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REVEREND W. H. (Bill) ALEXANDER TO BE GUEST SPEAKER FOR JULY 5TH FIREWORKS SHOW

The Post is very fortunate to engage the services of such a man as Rev. William Alexander for speaker at the Fireworks Show July 5.

Dr. Alexander, pastor of the First Christian Church of Oklahoma City is probably the most sought after young minister in America today. He is scholarly, well-trained and effective. He attended the Missouri University, Phillips University and after graduating from the University of Tulsa he received an honorary scholarship to the University of Chicago, the institution at which he pursued his graduate work. He holds the honorary LL.D. degree.

As radio minister of "Oklahoma's Little Church Around the Corner" in 1944, he spoke to over 100,000 listeners each morning. The popular WKY religious program "It Tolls For Thee" was created by Dr. Alexander in 1946 and in January of 1947 his "Church of the Air" broadcast over CBS National hookup received the largest response of any "Church of the Air" program presented in the last 17 years.

During the latter part of World War II he served in the European Theater of Operations as War Correspondent for the Daily Oklahoman, The Oklahoma City Times and the Christian-Evangelist.

Although the main sanctuary of his church holds approximately 2,000 people, and the overflow sanctuary holds 200, hundreds are turned away each Sunday morning. On Easter Sunday 1947, the morning worship service was held in the Municipal Auditorium, which seats 7,500 people. The Auditorium was packed, with hundreds standing and an estimated 2,000 people were turned away from the largest church service ever held in Oklahoma City.

He is in much demand on the College campuses—probably the most popular young people's speaker in the country. He was guest lecturer for the Spiritual Emphasis Week for Texas A. & M. in 1947 and those 9,000 men received such a dynamic challenge to vital religion that they have repeatedly urged his return to the campus for the past two years. After he conducted a similar Spiritual Emphasis Week at Kansas City State, Mr. Milton Eisenhower said, "Dr. Alexander works effectively with men and women of all ages, but especially with young people. He is a scholar, has great vitality and enthusiasm and is most convincing. We were delighted with him in every



Rev. W. H. (Bill) Alexander

way and would consider ourselves most fortunate to have him with us again." In February 1948 he conducted a week's Preaching Mission at the First Christian Church in Wichita Falls, Texas and Spiritual Emphasis programs at the highschools and Hardin College.

His Church in Oklahoma City has the largest and most progressive young people's group in the Southwest and the Church itself is one of the biggest in the Brotherhood due to its dynamic and progressive young pastor.

Dr. Alexander, tall and red-headed, a former amateur boxing champion, a few years ago turned down a fabulous offer from Hollywood because, as he put it—"Just entertainment would not further the cause to which I have given my life."

Due to professional experience, he is a master entertainer and on a great broad religious plane speaks the language of young people in a dynamic way which has no peer. The Youth Center next to the Church contains the best bowling alleys, pool tables, (Continued on Page 4)

PRESIDENT SIGNS DRAFT BILL

WASHINGTON. — President Truman signed into law the draft bill which will put 19-through-25 year olds into uniforms for 21 months service anywhere in the world.

The president approved the legislation just six days after congress passed the measure. He asked for the draft in a special message to congress March 17.

Between congressional passage and presidential signature, 90,000 potential draftees escaped conscription by joining the National Guard under a provision in the bill exempting those who enlist in any organized reserve force.

Additional thousands have signed up in the reserve forces of the Army, Air Force and Navy.

Gen. Omar Bradley, Army chief of staff, has estimated his service's induction needs at 17,000 men a month for the first year.

Mr. Truman's action means that the first draftees can be sworn in Sept. 15—90 days after the bill became law.

Meanwhile, however, the chief executive must formally proclaim the draft act by ordering selective service to set up machinery for inductions.

Selective Service headquarters disclosed Wednesday that it will recommend that draftees be called up by age groups instead of by lottery as in World War II.

Shortly before he affixed his signature to the measure, Mr. Truman conferred with Defense Secretary Forrestal, Air Secretary Symington and Army Secretary Royall.

Forty-one Legionnaires Honored At Meeting

Receiving honors at the Tuesday night meeting for membership work during the past year were 41 Legionnaires, each of whom was awarded a card of appreciation from National Legion headquarters.

Leading the roll of go-getters was J. Earl Simpson, who brought in a total of 216 new members. Frank H. J. Crawley obtained a total of 166. Glen H. Coddington got 117. Harry L. S. Halley brought in the total of 112 members.

