



Tulsa Elected Vice Pres. Kansoka Club

With the Eighth Army in Osaka, Japan:

Club 765, Kanaoka Barracks club for the lower three grades, announced the election of officers. Pfc. Wheeler, the 25th QM. Co., from Woodsville, New Hampshire, was elected President while Pfc. Adams, also of the 25th QM Co., Box 1174, Tulsa, Okla., led the candidates for the vice presidency. Cpl. Zeusk, 262 Richmond St., Shanano, Wis., the past president, is to be congratulated for the excellent job he has done. He was elected to the presidency upon formation of Club 765 and was instrumental in building it up to its present popularity.

Kanaoka Barracks houses troops from the 25th Division's 25th Quartermaster Company and 65th Engineer Battalion.

Voting Machine Used By Post to Elect Officers

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind. — A new wrinkle in the election of officers has been introduced by the Lawrence Capehart Post 35 of The American Legion here.

The election of 1949 officers was conducted by a voting machine. It was believed to have been the first time in American Legion history that a post has used a voting machine for its own election of officers.

The post obtained the use of a voting machine through the courtesy of William H. Vissing, clerk of Clark County. The results of the election were known within five minutes after the polls closed.

A useful by-product was the experience gained by post members in the use of the voting machine, thus stimulating their interest in using it at the next general political election, November 2.

45th Division to Hold 2nd Annual Convention In Tulsa Oct. 2-3

Veterans of Oklahoma's famed 45th Infantry Division will meet for their second annual state convention in Tulsa on October 2-3, Jess Chouteau, Oklahoma State Chapter president, has announced.

Approximately 500 Oklahoma veterans of the Thunderbird Division are expected to attend the Tulsa meeting according to Olney Kenney, Tulsa chapter president, who will be host to the visitors.

Other state and local officers who will plan and carry out the two-day program are: Warren LaFevers, McAlester, vice president of the state chapter and Perry Woolridge, Tulsa, secretary treasurer. Tulsa chapter officers in addition to Kenney are: Don Barrett, Collinsville, vice president; and Bill Ryan, Tulsa, secretary-treasurer.

The convention program will include business meetings and election of officers, a banquet and dance, and the annual memorial service dedicated to the 45th members who gave their lives in World War II. The association of former Thunderbirds was formed in 1947 at McAlester. Hotel reservations and additional information may be obtained by contacting Jess Chouteau, care of the University of Tulsa.

Trenton Post Installs \$1,200 Television Set

TRENTON, N. J.—A \$1,200 television set has been installed by the Trenton Post 93 of The American Legion at its clubrooms at 17 East Front Street here for the nightly entertainment of its members.

Post Commander David L. Codrington has named a special committee of 39 members, headed by Club Room Chairman Miles L. Johnson, to look after the operation of the television set at designated periods.

Report From the Executive Committee

Some sort of a record, we think, was made at the Tuesday night executive committee meeting—only three members were absent. Present were Commander Bohannon, Comrades Belford, Johnston, Crossland, Davis, Gaddis, Herman and Craig.

A report was made by Commander Bohannon on Fireworks Show funds which were not collected—in particular a check for \$1,200 which was used for change. Discussion followed the report, with pro and con arguments anent the subject flyink thick and fast.

Comrade Johnston moved that the executive committee authorize the finance officer to replace from the general fund building funds, necessary to bring it up to date. The motion was seconded by Davis and duly carried.

A motion was made by Comrade C. C. Johnston that the adjutant be commended for loaning a needy veteran ten dollars to the post at the rate of five dollars a week. The motion was seconded by Herman and duly carried by the executive committee.

Department Commander Speaks at Meeting

A guest at Tuesday night's Post meeting was Department Commander Brad Risinger, who delivered a nice speech on the situation at the Veterans hospital at Muskogee.

Commander Risinger described vividly the problems confronting the department in trying to combat unsound conditions.

Comrade Fred England questioned Commander Risinger on the salary and expense account of the department Americanism chairman. He suggested this office be abolished, and two more service officers assigned to the hospital.

Comrade C. C. Johnson asked the department commander how often he reported to the department executive committee on financial matters.

Comrade Joe Herman reported that the extra quarter was to put the department Welfare Fund back on its feet—and not to put a service officer at the Muskogee and Oklahoma City hospitals.

Comrade Pig Davis reported that the U. S. Congress had appropriated \$300,000 for March expenses of the hospitals.

