



Memorial Services Held for General Pershing

Stirring memorial service for the late General John J. Pershing was conducted Tuesday night at the Carson-Wilson Post.

The speaker's table had been placed on the stage. A picture of the late General, wreathed in black ribbon and with a cluster of poppies around it, was in the front center of the stage.

As the color bearers brought the flags in, Comrade Harold Carter presented the bugle call, and salute to the colors was presented.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain H. K. Nelson.

Nelson introduced the speaker, Colonel John H. Leavell, a veteran of both World and a personal friend of the late general.

"We have come to honor a great man—not for himself alone but in some ways as a symbol of every other soldier who ever fought," he said, in opening his address.

He traced the life story of the late general, and told how Pershing with his 10th Cavalry came to the rescue of the Rough Riders at San Juan hill. At that time, Pershing was a lieutenant.

He described the late general's adventures in the Philippines, how he led the battle against the Moro insurrection there.

Leavell told how Pershing was appointed a brigadier general over many other officers, by the then-President Teddy Roosevelt.

Pershing's record in the Mexican revolution was brilliant. The colonel told how he received a telegram while he was in Mexico, informing him that his wife and three daughters had been burned to death in San Francisco. Pershing, though sorrowing, was still undaunted, and went forth into battle with his head high and vanquished the forces of Pancho Villa.

In World War I, Pershing was appointed commander in chief of the A. E. F. in France. He met over there with top allied leaders who wanted to include the Americans in the brigade. But Pershing refused flatly to let his troops fight unless they fought as an American army. "That was the day the United States became a world power," Col. Leavell said.

Leavell told how he first met the General. At the time, Leavell was operating a mine in Columbus, New Mexico, and Mexican revolutionists attacked it. Pershing and his men drove the marauders out. That was when he and Leavell became acquainted. Leavell served under the general during World War I with a combat engineer outfit.

"As to his character, he was sure fire," Leavell said. "He never asked any man to undergo any discipline unless he himself had undergone the same."

He was a great man and a great soldier, Leavell said. As a final gesture, he gave the photo of the general a salute.

Following the ceremony, songs

Notice

Commander Bohannon announces that nominations for the Post Officers for the ensuing year 1948-1949, will be opened at the regular meeting Tuesday, July 27th, and close at the regular meeting of Tuesday, August 3rd. Election will then be held at the regular meeting on Tuesday, August 10, 1948.

Commander Bohannon announces that the regular initiation July 27, 1948, has been cancelled until further notice.

Reunion Committees To Be Announced

E. L. Stanfield, Commander of the American Legion and Mrs. J. T. Matthews, president of the Auxiliary, called a meeting last Friday night for the purpose of starting plans for the 61st annual reunion and homecoming and appointing the various committees to carry through the work. Names of the various committees will appear in next week's paper.

The reunion will be held on August 5, 6 and 7.

New Officers to Be Nominated

Don't forget—nomination of officers for the next year will start at the next Tuesday night meeting. It is not a light matter—it is one which should be given careful and prolonged consideration. The officers can make or break a Legion post. A good post with poor officers is impossible. So don't forget it.

of World War II, including "Over There," "It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary" "K-K-K-Katy" and many others were sung, with music furnished by Ray Hillman and his accordion. Comrade Jack Tracy led the singing very well.

Brief though it was it was a fitting salute to a gallant soldier, whose passing was mourned the world over.

Don't Forget

If you intend to attend the State Convention, Muskogee, Sept. 4, 5, 6, 1948, you must make reservations through Kay Watson, Legion Housing Chairman, P. O. Box 705, Muskogee, Okla.

We understand that no direct reservation with the hotels can be made.

WHERE IS THE SERVICE OFFICER?

The post received a letter this week written by E. R. Rulison, Jr., commander of the James F. Smith Memorial post No. 15, Muskogee. The letter was written to Department Adjutant Elmer Fraker, and copies were sent to all American Legion posts in the first, second, third and fourth districts of Oklahoma.

