



Dr. Alexander Gives Fireworks Address

Dr. W. H. (Bill) Alexander, Pastor of First Christian Church, Oklahoma City, addressed an Independence Day crowd in the pavilion of the Fair Grounds, on July 6, under the auspices of the Carson-Wilson Post of the American Legion. The address followed the theme of Americanism. Our country was referred to as a freight train, going down-grade at 90 miles an hour, with the brakes out of order, headed for a precipice. Various units within our society were occupants of different cars. Capital was in the Club Car, plotting against Labor in another, and Labor was making its plans against Capital. Government was pictured in the control cab of the engine, tinkering with various gadgets, being incapable of controlling the speeding train. Ordinary men, women and children occupied the other cars. Here and there a courageous voice called out for cooperation to improvise breaks and prevent a catastrophe. But the passengers, as a whole, were too interested in their private pursuits to give attention to the welfare of all.

He said two distinct lines of political philosophy were being drawn in our country and across the world. On the one hand is totalitarianism, taking one of many forms—Communism, Nazi-

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.

ism or Facism. On the other hand is Democracy. All totalitarian forms of government make the individual a possession of the state. Only Democracy recognizes the right of the individual, as a being created by God, having distinct possibilities, and entitled to individual privileges. The address was closed by a dramatic scene in which the lights were turned out and the audience was asked to light matches or lighters to show what beautiful results can be achieved when people work together on a common project.

HALLIE G. GANTZ.

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION HOUSING

Offices have been opened at Muskogee for the purpose of making reservations for those who will attend the Department Convention on September 4th, 5th, and 6th.

Requests for reservations should be mailed to Kay Wilson, Legion Convention Housing Chairman, Post Office Box 705, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Department Headquarters has made reservations for all members of the Department Executive Committee and Convention Committee Chairmen. These officials will not need to make reservations through the housing committee.

Department Membership Running In the Red

There is a very definite reason for this letter being in red ink. It emphasizes the fact that The American Legion in your Department is "in the red"—or behind its last year's membership of the same date by 4,459 members.

National records show that your Department has ONLY reached 86.20 per cent of its 1948 national quota. No organization can operate with 100 per cent success when it is "in the red."

This is your year as Post Commander and my year as National Commander. You and I want our year of Legion leadership recorded in the archives of the organization as a successful one. That means just one thing! We have a lot of immediate work to do on membership to take up the slack.

To some that might sound like an impossible task—but the Legion in 21 Departments has already reached quota; surpassed last year's membership as of the same date; or reached an all time high. What other states have done, certainly your state can do.

Your shortage in membership in the Department of Oklahoma might seem high, but when compared with the number of Posts in your Department, it is not so great—because you can readily see that with each Post in the Department bringing in just a few additional members the slack can not only be taken up but an increase shown.

Possibly your Post has surpassed its last year's membership, or reached its quota. If so, congratulations on a job well done! If not, then I suggest two immediate jobs:

1. Remove that list of delinquent members from your files and get under way immediately with the organization of teams of active Post members to call on the delinquents and secure their 1948 dues.
2. See to it that every eligible member in your community is asked to join the Post immediately.

It's extremely important that these two things be done at once. One day of well organized, intensive effort will do the job.

As a Legion leader this year you want your state to have its full quota of delegates at the National Convention in Miami this fall. Delegate strength is based on membership in the Department.

I know that it is late in the Legion year. I know that we have continued to emphasize the importance of membership—but membership is the lifeblood of the organization; and we cannot afford to have the records for the year of 1948 show a loss in membership.

Can I depend upon you to see that this job is done in your community?

JAMES F. O'NEIL,
National Commander.

The Michigan Legionnaire Wins Broadside Plaque.

Indianapolis, Ind.—The Broadside and Barrage Plaque, awarded to the "best newspaper" in the annual competition among member papers of the American Legion Press Association, has been awarded to **The Michigan Legionnaire** by the board of judges composed of Stephen E. Noland, editor of The Indianapolis News, Victor Free of the editorial staff of The Indianapolis Times, and Harold O. Robinson, editor of The National News.

