STANSBERRY**

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For County Commissioner

DISTRICT NO. 2

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A native Oklahoman, 46 years old, belongs to the First Christian Church, a Mason, Delta Lodge No. 425, Tulsa Chapter No. 52 and Trinity Commandery No. 20, The Midas Lodge I. O. O. F. 501, The International Association of Lions Club, member Carson-Wilson Post American Legion for 23 years, his son World War II veteran and also a Legionnaire.

I wish to tell the good voters my program for the betterment of the Second District. The increased automobile and truck traffic makes it absolutely necessary that all our existing roads be maintained at a very high standard of efficiency and repair at all times.

Jenks, Glenpool, Bixby, Sand Springs, West Tulsa, Red Fork, Carbondale and other towns in this district are in dire need of oil and maintenance, and this I pledge to do as your County Commissioner. I shall insist upon the business-like and humanitarian administration of the COUNTY'S welfare duties, including the care of the aged needy and sick at the County Farm and Hospital. In doing this I will see that medical attention and trained, registered nurses are provided for them when necessary and that ambulance service for emergency cases be available at all hours of the day or night.

I feel that church groups, Boys and Girls Scouts, and other civic clubs should have free concessions at the County Free Fair.

We have talked a lot and done little about providing public facilities where young people may meet and be entertained under wholesome, supervised surroundings. I feel the County should make some provisions for these activities and shall do all I can toward that desirable end.

A vote for WM. "Bill" STANSBERRY is a vote for capable, alert and energetic administration of the office of County Commissioner, District 2.

I shall most sincerely appreciate your support in carrying out my program.

(Paid Pol. Adv.)

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Service Information

By J. FRED EAKER

Department Service Officer

The American Legion and its Auxiliary has cause to be proud of its several activities, but none can excel the work as sponsors to over one hundred children at the Home School in Ponca City.

It is interesting to know the family life of the great number of children who met with adversity, entered the home, finished the school, and are now successful men and women with families of their own. Frequently members, who are in other states, visit the home school when returning to Oklahoma.

Mr. Pickens, Secretary to the Child Welfare Committee, reports that there is now room for approximately ten additional children in the school. Children between the ages of 6 and 18, who are residents of Oklahoma, and whose fathers were honorably separated from war time service are eligible for admission to the home.

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bill which will reopen the right to file for Mustering Out Pay. The new law applies to those who were discharged from service previous to Feb. 3, 1944, date of passage of the original act. This information should be given wide publicity since many veterans have failed to take advantage of this benefit.

Hospitalization

Our staff is frequently requested to assist veterans with claims for reimbursement of payments made to private hospital for treatment. Cases of this nature usually follow periods of emergency. Lack of information concerning a veteran's rights to hospitalization and lack of knowledge of what cases may be treated in a private hospital is the cause for most claims. The following rules for treatment in a Veterans Administration hospital are submitted.

War veterans, who were not dishonorably discharged, are eligible for hospitalization and treatment in a Veterans Administration hospital for service-connected disabilities.

War Veterans, who were not dishonorably discharged, may receive hospitalization and treatment for non-service connected disabilities if a bed is available; and if they are not financially able to furnish their own hospitalization.

Persons honorably discharged from peace-time military or naval service in the United States may receive hospital care and treatment for a service-connected disability incurred in line of duty

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FALL OF FRANCE

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Eight years ago on Thursday (June 17), Marshal Petain, newly-named Prime Minister of France, asked Germany and Italy for an armistice, and the fall of France as a military power was complete. An iron curtain descended around the entire nation as the Nazis swarmed in. From then on, and up until the liberation, personal letters alone, written by Frenchmen and smuggled out of the country, revealed the anguish, the determination and the inspiring courage of people who had known freedom since their own revolution.

A collection of letters was assembled and edited by Eve Curie, Philippe Barres and Raoul Count de Roussy de Sales, under the title "They Speak for a Nation," and published by Doubleday & Company, Inc. (1941). These letters when read today recall vividly the facts of occupation that, in a few years of turbulent peace, are being forgotten.

