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NATION'S WELFARE TO HAVE TOP BILLING AT LEGION MIAMI MEET

40 - 8 Box Car To Miami

The Forty et Eight, Tulsa Voiture 185, will take their box car to the national convention in Miami, Fla., leaving Tulsa Tuesday, October 12.

Any Legionnaire desiring to make the trip by "box car" should phone the Legion Hut, 3-0723. The cost per person for the round trip will not exceed \$25. Remember the ladies are also welcome to make the trip.

Past Commander Bohannon Honored With Diamond Pin

At Tuesday's meeting Commander Guy Belford, Jr., presented to Past Commander Clinton J. Bohannon a diamond studded Legion and 40 et 8 lapel button. This was a gift from the post for his untiring efforts as commander part time for the year 1948 from March until September.

NOTICE

The next 40-8 promenade will be next Wednesday night October 13 at 8 p. m., just prior to the meeting. Free eats will be served starting promptly at 7 p. m.

First Dance of Season Big Success

In spite of the fact several people were turned away from the Legion Hut last Saturday night, October 2, the Legion had a splendid opening semi formal dance. Those turned away were non members that were not accompanied by a member. If you will remember the new policy is that members and their friends (when accompanied by a member) are the only people permitted to the facilities of the Hut.

Regardless of the aforesaid, there were 208 paid admissions and a grand time was had by all. Bob Howe, entertainment chairman, said Comrade George Balay's music was excellent and that an even larger crowd was expected for this next Saturday night dance.

Remember there is a Legion Dance every Saturday night, 10-2.

8 - 40 NOTICE

Tulsa County Lalm 214 Eight et Forty, will entertain the partners with a dinner party Tuesday at 6:30 p. m., in the American Legion Hut. Mrs. Elwood Taylor, the chapeau. Mrs. Alfred Jarvis, Mrs. Eddie Gambill and Mrs. H. L. Heslip will serve as hostesses. A business meeting will follow the dinner.

Defense Head Sets 'Tough Policy' On Draft Deferments

Defense Secretary James F. Forrestal last week set what military authorities termed a "tough" policy on occupational deferments in the national military establishment—a pattern expected to be followed throughout the entire Federal Government.

An "absolute minimum" of requests for occupational deferment will be made, Forrestal said in an announcement of his policy. He said the President's draft regulations will be interpreted strictly. Deferments will be asked only in justifiable cases and for a limited period required to find a replacement.

Defense officials said deferment requests for Government workers in the Army, Navy, Air Force and other defense agencies will be "extremely few and far between." Forrestal's policy affects men, 19 through 25, among some 880,000 defense employees as well as among thousands of employees of defense contractors.

Nearly 10 Million Enrolled

Meanwhile, draft headquarters in Washington was beginning to receive a trickle of reports from various parts of the country on the Nation's draft registration, which was completed on Sept. 18. Approximately 9,600,000 men, 18 through 25, were expected to have enrolled for the 21 months draft. Ten thousand draftees will put on uniforms in November under the first draft call.

The draft deferment rules announced by President Truman last Aug. 20 make no special provision for Government employees. Forrestal said the same rules which affect all men of draft age would affect Government workers.

Forrestal said the following factors would be considered before the Government will ask for an occupational deferment for a civilian employee of the military establishment:

1. Whether there is a shortage of workers in the specific occupation which can not be filled despite aggressive recruitment efforts.
2. Whether the occupation requires an extended period of education, training, or specialized experience for effective job performance.
3. Whether it may not be possible to maintain production without the employee by promoting other workers or by dividing the job among other workers.

List of Convention Speakers Is The Key To Concern Over Problems

Miami, Fla.—The concern of The American Legion over the care of disabled veterans, national security and promotion of Americanism and education through youth training is reflected today by National Commander James F. O'Neil's first announcement of a partial list of speakers before its 30th annual convention in the Greater Miami Area, October 18 to 21.

The incomplete list of speakers and the dates of their appearances before the 7,000 convention delegates and alternates, includes:

Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder and Administrator of Veterans' Affairs Carl R. Gray, Jr., both on October 20th.

General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force, on October 21st.

Secretary of the Navy John L. Sullivan and Miss Mabel Studebaker, president of the National Education Association, both on October 18th.

Addresses of welcome will be made at the opening session on October 18, by American Legion 1948 Convention Corporation President Joe H. Adams of Miami; Governor Millard F. Caldwell of Florida; Mayors Robert L. Flood of Miami; Marcie Liberman of Miami Beach and Florida State Commander Paschal Reese. The response will be made by Past National Commander Stephen F. Chadwick of Seattle, Wash.

50,000 VISITORS

More than 35 special trains, several chartered steamships, hundreds of busses and airplanes and thousands of private automobiles will bring an estimated 50,000 visitors to the Greater Miami Area for the convention. President Adams said the mail requests for advance convention registrations from all sections of the nation had reached a peak, with Pennsylvania leading all states.

More than 71 crack bands and drum and bugle corps already have made reservations for the annual tournament of music on October 18. This will feature national contests for senior and junior musical groups, color guards, drill teams, firing squads, male choruses and drum majors and majorettes.

The annual grand parade of The American Legion under a full moon over Miami on October 19, will provide a climax filled with color, music and rhythm for the convention. For the first time this annual pageant will start at 4 p. m.