Honorable mention citations were voted to The Miami Legionnaire, Miami, Fla., The Toledo Legion Press of Toledo, Ohio, The Idaho Legionnaire, printed in Twin Falls, Idaho, and The Douglas County Legionnaire of Omaha Nebraska.

The winning paper was established for the department of Michigan during the past year, and is edited by C. S. Clark, Jr.

The Broadside and Barrage Plaque, now in possession of The Douglas County Legionnaire, a weekly paper of Omaha Post 1 in Nebraska which won it last year, will be awarded to the winner at the annual meeting of the American Legion Press Association in Miami, on October 20. Engrossed citations will be presented to those in the honorable mention class at the same meeting.

Notice!

The Tulsa County Salon 214 8 et 40 will meet Tuesday, 8 p.m. at the American Legion Hut for a regular business meeting according to Mrs. Effie Blanchard, petite chaplain.

Uncle Sam Says



As you drive along country roads you will see one of America's most familiar scenes—farmers pitching hay. From this scene has come a phrase you have used many, many times—making hay while the sun shines. Well, niece and nephew, that's exactly what you are doing when you stack up United States Savings Bonds. You're making plenty of future security when the going is good, when a few extra dollars has been added to your take-home pay through the new income tax law... and when you should be acting for your future security.

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FIREWORKS SHOW BIG SUCCESS

Despite difficulties which may have proved formidable, the 1948 Fireworks show of the Carson-Wilson Legion post Tuesday night proved to be a success, as about 7,500 Tulsans gathered at the Fairgrounds grandstand to witness the patriotic display of pyrotechnics and accompanying features.

In addition to the crowd on the inside, it was estimated that "several thousand" autos were parked in areas adjoining the Fairgrounds grandstand to witness the thrilling aerial pyrotechnics display manufactured and produced by the Peerless Co. of Tulsa.

The show got a good start when the Post band directed by Eddie Gambill presented a stirring concert of patriotic music. Then a welcome speech was presented by Dept. Commander Brad Risinger.

The feature guest speaker, Rev. William E. Alexander, was greeted enthusiastically by the crowd which was held in rapt attention from the beginning until the end of his speech.

The famed Tracy Silvester choir, due to unforeseen circumstances, could not return to Tulsa Tuesday night for the show, which was originally scheduled for Monday night but was postponed because of inclement weather.

Credit for the success of the show lies not with any one person, but must go to all who lent a hand in launching this annual patriotic show. The various committees—tickets, publicity, program, etc., did fine jobs, and the post as a whole joined in supporting the show.

The success of this show typifies what can result when Legionnaires cooperate, putting selfish, personal motives behind them and pitching in to "do their darndest" with true Legion spirit.

Future Legion committees can well afford to emulate our efforts on the 1948 Fireworks show. It was a good job well done.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Here are the answers to some of the questions veterans ask most regularly:

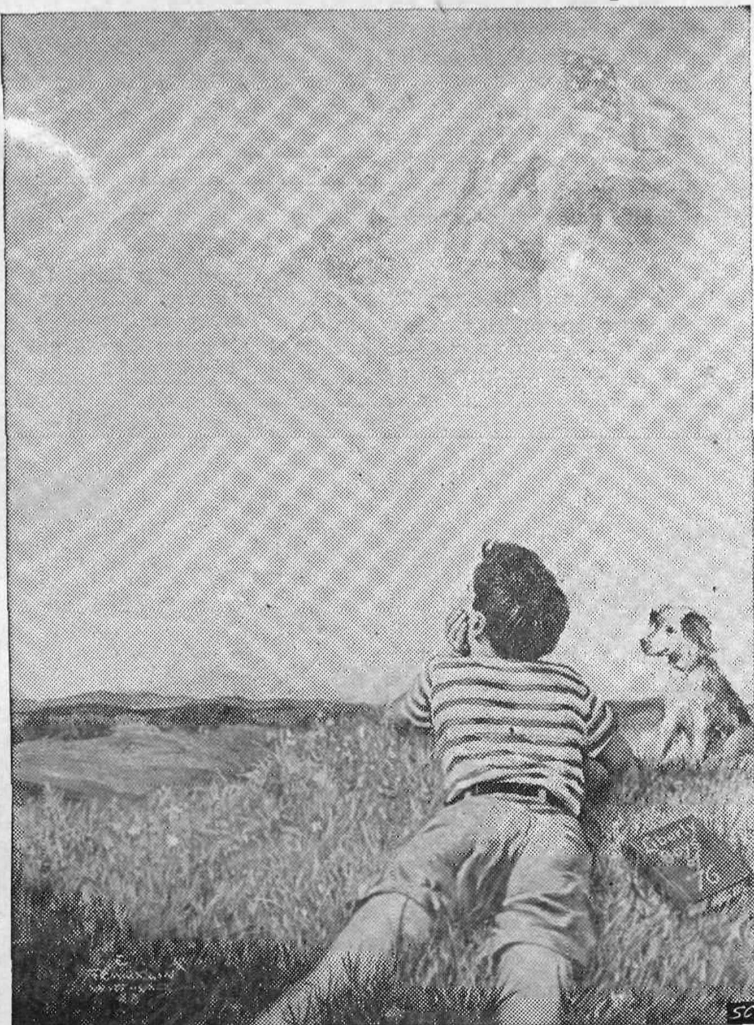
Q. I am a World War II veteran and work part time. I intend to apply for readjustment allowance and would like to know how the amount I receive is computed.

A. As a partially employed veteran you can receive a maximum number of allowances to which the length of your service is the armed forces entitled you, but each weekly allowance would be reduced by the wages you receive so that readjustment allowance and wages combined will not exceed \$23 a week. Each weekly allowance thus received, regardless of the amount of payment, would reduce by one the number of remaining payments available.

Q. I was released from the Army with a bad conduct dis-

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Know Your Rights

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charge and would like to know if I am entitled to any of the benefits under the GI Bill?

A. You should contact your nearest Veterans Administration office for a decision as to whether you were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable since that is the determining factor for entitlement to benefits.

Q. Will the amount of compensation I receive for a service incurred disability be reduced in event I find employment?

A. No. Earnings from such work do not effect the amount of compensation received.

Q. Is there any limit to the amount I can borrow under the GI Bill?

A. You can borrow any amount that the lender is willing to lend you, but VA will guarantee only 50 per cent of the amount up to \$4,000 on a real estate loan and up to \$2,000 on a non-realty business loan.

Here are the answers to some of the questions former servicemen regularly ask contact representatives about compensation claims:

Q. Is there any difference between the terms "compensation" and "pension" as used by Veterans Administration in describing veterans benefits?

A. The terms "compensation" and "pension" are different and not used to describe the same type of benefit. Under the laws administered by VA, "compensation" is used to describe cash benefits, other than retirement, payable for service-connected disability or death. Pension is used to describe non-service-connected monetary benefits.

Q. I would like to appear before the VA Rating Board to explain my application for compensation. Will VA pay the traveling expenses I may incur?

A. No. All expenses you may incur going to or from a VA Rating Board must be borne by you.

Q. I receive compensation for injuries incurred while in the army. Do I have to show the amount of compensation I receive in making out my income tax report?

A. No. It is unnecessary to show pension or compensation payments in an income tax report.

Q. I draw 100 per cent disability compensation because of injuries due to service in the Navy. Will I continue to draw my compensation if I move to Australia?

A. Yes. Residence has no bearing on compensation entitlement.

Q. Under what circumstances can I claim that my parents are my dependents?

A. Dependency will be held to exist if your parents do not have an income sufficient to provide reasonable maintenance for themselves and members of their family under legal age.

Q. My brother entered the service under the Armed Forces Voluntary Recruitment Act of 1945 and he now wonder if his rights will be affected by the law officially ending the war on July 25, 1947, insofar as veterans benefits are concerned?