Vincent A. Carroll of Philadelphia, Pa., national convention chairman of The American Legion, has been presented a gold life membership card by the Breen-McCracken Post 270 there for his 30 years of outstanding services to the organization.

Plans for the formation of a national memorial chorus of The American Legion at the 30th national convention in Miami, Fla., next October, under the sponsorship of the National Chaplain, have been announced.

New Post Officers To Be Elected Aug. 10 Nomination Being Made

Nomination of post officers for 1949 was the feature of the Tuesday night meeting. Interest is particularly strong this year in seeing that the post gets the kind of officers who have in past years built up the good name and reputation of the Carson-Wilson post.

For position of commander, Guy Belford was nominated by Comrade Hess Crossland. A testimonial speech in Belford's behalf was made by Comrade Earl Howard. Chaplain Nelson nominated George E. Norvell, and made a nice speech in behalf of Norvell.

Comrade Bob Brown, at beginning of nominations, made a suggestion that the post get a complete new set of faces in office this year. Comrade C. C. Johnston gave a speech in behalf of the older members in retaliation to the speech of Comrade Brown. Brown then came back with a short speech in defense of his first speech.

Nominated for vice commander wert Bob Brown and Walter Deppe. Earl Howard nominated Brown; Bob Brown nominated Walter Deppe.

Comrade Pig Davis nominated Pat Rupe for position of Historian.

Comrade Joe Wilson nominated Jim Bewley for sergeant at arms.

Nominated for positions of finance officer were O. D. Waters, named by Comrade Hunt, and C. O. Gettinger, by Comrade C. C. Victory.

For positions on the executive committee, the following were nominated:

Earl Howard, Alec Faulkner, Sam Craig, Roger Lavery, Joe Herman, Pig Davis, Glenn Codrington, Dexter Moss Jr., Comrade Gennison, C. C. Johnson, C. C. Victory, E. J. Taylor, John Allred and Edna Allen.

As in the past, the nomination

Outstanding Athlete Returned to Tulsa

With the Eighth Army in Osaka, Japan:

This week the 25th Quartermaster Company says goodbye to its outstanding athlete, Technician Fifth Grade Roy Pestal, 4112 S. 25th Ave., Tulsa, Okla., who is leaving for the states. Well known throughout the division for athletic abilities, he was particularly noted for his brilliant playing on the company soft ball team. Although his team lost out in the finals of the 25th Division softball tournament held at Lightning Field, Osaka, Japan, last month Pestal's play was obviously that of a natural ball player and he should go far in the baseball field. In the final game of the tournament he distinguished himself by having a perfect day at bat with two singles and a walk and playing errorless ball in the field.

ON OKINAWA

Private First Class Carl R. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Robertson of 422 South 58th W. Ave., Tulsa, Okla., has arrived from the States for duty with the Army Signal Corps on Okinawa.

A former student at Joplin High School, Pfc. Smith enlisted at Fort Riley, Kan., and sailed for the Far East last May.

Falls cause one-third of all the farm home accident deaths.

and election of Post officers has been an important part of functions of the post. It is always a sort of gamble, as one never knows just how things will work out. The post as a whole is to be commended this year for its fine selection of nominees, and it is evident that, whichever wins, the Post will be guided by fair but strong hands, as in the past.

GOVERNOR GATES BREAKS FIRST GROUND FOR NEW LEGION HOME

Indianapolis, Ind.—Legionnaire Governor Ralph F. Gates of Indiana personally broke the ground at a formal ceremony here for the construction of the \$1,900,000 new National Headquarters Building of The American Legion.

The Governor used a special chromium-plated spade which will be placed in the national American Legion museum.

Other spadeful of ground were turned by Past National Commander Milo J. Warner of Toledo, Ohio, chairman of the NEC subcommittee on enlarging National Headquarters space; National Adjutant Henry H. Dudley, Department Commander Harold Morris of Indiana and Judge Clarence McNabb of Fort Wayne, chairman of the Indiana World War Memorial Commission.

Present also for the ceremony were Mrs. Eva Grigsby, of Bloomington, department president of the Indiana Auxiliary; Frank Henley, of Indianapolis, secretary, and John Goodrich, of Winchester, member of the commission, and other American Legion and state officials.