The letter:

"Dear Elmer:

"At the last Department Convention a resolution was passed increasing the per capita tax by 25 cents to be used in rehabilitation and for the purpose of providing one additional service officer for each of the two hospitals in Oklahoma. Up to the present time there has not been a single service officer assigned to the Veterans hospital of Muskogee. The lack of a service officer at this hospital has seriously handicapped the work of the American Legion in this area.

"At the last regular meeting of the James F. Smith Post No. 15, held June 28, 1948, a resolution was passed requesting that the mandate of the last Department convention be carried out by placing a service officer on duty at the V. A. hospital in Muskogee.

"Sincerely yours,

"E. R. Rulison, Jr.,
Commander, James F. Smith Post No. 15, American Legion, Muskogee, Oklahoma."

A motion that we invite the Department Commander and the Department Adjutant to attend our next meeting was made and passed Tuesday night.

...TAPS...

MANUEL GOMEZ

Died July 17, 1948, buried in Legion plot, July 20, 1948.

Moore Funeral Home in charge. Military services in charge of Carson-Wilson Post No. 1.

J. F. Herman, Commander.

O. D. Waters, Chaplain.

Leroy Senninger, Bugler.

Gus Gunn and J. P. Bewly, Color Bearers.

Cal Blackford and C. F. Sheldon, Color Guards.

Katherine Welch, Vic Couch, Mike Saxon, Barney Pascoe and Alex Wilson and George Norvell, Pallbearers.

William Rollins, Glenn Coddington, Rex Candlish, Dee Covington and J. F. King, firing squad with William Rollins in charge.

Clarence B. Bryan

Member of Carson-Wilson Post No. 1, died on July 11, 1948. Buried on July 14, 1948, in Oaklawn Cemetery. Tulsa Funeral Home in charge. Military rites conducted by the Carson-Wilson Post No. 1.

ACTIVE DETAIL

Joseph F. Herman, Commander.

H. K. Nelson, Chaplain.

Harold C. Carter, Bugler.

Alfred Jarvis, Flag Custodian.

Guss Gunn and James P. Bewly, Color Bearers.

Cal Blackford and Foster B. Storm, Color Guards.

C. F. Sheldon, Sgt of the Guard.

Glenn Coddington, Dee Covington, Rex Candlish, James F. King, Floyd Long and Bill Rollins, Firing Squad in charge of Bill Rollins.

Legionnaire Clarence B. Bryan was a member of Carson-Wilson Post for many years. He was a patient at the Veterans hospital in Muskogee for many months, having suffered from an incurable sickness, from which he died on July 11, 1948. He is survived by his widow, one son and four daughters.

We wait anxiously to hear the financial report on the July 4th Fireworks Show. It is rumored that a financial loss was suffered. A full report should be made by next week.

Eight Counselors Selected For Third Annual Boys Forum

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Selection of eight counselors for the 3rd annual Boys Forum of National Government, to be held in Washington July 30-August 5, has been announced by W. C. "Tom" Sawyer, director of the Americanism Commission of The American Legion.

The eight are:

Hayes Kennedy, Chicago, Ill.; Carl C. Matheny, Detroit, Mich.; Rufus G. Herring, Roseboro, N. C.; Harold Eaton, Morristown, N. J.; Wade Fuller, Indianapolis, Ind.; Charles Morgan, Atlanta, Ga.; Nicholas Ragus, Flagstaff, Ariz.; and Russell Thom, assistant Department Adjutant of The American Legion of Charleston, W. Va. All of them have been active in promoting Boys State programs in their respective states.

The Boys Forum of National Government is a citizenship program sponsored each summer by The American Legion to give outstanding high school students an insight into the operations of the federal government. Ninety-six youths from over the nation will attend the forum this year, their expenses paid by The American Legion.

While in Washington the young delegates will be received by President Truman and cabinet officers, hold simulated legislative and political sessions and elect a boy president.