Here is the written comment of a French diplomat, dated April 6, 1941:

"It must be hard for you to understand what is happening here, as it will be hard for you in the future to understand what will have happened here\*. There is much more moral than material suffering, though anxiety about the daily substance looms up more and more in everyone's life. Here we have nothing to complain of; no veritable difficulty yet—at least for us who live in restaurants . . . But I can't make an adjustment to the abasement of my country and the ease with which some people install themselves in defeat and resign themselves to consider it as definite."

From another letter, written by a Parisian business man to a friend in America, dated December, 1940:

" . . . I went to see a devas-

or if they are receiving a pension.

Emergency Cases

Any veteran who was honorably discharged from war time service may receive hospitalization in case of an emergency.

Veterans needing emergency hospitalization should have the veteran's family physician call the Admitting Officer at the nearest Veterans Administration hospital and ask that the patient be admitted.

Authorization for an ambulance if required, should be obtained at that time. If an ambulance is not required, other means of transportation should be agreed upon.

Veterans needing hospitalization, but not an emergency, should file an application for Hospital Treatment (10-P-10) with the Veterans Administration hospital serving his area.

Claims for unauthorized treatment will be limited to the following cases:

The claim must be for treatment of a service-connected disease or injury only; or for the adjunct relief of an associated non-service connected condition determined as aggravating the disability from the basic service-connected disorder.

Treatment must have been rendered in a medical emergency.

Government facilities must not have been readily available.

Delay would have been hazardous.

All four of these elements must exist and if any one is lacking, reimbursement or payment will not be authorized.

tated house, mine. The German assault troops got there some days before the armistice, hot from combat, drunk with fatigue, rage and battles, to which was added very quickly the drunkenness of champagne.

"There was nothing but a great emptiness in the house and some debris in the corners. According to the neighbors, three great truckloads of furniture and boxes had gone to an unknown destination. What remained was useless. The huge material loss affected me less at the moment than the frightful spectacle of destruction accomplished for the fun of destroying.

"On seeing this spectacle, ended though it was, I understood the contagion of evil and the swift spread of collective madness. For several days it was impossible for me to see a piece of furniture without my eyes seeking out how it, too, might have been attacked, torn open, demolished most easily."

The people of Paris galled the Nazis with their spontaneous contempt for the occupying troops. A citizen of Paris wrote to an acquaintance in America on March 11, 1941:

"The students in Paris, who are forbidden to wear anything resembling a uniform, are now flaunting over their coats wide leather belts from which hang their bicycle pumps. In the cafes where the occupants (Germans) ostentatiously remove their military belts, the students use the same gestures to hang theirs on the rack. The air in the pumps deflates with a gay little noise. The above mentioned gentlemen can say nothing, for it is true that the pumps left on bicycles are stolen. The latest thing is to hang a piece of paper with "I am for

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de Gaulle" on the back of German officers in the subway, and no one laughs while it is being done."

The editors of "They Speak for a Nation" do not think the French people have changed very much in their feeling toward America. They believe the following letter written in 1778 by M. Turgot, a minister of Louis XVI, when the French Expeditionary Corps crossed the Atlantic to help America in her war for independence, still summarizes the truth of the French attitude toward the United States:

"This people is the hope of the human race. It may become the model. It ought to show the world by victories that men can be free and yet peaceful, and may dispense with the chains in which tyrants and knaves of every colour have persevered to bind them, under pretext of public good. The Americans should be an example of political, religious, commercial, and industrial liberty. The asylum that offers to the oppressed of every nation, the avenue of escape that is open, will compel governments to be just and enlightened."

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Terminal Leave Bonds

The House passed and sent to the Senate H. R. 5758, which permits terminal leave bonds of deceased veterans to revert to their estates. In a letter to the Senate Armed Services Committee, Legislative Director Taylor called for "favorable action taken in the very early future, so that final action may be had during this session of Congress on the House bill."

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