Convention politics will center around the hot races for national commander and national chaplain for 1948-49. Seven candidates are seeking election to the top post in The American Legion on October 21. There are six entries in the contest for the national chaplaincy.

Approximately 30 national commissions and committees will meet here prior to the convention. The first of these will be the Resolutions Assignment Committee. It will meet on October 14 to tackle the job of classifying, consolidating and assigning more than 700 resolutions emanating from the 58 department conventions.

SHOWS AND PRIZES

An entertainment highlight of the convention will be the "Circus Days" Cavalcade on October 20 at the Orange Bowl in which more than 100 leading artists of the "big top" will be featured. This show will be sponsored by the Schenley Post 1190 of The American Legion of New York City.

A free award will be made at this Orange Bowl show of a five-room Lustron ranch-style house made of all-steel porcelain-enameled panels. It will be erected for the lucky Legionnaire anywhere in the United States without any cost. The house is also being donated by the Schenley Post.

Four 1949 Ford automobiles and a \$5,000 modern kitchen equipped with Crosley refrigerator, electric range and other facilities, including a television set, will be given away free at the final national championship drum and bugle corps contest at the Orange Bowl on the night of October 18, through the courtesy of the J. J. Seagram Post 1283 of The American Legion of New York.

American Legion Convention Corporation officials emphasized there are no contests for these prizes. They are free gifts to members of The American Legion only. The winners will be selected in drawings made from lists of names sent in. The winners positively do not have to be at the convention.

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1948 LEGION JUNIOR BASEBALL CHAMPIONS



Meet the national championship of 1948 American Legion Junior Baseball — the Trenton Schroths.

Sponsored by Trenton, N. J., Post 93, these alert young ball players captured the coveted national title at the 21st annual Junior World's Series held at Victory Field, Indianapolis, Ind. The Trenton team annexed the championship with three straight victories over Omaha, Neb., Belleville, Ill., and Jacksonville, Fla.

The players are shown hoisting their star pitcher, Donald Minnick, on their shoulders immediately after winning from Jacksonville 4 to 1 in the final game to cop the title.

Trenton Post 93 had sponsored American Legion Junior Baseball teams for 17 years before winning the national championship. Three times before Trenton teams had reached the national finals only to lose out.

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

The 3,068,126 members of The American Legion will be represented by 3,444 delegates and an equal number of alternates at the 30th national convention in Miami, Fla., October 18 to 21.

Pennsylvania will have the largest delegation at the 1948 American Legion national convention in Miami, Fla., with 289 delegates voting for 281,784 Keystone Legionnaires.

National Commander James F. O'Neil has called on all the department commanders of The American Legion to help enforce an orderly national convention in Miami, Fla., and warned of stern action against any misbehaving individuals.

American Legion posts will join with 70 other national organizations in the observance of United Nations Week, October 17 to 24, the last day of which will be celebrated as first UN Day.

Deaths of the wives of NEC Member Harry K. Stinger of Philadelphia, Pa., and Past Department Commander Arthur G. Bouton of Scarsdale, N. Y., have been reported to American Legion headquarters.

Spurred by charges made by the Illinois American Legion that pro-communist teachings were given to Senn High School civic classes, the Chicago Board of Education has taken action to revise the instruction methods in this course.

Naval Post 195 of The American Legion of Philadelphia, Pa., will have its colors at the 1948 Miami convention for the 25th year which it claims is a record.

Greece has awarded the Gold Cross of the Royal Order of Phoenix to National Commander J. F. O'Neil and Past National Commander Paul H. Griffith for The

PRIZE WINNING EDITORIAL

"Freedom Is Everybody's Business," the editorial published in the April 1 issue of The California State Legionnaire, will be awarded the William Rominger plaque at the annual convention of The American Legion in Miami, Oct. 18. This plaque is dedicated to the late William Rominger, former Editor of the Egyptian Legionnaire of Herron County, Illinois. Mr. Rominger was an outstanding editor and did much to promote The American Legion Press Association. Below is the prize-winning editorial:

Freedom Is Everybody's Business

During these troubled postwar years, and particularly during this election year of 1948, almost everyone in America is near a dither with regard to the international scene.

Millions take political talk and war talk daily in Democratic stride. That is: CALMLY and THOUGHTFULLY. By free and open discussion they hope to arrive at the WILL OF THE PEOPLE.

But will they? Isn't there more to the problem than that? Are too many of us feeling too secure in a lethargy induced by America's success in the past? Should some of us be doing MORE about our destiny—AMERICA'S FUTURE? The nation gets daily warnings through its free press and radio. More often than not those warnings are quotations from the lips of men in whom we once placed implicit confidence when they were helping to guide us through the worst war ever recorded.

Are we—ALL OF US—giving ENOUGH thought to those warnings?

Winston Churchill's paraphrase during the Battle of Britain is well known around the world. He said, "Never have so many owed so much to so few." To fit today's American political pattern suppose we paraphrase—

TODAY TOO MANY DO TOO LITTLE ABOUT TOO MUCH.

There is but one solution to that paraphrase. It is the DUTY of every man and woman in America, who has the right, and who can, TO REGISTER and GET OUT TO VOTE. This year, above all years!

Otherwise, FAR TOO FEW MAY TELL FAR TOO MANY what we, our children, and our children's children, MUST DO FOREVER!