The eight counselors will coach and chaperon the youths during the forum.

American Legion Jr. Baseball Night Set For July 29th

Legionnaires are urged to get tickets for the July 29 "American Legion Junior Baseball night" game at Texas League park. Unless each and every one supports it, it can't be a success, it was indicated.

The Fred Jones team and the Petroleum Equipment team, both sponsored by the Carson-Wilson post, will play their game before the regularly scheduled game between Beaumont and the Tulsa Oilers.

Eddie Rabkin, Tulsa Oilers public relations manager, was a guest at the Tuesday night meeting, and he urged each and every Legionnaire to support the program.

Newspapers and radios have promised grand coverage, he said, and he also noted that public address system announcements will be made at the park.

Tickets may be obtained from Jack Tracy, Johnson or Wienecke.

Burglars broke into the clubhouse of the Richland Post 30 of The American Legion at Olney, Illinois, chiseled a safe open and escaped with \$4,500 in cash.

New Mexico has been declared the 1948 winner of the John R. Quinn Department Membership Trophy of The American Legion.

Congressional Dereliction Has Made America Vulnerable to Attack Legion Chief Charges

NEW YORK, N. Y.—America is almost defenseless today and therefore vulnerable to any Russian attack because of Congressional dereliction, National Commander James F. O'Neil charges in an article in the July, 1948, American Legion Magazine.

"Too many Congressmen," Commander O'Neill states, "have been afraid to take the necessary steps to protect this country for fear they would be called spendthrifts and war-mongers."

As an example of "Congressional cowardice," Commander O'Neil points to the fate of Universal Military Training legislation.

"Since V-J Day we have intensified our efforts to get UMT," The American Legion chief writes, "with a large part of the American public joining in the campaign. Yet action has been blocked by wilful, politically-minded Congressmen who lack the courage to permit Congress as a whole to vote on it. Our lawmakers seem to prefer substitute measures which will win votes while jeopardizing our national security."

In the coming political campaign, Commander O'Neil says, voters will be hearing much civil liberties, the rights of labor, veterans' housing and tax cuts. Important as these are, he emphasizes, they are insignificant alongside of national defense.

Urging voters to make national defense their big issue, Commander O'Neil concludes:

"I am not going to tell you what party or by name what man to choose. I am going to ask you to vote only for the men pledged to real security measures. And I am going to suggest that you do not take those pledges at face value. Check up on the record of Every Congressman standing for reelection—and the record of their opponents, too. Ascertain how they stood on Selective Service, on UMT, on the augmented defense budget, on the Marshall Plan, on civil defense, on the bill for arming the Merchant Marine and on the Communist question."

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Legion Membership
Tops 3,000,000

American Legion national mem-
bership has topped the 3,000,000
mark for the third consecutive
year.

Mrs. Marjorie DeLand, 24, of
Seattle, Wash., a former WAVE,
became the 3,000,000th Legion-
naire of 1948 when she enrolled in
the J. Frank Cavanaugh Post 67
of The American Legion at North
Miami, Fla.

At the same time her husband,
R. J. Deland, also a veteran of
World War II, joined the same
post as a new member to become
Legionnaire 3,000,001 for this year.

Both of the DeLands said they
planned to be at the 30th national
convention of The American Leg-
ion in Miami, October 18 to 21.

There are now some 250,000 for-
mer WAVES, WACS, SPARS,
MARINES and NURSES in The
American Legion today. There
are 203 all-women's posts.

The American Legion has piled
up more than 3,000,000 members
in 1946, 1947 and again in 1948.

Mrs. DeLand joined the WAVES
in Seattle, Wash., in January,
1943. She served as a Yeoman
1st class until her discharge in
Washington, D. C., January 31,
1946.

Before I got married I had six
theories about bringing up chil-
dren. Now I have six children
and no theories.

