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PLANS FOR A NEW BUILDING GET UNDERWAY AS FIRST MEETING HELD

First steps toward building a new home for the Carson-Wilson post were made Tuesday night, when the post voted to name a committee to make tentative plans for the new building, and to present them to the post for approval.

The motion to name the committee came only after lengthy discussion on the plan, and verbal fireworks were plentiful before the motion was finally made and passed.

Comments and suggestions came from all sides of the meeting room, and there was a variety which left no doubt that the Post as a whole is really interested in the plan.

Early in the discussion, Donald McCormack suggested that we get definite plans drawn up the first thing. He suggested that we "can't get a new building built unless we get members interested enough to get on the ball and get straight as to what we're going to build.

Comrade Allred suggested getting the money first or we might bite off a bigger bite than we could chew.

Jack Tracy told the Post how the famed Berry Foundation was started. The first thing to do, he said, was to draw up plans. "You have to have something tangible to work with," he said.

A suggestion that we sell some of the property belonging to the Post, which was not being used, was made by Fred England.

J. Earl Simpson made a motion that we appoint a new building committee to look over the situation, draw up plans, and have them approved by the Legion body as a whole before going ahead.

Joe Herman said that we need "something bigger than what we've got now."

Simpson's motion was finally tabled. The last and most successful motion was one to appoint a committee to make preliminary plans to present for the approval of the post. This motion was carried.

Milt Patrick Named On Executive Committee

The Post is happy to learn that Milt Patrick was named to the executive committee Sunday at the district convention in Claremore. At a meeting a week ago, the post unanimously endorsed Patrick for the post.

C. O. Gittinger was named first district commander at the conclave.

Take the Profits Out of War

A resolution asking Congress to take "the profits out of war" was read and endorsed by the post by unanimous vote Tuesday night. The resolution was approved by the resolutions committee chairman and was to be presented before the First District convention at Claremore Saturday.

WHEN?

Does anyone remember the motion made by Comrade Norvell several weeks ago and duly passed, that copies of the Constitution and By-laws be presented to each member of the post? What is being done about it? It seems like some one has slipped — we haven't seen any copies of it yet!

Major Raymond Fields Says Russia Is Ready

Major Raymond H. Fields, national director of public relations for the American Legion, was chief speaker at a Chamber of commerce public affairs forum luncheon at noon Thursday.

Speaking on "Russia is Ready," Fields said he believed that Russia was prepared for any possible developments in international politics.

Fields said he was ready to deliver inside information on the international situation.

The appearance here of Fields was arranged by the Carson-Wilson Legion Post and the forum committee. Thursday was designated as American Legion Day at the forum, and all veterans and Legion members attending were given recognition. After the luncheon, Fields, who served as a lieutenant with the famed Rainbow Division in World War I, had a brief reunion with others who served in that outfit.

