



GIANT POSTS IN LEGION REACH NEW HIGH OF 75 IN 29 STATES

Indianapolis, Ind.—The American Legion has 75 giant posts in 29 states, each of which enrolled 2,000 or more members during the first six months of 1948. Largest post on June 30, according to a survey of state adjutants, was Omaha, Nebraska, Post 1, which then had 16,072 members.

That 2,000 figure was just a minimum. The Leyden-Chiles-Wickersham Post 1 of Denver, Colo., was runner-up to Omaha with a membership of 10,409. In third place was Memphis, Tenn., Post 1 with 8,190 members, and Harrisburg, Pa., Post 27, with 6,000, was fourth.

Seven Have 5,000 Each

There were seven posts that had more than 5,000 members each. They were Atlanta, Ga., Post 1, with 5,761; Nashville, Tennessee, Post 5, with 5,472; Oklahoma City, Okla., Post 35, with 5,426; Jefferson Post 15, of Louisville, Ky., with 5,274; the Harvey Seeds Post 29, of Miami, Fla., with 5,238; Portland, Oregon, Post No. 1, with 5,131, and Lincoln, Nebr., Post 3, with 5,095.

Pennsylvania led the roster of the big posts with 10; Illinois and New York each had seven; Iowa had five; California, Kansas, Massachusetts, Ohio and West Virginia each had three; Alabama, Arizona, Indiana, Louisiana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas and Washington each had two. Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, New Mexico, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota and Wisconsin each had one.

Teach Kids Religion Asks Illinois Legion

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.—Five thousand three-color posters advocating the teaching of religion to children are currently being distributed throughout the state by the Illinois American Legion.

The placards, a project of the department child welfare and Americanism programs, are being placed in business establishments, on public conveyances and elsewhere.

Showing a mother with her arms about her two praying children, The American Legion poster says:

"No child has a chance who hasn't been taught to pray and love God. How about your children? American society may collapse for want of loyalty, decency, honesty and unselfishness. Americans: Let's give them and America a new chance. Teach children religion. The American Legion."

District Golf Tourney Here August 29

The third annual First District American Legion golf tournament will be staged on August 29, at the Mohawk park golf course, it was announced Tuesday night by Comrade J. Earl Simpson, in charge of the tourney.

Play in the tournament will get under way at 1 p.m. As in past years, the winner will enter the Department tournament at Muskogee Sunday, September 5. All Legionnaire golfers are urged to enter this tournament.

Belford Urges Help On Funeral Detail

New Commander Guy Belford, Jr., Tuesday night urged members to pitch in and help more on funeral details.

He pointed out the large number of funerals in which the Legion has been asked to participate in the past few weeks, and said it was no fun to have to call up 50 or 60 people and then only get a few to serve on the detail.

Letter of Appreciation To Legion Ball Teams

A motion was made by Pig Davis that the post send a letter of appreciation to the Junior Baseball teams sponsored by the Post for their fine showing this year, both in the regular scheduled games and the District tournament. The motion was carried unanimously.

Steering Committee for Dept. Conclave To Be Named

A motion was made Tuesday night by Comrade J. Earl Simpson that a steering committee be appointed to select delegates and alternates for the Department convention in Muskogee September 4, 5 and 6, and that the Post vote as a unit. The motion was carried.

Application Cards To Be Changed

From now on, any new applicant for membership in the Carson-Wilson Legion post is going to know just what the organization stands for.

A motion was made at the Tuesday night meeting, urging that the Legion's purposes and platforms be put on the application card. The motion was carried unanimously.

Prior to the Tuesday night meeting, members were entertained with a moving picture depicting a tobacco auction, plus singing by Frank Sinatra and the Lucky Strike Hit Parade orchestra and choir.

Sample Lucky Strike cigarettes were given to members.

Three more American Legion juniors have pitched four no-hit games during the 1948 state playoffs.

"Along the Street"

This column is for the purpose of acquainting the Legionnaires more thoroughly with the activities of the advertisers in their paper.

Stop in and give them an opportunity to take care of your needs. They appreciate your business.

It isn't often we are fortunate enough to become acquainted with an eating establishment where there is a pleasant and congenial atmosphere, good service and fine food.

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Give C. F., and "Scotty" a play and they will certainly show their appreciation.

On the other hand, it isn't always food we are seeking. For instance, it may be an evening of entertainment we want. In that case, a mighty fine place to take your family at any time, where they pride in the statement "The Best for Less" is the Gem Theatre, 618 South Main Street.

The admission is never more than 25c for adults and 10c for the children. The Theatre is air-cooled, so just drop into one of their comfortable seats with a box of their delicious pop-corn, and relax for the evening.