Others cited for outstanding work included. Troy Baker, Guy Belford, Jr., M. S. Bernard, James P. Bewley, Clinton J. Bohannon, Robert Brown, Sam Burnham, N. H. Davis, Oscar A. Erickson, Alex Faulkner, Joe Gaulkner, C. O. Gittinger, Guss Gunn, Joe Herman, Earl Howard, Robert L. Howe, Jim Hunt, William B. Johnson, Jimmy King Sr., Otto Koenig, Roger E. Lavery, Floyd Long, Georgette Mayo, Jim Moss, H. K. Nelson, Harry A. Pope, O. P. Quarles, Brad M. Risinger, Bob Rocka, Mike Saxon, Sr., Eddie J. Shields, Jack E. Shields, E. J. Taylor, Linus W. Walker, O. D. Waters, Ed Wieneke and C. C. Woodard.

Speculation had it that they discussed which age class should be called up first and how medical and dental care was to be assured draftees—as required by the law—in view of the bill's provision exempting doctors, dentists and some other classes of professional men.

Fireworks Program Being Completed

Plans are being completed for the biggest and best fireworks show the post has ever sponsored.

To be held July 5, the show will include 45 minutes of fireworks, a talk by Rev. Bill Alexander of Oklahoma City, choral music by the famous Tracy Silvester choir, and organ music by the celebrated Dubert Dennis.

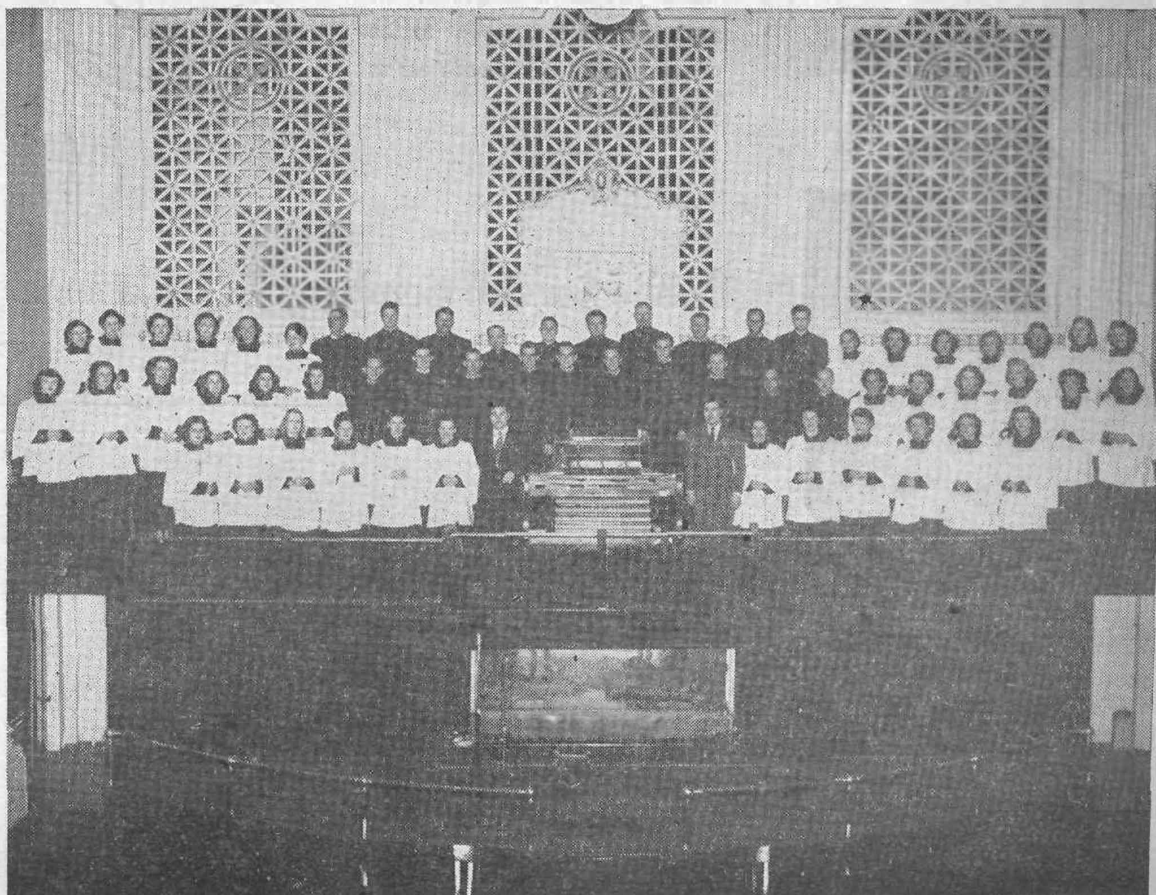
The Post band, directed by Eddie Gambill, will present a concert prior to the program.