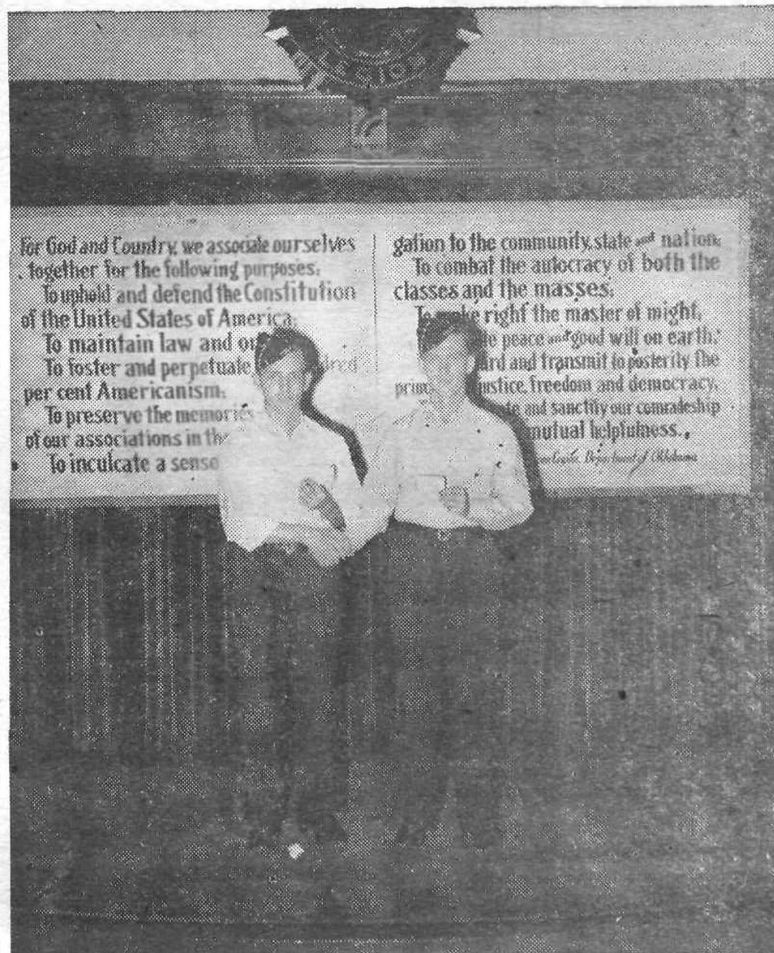
Special invitations for the luncheon were mailed to Legion posts throughout eastern Oklahoma. They were also invited to participate in a closed question and answer session after the program.

A veteran of 30 months service in World War II, Fields served at San Francisco and Los Angeles in public relations posts, and on V-J Day was asked by the Legion to serve as Legion representative at the United Nations organization conference, and since that time has served as the Legion's official observer at Lake Success, N.Y. He was also present as Legion observer at the Bikini atom bomb tests.

His home is in Guthrie, but he is at present residing in Indianapolis. He served as department commander in 1939.

Ernie Goins Improving

Ernie Goins is reported feeling a lot better, and chances are that he will get to come home this week.



A PAIR OF ACES—Joseph and James Wilson, first twins to join the Carson-Wilson Post, as far as old timers can recall, are proof of the old adage that two heads are better than one. Brought in by Comrade George Norvell in Many, the Wilsons, who live at 911 South Lawton Avenue, are both Army veterans. They enlisted together, stayed together in the United States and Japan, where they served as aerial engineers on a C-46 transport. Both were discharged on the same date, and now both are studying aircraft mechanics at the Spartan School of Aeronautics.

Tulsans Return Home From Kimpo

Kimpo Air Force Base.—After completing a two-year tour of duty at this Fifth Air Force Base, 1st Lt. and Mrs. K. R. Willard and family are returning to the United States for reassignment in the United States Air Forces.

While on duty with Kimpo Air Force Base, Lt. Willard was assigned to the 46th Troop Carrier Squadron, with additional duties as Base Officer and Special Service Officer.

The newest member of the family, Janice Ann, age 3 weeks, was born at the 382nd Station Hospital, Ascomb City Korea. One other child, Danny Ray, age 2 years, will accompany the family on the return trip to the states. The Willards home town is 6321 East Admiral Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Q. Can creditors make claims against a beneficiary of a National Service Life Insurance policy?

A. Payments of insurance to beneficiary are exempt from the claims of creditors of the insured or creditors of the beneficiary, and are not liable to attachment, levy or seizure, either before or after receipt by the beneficiary. However, this exemption does not apply against the government of the United States.

Promenade

Next Promenade of the 40 et 8 will be held July 14, at 6:30 p.m. "in the grove." There will be a special barbecue supper, which will include Iowa barbecued ribs; home-made potato salad; green onions and miscellaneous breads.

In the Philippines

Private First Class George J. Howard, son of Mrs. Margaret M. Howard, 1137 East 25th street, Tulsa, Okla., is studying and participating in sports too at the Clark Air Force Base in the Philippine Islands.

Born in Holdenville, Okla., Pfc. Howard attended the Oklahoma Military Academy at Claremore prior to entering the army. His training there has shown in his Air Force career and at present he is Chief Clerk in the Orderly Room of the 14th Communications Squadron to which he is assigned at this 13th Air Force Base.