Business Firms Urged to
Enter Floats in Parade

Reprint from Cleburne County
Times, Heber Springs, Ark.

The 61st annual reunion grand
parade will begin promptly at 10
a.m., Thursday, Aug. 5, accord-
ing to the American Legion-Aux-
iliary Parade Committee.

All business establishments are
solicited to enter any type of dis-
play.

Entries in the parade not only
serve to make the parade bigger
and more impressive, but through
years it has proved to be an in-
expensive and effective advertis-
ing medium.

Prize awards offered this
year are:

Best float, \$15; 2nd best float,
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man, \$5.00; best bicycle, \$5.00;
best clown, \$5.00; best display of
pets, \$5.00; best hobby, \$5.00.

Members of the committee stat-
ed that demand for service and
merchandise during the reunion
created a problem difficult to
meet and they appreciated the
sacrifices made by various busi-
ness houses in the past in their
effort to help make the affair a
success.

Members of the parade com-
mittee are: C. M. Reaves, O. C.
Dickson and B. C. Morton. Any-
one wishing information regard-
ing the parade should contact a
member of the committee as soon
as possible.

Award of The American Legion
Distinguished Service Medal to
the late Dr. George Washington
Carver, noted colored educator,
has been urged in a resolution
adopted by the 1948 department
convention of Alabama.

AUXILIARY NEWS

MRS. H. E. GLASER,
Publicity Chairman

The following new Auxiliary
members were initiated at the
close of the regular meeting at
the hut Tuesday, July 20 at 8:00
P. M. with Mrs. E. B. Benton in
charge and Mesdames W. I. Rain-
water, Harry V. Tomlins, Effie
Blanchard and Mrs. H. E. Glaser
assisting. Betty Holden, Audrie
Wright, Virginia Prigmore, Hazel
Moreland, Suzie B. Spears, Dessie
Fairbanks, Birdie Crum, and Es-
ther Rowan.

Mrs. H. A. Pope, Vice-Presi-
dent, acted in the absence of Mrs.
J. B. Allred, Unit President, who
was ill and Mrs. H. E. Glaser
acted as pianist in the absence
of Mrs. Eddie Gambill. We are
happy to know that Mrs. Gam-
bill is quickly recovering from
her recent operation. Mrs. James
Ted Turner was in charge of
delicious refreshments after the
initiation services were com-
pleted and the business meeting
had been adjourned.

Mrs. Harold Heslip, Unit His-
torian requests all officers and
Chairmen to send her their pho-
tographs and yearly reports for
her history which she must make
to take to the State Convention
at Muskogee, September 5th and
6th to be judged at that time.

The Auxiliary voted to adopt
another girl to replace Alpha
Johnson who was recently mar-
ried.

A splendid program was given
by the girls who attended Girls
State from Tulsa Saturday, July
17th at 10:45 over Recess Time
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announcing). Do not forget to
listen in on Saturday, August 7th
to Marguerite Eng, State Ameri-
canism Essay Winner from Cen-
tral High School, Tulsa who will
present a program of instrumen-
tal piano numbers.

Past Department Commander
and National Executive Commit-
teeman Samuel Green of The
American Legion at Wilmington,
Del., is dead.

Vice-Commander
Position to Go

Pig Davis made a motion that
when nominations are being
made, we name three or more
candidates for vice commander.
The one receiving the most votes
would become first vice-com-
mander, and so on in succession
to third vice commander. The
motion was carried unanimously.

Comrade Jack Tracy asked for
permission to use the Club De-
cember 12th as a place for a
drawing in which the Berry
Foundation is giving away a \$15,-
000 home. The motion was never
seconded and thus died on the
floor.

The Boston Braves have paid
a \$75,000 bonus, largest in dia-
mond history, to John Antonelli,
18, star southpaw who twirled for
The American Legion Junior
Baseball teams of the Flower City
Post 180 of Rochester, N. Y., in
1946 and 1947.

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women agree: they both distrust
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and support of my program for a stronger America
and a more prosperous Oklahoma.