The ground-breaking took place as the first huge motorized shovel wobbled onto the site to start the large-scale excavation work. Dozens of workmen were busily erecting a six-foot fence around the city block-long building project.

The new building is expected to be ready for American Legion occupancy in the spring of 1950.

NATIONAL LEGION MEMORIAL CHORUS PLANNED FOR MIAMI

Miami, Fla.—Under the sponsorship of National Chaplain Frank L. Harrington, of Butte, Montana, a national memorial chorus of The American Legion will come into being here just before the opening of the 30th national convention, October 17th. Singers of this national chorus will be featured at the annual memorial service during the opening session of the 1948 convention.

Supporting the national memorial chorus project is The Legion Choruses' Association, composed of choruses or glee clubs of posts throughout the nation. The association is headed by President Thomas A. Larremore of Sand Brook, N. J.

The chief nucleus of the national chorus will be members of singing groups who will participate in The American Legion's chorus contest here on Sunday afternoon, October 17. Those wishing to sing with the national chorus must study the four selected musical numbers before going to Miami and attend a rehearsal immediately after the national chorus contest here.

The four musical numbers selected by National Chaplain Harrington are:

"For All Who Watch Tonight," by Clarence Dickinson.

"In Flanders Fields," by William R. Spence.

"Sleep, Soldier, Sleep," by Schubert-Abbott.

"The Lord's Prayer," by Malotte-Deis.

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at 8 p.m. Visiting Legionnaires are
Welcome.

...TAPS...

Overseas Dead

Cpl. Francis Pownall (Italy)
Tulsa Funeral Home. Graveside
Rites 2 p.m., Memorial Park
Joseph Herman, Commander.
H. K. Nelson, Chaplain.
Harold Carter, Bugler.
Guss Gunn and Jim Bewley,
Color Bearers.

Garrett Newman and Foster
Storm, and Cal Blackford, Color
Guards.

Ralph Tyler, Alex Wilson, Joe
Halligan, Bob Brown, Earl How-
ard, George Norvell, Pallbearers.

Bill Rollins, Fred Jarvis, C. F.
Sheldon, Vic Crouch, A. E. Fin-
ney and Rex Candlish, Firing
Squad.

Orville Russell Custer

Legionnaire

Killed July 20, 1948. Buried from
Bethel Baptist Church
51st and Lewis, Thursday, July
22, 1948, 10:00 a.m.

Burial Memorial Park, under di-
rection of the Winterringer Fu-
neral Home.

Carson-Wilson Post in charge of
graveside service

ACTIVE DETAIL

Joseph F. Herman, Commander
H. K. Nelson, Chaplain.
Leroy Henninger, Bugler.
Guss Gunn and James P. Bew-
ley, Color Bearers.

Foster Storm and Cal Black-
ford, Color Guards.

Rex Candlish, Clinton J. Bo-
hannon, Katherine Welch, Jack
C. Tracy and Dee Covington,
Pallbearers. Bill Rollins in
charge.

Overseas Returned

Major Allen J. Conley

McBirney Funeral Home, 2:30
p.m., burial Rose Hill cemetery.

ACTIVE DETAIL

Joe Herman, Commander.
H. K. Nelson, Chaplain.
George Sisler, Bugler.
Fred Jarvis, Flag Custodian.
Guss Gunn and Jim Bewley,
Color Bearers.

Foster Storm, C. F. Sheldon,

and J. D. Hynes, Color Guards.

Bill Bassett, Sam Craig, Mike
Saxon, Sr., Katherine Welch, Vic
Couch and Bob Nelson, Pallbear-
ers.

Hess Crossland, Harry L. S.
Halley, Alex Faulkner, J. Earl
Simpson, Jimmy King, Sr., Wal-
ter Deppe, Rex Candlish, O. D.
Waters and Roger Lavery, Firing
Squad with Hess Crossland in
charge.

A card was received Tuesday
from the family of Allan T. Con-
ley, whose body was returned
from overseas last week and who
was given military funeral rites
by the Carson-Wilson Legion
post.

The card reads:

Dear Sirs:

"We certainly thank you, your
service was very impressive and
beautiful."

Mrs. Conley and family.

Dr. W. J. Petty

Post Commander Carson-Wilson
Post No. 1, died Friday July 23,
1948. Funeral services July 26,
1948. Burial: East St. Louis, Ill.
Moore Funeral Home in charge.