Young Howard has participated in both baseball and swimming here and has taken up a new hobby since entering the Air Forces—that of photography.

He has expressed his desire for additional education by utilizing United States Armed Forces Institute extension courses which are available to all here.

Greatest Legion Fireworks Show In History

The stage is set . . . The principals are taking their places . . . Last minute adjustments are being made . . . in preparation for the biggest and best Fireworks show ever sponsored by the Post.

On the night of July 5, thousands of Tulsans will gather at the Fairgrounds grandstand. They will be greeted, first, with a concert by the Post band, directed by Eddie Gambill. A concert of organ music will be presented by Dubert Dennis, nationally-known organist.

The famed Tracy Silver Choir of 60 mixed voices will provide a choral program, and will blend its music into background of a featured talk by Rev. William Alexander of the First Christian church, Oklahoma City. All this is in addition to the "Main Event," the fireworks extravaganza. Never before has there been displayed in Tulsa such an array of sparkling and sizzling pyrotechnics as will be seen in the Legion show.

The Peerless Fireworks Co. of Tulsa manufactured the fireworks to be used in this display. They are not the ordinary "garden variety" of fireworks, such as you used to shoot off in your front yard. Peerless promises some exhibitions that will leave you gasping for breath and goggling in amazement.

As guests, the Legion will bring to the show and seat in special boxes a group of spastic paralysis patients from the Milton E. Berry Foundation School. Disabled war veterans from the veterans hospital are also to be guests, it was revealed this week.

The principal speaker, Rev. Alexander, this week sent a check for \$200 to the Berry Foundation, to be used for braces and training for Diana Laws, daughter of Jack Laws, a member of the famed Tracy Silver Choir. The gesture was typical of the many unselfish acts of generosity which have made our guest speaker known all over the nation, not only in humanitarian activities, but in almost every walk of life. The post can count itself fortunate to have engaged him for the speaker's role at the 1948 show.

Don't forget, Legionnaires, and don't let your friends forget it—the night—July 5. The place, the Fairgrounds grandstand. Let's all be there to witness the grandest the greatest Fireworks show of Tulsa and the Carson-Wilson Post's history.

Picnic In the Making

Plans for a Legion picnic are in the "very tentative" stage. There are no scraps of information available at this time—but watch this paper for further news.

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SUPER - SENIORITY DECISION IS HAILED BY LEGION CHIEF

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The American Legion 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.

In a statement from his Washington office, National Commander James F. O'Neil expressed gratitude for the verdict in the controversial Hilton case. "At the behest of The American Legion the government promised 14,000,000 World War GI's preference in government employment by enacting the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944," he said. "The recent Supreme Court ruling reaffirms that pledge."

O'Neil said that the Legion had followed the Hilton case from the beginning, and had filed a brief with the high tribunal, as a friend of the court, supporting super-seniority. The final decision is the strongest protection yet given to the veteran in government employment, he said.

"The American Legion will continue to be watchful over all government agencies throughout the nation to see that every provision of the Veterans' Preference Act is carried out to the fullest extent," the Legion chief added.

The U. S. Supreme Court ruled here, June 1, in favor of a civil service regulation, drawn under the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944 which gives veterans priority in government jobs over non-veterans with greater length of government service.

The ruling ended a court battle by Earle W. Hilton, of Charleston, S. C., who challenged the validity of the civil service regulation. Hilton, a navy yard ship-fitter, was furloughed for a year in 1946 without pay during a post war reduction in the navy yard working force. At the time he had been a government employee for more than 12 years and had an "excellent" efficiency rating.

In handing down the decision, Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black, speaking for the court, said that Congress passed the law "with full knowledge that the long-standing absolute retention preferences of veterans would be embodied in the act."

Boys State Sets All Time Standard

Four hundred and twenty-eight youths from 136 towns and communities in Oklahoma participated in this year's Boys State, held on the south campus of the University of Oklahoma, June 4-12.

Dr. H. V. Thornton, Director, who has been active in the program since the first Boys State was held in 1939, stated that the '48 State had received praise from practically every section of the state and all comments indicated that it was a success in every respect.