Yes, Freedom is EVERYBODY'S Business!

American Legion's support of its government's fight against international communism.

The Idaho American Legion at its 1948 state convention voted to raise its department dues to \$2.90, an increase of a dollar.

A special recital honoring The American Legion has been arranged at the Bok Singing Tower at Lake Wales, Fla., for 4 p.m., October 24, by Memorial Post 71 there for Legionnaires homeward bound from the Miami national convention.

Atlanta, Ga., Post 1 of The American Legion, is installing 2 television sets in its modern clubhouse.

A gold medal for "outstanding exposition of Americanism" has been presented by Wall Street Post 1217 of The American Legion in New York City to Cardinal Spellman.

The annual dinner and election of officers of The American Legion Press Association will be held at the famous Steak House in Miami Beach, Florida, Sunday evening, October 17th.

Seniority Rights Upheld

Another seniority right decision of wide importance to WW II vets was handed down by 9th U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals. This decision upheld a veteran's right to return to a union job with the same seniority ranking held when he left for war, despite union contract changes made in his absence. The case was that of three Burbank, California, aircraft workers who had returned to their jobs, then discharged—later rehired without their old seniority ranking.

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War Claims Act

A number of inquiries have been received about the War Claims Act of 1948 (Public Law 896, 80th Congress) relating to former prisoners of war. Washington advises that the War Claims Commission has not been appointed and probably will not be until after the November elections and the convening of a new Congress. No instructions or application forms are available as yet. Legion is advised that private agencies soliciting business among former prisoners of war have no favored standing with the Government and are not connected with the Government. National Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion, has prepared a circular giving brief of the legislation. Legion is interested in seeing that all such claims are processed without cost to veteran or beneficiary.

World War I veterans of the 113th Engineer Regiment will hold a reunion at the Log Cabin in Forest Park at Noblesville, Ind., September 25 and 26, according to Harry Robert, 644 Woodrow, Indianapolis, Ind.

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Oklahoma Legionnaire Receives Editorial Award

The Oklahoma Legionnaire was signally honored when one of its editorials was selected as one of the five best appearing in Legion publications during the past year. The title of the winning editorial was "The Churches and UMT," which appeared in the June, 1948, issue.

Further honors came to the Oklahoma Legionnaire when another of its editorials was selected in the first ten, published in Legion papers during the year. A certificate of merit will be presented at the National Convention at Miami, Florida, to The Oklahoma Legionnaire and to Elmer Fraker who wrote the two editorials. The Oklahoma Legionnaire was the only Legion publication, of more than a hundred, that placed two editorials among the top ten.

Judges who passed on the merits of the editorials were Harry Baehr, author of "The New York Tribune since the Civil War" and a member of the editorial staff of the New York Herald Tribune; Wilbur Forrest, Director of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and Assistant Editor of the Herald Tribune; and Floyd Taylor, director of the American Press Institute of Columbia University.

An editorial appearing in the California state Legionnaire entitled "Freedom is Everybody's Business" was named the top editorial of the year. A plaque will be presented to editor Cliff Sweetland.

The net advertising revenue of The American Legion Magazine in 1948 will reach \$1,250,000, a new record in the publication's history.

During 1948 the American Legion Auxiliary conducted 199 schools for hospital volunteer workers at which 5,815 volunteers were trained.

The Adjutant's Column

By EDDIE J. SHIELDS

At the meeting Tuesday some of the comrades stated that we should carry a stock of Legion supplies. I politely advised them that I did carry a stock, not everything in the National Emblem Catalogue, but the most essentials—Legion Caps, Buttons, Uniform Sleeve and Coat Buttons—Legion Shirt and Collar Patches—Legion Ties—large and small De-Cals or in other words Transfers. Indian Heads for Legion Caps or Uniforms and can order anything else you may need or want from the Catalogue.—See Me.

Sick & Visitation Chairman—Chism reported that Gregg Chancellor was out of the hospital now and convalescing at home and probably is back to work at his old job at Radio Station KOMA. Jude Lewis is still at home, with the old Ticker. Comrade Jim Davis is at St. John's hospital. From the report of the Chairman it seems that Buddy Davis is losing his eyesight. Had a postal card from our old friend and Buddy—A. A. Wilson who is in the VA hospital at Topeka, Kansas—A. A. is up there for a Hernia operation, they were supposed to operate on him Monday, October 4th. Had a card from John A. Finley, he is in the Soldiers Home at Los Angeles, Calif., for Domiciliary Care. He is in VA-Branch 25, his mailing address is Veterans Administration, Branch 25, General Delivery, Los Angeles, Calif. Guss Gunn who is at the VA in Muskogee is expected to be released in a short time. Fred Jarvis reported that Lawrence J. Mangan, 1440 S. Trenton, is very ill at his home. Lawrence is almost a charter member of this Post.

Joe Herman—Commander of the Funeral Detail, reported everything was very quiet on the Western Front for once but that the detail would probably be pretty busy within the next couple of weeks as the U.S.S. Charles Victory had just landed in New York among which was 116 bodies for Oklahoma of which 8 bodies were for Tulsa and Vicinity. Don't know how many of the 8 for Tul-

sa will be handled by the Legion, but perhaps the Lions share.