ACTIVE DETAIL

Joseph F. Herman, Commander
H. K. Nelson, Chaplain.
Guss Gunn and James P. Bew-
ley, Color Bearers.

Foster Storm, Cal Blackford,
Color Guards.

Harry L. S. Halley, Pat Poy-
nor, Joe Norton, Sam Burnham,
Dr. Floyd E. Trippet, Jack Tracy,
Otto Koenig and Robert Bough-
ton, Pallbearers.

IN JAPAN

Nagoya, Japan—Private First
Class Sidney O. Barnard, son of
Mrs. May Barnard, 60 N. Birming-
ham, Tulsa, Oklahoma, recently ar-
rived in Japan and has been as-
signed to the Air Weather Service
Detachment at Chitose Air Force
Base.

Pfc. Barnard will undergo train-
ing to become a weather observer.
This training will consist of en-
coding and decoding weather data
and spotting this data on various
maps and charts used in modern
weather observations, using the
specialized equipment developed
for these functions.

The Air Weather Service De-
tachment at Chitose serves the oc-
cupational forces in the Hokkaido
area with round-the-clock weather
observing and forecasting service,
as well as performing special cli-
matological studies.

Prior to entering the Air Force
Pfc. Barnard attended Okmulgee
high school.

With the Eighth Army
In Osaka, Japan

Private First Class Floyd H.
Burns, son of Mr. and Mrs. John
E. Buster of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was
a member of the relief party from
the 25th Infantry Division who ar-
rived in the Fukui earthquake area
shortly after the disaster and who
assisted in bringing relief to the
unfortunate victims of the catas-
trophe.

Pfc. Burns is a member of the
Co. A, 35th Infantry Regiment,
located at Osaka, Japan. His nor-
mal job is that of Supplying Water
to the Dependents of the area, but
like all soldiers he also is available
for disaster relief work.

He joined the Army on Decem-
ber 7, 1947 at Tulsa and took his
basic training at Fort Lewis,
Wash. Sailing overseas aboard the
USAT Admiral Benson he arrived
in Japan April 6, 1948 and was
assigned to the 25th Division on
arrival.

INTERSTATE PLAY OPENS AUGUST
21 IN LEGION JUNIOR BASE BALL

Indianapolis, Ind. — Interstate competition in the 1948
American Legion Junior Baseball program, in which more
than 1,000,000 boys 17 years of age or under, have been
enrolled, will open August 21 with 12 regional tournaments
throughout the nation.

This was announced by Dan Sowers of Fairmont, W. Va.,
chairman of the Junior Baseball sub-committee of the Na-
tional Americanism Commission of The American Legion,
sponsor of this greatest organized amateur sports activity
for boys.

The 12 winning teams of the regional play will cross bats
in four sectional tourneys which will start August 28. The
four sectional champions will meet in the 1948 Junior World
Series, which will be played for the first time this year at
Victory Field, the American Association League baseball park
in Indianapolis, September 6 to 10.

State championship series will open July 30 in 47 states,
the District of Columbia and Hawaii. State winners must
be certified to the National Americanism Commission by
August 18 for interstate competition.

Regional Tourneys

The 1948 American Legion Jun-
ior Baseball regional tournament
schedule follows:

REGION 1—At Burlington, Vt.,
August 22 to 25 for Maine, Ver-
mont, New Hampshire and Massa-
chusetts.

REGION 2 — At Torrington,
Conn., August 21 to 24, for New
York, Connecticut, Rhode Island
and New Jersey.

REGION 3—At Parkersburg, W.
Va., August 23 to 26, for West
Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and
the District of Columbia.

REGION 4—At Kannapolis, N.
C., August 23 to 27, for Kentucky,
Virginia, Tennessee and North
Carolina.

REGION 5—At Thomaston, Ga.,
August 23 to 26, for Alabama,
Georgia, Florida and South Car-
olina.

REGION 6—At Austin, Texas,
August 22 to 25, for Texas, Louis-
iana, Arkansas and Mississippi.

REGION 7—At Flint, Michigan,
August 22 to 26, for Illinois, Indi-
ana, Michigan and Ohio.

REGION 8—At Mason City,
Iowa, August 21 to 24, for Iowa,
Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

REGION 9—At Rochester, Minn.,
August 22 to 25, for Minnesota,
North Dakota, South Dakota and
Wisconsin.