Upon arrival, the citizens of Boys State were assigned to ten cities in two counties. The week's activity began with the organization and study of local government. After establishing county organizations, the program moved into state phases.

Officials Elected

Using the systems, which are operative in Oklahoma, the boys elected their officials, carried on affairs of state, and simulated condition sand problems met by voters and statesmen in actual government.

Jim Arnold, of Muskogee, running on the Sooner ticket, defeated Clell Warriner, of Okmulgee, Boomer candidate for the Boys State governorship.

Directing the class work on all phases of governmental problems was L. B. Peak, of Sulphur. He was assisted by Chas. B. Duffy, Ponca City; Ben Easterly, Alva; C. C. Memminger, Atoka; Pete Weaver, Stillwater; Wayne Quinlan, Alva; David Fudge, Oklahoma City.

Ewing Sadler, Sulphur, Ed Ferguson, Norman; Ralph Scales, of Shawnee; Clee Fitzgerald, Caddo; Rufus Hall, Jack Rhodes, John Russell, William Ingle, Paul Duncan, Jack Strain and Leroy Stewart, Norman.

Gov. Turner Speaks

Special guest speakers included Gov. Roy J. Turner, Department Commander Brad M. Risinger; Dr. George Cross, President of the University of Oklahoma; Department Adjutant Elmer Fraker; Secretary of the State Election Board William J. Cordell; Justice Thurman Hurst.

Dr. Charles F. Spencer, of Ada; Jim Hughes, Joe Scott, Charles Morris, L. D. Milton, E. T. Dunlap, Joe Musgrave, Earl Welch, Knox Byrun, J. C. Blinn, Paul Reed, Glen Carmichael, and many others.

Staff members were Dr. Thornton, Leslie Thomason, Ted Wiedman, Rev. T. T. Brown, L. B. Peak, Paul Keen and Clee Fitzgerald.

Counselors were A. D. Buck, Dr. Roy Gravelle, Bob Vail, Willis Hall, Joe Carmichael, Tom Allen, E. C. Sprague, Hez Bussey, Sam Myers, L. R. Griffis, Earl

Fisher, Tom Norman, D. L. Meagher, Chas. W. Wright, Ed Skelton, Ben Grigsby, Levi Muncy, Brunn Marsh and Jack Dessen.

Frank Smith, Clinton, and E. R. Christopher, Bartlesville, represented the Americanism Commission at the sessions.

Be Sure to Vote

The Voters of Tulsa County will go to the polls Tuesday, July 6 to vote in the primary for the men who will occupy high places in our state and county for the next two or four years.

The campaign which will be climaxed by Tuesday's balloting, has been mixed with a lot of misunderstanding, charges and countercharges have been hurled by the candidates who seek the various offices.

That, unfortunately, seems to be a characteristic of our American form of government. It is doubtful that those who make the charges believe the accusation themselves.

But, fortunately, it is also the American way to forget bitterness and differences after the votes have been counted, and for all good citizens to pitch in to help the winners give us the kind of government which we all want—namely, the best possible kind.

This paper has taken no sides in the campaign. The American Legion constitution prohibits such action.

But we do urge everyone to vote on Tuesday, July 6. We remind you that if you fail to exercise your sacred right of fran-

chise then you have no right to squawk after the results are known.

Vote for whom you please on Tuesday. That is your American privilege; but also your American duty.

FRANK H. J. CRAWLEY,

Q. May the wife or child of a veteran be granted hospital or domiciliary care by the Veterans Administration, because of the relationship to the veteran?

A. No. Admission to a Veterans Administration hospital is based on the service of a person in the armed forces and may be granted only to the persons who served.

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GOP Is Urged By Legion to Adopt Strong Rehabilitation Plank in Party Platform

WASHINGTON (ALNS) — The American Legion officially petitioned the Republican Party to include comprehensive veterans rehabilitation legislation in the party platform.

John Thomas Taylor, national legislative director of the Legion, appeared before the party's resolutions committee in Philadelphia and presented the Legion's national legislative objectives. In particular he asked for a widening of legislation to provide for the nation's war disabled, widows and orphans. He also spoke for an adequate national defense with universal military training, strengthening of the United Nations, and for suppression and curbing of activities of subversive organizations threatening the nation's security.