The fireworks, which promise to out-dazzle any seen in past years, are made by the Peerless Fireworks Co., of Tulsa.

At the Tuesday night meeting, Comrade George Norvell reported for the publicity committee, informing the post that plenty of advertising is being obtained for the 1948 show. Both local newspapers have carried stories and the radio stations will be making spot announcements soon. The papers are offering us special advertising rates also.

Next Meeting Early . . . 7:30 p. m.

The next Tuesday meeting will start at 7.30 instead of the usual 8 o'clock. Reason—the Post's junior league baseball team is playing at Newblock park, and Legion attendance is desired to help boost the fine team. Business will be transacted as quickly as possible in order to enable all those wishing to, to see the game.



FAMED CHOIR TO FEATURE FIREWORKS SHOW—The nationally-known Tracy Silvester Choir, of Oklahoma City, second only to the noted Fred Waring choir in its type of music, will be a star attraction when the Carson-Wilson Post presents its 1948 Fireworks Show on the night of July 5 at the Fairgrounds Grandstand. The choir, consisting of 60 mixed voices, will provide a musical background to the feature speech of Rev. Bill Alexander. Music critics over the nation have been unanimous in acclaim for this fine musical group.

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NOTICE

Raymond Fields, National Publicity Director of The American Legion and Past Commander of the Oklahoma Department will be the speaker at the Open Forum, Tulsa Chamber of Commerce at noon Thursday, July 1. The Forum is held in the Chamber of Commerce room, and the reservations for the luncheon may be made by addressing Forum Department, Chamber of Commerce, Tulsa.

Commander Brad Risinger is urging that as many Legionnaires as possible make arrangements to attend the meeting. Raymond Fields always makes a splendid speech and everyone enjoys hearing him.

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AF Mobile Recruit Station Seeks Men For Cadet Program

Spearheading a drive to sign up men for the Air Force Cadet Pilot Training program, a recruiting team set up operations in a mobile examination station at 4th and Main sts. Friday.

Under the direction of Capt. Ray J. Willets, applicants will be processed and notified of their acceptance on the same day they appear before the board.

Men passing the examinations and successfully finishing their flying instructions at Randolph Field, Texas, will receive a second lieutenants commission in the Air Force Reserve. While on active duty they may compete for a regular Air Force commission.

The mobile unit will be in operation all day Saturday. Complete information may be obtained from the Tulsa Army and Air Force Recruiting station room 231, Federal building, after the team leaves for Stillwater Sunday.

Nick Barth, for many years Assistant National Sergeant-at-Arms at American Legion conventions, died recently at his home in Charleston, W. Va.

The story of the only girl player in the history of American Legion Junior Baseball will be told on "The Inside of Sports" over the Mutual Broadcasting System on Friday evening, June 18, at 7:45 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

AUXILIARY NEWS

MRS. H. E. GLASER
Publicity Chairman

The fourth and fifth Tuesdays are the days that the women from our unit may work in the veterans hospital at Muskogee. Anyone desiring to work should call Mrs. E. B. Benton, phone 6-2401.

Mrs. W. I. Rainwater, unit Americanism chairman, was notified on Monday, June 21, by Mrs. Mary Demke, Department Secretary, that Marguerite Eng, a senior at Central High School, has won first place in the State American Legion Auxiliary Americanism essay contest, senior division, the prize being \$50 in cash. The subject for this division was "Our Great American Heritage—Library." We were very proud of Marguerite and the other contestants the night they were our guests and we rejoice with Marguerite and Mrs. Rainwater upon this great achievement. We wish her continued success as her essay goes on to the national contest.

We were very proud of four of our girls who attended Girls' State and our unit Girls' State Chairman, Mrs. C. O. Gittinger, when they participated Monday in a radio broadcast over KFMJ (Lucille Burns' Civic Forum) at 1:15. The girls who took part were LeNora Dickson, Beatrice Crawford, Elizabeth Neely and Joyce McDowell. Lucille invited them to be on the Judy Kay program in the near future.