Well, Ladies, we're back to that time of year when it is necessary to think about getting prepared for your fall and winter Wearing Apparel and getting the Childrens' clothing ready for the return to school. "Irene" of Irene's Shop, 3417 East 11th St., advises us, she has a complete stock, to take care of your needs, and certainly would appreciate your stopping in so that she will have an opportunity to show you how well she can take care of your situation.

By the way, Irene is having a clearance sale and you can really purchase some bargains at this time.

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LEGION SPENDS \$5,323,969 FOR CHILD WELFARE IN FISCAL YEAR

Indianapolis, Ind.—The stork and Old Man HCL were cited as reasons today why The American Legion expended a record \$5,323,969.27 during the fiscal year of 1948 on direct emergency aid to needy children of veterans. This is \$2,000,000 more than The American Legion ever spent on this humanitarian cause in any year before.

Ralph Heatherington, of Clarksburg, W. Va., national child welfare chairman of The American Legion, said the great increase in expenditures was due to two factors:

1.—The fact that fully one-half of all the children in the United States today are now the children of veterans, which has increased the need for child welfare and made individual Legionnaires more conscious of that need.

2.—The rapid rise in the cost of living, which has shoved many families to the point where they must become dependent on some outside source of help in time of emergency.

Total \$68,000,000

Chairman Heatherington pointed out that American Legion expenditures for food, clothing and medical treatments for needy children since 1925 now had reached a grand total of more than \$68,000,000.

This represented money, he said, which came from the resources of the national organization of the American Legion, its 58 departments and its 17,075 posts, as well as from 12,680 units of the American Legion Auxiliary, 750 voitures of the Forty and Eight and 300 salons of the Eight and Forty.

"The strength of The American Legion lies in its community posts," Chairman Heatherington stressed. "The effectiveness of our child welfare work lies in its being community-centered. We do not attempt to maintain any large, centralized program, since our first principle is to maintain the American family home. That means children who are in need of help should have that help given them in the communities where they live. The record of the past 12 months, ending June 30, 1948, shows how well our posts are putting into effect the principle of community services of all kinds for children."

Widow Leaves \$5,000 To Ohio Legion Post

ALLIANCE, Ohio.—A bequest of \$5,000 to the Charles C. Weybrecht Post 166, of The American Legion here, was included in the will of the late Mrs. Catherine Dussel, widow of a local manufacturer.

SAPULPA STAG PARTY

All Tulsa Legionnaires are invited to attend a stag party given by the Sapulpa Legion post Friday night at the Sapulpa city park. Feature will be a barbecue supper which will start at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment will start at 8:30. Admission is \$1.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Announced by the Commander that August 24th is the 4th Tuesday of the month and is initiation night. Initiation will be held at 8 p.m. All Legionnaires who have not taken obligation up to now report to the adjutant not later than 7:30 p.m., August 24, 1948.

Closing of Poker Room Is Asked— Belford Promises Action

A lively discussion ensued Tuesday night after Comrade John Allred urged the closing of the Legion Poker room.

Allred cited instances of playing during the regular meeting, and told of various trouble encountered in the poker room in the past. He said some of the players displayed a total unconcern for Legion affairs. Allred urged the Executive Committee to investigate this situation.

Comrade England, who admitted he "was not a poker player himself," protested against closing the room. "The Carson-Wilson post is a home for its members, and they ought to be allowed to do what they please here," England said.

Allred said that many members were ashamed to bring their wives to the Post, because of unsavory conditions here.

Commander Belford agreed to see that steps are taken to remedy the situation.

Bessie Craig Elected Legion Auxiliary Head

Bessie Craig was elected president of Women's Auxiliary of the Carson-Wilson post of the American Legion Tuesday night.

Mrs. Craig succeeds Marie Allred.

Other officers chosen were: first vice-president, Elva Gittinger; second vice-president, Dolores Jennings; third vice-president, Jean Hill; treasurer, Adelaide Henninger; historian, Esther Rowin; Chaplain, Harriette Lacy; parliamentarian, Reba Orr, and sergeant at arms, Irene Davis.

The Executive Committee includes Marie Allred; Gladys Codrington, and Gene Sullivan.

Post Suffers Loss On Fireworks Show

A loss of \$385.66 was incurred on the 1948 Fireworks show, it was revealed Tuesday night when a complete financial report was made.

Expenses for the show amounted to \$3,826.40. Total income was stated at \$4,440.74.

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Listen, Please!

By Marjorie K. Reynolds
(From Parents' Magazine,
August, 1948)

We adults are so polite with each other that we wouldn't think of deliberately ignoring a remark by a friend or walking away from him in the middle of a story. Yet, when Judy comes home from school, fairly bursting with news of the day, mother may murmur: "Uh, huh," or remark absent-mindedly, "How nice," and go right on stirring the soup.