Taylor accused the 80th Congress of "political expedience" in not passing universal military training legislation. Specifically, Taylor blamed the House Rules Committee for "denying Congress the right to vote on the most important question before it, (UMT)."

Following are the Legion's recommendations:

Rehabilitation

Adequate cost of living adjustment in monetary awards for disabilities incurred in service for the permanently and totally disabled; and for the widows, or orphans and dependents of those who have passed on;

The best in medical, hospital and domiciliary care for sick and disabled veterans through the Veterans Administration hospital and medical system and the speeding up of the hospital construction program;

An efficient and business-like management of the Veterans Administration as an independent federal agency, with sufficient personnel and funds to administer the essential services and benefits provided by a grateful government for its defenders;

Every possible assistance to the war disabled in their employment problems;

An effective job counseling and placement service for all veterans through a Nation-wide system of public employment services;

Strengthening the policy of preference for veterans in Federal employment and a stated national policy that veterans should be given preferential consideration in private employment;

Federal assistance to provide an incentive to promote the construction of homes and rental property at prices which veterans can afford to pay and with a priority for veterans in the purchase and rental of all such property;

Preferential consideration for veterans in agriculture with the Federal Government assisting veterans with their problems and the provision of adequate funds for farm loans for veterans;

Protection of small business with special assistance in guidance for veterans desiring to initiate small businesses.

Rigid enforcement of all laws which Congress may pass curbing subversive influences in this country and the enactment of such laws as may be necessary and sufficient to completely restrain and curb all present illegal activities of subversive parties, including some effective registration measures which will materially reduce their present totally unrestrained propaganda activities.

The strict enforcement of all immigration, naturalization and deportation laws.

In the interest of international peace and the security of the United States, the maintenance of the Army, Navy and Air Force, with ample and up-to-date equipment and sufficient manpower, including Universal Military Training.

Strengthening of the United Nations Organization, and Efficient administration of the European Recovery Program with sufficient funds to accomplish the purpose of the Plan.

Dept. Convention Set-up Completed

Complete Convention Committees have been appointed and assigned to duties by the Muskogee Post, in preparation of the Department Convention to be held in that city September 4th, 5th and 6th.

J. Blannie Davis is to act as Convention Committee chairman. Merle Thornton, who was originally assigned to this position, resigned because of the press of personal business.

Kay Wilson was named Housing Chairman and will be assisted by John W. Reid, Duke Segrest, and Frank Rolla. All requests for convention room reservations should be addressed to Kay Wil-

son, Legion Housing Chairman, Post Office Box 706, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Registration Planned

Registration will be in charge of William Kelly, assisted by Ora Lamb, while Max McCoy will be Transportation chairman.

L. A. Rounds will serve as both Entertainment and Gold Chairman. On these committees with him are Forrest Sark and Dick Maikoski.

The Law and Order Committee is composed of Ben Hayes, Paul McQuillen, Mack Ligon, Fred Riser, and Frank Davis.

Arrangements for memorial services, which will be conducted by Department Chaplain Dr. Sid-

ney Babcock, will be in charge of R. M. Mountcastle.

To Hold Parade

Pat R. Jones, Earl Campbell, and Max Kaplan compose the committee that will direct the annual Department American Legion parade.

The Distinguished Guests Committee is made up of John Naylon, Wm. Durnil, L. F. Rooney, S. F. Ditmars, and Tams Bixby, Guy T. Kavanaugh will look after arrangements for the 40 et 8.

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Commander O'Neil Honored With Degree

Durham, N.H.—James F. O'Neil National Commander of The American Legion, was one of four honorary degree recipients today at commencement exercises for 678 University of New Hampshire students.