Jack Tracy Chairman of the Crippled Kiddies Party for Xmas reported that the details for the party were proceeding very satisfactorily, that no theatre had been selected as yet for their show. They all want it.

Hint to all GI's:—The Stork is the bird with the biggest bill.

"What a splendid fit," said the tailor as he carried the epileptic out of his shop.

"I've just taken a shine to your wife," said the stork to the Negro as he left the house.

Our idea of a grand error—the grave ball player who slides into home plate in a cow pasture.

Received a letter from S/Sgt. D. N. Garman in Germany making a plea for clothing for German Kiddies at Xmas time. Leslie A. Chaffin has been made Chairman of this together with Auxiliary Members Effie Blanchard and Mrs. Alex Faulkner. I will print the letter below and we hope that you will understand the letter as we do and in case you are not contacted and are interested and have some children's clothes you do not want any more bring them to me at the Hut and I will see that they are turned over to the Chairman. Of course you understand that this shipment will have to be made early in order to arrive for Xmas in Germany. The letter:

Dear Folks Back Home:

American soldiers are known the world over for their real Christmas spirit. During the war and now, during the occupation, kids everywhere think the American GI is quite a friend.

It is planned this Christmas to give old clothes to the German children and all the men in our Squadron are asking for used children's clothing. Please send me a package of clothes, anything you have, shoes, stockings, dresses, pants, undies, sweaters, coats, caps, gloves, mittens for kids up to and including high school age.

The authorities here in charge of German youth assistance will see to it that the most deserving kids get whatever you care to send. Any number of packages may be sent, so if the neighbors want to help, more packages will make a Merrier Christmas for them.

Your Christmas package will ride the Berlin airlift over the blockade.

A P. S. on the letter from Garman (A Tulsa soldier) is this:

Would appreciate any help you can give. Food and coal from the Air Lift will not be enough.

My P. S. is this:—This could develop into a tremendous task so act as quickly as possible.

Considerable discussion was had at the Executive meeting with regards to making extensive repairs on the present Hut. Really think they mean business this time. Walter C. Deppe was appointed as Chairman of the Building Committee and he is to appoint the balance of the committee to work with him.

You know the National Convention in Miami, Florida, is not very far off—October 16th, 1948. If you are going by car, several of the larger town in Florida, in particular, have made arrangements to entertain the car travelers enroute. Better contact the hut and find out about some of the places if you are going. The 40 et 8 as you know holds their Promenade Nationale at the same time of the Legion Convention and Voiture 185, Tulsa, is sending the box car to Miami and they have moved to permit as many of the 40 et 8 and Legionnaires to go in the Box Car as they can accommodate at the very nominal fee of \$25 for the round trip. George Kyger is in charge, contact him before Saturday 6 p.m. Call the hut for George and if he is not in I will take your reservation—3-0723.

The box car will not drive straight through. It will stop at night. Box Car leaves the Hut Tuesday morning at 7:00 a.m., October 12th, 1948. The first day will be to Memphis, second day Montgomery, Ala., third day St. Petersburg, Fla., and the next day

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Miami. Here we come. In order that those on the Box Car won't choke to death, several of the beer distributors have been kind enough to DONATE some canned beer for the trip, and take my word for it—PLENTY—and it will be free. The companies so generous are—Byrd Sales Co., Blatz. Ford Distributors—Pabst and Greisdick. Barney Paschal—Old Style Lager. Falstaff Distributing Co.—Falstaff & Meulbach. The Seven Up Company have contributed a considerable amount of their Beverage. Can't for the life of me figure why the 7 Up ?? —If any one knows what to use it with, bring it along, it will be more than welcome. Boy Oh Boy if you don't make this trip you are going to miss something.

Sometimes we do get a letter of thanks for the untiring efforts of a few members of the post and I am giving you below these letters. If I ever get any more I will print them, too:

Orlando, Okla.

Sept. 3, 1948.

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Bakersfield, Calif.

Sept. 25, 1948.

To The Members of the American Legion Post of Tulsa, Okla:
Dear Friends:

In 1945 we lost our Navy son. He was brought back there for burial and your members gave him a beautiful service. His name was Carl Edwin Lewis, as you remember. We were all so grateful to you all then. But now you come helping another son when he too was in need again. I for one want you to know again how grateful I am for the help you have given to him, too.

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older son. May God bless you all in your wonderful work of helping those in need.

I will close but I did want to thank you for all and I wanted you also to know what was in my heart.

Yours truly,

Mrs. John Compton.

This is it—See you next week—I hope!

ALONG THE STREET

It is queer thing that the changing of one or two letters in words like destructive and constructive changes their meaning from one extreme to the other. For instance, the army of the military is a smashing destructive organization, whereas the Salvation Army has been and no doubt will be the greatest constructive army the world has ever known.

This organization had its beginning in the Slums of London

by a Methodist minister and his wife. The organization grew by "leaps and bounds" in membership, until at the present time the uniform is worn by approximately 4,000,000 persons in 92 countries, speaking 102 languages. One of their greatest accomplishments was brought about by a Salvation Army officer named Charles Pian, who worked 18 years to cause the abolishment of France's dreaded Devil's Island for criminals. During World War II they had 3,000 centers, where they served food with cheer to 225,000,000 service men and women on 26 fronts.