REGION 10—At Hastings, Neb.,
August 22 to 25, for Colorado, Ne-
braska, New Mexico and Wyoming.

REGION 11—At Yakima, Wash.,
August 23 to 26, for Idaho, Mon-
tana, Oregon and Washington.

REGION 12—At Salt Lake City,
Utah, August 22 to 25, for Arizona,
California, Hawaii, Nevada, and
Utah.

Sectional Rounds

The schedule of sectional tourna-
ments follows:

SECTION A—At Manchester, N.
H., August 28 to 30, for winners
of Regions 1, 2 and 3.

SECTION B—At Charleston, S.
C., August 30 and 31, for win-
ners of Regions 4, 5 and 6.

SECTION C—At Sioux City,
Iowa, August 29 to 31, for win-
ners of Regions 7, 8 and 9.

SECTION D—At Lewiston, Ida-
ho, August 29 to 31, for winners
of Regions 10, 11 and 12.

Chairman Sowers, known as the
father of American Legion Junior
Baseball, will be the National
Americanism Commission's repre-
sentative at the Region 6 tourna-
ment at Austin, Texas, and at the
Section C competition at Sioux
City, Iowa. The commission will
have a representative in charge of
each regional and sectional con-
test.

A man's best friends are his
ten fingers.—Robt Collyer, Labor.

MIAMI BEACH—
30TH NATIONAL
CONVENTION CITY

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—Legion-
naires and their families who will
come to Miami Beach next Octo-
ber for their 30th national con-
vention will find this world-fam-
ed, all-year resort has a colorful
history.

Three decades ago Miami
Beach was a mangrove swamp.
Today it has 339 hotels, 1,228
modern apartment buildings, 5-
000 beautiful homes, numerous
schools and churches, fine stores
and miles of broad avenues.

This transition of a wilderness
into one of the nation's most
modern cities in the brief space
of 33 years is a rich chapter in
the historical drama of ever-
expanding American frontiers.

First White Man in 1567

When Columbus discovered
America, Miami Beach was the
home of the Takesta tribe of In-
dians. They hunted its swamps
and fished its creeks.

Records show the first white
man to set foot here was a Span-
iard, Don Pedro Menendez de
Avilas, who established a mis-
sion in 1567 to Christianize the
Indians. His settlement was short
lived. For three centuries after
his departure the peninsular be-
tween the Atlantic Ocean and
Biscayne Bay, that is now Miami
Beach, remained a desolate man-
grove swamp, inhabited by coon,
bear, alligator and other animals.
Only an occasional hunter or fish-
erman visited the region.

Lum First Pioneer

In 1870, two men from Red
Bank, N. J., Henry B. Lum and
his son, Charles H., sailed along
the coast of Miami Beach in a
schooner. They were attracted
by the great number of coconut
trees they saw growing there.
Later they bought the land, plant-
ed more trees and attempted to
grow coconuts commercially for
the Northern market. For vari-
ous reasons, mainly the difficulty
of transportation, the project
failed.

In the first decade of this cen-
tury, the Lums sold their hold-
ings to three other men who were
to become the "fathers of modern
Miami Beach." They were John
S. Collins, like the Lums, a na-
tive of New Jersey, and two Flor-
idians, J. N. Lummus, Sr., and
his brother, J. E. Lummus, then
a Miami banker. Collins owned
the land which is now the cen-
tral part of the City of Miami
Beach. The Lummus holdings
were in the Southern part of the
city.

Enters Carl G. Fisher

Collins' project was to grow

tropical fruits, principally avo-
cados. The Lummus brothers en-
visioned Miami Beach as a win-
ter resort and divided up part of
their property into lots for home
sites. But all three of these pio-
neers were handicapped by a lack
of working capital.

This was supplied by a multi-
millionaire from Indianapolis, In-
diana, the late Carl G. Fisher,
who came to Miami in 1919 to
buy a boat. He became inter-
ested in the Miami Beach proj-
ect and remained to invest some
\$11,000,000 in laying the founda-
tions of the Miami Beach of to-
day.

Fisher, who had amassed a for-
tune in the automobile accessori-
es business acquired some land
from both Collins and the Lum-
mus brothers and also lent them
some money. Fisher's capital
served to drain the swamps and
fill in the low-lying land, pave
streets, provide public utilities
and advertise Miami Beach to the
nation as a winter paradise.