What this mother should do is to listen as her child rattles off the account of how Bobbie sock-

ed Jim, and Miss Riley says they'll start fractions next week. Oh, sometimes she does listen when she isn't too involved in some household task. But a child craves interest and undivided attention. He wants to know that his mother will be awaiting his return from school just to hear about his experiences. A child needs an audience to help him to grow mentally and spiritually.

It stands to reason that if this comradeship, this closeness, is present from preschool days, these same children will be more inclined to talk over date troubles or any other complexity of youth, because they know their parents will listen sympathetically.

One of the most important times for listening is when your child is getting ready for bed. Perhaps he is excited about the prospects of a party the following day or bubbling over with plans for the fun that is in store.

Don't squelch this happiness of his by saying, "Be quiet now, go to sleep." Encourage his talk for just a few moments. The close companionship that we all want with our youngsters takes root at times just like these.

There is a right way to listen. If you have ever visited a school room, you couldn't help but be impressed with the patience of a good teacher. Every child is allowed to speak as slowly as he wishes while the teacher listens encouragingly as he gropes for the right word. Remember this when your youngster tries to describe an event, and can't find the right words. Remember, he hasn't used words as long as you have. Don't interrupt his train of thought by reminding him to stand still, or you will dampen his enthusiasm and spoil the joy he has in bringing news home.

Then listen while your child talks, regardless of what you are doing or what time of day it is. No one is so busy that he can afford to deprive his son or daughter of that simple courtesy and kindly gesture that will shape a confident, happy personality.

Legion Asks Congress To Pass 17 Bills

Washington, D. C.—Having secured enactment of 114 bills which it initiated or supported during the second session of the 80th Congress, The American Legion today was pressing for concluding action on 17 other measures, some of which had advanced beyond committee hearings.

National Legislative Director John Thomas Taylor has addressed an open letter to all members of Congress asking for action during the special session on the pending American Legion legislation. This legislation includes The American Legion's Universal Military Training Bill, its Veterans' Homestead Act of 1948, its Anti-Communist Bill, ten bills dealing with readjustment and

rehabilitation, including war widows and orphans, two bills dealing with veterans' insurance, one with social security and one with national cemeteries.

Taylor's Letter

Director Taylor's letter to all members of the Senate and House follows:

"When Congress adjourned on June 19, several bills in which The American Legion is particularly interested were either pending before Congressional committees, had been favorably reported and were on the House or Senate calendar, or had been passed by one branch of Congress.

"I enclose herewith a list of some of these items which are in accordance with official mandates of our two governing bodies—our national conventions and our National Executive Committees—all of which had been given some consideration at the time of adjournment. Some of these bills are of vital importance to disabled veterans and their dependents in view of the serious condition in which they have been placed by virtue of the fact that the cost of living has reached an all-time high. The American Legion Bill, H. R. 4488, to create the Veterans' Homestead Act is on the House calendar, and if enacted into law would greatly improve living conditions of veterans who have been seriously handicapped in their readjustment to civilian life by chaotic housing conditions.

"Present threats to the security of our country make it absolutely necessary that UMT and the Mundt-Nixon Bill to combat communism be promptly enacted into law.

"On behalf of The American Legion, composed of 3,250,000 veterans who honorably served their country, and the American Legion Auxiliary, with a membership of approximately 1,000,000 wives, daughters, mothers and sisters of veterans, I strongly urge that the bills enumerated on the attached list be favorably acted on during the present session of the 80th Congress."

Big Legislative Year

The American Legion in 1948 has enjoyed a most successful legislative year, Director Taylor said in summarizing the results of its efforts during the second session of the 80th Congress.

"Fifty laws were enacted to carry out specific American Legion resolutions," he reported. "Many other laws were passed which carry out American Legion policies."

The American Legion was called officially before more than 100 Congressional committees for testimony on pending legislation during the second session of the 80th Congress, according to Director Taylor. In addition Director Taylor and his aides held countless conferences with Congressional leaders and committee staffs.

Director Taylor pointed out that the second session of the 80th Congress which convened January 7 and recessed June 19 was one of the shortest ever held.

Legion Score Sheet

Highlighting 1948 American Legion legislative successes in the second session of the 80th Congress were these laws:

Public Law 868, which provides cost-of-living pension increases ranging from \$15 to \$21.40 a month for some 137,280 widows and 132,210 children of members of the armed forces killed in action during World War II.

Public Law 877, which provides additional compensation ranging

from \$21 to \$56 a month for service-disabled veterans rated not less than 60 per cent disabled.