A. No. He will lose none of his rights even though his period of enlistment extends beyond July 25, 1947.

Q. Please tell me which non-service-connected disability benefits are available to World War veterans and which to peacetime veterans

A. The law provides that a pension for non-service-connected disability may be payable to permanently and totally disabled World War veterans. The law does not provide such a pension for peacetime veterans.

Q. Does the VA pay compensation to veterans with arrested pulmonary tuberculosis?

A. Yes. VA can make full compensation payments to veterans who have been discharged from its hospitals with arrested pulmonary tuberculosis up to two years after date of discharge if necessary.

Week's Legion News In a Nut Shell

The second monthly American Legion FREEDOM BOOKLET, entitled, "Seven Percent of the People on Top of the World", is now being distributed by mail to hundreds of thousands of homes throughout the nation.

The Michigan Legionnaire is the 1948 winner of the Annual Broadside and Barrage Plaque awarded for editorial excellence by The American Legion Press Association.

The Third Annual Boys' Forum of National Government, sponsored by The American Legion, will be held on the campus of American University, Washington, D. C., July 30 to August 5, with 92 youths attending.

Contracts totaling \$62,000 have been signed with major league clubs by two American Legion Junior Baseball star pitchers, Bob Andres, 18, of Cincinnati going to the Detroit Tigers for a \$22,000 bonus and Hugh Frank Radcliffe, 18, of Thomaston, Ga., to the Philadelphia Phillies for a \$40,000 bonus.

National Commander James F. O'Neil in a signed article in the July, 1948, issue of The American Legion Magazine has scored Congressional "cowardice" for derelictions which he said have made America vulnerable to any attack by Russia.

Illinois Legionnaires will gather at Grayslake, Sunday, July 18, to celebrate "Getchell Day" honoring their Department Commander Douglass D. Getchell with a parade and all-day picnic.

Contracts with 266 hotels to provide 10,124 rooms for visiting Legionnaires during the 30th national convention of The American Legion in the Greater Miami Area next October 18 to 21, have been signed.

Eight bowling alleys will feature the \$65,000 modern new clubhouse of the Lowell, Ind., Post 101 of The American Legion, construction of which is now under way.

National Commander James F. O'Neil will be the speaker at the dedication Sunday, July 18, of the \$65,000 new clubhouse of the Clifton Post 421 at Lakewood, Ohio, on a site to be known as the "Ten Acres of Legiondom."

In a spirited contest with a male rival, Miss Rosa Willis, ex-Wave has been elected first woman commander of the Tommie Cook Post 122 of The American Legion at Rayville, La.

The 43 American Legion Posts of Kansas City, Mo., have now raised \$400,000 of the \$600,000 fund needed to buy the former Scottish Rite Temple there for a veterans' memorial building.

James R. Wilson, Jr., executive secretary of the National Field Service of The American Legion, has become the father of a second daughter.

Mid-year 1948 American Legion national membership has climbed to 2,972,870 in 17,046 posts.

Governor Earl Warren of California, the Republican Party's nominee for vice-president, has

been a continuous member of Oakland Post 5 of The American Legion since 1919.

The Indiana American Legion will celebrate the successful conclusion of a campaign to raise \$250,000 to save the Shades, a tract of virgin forest, with an all-day picnic in the new park, Sunday, July 18, at which time it formally will present the deed to Governor Ralph F. Gates.

Col. Jackson Receives Civil Service Award

BURLINGTON, Vt.—Colonel H. Nelson Jackson, a member of the National Executive Committee of The American Legion since 1928 and one of the founders of the Department of Vermont, has been presented with the 1948 Civic Service Award by Champlain Aerie 793, Fraternal Order of Eagles.

At the dinner at which the award was made, Colonel Jackson was introduced by William Plude, worthy president of the Eagles, as a "physician, former owner and publisher of The Burlington Daily News and the first combination of newspaper and radio station in Vermont; the first American to make a cross-country trip by automobile and outstanding promoter of The American Legion."

Plude reminded club members that only those persons who possess the qualities of "humility and scorn for seeking personal honors" are eligible to receive this tribute from the Eagles.