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General John J. Pershing, in his death left The American Legion, whose honorary national commander he was, a heritage of inspiration as a great soldier, as a great American and as a great friend said National Commander James F. O'Neil in a post-mortem tribute to the former chief of the first AEF.

General John J. Pershing was a member of the George Washington Post 1 of The American Legion in Washington, D. C., for 30 years and of Forty & Eight Voiture 174 there for 21 years.

Mrs. Marjorie Deland, 24, of Seattle, Washington, a former WAVE became the 3,000,000th Legionnaire of 1948 when she joined the J. Frank Cavanaugh Post 67 of The American Legion in North Miami, Florida.

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LEGION LETTER

Received this week was a letter from the wife of our late Comrade, Ed Waters, which the News publishes in full:

"Gentlemen:

"My heart is full of gratitude and appreciation to you for the wonderful funeral services you conducted for my late husband, M. Edward Waters. I know it was just what he wanted.

"I'm sure that most of you knew him personally. He loved his God and his country — he loved his family and his friends — he knew how to be a friend.

The beautiful military rites were a great comfort to me and to his family.

"May God bless all of you.
Mrs. Ed Waters."

National Commander James F. O'Neil has issued the official call for the 30th national convention of The American Legion to be held in Greater Miami, Florida, October 18 to 21.

"Nick" Barth, 55, widely known as an assistant sergeant-at-arms at American Legion National Conventions in recent years, is dead at his home in Charleston, W. Va.

FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

July 18, 1948.

Dexter Moss, Jr.,
Editor
Dear Comrade and Friend:

We enjoy the Carson-Wilson Post News very much and as we are in Arkansas on the farm we enjoy visiting with all the old gang through the Post News.

We thought you and the gang might be interested in what the Legion Post of Heber Springs, Ark., is planning for August 5, 6, 7. Inclosed find clippings from the Cleburne County Times.

Give our best to all the gang and good luck to everyone.

Sincerely your Comrade and friend—

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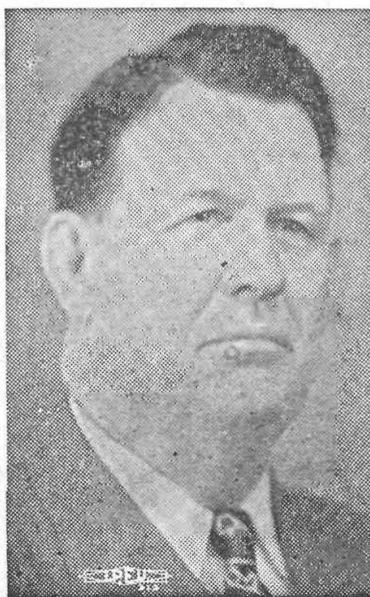
P. S.: Would enjoy hearing from anyone that would care to write us.

Mr. & Mrs. Earl J. Perkins,
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Spokane, Washington, Post 9 of The American Legion has started a \$100,000 remodeling job on a 6-story building which it is converting for clubhouse purposes after buying it in 1946.

Fire believed to have been started by defective wiring has destroyed the clubhouse of Shenandoah, Iowa, Post 88 of The American Legion with a loss of \$80,000 only partly covered by insurance.

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A letter received from Mrs. Harry Rankin, of Hillcrest Memorial Hospital, will be of interest to the Post. The letter follows:

"Dear Mr. Bohannon:

"The children in the Polio Convalescent ward and the little burned cases in the Pediatrics ward, their nurses and I want to thank you for the tickets to the fireworks display. It was the first time many of the children had seen anything like this, and

you well know how much pleasure it gave them.

Everything was lovely and we want you all to know how greatly your kindness is appreciated.

With all sincerity,

Mrs. Harry Rankin, President
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Brookline, Mass., Post 11 of The American Legion and its Auxiliary unit have presented a \$2,500 "iron lung" to their community.

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