City Founded in 1915

The City of Miami Beach was
founded officially on March 26,
1915. It prospered. It went
through a depression. In the late
'30's, however, it spurted ahead
with the building of more than
200 modern hotels and hundreds
of apartment buildings.

Since the end of wartime re-
strictions on construction, Miami
Beach has been in another period
of spirited growth. Last year
building permits were issued for
more than \$23,000,000 worth of
construction, the largest amount
in the city's history.

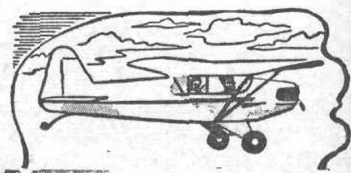
Miami Beach's earliest large
hotels—the Flamingo, Boulevard
and King Cole—still are in op-
eration. They were the prototypes
for the scores of luxurious guest
houses which now extend for al-
most the full length of Miami
Beach's nine miles of ocean front.

Legionnaires will find here a
city geared to the comfort and
pleasure of visitors, a gay and
healthful city with facilities for
almost every known outdoor
sport and a brilliant night life.
They may look forward not only
to a successful American Legion
convention but also to a vacation
long to be remembered.

With inflationary trends the
way they are, the only thing you
can get on a dollar bill nowadays
is germs.—Ted Steele, PM.

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A \$50,000 modern clubhouse has been dedicated by the Irvin Blix Post 16 of The American Legion at Bagley, Minn.

Dick Walters, 17 year old American Legion junior baseball pitcher on the team sponsored by the Drew Webster Post 39 at Pomeroy, Ohio, pitched a no-hit game and fanned 18 batters in a contest with a Point Pleasant, W. Va., nine.

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O'NEIL ISSUES CALL FOR 1948 LEGION CONVENTION IN MIAMI

Indianapolis, Ind.—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, Fla., October 18 to 21.

The purpose of the convention will be "to elect officers for the ensuing year, amend the national constitution and by-laws, and to transact such other business as may be brought before it."

It is expected there will be close to 3,600 delegates, representing more than 3,000,000 members in 17,100 posts. Each department shall be entitled to five delegates and to one additional delegate for each 1,000 members or major fraction thereof as determined by the books of the national treasurer at the close of business at noon, September 18th. There will also be about 3,600 alternates.

The national commander's convention call also scheduled a meeting of the National Executive Committee for 2:00 p. m. Sunday, October 17th, in Miami.

Convention Headquarters will be opened by National Adjutant Henry H. Dudley in the McAllister Hotel in Miami at 10 a. m., Monday, October 11th.

Second Meet in Miami

It will be the second national convention of The American Legion in Miami. The 16th national convention was held there October 22 to 25, 1934.

In the 15 years that have elapsed since The American Legion has last met in Miami, the organization has had a phenomenal growth. In 1934, American Legion membership totalled 881,681 in less than 11,000 posts. In 1948 it will have an enrollment almost four times that of 1934. It has added 6,000 new posts.

Commander O'Neil also has set the meetings of three convention committees in Miami.

The Committee on Credentials will meet in the Everglades Hotel at noon, Sunday, October 17.

The Committee on Permanent Organization will meet in the same hotel at 12:15 p. m., Sunday, Oct. 17.

The Committee on Rules will assemble in the same hotel at 12:30 p. m., Sunday, October 17.

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AUXILIARY NEWS

MRS. H. E. GLASER,
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Mrs. J. B. Allred, unit president, announces that the next regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held on Tuesday, August 3 at 8:00 o'clock in the Auxiliary room of the American Legion Hut. Nominations for officers for next year will be made at this time. All members are urged to be present.

Those who are planning to attend the State Convention at Muskogee, Sept. 4, 5, 6, should make their reservations at once. Requests for reservations should be mailed to Kay Wilson, Legion Convention Housing Chairman. Post Office Box 705, Muskogee, Okla.

Marguerite Eng, State Americanism Essay winner from Central High School, Tulsa, whose essay has been entered in competition in the National Americanism Essay Contest, will be presented by Lucille Burns in her program "Recess Time," over KAKC (from Clarks Good Clothes) on Saturday, August 7, at 10:45 a. m. Marguerite will play a group of piano solos. Let us give her a good hearing. She is really a talented and charming young lady. Our unit may well be proud to have had a part in her recent honor. We all rejoice with Mrs. W. I. Rainwater, unit Americanism chairman, in her achievement.