"Nail Keg" Orator
Commenting on his work in organizing The American Legion in Vermont, Colonel Jackson laughingly described himself as a "nail-keg orator."

"This is the nickname I got when I used to go around towns talking up the organization of American Legion groups," he said, explaining that "I always seemed to do my best work when I sat on a nail keg in a general store chatting with the boys."

Asked to give highlights on his memorable cross-country auto trip in 1903, Colonel Jackson said it all started "on a bet."

"I was in California at the time and overheard some friends remarking that it just couldn't be done," he chuckled. "When I announced that I was going to make a try, they called me 'the crazy doctor'."

The tour consumed 69 days, 29 of which were spent in waiting for parts of his car which, he revealed, is now on exhibition in

the Smithsonian Institute. The Eagles' award was made to Colonel Jackson in recognition of his long record of community service and leadership.

AUXILIARY NEWS

MRS. H. E. GLASER
Publicity Chairman

Mrs. J. B. Alred, unit president, announces that the initiatory service for new members which was to have been held on Tuesday, July 6th, but was postponed on account of the American Legion Patriotic Celebration, will be held at the time of the regular meeting on July 20th at 8:00 p. m. A further announcement will be made in next week's paper.

The girls who attended Girls State from Tulsa will be presented on Lucille Burns' "Judy Kaye" show on Saturday, July 17th. This is now given on station KAKC according to Lucille. Tune in and listen to them. Marguerite Eng of Tulsa who won the State A. L. A. Americanism essay prize of fifty dollars will be on this program on Saturday, August 7th, presenting a group of piano numbers. We shall remind you again to listen to Marguerite. She is really a talented girl. She plans to enter Washington University, St. Louis.

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Veterans continue to call me the Service Officer at the Post and home asking for housing. Regardless of the recent interest aroused for veterans housing, the fact still remains that very few, if any, suitable houses in Tulsa are available, where a vet and his wife can find two or more comfortable rooms at reasonable rent. I am surprised at the injustice that is here in Tulsa and the unfit living condition and shacks that are rented. Charging prices beyond reason. I have been in them and know.

If it's a case of a vet with a wife and child, you'd think children were either contagious, dirty or immoral. Landlords have been known to offer houses and apartments but NO children or small animals. They seem to be in the same category as far as landlords are concerned. Wonder if these landlords stop to think of when a child and if treated as they do. Stop and think maybe some of yours will be treated as you are treating them and the unjust prices asked.

The situation is bad all over the country, but that fact doesn't relieve the situation in Tulsa, and of course, it's Tulsa that we are immediately concerned with.

With all the building of residences in the City of Tulsa isn't there one bighearted landlord that could and would see the light and declare homes for vets, their wives and children. The heart-breaking part of it all is that what is for rent are sadly inadequate or restricted.

What will become of all these houses being built and for sale only if we go into reverse? Answer that landlord. Legionnaires what do you think?

The men and women that served you, landlord, in time of war that you sang songs of praise of the heroism by them when away that you might gain the benefits of war, now has turned your backs on them.

Let's have homes for Veterans and above all with children and rents that are reasonable.

Make Tulsa a pride and joy of the GI.

1. If I attend summer sessions at the college where I am enrolled under the education benefits of the G.I. Bill, do I need a supplemental certificate of eligibility?

A. No. The only time you need a supplemental VA certificate of eligibility to attend summer school is when you transfer to another school for the summer term.

There is still time to prevent disaster, says Mr. Joesten, if only the Allies will return to their original aim and re-educate the Germans along Democratic lines.

Vets can do a real job by reading the book themselves, by calling its vital message to the attention of their Congressmen so that their answer to "Germany: What Now?" will be the right one for us and for generations to come, and that our boys will not have sacrificed and died in vain in World War II.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS-LETTER

Washington. — The second session of the 80th Congress passed 114 laws initiated or supported by The American Legion and of primary interest to the nation's war veterans, announced John Thomas Taylor, national legislative director of the organization.