Commander O'Neil was presented with the honorary degree of Master of Arts by Dean William A. Medesy, who said: "I have the honor to present James Francis O'Neil, native son of the State of New Hampshire, graduate of its public schools, in his youth its worthy representative in battle, efficient Chief of Police for its largest city, pioneer and indefatigable supporter of aviation, valued confidential assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy in the Pacific Theater of World War II, recipient of citations for meritorious service from both the Department of War and the Department of the Navy, one of three members of the Amnesty Board appointed by the President of the United States to consider Selective Service law

violations, unanimous choice of The American Legion to be its distinguished National Commander, and ardent worker for the welfare and protection of his city, of his state, and of his country."

Dr. Arthur S. Adams, President of the University, conferred the degree. His citation was as follows: "James Francis O'Neil, soldier, journalist, civic organizer and devoted public servant to your community, state and nation in peace and war—I am honored with the privilege of conferring upon you, by the authority vested in me by the Board of Trustees, the honorary degree of Master of Arts."

Q. I am attending night classes at a university, and since I have some spare time I'd like also to take a correspondence course in salesmanship. Will the government pay for this course, in addition to paying for my schooling at the university?

A. The government will pay for the correspondence course only if you are unable to obtain such instruction at the university. In addition such a course must be in line with your general educational objective as indicated by the courses you are taking at the university. For example, if a veteran is studying engineering at college, the government won't pay for sparetime music lessons at another school.

Winning Americanism Essay Emphasizes Price of Liberty

The following essay, written by David Tennison of Ames, Oklahoma, was judged the winner in the Junior High classification in the Department Americanism Essay Contest. David is being sent a complete set of the New World Book Encyclopedia as his award and his essay has been entered in the National contest. This month we observe the anniversary of Liberty in America. What better time to give to our readers the expression of thirteen year old David Tennison on—

OUR GREAT AMERICAN HERITAGE — LIBERTY

This heritage of liberty that we treasure above all else was not handed to us on a golden platter, wrapped in cellophane and tied in a gay, red, white and blue ribbon. No, our heritage was purchased the hard way—on the installment plan, and some of the installments were very costly in both treasure and human life.

The down payment on our liberty was made over 700 years ago, when in 1215 King John signed the first freedom document, the Magna Charta, which gave our English forefathers freedom from persecution. As great a step forward toward our present inheritance as this was, it did not contain freedom of conscience or freedom of religion.

So a group of men and women, who above all else desired this liberty, left England in search of a new home. They came finally to America and thus the second great payment on our legacy.

As others came to this new land there were differences of opinion on religious liberty. In 1636 Roger Williams left the colony of Massachusetts and founded Rhode Island. This colony was founded on the idea that freedom of conscience was uppermost and that it must be independent of the government. This separation of church and state was the foundation of the next big payment for our freedom today.

The new world grew fast; business grew, trade flourished and England began to worry about the independence of these people and to fear she was losing her grip upon them. Then with the calling of the First Continental Congress, the payment of the next great installment was made.

Many bitter, war-torn years followed. Many men and women were called upon to pay their part. With the surrender of Lord Cornwallis in 1781, this installment was complete.

Several small payments on our liberty followed. The obtaining of new territory, the War of 1812, new inventions, and the Monroe Doctrine all had an important place in the payment of our liberty.

In 1860 events that had been seething began to boil, and when Lincoln was elected president, we began to fight among ourselves. Three years later the Emancipation Proclamation was signed. The toll of the Civil War was great, but it made a more secure union.

Another war followed and with each obstacle overcome, the heritage was more secure for succeeding generations.

But liberty is never paid for, and we cannot sit back and draw the interest. So in 1917 the first World War and in 1941 the second World War were added to the deposit sheet of that great inheritance started in 1215.

We may be called upon to make further sacrifices to fulfill a measure of the courage that is the basis of liberty which our forefathers gave so much blood to secure.

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AUXILIARY NEWS

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All members of the American Legion Auxiliary are urged to be present at the regular meeting of the auxiliary at the Legion Hut Tuesday evening, July 6 at 8:00. At this time an initiatory service for new members will be held with Mrs. E. B. Benton in charge. Anyone desiring to give a shower gift to Alpha Johnson (one of the girls we support in the Home School at Ponca City who was married on June 3) may bring it to this meeting and it will be sent with the rest. Refreshments will be served at the

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close of the meeting by Mrs. Cecil Jones, Social Chairman and her committee.