Among those who have stated their intention of attending all or a part of the district convention at Claremore, June 26-27, are:

Mesdames J. B. Allred, Unit President; Reba Orr, Blanche Welch, Effie Blanchard, Russell Sullivan, O. D. Waters, H. Blaine Lacy, Sam Craig, E. B. Benton, W. I. Rainwater and H. E. Glaser and Mrs.

J. H. Milburn. The Auxiliary trio composed of Mrs. E. B. Benton, second soprano, and Mrs. W. I. Rainwater, alto, will enter the vocal trio contest. They will be accompanied by Mrs. J. H. Milburn.

Men 18 to 25 Must Register Under Provisions of Draft Act

Main features of the 19-through-25 draft

Who will register—all men 18 through 25.

Who will be drafted—men 19 through 25 as needed to bring armed forces up to the authorized strength.

How long will draftees serve—21 months.

How soon—no inductions for 90 days unless president or congress declares national emergency sooner.

Termination—the act expires in two years unless repealed sooner.

Number to be drafted—Army estimates it will need at least 225,000 men the first year. After that it depends on volunteers.

Navy and Air Force hope to keep up strength with volunteers.

Registration date—to be set by the president.

Volunteers—18-year-old can escape later draft by signing up for 12-months service and then join the reserves.

Doctors—no special registration for doctors and dentists as originally proposed. But those 25 or under must register.

Job rights—same as in World War II.

Veterans—all are exempt who served 12 months from Sept. 16, 1940 to date act becomes law, or who served 90 days or more during "shooting war"—Dec. 7, 1941 to Sept. 2, 1945.

Draft boards—Like those in World War II but fewer will be needed.

Military justice—Army system overhauled. Enlisted men and warrant officers may serve on courts martial; penalties slackened for many offenses.

Enlistments—Men 19 through 25 could volunteer for 21 months. So could enlisted reserves. General classification score cut to 70 points for volunteers.

Reserves—Draftees go into inactive reserve for five years after discharge, unless they volunteer for another year in service or join an organized reserve outfit for three years.

Exempt—Ministers, National Guard members, organized reserve members, conscientious objectors, most public official and scientists, agricultural and industrial workers covered by the regulations made by the president.

Families—President, through selective service director, decides about deferring men with dependents.

Students—High school students deferred until they graduate, drop out, or become 20, whichever is first. Collegians can finish the current year.

Registration—President members in regular service, the National Guard, active reserves or others in uniform will not have to register.

Draft dodgers—Can be fined up to \$10,000 and given five years in jail.

GI Bill of rights—Not this time and no mustering out pay. But soldiers and sailors civil relief act still applies.

Industry—Government can take over industrial plants which refuse defense orders at "fair profits." Courts would decide disputed cases of what is "fair profit."

Order of induction—To be set by draft boards.

Members of the Phillippi-Clement Post 101 of The American Legion at LaRue, Ohio, have torn down the home given them by the GAR in 1924 and are building a new one with their own hands.

The mother of American Legion National Chaplain Frank L. Harrington died on June 5 at Newport, R. I.

National Commander James F. O'Neil of The American Legion recently hailed the U. S. Supreme Court decision of super-seniority for veterans in government employment as the greatest protection to veterans' preference since the establishment of the law.

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AMERICANISM MEANS GOOD CITIZENSHIP

By FRANK CRAWLEY

When one says, "I am an American," one says it with pride.

We use that phrase with rightful pride. It is a great thing to be an American.

But, as we say it in pride, we should say it in humility. Because, being an American carries with it today great responsibility—not only to our own nation, but to all the world.

Even though we walk in great humble greatness we must still be cognizant of our great might. We must remember that we are the mightiest nation the world has ever known—but we must remember that in our greatness we owe a debt to the things that made us great.

When the founding fathers established this nation they laid

down the road we were to follow. The road was well defined. It was a trail none could miss.

As we follow the road—a road that led from the Atlantic to the Pacific—a road that wound a tortuous path over river and mountain, over stream and turbulent creek, we learned a measure of humility.

We learned that as we grew great and strong we accomplished that goal by absorbing into our blood streams the blood of other nations and other people.

The men and women who made the United States are a conglomerate mass. They come from all the nations of the world and they come to us because in Our Land was freedom and opportunity.

They made us great with the strength of their hands, their backs and their minds.