The praise of the Salvation Army could go on forever but this will give the public a clear picture of deeds they have performed in the past and stand ready with your help to do even more in the future.

Brig. John Bivans, Commander in Tulsa, is very proud of the new Red Shield Club for boys and girls at Cheyenne and Second Streets, where they are remodeling these buildings for this purpose, and also reminds us it will be maintained by the community chest. So don't forget "The Red Feather Drive."

As usual the Salvation Army will be feeding and clothing many indigent families and transients this coming cold weather, so let's all get together our cast-off clothing, etc.—dial 2-9530 and they will gladly send and pick them up.

"Onward Christian Soldiers."

I've heard about the fellows who had no answer to the question, "Where did my summer wages go?" as winter weather approached, but, I have found a fellow who has the answer to the question, "Where will I buy my good, warm clothing in the latest styles and materials for the coming fall and winter!"

This man is Ben Estes, who owns the clothing company bearing his name, at Fifth and Boulder, in fact he will go further than answering your question, by showing you the real thing, if you will just stop in and see him.

"Ben" has a fine new display of Timely Suits and Topcoats, Stetson and Stack Hats, in fact, anything in furnishings for the well-dressed man.

His store is located in the heart of the downtown district, and no matter where you are, you're only a step from his store; so let Ben prove to you, that it "costs no more to be dressed the best."

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Neal started his eating establishment in a small way five years ago and has grown to where he can seat and serve 60 persons comfortably. Steaks, chops, plate lunches and all kinds of sandwiches are also on the menu, and Neal certainly knows how to satisfy your wants.

Another veteran, who works a

good many hours a day, to see that we have a well provisioned table, is Sam Benner, owner of Lee's Food Store, 702 East Young and being an A. G. store, speaks for itself as to courteous service.

Sam has owned this store, for the past six months and says "It makes me happy because I see new faces coming in everyday, and I know it is because I try to have the best in meats, vegetables and fruits, and everything I carry in my store."

Let us try to make Sam a little happier, by more of us showing our faces there, in his store.

Copy of Letter Received From Dept. Commander

Oklahoma City, Okla.

September 20, 1948.

Mr. J. Earl Simpson,
American Legion Hqs.,
1120 East 8th Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Earl:

Thank you for your wonderful support at the Department Convention and the kindness that your post extended to me during my short visit there recently.

It is my desire that you serve as the Emblems and Ritual Chairman of the Department. I know that you have always been interested in this type of work and will do an excellent job.

Please give my regards to Mrs. Simpson and I hope to see you both again soon.

Yours truly,

Preston J. Moore,
Commander,

PJM:m

The Forty and Eight, The American Legion fun and honor organization, has a 1948 enrollment, which is by invitation, of 92,744 in 750 voitures, an all-time high.

—SICK BOOK—

Earl B. Abrams, 215 South Xanthus, was taken to the Veterans hospital at Muskogee this week in an ambulance. Comrade Abrams is reported to be in a serious condition.

A card from Jim Bewley says he is back in the hospital at Muskogee. He thinks he will be there about three weeks.

Jim reports that Gus Gunn is still at the Muskogee hospital and says Gus looks fine, however, Gus is not permitted out of bed.

Four-State Association Will Meet In Tulsa

Editor National Tribune: The semi-annual meeting of the Four-State Association, United Spanish War Veterans and Auxiliaries, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Missouri, will be held in Tulsa, Okla., Oct. 22-23. Headquarters will be at the Veterans Club, 214 E. 13th Place, Tulsa, and all the hotels are available as there are no conventions to be held on these dates. Hotel Tulsa, Third and Cincinnati, is one block from the bus line, and goes within one block of the club house, as is the Hotel Alvin at Seventh and Main. Both are first class hotels.

Registration for the meeting will be open at the club house Friday afternoon, Oct. 22. Worthwhile entertainment is planned by the two camps and auxiliaries of Tulsa who will serve the dinner on Saturday noon to comrades, sisters and guests with no charge. T. A. Brandes, 1141 South Xanthus Place, Tulsa, Okla., is president of the association, and Nola Brandes is president of the auxiliaries. Plan to attend this meeting. All comrades and sisters are welcome.

NATION'S WELFARE (Continued from page One)

Any Legionnaire in the United States can qualify for the Lustron house by merely sending his name and address, post affiliation and number of his 1948 American Legion card to William Lewis, Schenley Post 1190, P. O. Box 6305, Miami 36, Florida.

Every Legionnaire is eligible to file his name for the four automobile awards. Coupons in The American Legion Magazine should be used, giving all requested information. These should be mailed to The American Legion 1948 Convention Corporation of Florida, P. O. Box 6335, Station B, Miami 36, Fla.

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ARMS FOR EUROPE MAY BE FACTOR IN BUSINESS PLANNING FOR 1949

Business planning for 1949 isn't entirely in the hands of businessmen.

You would think, with the tide running high for the G. O. P., that there would be more business freedom next year. The Republicans have, without doubt, been planning it that way. But our international commitments very easily could interfere, Business Week observes in its weekly "Outlook."

Business men have had a major hand in shaping the 1948 boom. Their capital expansion outlays have been the big factor.

Many analysts are saying now that capital expansion will drop in 1949. They figure that most programs are nearing completion.