ALL-AMERICAN!

This month, we're going to see resumed one of the world's great spectacles.

As the 1948 Olympic Games get under way in London, the greatest athletes of many nations will meet each other in just about every form of sports competition.

It's a great event, and it's produced some great champions: Jesse Owens, Ray Barbuti, F. W. Kelley, C. E. Dvorak, Myer Prinstein, P. Desjardins, Albina Osipowich, Sam Berger, Charles Erickson, Duke Kahanamoku—to mention only a few.

Sounds like a bunch from all the four corners of the earth, doesn't it? Well, it isn't. Those names belong to all-Americans—and in the finest sense of the word. Perhaps these champs were descended from Scandinavian seafarers, African slaves, southern European peasants, northern European clerks or merchants. Their ancestors brought the strength of many cultures to the U.S.A. and became all-American.

The very fact that we have such a variety of names among our Olympic champions is an indication of why America is great. It shows that when we picked our teams, it didn't matter what a man's name was, or where his parents were born. What did matter was whether he could run, swim or jump. Just like our Army, Navy and Air Force—remember your buddies?

That's the American ideal of true sportsmanship, and it's a good one to live up to: all Americans of all races, creeds, and national origins pulling together, all the time! It spells VICTORY, too!

The 1948 state championship drum and bugle corps of the Galatin Post 14 will represent Montana at the 30th national American Legion convention in Miami, Fla., October 18 to 21.

Reservist Form Vital Part of Natl. Defense

Enlisted army reservists of the Tulsa region, mostly veterans of World War II, including many who will be up for re-enlistment within the next few months, form a vital part of the national security organization in the opinion of Lt. Col. Humbert F. Biasella, unit instructor of organized reserves in this area.

He said more than 4,000 enlistments of reservists in Oklahoma who joined the reserve at the end of the war in 1945 will expire this year, and he is asking those in this area to make arrangements as soon as possible to renew their memberships in the ERC. Any information needed may be obtained from the unit instructor's office, from the commander of the reservist's unit, or from the nearest army recruiting office.

Importance of continued participation in the national defense program by the enlisted reservist is apparent, Lt. Col. Biasella believes, because the reservist, as a war veteran, is a substantial citizen of his community, who, from his own wartime experience knows the national security depends largely upon a strong and trained reserve force.

Then, too, the ERC member, often a combat veteran, brings to his reserve unit the "know how" of warfare, so vital in the training of reserves, especially of the younger members.

Lt. Col. Biasella emphasizes advantages going with ERC membership for the reservist himself include:

Knowledge he is keeping his army ability and experience in readiness for service to the nation in time of emergency.

Opportunities for active duty, ranging from 15 to 90-day tours, to a year of extended active duty, with regular pay for grade held in the reserves, and a chance to join the regular army if he desires.

Entrance upon actual military service in event of national emergency with a unit with which he has trained and where he has made friendships.

Pay for inactive duty training, as soon as pay plans are worked out.

Accumulation of longevity for pay purposes by time spent in the enlisted reserve.

Opportunity for promotion within the reserve.

Openings for increasing his military ability and standing by attending various army service or officer candidate schools.

Post in Alaska Gives School Board \$1,000

ADAK, Alaska—As its contribution to the promotion of education here, the Aleutian Islands Post 9 of The American Legion has presented a check for \$1,000 to the Adak School Board. The presentation was made by M/Sgt. Leonard B. Showalter, commander of the post. It was accepted by Lt. Col. Leon G. Lewis, commanding officer of the 449th All Weather Fighting Squadron stationed here, who is chairman of the Adak School Board.

The Aleutian Islands Post 9 now has a membership of 101. It is very active in Americanism work. Recently, it assumed sponsorship of a Boy Scout troop and of a Cub pack here.

The 1948 reunion of the 16th Engineer Regiment (Railway) of World War I will be held in Detroit, Mich., Sept. 3 to 5, with Harold J. Oliver, 4955 Walnut st., Dearborn, as general chairman.

Vice-Admiral Russell S. Berkeley, U.S.N., a Legionnaire, whose home is in Tulsa, Okla., has been placed in command of all the U. S. Naval Forces in the Far East with promotion to his present rank.

American Legion posts are building new clubhouses at Wayne, Unionville and Reading, Mich.; Rosston, Ark.; Salem, Ore.; Slayton, Minn., and Houston, Tex.

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