Our greatness will last only so long as we remember we are all Americans. Citizens of these great United States.

But some of our greatness must go to the rest of the world. In some way we must imbue the weary and the laden with the spirit that made us great.

We must pour on our torch of Americanism oil enough for the torch to light the world.

Duty on Guam

GUAM . . . Recently assigned to duty with the famous 19th Bomb Group on Guam as Commander of the 28th Bomb Sq., is Major James S. Howard. His wife, the former Sue Butler, and daughter, Sandra Sue, are residing at 2343 South Delaware until housing is available so they can join the Major.

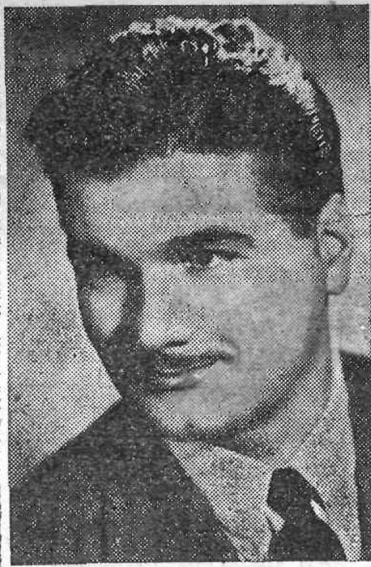
Major Howard is well qualified for his new assignment having received his commission with the Air Force in April, 1941. In addition to being a senior pilot he has served as operations officer of the 39th Bomb Group on Guam during the war, commanding officer of the 839th Sq., Hondo, Texas and Co., of the 107th base unit, Fort Slocum, N.Y. For his exemplary service during the war he received among other medals, the Air Medal and Distinguished Flying Cross.

Prior to his entrance on active duty he attended Oklahoma A. & M. College where he was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

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Guard Units Intensify Enlistment Campaigns

National Guards throughout northeast Oklahoma are attempting to complete enlistment campaigns before summer encampment.

Lt. Col. Thad E. Hummel announced Thursday a June 30 deadline for officers and enlisted men for the two-week tour at Fort Sill, Aug. 8-22.

The Guard commander said units must allow time to complete personal, payroll and other records before they leave. Approximately 900 Guardsmen from northeast Oklahoma are expected to attend the encampment.



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Rev. Alexander—

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ping pong tables, etc., a variety of hobby clubs and also a beautiful lounge where the young people dance.

In regard to its young people, Dr. Alexander feels that for too long the Church has been inclined to take a negative attitude saying, "Don't do this and don't do that," without giving them a single positive thing to do. He is convinced that the young people today are basically clean, basically moral and basically honest and more than anything else, we need to believe in them and let them know we believe in them.

The attitude of his Church is best expressed by the fact that \$116,000 in cash was raised in 30 days to buy the land for Edgemere "The Church of Tomorrow," his \$2,000,000 dream for young people. His Church also has his life insured for \$100,000.

In the summer of 1947 the Church produced a motion picture based on the "Church of Tomorrow," entitled "Preview of Heaven." This is primarily a summary of Reverend Alexander's life and his idea of "The Church of Tomorrow." It is very indicative of the liberal trend that he is carrying on in his Church. Hollywood has seen this movie and one concern is preparing a full-length motion picture in color, on the Church film, and showing his beginning in the ministry. This was covered in an article by Louella Parsons and syndicated in over 600 papers across the country.

The latter part of August 1947 the Amphitheater "Edgemere Under the Stars" was dedicated.

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This is the first step of the dream "The Church of Tomorrow" completed.

In constant demand for National Conventions, Red Cross work, Chamber of Commerce meetings, Rotary Clubs, Commencement addresses and other civic enterprises, Dr. Alexander was the 1947 Chairman of the Oklahoma City Community Chest Drive, past chairman of the Cancer Drive, is President of the Oklahoma Committee for Mental Hygiene, Inc., and in March of 1948 was elected President of the Oklahoma State



Dubert Dennis, noted organist, will present a concert of organ music. The organ he will use, a Hammond Electric, is to be donated by the Jenkins Music Co. They have offered to transport it to the Fairgrounds, install it and remove it when the show ends, without cost to the Post.

Symphony Society. He turned down 103 Commencement addresses during 1947 from Iowa to Texas. He speaks from Oregon, to Texas to Minnesota to Ohio.

The secret of all of this is wrapped up in the soldier's phrase "He makes me want to live up to the best that is in me."

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