This may or may not be true. Business spent more in the second 1948 quarter than an earlier canvass of intentions-to-spend had shown. And it will spend more in the last half than it had intended earlier.

But, even if capital outlays fall off from here on, that's where the government comes in. Military men in Washington want a lot more money for armaments.

Jittery West-Europe is clamoring for a new lend-lease arms program.

Economy-minded Republicans won't be happy if they have to vote big new appropriations for the military and for arms exports. Yet, the way things are shaping up, they may have very little choice.

The implications to business are obvious. If the government is to compete for the product of heavy industry, plant expansion for civilian production will be slowed. We haven't the manpower and metals for both.

But note this: Federal spending would bolster employment, income. A decline in business outlays for capital expansion would not be felt—at least in the dollar size of the economy as measured by national income.

Heavy federal spending, without a cut in personal income after taxes, would spell excess consumer demand. Remember the "inflationary gap?"

Manufacturers still haven't been able to catch up with demand for many types of civilian goods. When could you expect to get that new auto if Detroit had to start turning out tanks, too?

Talk of new arms programs can only add to business confusion.

What congressmen may do, and when they may do it, is totally unpredictable.

Perhaps new money for arms will be voted. But there will be delays. So any spending isn't likely to start until late 1949. By that time, where will business be? If we are headed for a downturn, production and prices may be off several percentage points by then.

Lend-lease is bound to command serious attention in the next year.

Marshall-Plan aid is designed to bring social and political stability to western Europe. That means restoring a decent standard of living. And European industry hasn't yet made much more than a good start on that.

Western Europe can't hope to produce arms and butter, too. Where then, will the arms come from, if not from the U. S.?

Industries that are now feeling the pinch of their own private recessions could make some of the goods needed for rearmament. They, presumably, have some available manpower idled by the slack in their plants. But they would need steel and copper now being used for civilian goods.

Manufacturing employment is certainly showing no over-all slack that would allow military production on top of civilian output.

Unemployment again is below two million.

More surprising, manufacturing employment in August topped last winter's peace-time peak. And the big gain from July to August was not in durable goods factories; it was in the presumably slackening soft goods lines.

No two people in the shoe industry seem able to agree on what is going to happen next.

International Shoe Company this week reduced its work week on men's footwear to four days. Shortly before, American Hide & Leather said it was cutting operations to 80% of capacity to avoid any further accumulation of inventories.

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ber from the July slump, according to estimates compiled by the Tanners' Council.

August and September also were substantially ahead of a year ago.

Wool prices seemed to have steadied a bit this week after their drop from about \$2 a pound to around \$1.60.

But the trade isn't too confident about the immediate future for woollens and worsteds. Users of fabrics still are buying hand-to-mouth; most content that they are waiting for prices to reflect the drop in raw wool.

People in the wool trade, incidentally, feel that they snapped the high prices for imported raws. They simply stayed out of the market.

Prospects for somewhat lower meat prices the rest of this year now seem pretty fairly good.

The autumn increase in slaughter runs has barely started. Yet the price of steers is down \$3 a cwt. from the recent high; hogs are of \$2.

Livestock raisers are taking no chance of overstaying their market. They are selling while the prices are still high. But, as cheap corn becomes plentiful, there will be more holding back, feeding to higher weights.

Two battles between synthetics and natural raw materials in the tire industry seem to be going in opposite directions:

(1) Total use of synthetic rubber in August was virtually unchanged from a year ago at 39,000 tons; consumption of natural rubber, however, rose to 53,000 tons this year from 47,300 last.

(2) In tire cord, it's another story. Use of cotton in the second quarter this year was down 16% from the same 1947 period; use of synthetic cord—rayon and nylon—marked up a smacking 13 per cent rise.

Most striking price disagreement of this week comes in petroleum.

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Montana Posts Raise \$20,000 To Send Prize Corps to Miami

Bozeman, Mont.—The 42-piece championship drum and bugle corps of the Gallatin Post 14 will hop off by chartered plane from here, October 15, for Miami, Fla., to attend the 30th national convention of The American Legion there, October 18 to 21.

It will take off for the Southland with the claim of being the most-traveled drum and bugle corps in The American Legion this year. By the time the corps returns here from Miami, it will have traveled 6,260 miles this year. Of this the Florida mileage will total 4,400 miles. The corps traveled 1,860 miles over Montana during the past year.

When the Bozeman drum corps won the 1948 state championship at the department convention at Great Falls, the Montana American Legion appropriated \$2,000 for the group's travel expense to Miami. Gallatin Post 14 with the aid of department headquarters and of other Montana posts raised an additional \$18,000 to meet the cost of the Miami journey.

The Gallatin Post 14 claims to have one of the highest per capita investments in its prize drum corps. It amounts to more than \$12 for each of the 1,100 members of the post.

The Bozeman drum corps will arrive in Miami on Sunday, October 17th.

Phillips raised its buying price 35c a barrel (to about \$3 a barrel for top grade). Most leading refiners, at midweek, refused to follow suit.

Phillips' move was a surprise. Most marketers recently had felt that the chances of an advance this year had passed.

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Convention Train Leaves October 13

Large Crowd of Oklahomans To Make Trip to Miami

At 9:00 o'clock, on Wednesday morning, October 13, the Oklahoma Legion special train will leave the Union Station in Oklahoma City and head for the National Convention at Miami, Fla.