Members who attend the Auxiliary District Convention at Claremore Sunday afternoon were the mesdames J. B. Allred, unit president; O. D. Waters, unit secretary; E. B. Benton, district poppy chairman; H. Blaine Lacy, district parliamentarian; Blanch Welch, district historian; Effie Blanchard, Russell Sullivan, Reba Orr, Glen Coddington, Sam Craig, W. I. Rainwater, J. H. Milburn and H. E. Glaser.

Mrs. H. Blaine Lacy was re-elected district parliamentarian and Mrs. E. B. Benton was elected a delegate from First District to the national convention at Miami, Fla. Mrs. Reba Orr was elected an alternate to Mrs. Edwin Dunaway.

The auxiliary trio for our unit composed of Mrs. E. B. Benton, soprano, Mrs. H. E. Glaser, second soprano and Mrs. W. I. Rainwater, alto, accompanied by Mrs. J. H. Milburn entered the vocal trio contest Sunday. Since there was no competition there was no contest and the trio will represent First District at the state convention at Muskogee September 5th and 6th. The trio will sing on the program Tuesday night.

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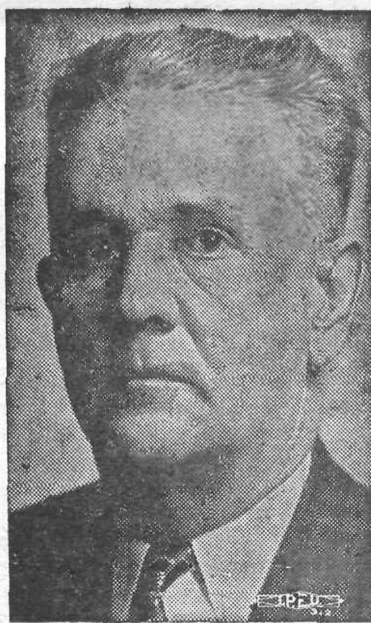
Just recently, NBC, together with the Veteran's Administration, came up with a new television program called "Operation Success." At the first broadcast, two disabled vets, trained in the V.A. vocational rehabilitation program, demonstrated their skills with amazing results. The two are Michael V. Spinelli of Brooklyn, N. Y., who got a giant-sized food wound in France and William C. Sumner of Patchogue, L. I., who was laid low by malaria in North Africa. Spinelli, who has been studying draftsmanship for two years, completed a working drawing of a house in full view of his television audience. Sumner, trained as an automobile mechanic, repaired part of a racing car. During that broadcast, all four lines at the V.A. headquarters were jammed with calls—300 of them—offering jobs not only to Spinelli and Sumner, but also to other disabled vets qualified as draftsmen and mechanics. And here's the pay-off. There are going to be a lot more broadcasts like this one—to give handicapped

vets in the New York area, still unemployed, a chance to get a whack at jobs suited to their talents. More power to television!

Democracy In Action

The crowd that gathered at the Brooklyn Army Base, pier 3, to watch the christening of a ship got a double treat. Not only did they witness a thrilling ceremony, champagne bottles and all, but they got an eyeful of democracy in action. For on that day, March 12, 1948, a United States Army Transport was named in honor of Sadao Munemori, squad leader of the famous Japanese American 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Munemori was the fellow who distinguished himself in the Italian Po Valley campaign, when, singlehanded, he destroyed two German machine gun nests and then gave his life to save his comrades by hurling himself on an exploding grenade. For that act of heroism, he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Now, as further tribute, the U.S.A.T. Sadao S. Munemori will carry its proud, new name into harbors and ports all over the world. It was Mike Masaoka, another war hero and a buddy of the dead G.I., who hit the nail on the head when he called the ship-naming ceremony "a demonstration to the peoples of the world . . . that in America, distinctions are not made on the basis of race."



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The reason for this policy now is obvious. It has built the Legion into the greatest veterans organization today. It is the sincere hope of World War I vets that the young men will perpetuate this comradeship as the best insurance against the future of all of us and our organization.

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