Taylor's statement was based on a congressional report compiled by The American Legion today.

Heading the list were two American Legion-sponsored rehabilitation measures which were passed in the closing hours of the session and which financially aid war disabled, widows, orphans and dependents. Taylor acclaimed the bills as "God sends" to the nation's war victims. The bills are:

S. 2821 which provides additional compensation for a vet-

eran who has dependents and is entitled to compensation at war-time schedules for service-connected disabilities rated not less than 60%. The additional compensation ranges from \$21 per month for a veteran with a wife only to \$56 for a veteran with a wife and three children. A \$17.50 provision also is made for each dependent parent.

S. 2825 which increases the compensation rates for dependent survivors of war dead. The increases range from \$15 per month for a widow with no children to \$21.40 for a widow with two children. Orphans and dependent parents are also covered by the increase.

The President is expected to sign both measures. They will go into effect August 1 of this year.

Taylor also cited the increase in subsistence payments to World War II veterans in institutional training under the G. I. Bill of Rights as one of the Legion's major legislative accomplishments during the last congressional session. The increase amounted to more than 15% for the student GIs. Coupled with this legislation was a bill granting proportional pay ceiling raises for veterans engaged in the on-the-job training program.

The American Legion survey also disclosed that the Legion was officially called before more than 100 congressional committee meetings for testimony on pending legislation. In addition, Taylor and his staff held countless conferences with congressional leaders and committee staffs. 50 of the 114 veterans bills enacted by congress were based on American Legion mandates.

Additional legislation of veterans interest cited by the Legion report includes. A temporary peacetime draft of men 19 thru 25 for military service to bring the armed forces up to an authorized strength of 2,005,882. Coupled with this measure is an extensive reform in the army's general administration of military justice as recommended by The American Legion.

Legislation authorizing the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to establish a secondary market for GI home loan mortgages.

A law granting financial assistance in the construction of

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specially designed homes for paraplegic veterans (paralyzed from the waist down). Fifty per cent of construction costs will be borne by the government.

A \$3,000,000 deficiency appropriation for the Veterans Administration. The measure provides funds to allow the maintenance of 3,000 employees to carry out essential services to veterans.

Legislation facilitating the naturalization of aliens who served in the armed forces of the United States during either World War I or II.

An extension until February, 1950, of the deadline for filing applications for GI mustering-out pay. More than 400,000 World War II veterans are affected by the extension.

Extension of the period for the admission into the United States of alien fiancées or fiancés of members of the armed forces.

Adequate appropriation for the execution of the Veterans Employment Service program throughout the United States.

The European Recovery Program (Marshall Plan).

Extension of authority for the Veterans Administration to continue offices in the Philippine Islands to care for Philippine veterans who served in U. S. forces during World War II.

Legislation paying salaries for period of separation from government service to persons improperly removed.

Further benefits for veterans of World War II who are government employees and lost opportunity for probational civil service appointments due to military service or service-connected disabilities.

A subsistence allowance to World War II veterans in the amount of \$1 per day for each day spent as prisoners of the Japanese. This would not effect claims for property loss and personal abuse sustained while in a POW status.

A five year extension of the level premium plan of National Service Life Insurance.

An increase in the amount of federal financial aid to state and territorial homes for the support of disabled soldiers and sailors of the U. S.

The amendment of immigration laws to deny admission to the U. S. of aliens who may be coming here for the purpose of engaging in activities which will endanger the public safety.

Prevention of discrimination against physically handicapped in civil service.

A law providing a permanent

basis for women in the armed forces.

Congress May Return

Congress recessed instead of adjourning at the close of its long day, June 19. The recess leaves the road open for recall by either the President or congressional leaders. Should the legislators return, Legislative Director Taylor declared that The American Legion would continue its drive for enactment of universal military training legislation, numerous rehabilitation bills, a law to curb activities of the communist party and other subversive organizations, passage of The American Legion's Veterans Home-Steak Act coupled with the Taft-Elender-Wagner long-range housing bill, and provision of a federal aid to education program.

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