The special will reach Tulsa at 12:30 p.m. and will there be joined by delegates and convention goers from the east side of the state.

The first sight seeing stop on the tour will be at Atlanta, Ga., where the Oklahoma party will visit the Cyclorama and Stone Mountain. The next is at Ocala, Florida, for the purpose of visiting the Marine Gardens.

The train will arrive in Miami at 8:30 on the evening of Friday, October 15. This early arrival will enable delegates to attend any committee meetings that are to be held prior to the opening of the Convention. It will also give two full days for sight seeing in Miami and adjacent territory. The Convention proper does not open until the morning of October 18th.

To Visit New Orleans

The Oklahoma special will leave Miami for the return trip at 10:45 on the night of Thursday, October 21. The next morning, a sight seeing tour will be made to St. Augustine, the first white settlement in the United States. A tour of unusual interest will be made in New Orleans. The special will arrive in the great crescent city of the South at 9:00 o'clock on the morning of the 23rd and will not leave until after midnight that night. This will give the delegation 15 hours in New Orleans.

Leaving New Orleans about midnight on the 23rd, the train will proceed to Houston, Texas. A stop-over from 10:00 a.m. on the 24th to 12:30 p.m. the same day will be made in this latter city.

Leaving Houston, shortly after 1:00, the train will proceed to Fort Worth. At Fort Worth, the train will divide into sections, with the Oklahomans living on the east side being transported

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Looking Ahead



OTHER DAY two of your friends were swapping talk. One was Mr. Ernest N. Welloff. He claims no great genius, but does know something of what America has meant to him. Born of immigrant parents, he learned as a boy to work hard. Saved his money, later put it to work for other people. His business is manufacturing. He boosts the American Way, not so much for what it has done for him as for what it has enabled him to do for himself.

His employee, Willie B. Secure, is not so sure. He always thought "security" was simply saving up for the "rainy day." That is, until certain persons got hold of him. They just about convinced him that capitalists are his enemies. Willie's no Communist. He is just one of the 29 per cent of our population that believes company profits are 30 cents and more per dollar of sales. (Actually, they're less than 10 cents!)

Squeeze THIS SCENE began as Willie met up with his idea of capitalism. Mr. Welloff. Neither of them are stuffed-shirts. They are quite on speaking terms.

Welloff: How're you getting along, Willie?

Willie: Pretty good, but not making as much as I'd like to.

Welloff: Neither is the company. We're caught between prices and costs. Equipment is sky-high. Materials are sky-high. We can't increase prices much more. What's your trouble?

Willie: Same thing. Can't make ends meet.

Welloff: If only we could get more production, Willie, we might raise wages. Without more production, it would be tough on us. A tax cut would help, too.

Willie: You mean the company couldn't pay an increase? I thought it was plenty able to pay.

Welloff: What we get comes from customers, Willie. We'd have to pass it on to the public. Your wages are part of our production costs. The customer pays your wages. Our workers got 90 per cent of our sales dollar last year.

Willie: You mean that the union is asking for wage increases from the people?

Production WELLOFF: You Raise Wages know those new automatic machines we've been planning on? They cost plenty. Should we pay raises out of money we put aside last year for those?

Willie: Well, no, Mr. Welloff. Just let me get my hands on one of those beauties. Betcha I can impress the foreman plenty!

Welloff: Sure. And your production will go up. Higher production will help us get more income out of which we can gladly pay increases.

Willie: But, Eddie over there says the stockholders are taking us for a ride. They're rolling in dough, you know.

Welloff: Well, we paid them a dividend last year, but it didn't make them rich.

Willie: What did they do to deserve it?

Welloff: This big building we're in, and that annex we're putting up—our stockholders let us have money they'd saved. Their money has created jobs in this town.

Willie: They're Wall Street bankers and wealthy big-wigs, aren't they, Mr. Welloff?

Welloff: No. Most of our stock is owned by people like yourself, professional men and women, and small businessmen. People who have saved up a nest-egg.

Willie: You make it sound pretty good, here in America, Mr. Welloff. Guess I ought to be happy to have the kind of chance you had. That's pretty good security!

by the Frisco Lines to Tulsa and intermediate points; Oklahomans living in the central portion of the state riding the Santa Fe to Oklahoma City and intermediate points; and those living in western Oklahoma traveling by way of the Rock Island to Chickasha, El Reno, and Enid.

Department Adjutant Elmer Fraker announces that there are still plenty of hotel rooms to be had in Miami and that he will be glad to make the reservations for any one writing to him. There is also plenty of space for train reservations, he says.

3,444 Delegates to 30th National Conclave

Indianapolis, Ind.—The 3,068,126 members of The American Legion will be represented by 3,444 delegates and an equal number of alternates at the 30th national convention in the Greater Miami Area, October 18 to 21.

This total was announced by National Adjutant Henry H. Dudley of The American Legion here, after 1948 membership books were closed 30 days before the national convention for the computation of the delegate strength of the 58 departments.

Pennsylvania will have the biggest bloc of votes with 289 delegates representing its 1948 enrollment of 281,784 members. New York will be next with 261 votes,

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Illinois will have 234, California 168, Ohio 151, Indiana 130, Iowa 118, Texas 110 and Massachusetts 108 among the large departments.

Oklahoma with 58,760 members will be represented by 65 delegates.

More than 1,100,000 World War II veterans attended 1948 summer schools under the provisions of The American Legion-sponsored GI Bill and Public Law 16.

Latest VA figures show that nearly 1,410,000 WW II veterans have borrowed more than \$7,700,000,000 under The American Legion-sponsored GI Bill for homes, farms and businesses.

The Courtney-Lawrence Post 202 of The American Legion at Medina, Ohio, has presented a check for \$2,123.50 to the community hospital there as the net proceeds of its annual carnival.

Tulsa Among Posts Getting Honorable Mention

For the third successive year the Legion has exceeded the 3,000,000 mark in paid-up memberships, 17,090 chartered Posts were actively operating at the mid-August head-count. Of this number, 75 located in 28 states had exceeded 2,000 members each, 7 of which had more than 5,000. Pennsylvania, with 10, led the roster of giant Posts. New York and Illinois each had 7; Iowa 5; California, Kansas, Massachusetts, Ohio and West Virginia, each had 3; Alabama, Arizona, Indiana, Louisiana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas and Washington, had 2 each.

AUXILIARY NEWS

MRS. LEONARD J. HILL,



MRS. SAM (Bessie) CRAIG
Pres. American Legion Auxiliary
 Mrs. Sam Craig, newly elected President of Carson-Wilson Unit No. 1 American Legion Auxiliary, announces Chairman to serve the Unit for the 1948-49 administration and will have as Secretary, Mrs. J. Earl Simpson; and the following named chairmen:

Americanism:
 Mrs. E. L. Cole
Child Welfare & Rehabilitation:
 Mrs. George Jackson
 Mrs. J. Ted Turner
 Mrs. Ray C. Brock
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 Mrs. Sam Burnham

A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Chairmen:
 "Autumn is in the air in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and this month of October begins another year in the history of Carson-Wilson Unit No. 1, and success can be ours as long as we work. American success is a direct tribute to our ability to work. We must never lose our faith in the dignity and the importance of the honest and fine things we are to do. At this time the whole world needs our efforts and hope, if we strive to keep our nation safe. So I earnestly appeal to you, Chairmen, for your cooperation and concerted effort to fulfill the chairmanship of your office to the very best of your ability and strength. May I depend upon you?"

Signed: MRS. SAM CRAIG.
COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hospital Service:
 Mrs. E. B. Benton, Hospital Chairman, has called for volunteers to join with her and other members to go to the Veterans Hospital in Muskogee, Oklahoma, for work to be done. Mrs. Benton advises that each person volunteering for service must take a preparatory instruction to qualify for the service outlined. For further information please contact Mrs. Benton. The time set for the trips to Muskogee are the

4th and 5th Mondays of each month.

Child Welfare and Rehabilitation:
 Mrs. George Jackson, Chairman, reports her husband is very ill and she will not be able to make contacts and she has asked for volunteers in this work. If you are interested in assisting at this work, will you please contact Mrs. Sam Craig.

Community Service:

Mrs. R. W. Monroe, Chairman, has asked for workers on the Community Fund. This is a service to our community and your help is needed.

Sick and Calling:

Mrs. Elwood Taylor, Chairman, asks that you please report any illness or information pertaining to illness of members and their families.

Social:

Mrs. Dolores Jennings, Chairman, has asked for co-chairman to assist with all social activities and she solicits your ideas and help on all social activities. Call her—phone 5-9717.

Membership:

Mrs. C. O. Gittinger, Chairman, asks that we make our goal by November 11. Mrs. Gittinger has composed a song and to get us into the membership spirit, she asks that each of you bring prospective members to our next meeting, and to ask someone who has previously been a member to join with us, you can say you've missed them.

Next meeting American Legion Auxiliary—October 19—at Legion Hut—8 p. m.

Register, Then Vote

The American Legion is throwing its weight behind an intensive campaign to awaken voters to a sense of their responsibilities as partners in our government. Every citizen is being urged to register and vote at the coming elections. Voters are not told how or for whom to vote. Placards and other material to stimulate the campaign have been sent to every Post by the Americanism Division.

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Census Bureau figures show 5,900,000 persons on public pay rolls in April, latest month for which data are available, out of a total of 58,330,000 persons employed throughout the country.

While the number of public workers was well below the 6,300,000 wartime peak of April, 1945, increased pay rates sent the public pay roll total for last April to \$1,228,500,000, the highest in history.

Public pay rolls accounted for well over one-tenth of all wage and salary payments in April, which Commerce Department estimates place at about \$10,400,000,000. Individual incomes from all sources that month were about \$17,300,000,000.

Average monthly earnings of Government employees hit \$207, a gain of \$14 over last year. Federal employees had the highest average. State and local employees averaged only \$189, but that was \$19 above April, 1947. Despite pay increases over the

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last year, Government employees were not doing as well as factory workers on the average.

The Government average worked out to \$47.77 weekly, against \$51.68 for factory workers.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, the National Rehabilitation Commission of The American Legion received a grand total of 324,902 letters in its Washington, D. C., and 13 VA branch offices.

The American Legion now maintains a national staff of 71 paid rehabilitation experts to help veterans with claims, of whom 32 are stationed in Washington, D. C., and 39 in the 13 VA branch offices.

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