Public Law 411, which provides for a 15 per cent increase in the monthly subsistence allowances for some 1,000,000 World War II veterans going to college under the educational provisions of The American Legion-sponsored G. I. Bill of Rights.

Public Law 512, which grants proportional pay ceiling raises for some 450,000 veterans engaged in the on-the-job training program under the G. I. Bill.

Public Law 838, which extends for five years the level premium plan of National Service Life Insurance.

Public Law 702, granting financial assistance up to \$10,000 to paraplegic veterans, most of them wheel-chair cases, for building or remodeling specially adapted houses suited to their physical limitations.

Public Law 519, providing a \$3,000,000 deficiency appropriation for the Veterans Administration to allow the retention of 3,000 employees to carry out essential services to veterans.

Public Law 377, providing for institutional on-farm training for veterans and placing this program on a parity with regular vocational training programs.

Public Law 871, providing for furnishing headstones or markers for graves of honorably discharged members of the armed forces.

Public Law 864, which provides a secondary market for veterans' home loans and permits the FHA to insure up to 95 per cent of loans for non-profit veterans' co-operative housing projects.

Public Law 759, providing a temporary peacetime draft of men 19 through 25 for military service to bring the armed forces to an authorized strength of 2,005,882.

Public Law 625, which provides a permanent basis for women in the armed forces.

Public Law 253, providing for the unification of the armed forces.

Public Laws 389, 470, 472 and 793, dealing with foreign aid and the European Recovery Plan.

Brigham Young became head of the Mormon Church after the death of Joseph Smith in 1844.

AUXILIARY NEWS

MRS. H. E. GLASER,
Publicity Chairman

Mrs. J. B. Allred, unit president, announces that election of officers for the year 1948-1949 will be held in the Auxiliary room of The American Legion hut, Tuesday night, August 17 at 8. She urges all members to be present. Other members may be nominated for officers that night. Those who have been nominated to date are:

President, Bessie Craig; first vice president, Clara Jones; 2nd vice president, Dolores Jennings; 3rd vice president, Jean Hill; treasurer, Adelaide Henninger; parliamentarian, Elva Gittinger; historian, Esther Rowen; chaplain Harriette Lacy; sergeant at arms, Irene Davis. Members of executive board, Gladys Coddington, Reba Orr.

Requests for reservations to the Department convention at Muskogee on September 4, 5 and 6, should be mailed to Kay Wilson, Legion Convention Housing chairman, P. O. Box 705, Muskogee, Okla.

A program concerning the American Legion Home School, and presenting Brad Risinger, State American Legion Commander, our unit president, Mrs. J. B. Allred and our unit home school chairman, Mrs. J. T. Turner, may be heard over KAKC (Lucilles Civic Forum from Clarkes Good Clothes) on Friday, August 20th at 1:15 p.m. Don't forget to listen!

PRAISE TEEN-AGE GUARDS

FORT SILL.—The teen-age members of the 45th Division were in the spotlight again Tuesday as old-timers and officers alike praised them for the spirit shown in the heat of their first encampment. Many outfits of the division were on bivouac Wednesday under a broiling sun, giving the new guards their first rugged training.

However, one veteran, S/Sgt. William Gilmore, Tulsa, of the 279th Infantry, said the training was tough but did not equal preparation for actual combat.

Two top-ranking generals—Jacob W. Devers and Thomas Handy—will visit the post Thursday to inspect the division. Brig. Gen. John H. Church, the 45th's chief of staff in Italy, will accompany Devers and Handy.

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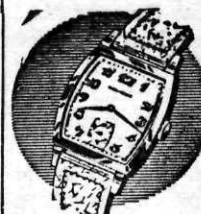
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CHECK YOUR NSLI POLICY

Veterans Administration advised veterans to give their National Life Insurance policies periodic "three-day checks" to make certain that their NSLI programs are consistent with their plans, obligations and incomes.

The "three-way check" should cover (1) beneficiaries, both principal and contingent; (2) manner in which proceeds are to be paid to beneficiaries; and (3) amount and type of NSLI in force.

Many veterans fail to name new beneficiaries when they marry or when a designated beneficiary dies, VA said.

If a veteran dies without naming a beneficiary, or if no designated beneficiary is alive at the time of his death, proceeds of the insurance go into his estate and are subject to inheritance taxes. Final distribution of the proceeds may not be that which the veteran would have desired.

Changes in family status or family income often require a veteran to change the method of NSLI settlement. He may elect to have his NSLI proceeds paid to his beneficiary in a lump sum or in equal monthly installments ranging from 36 to lifetime income.

The type and amount of NSLI owned by a veteran should be that which best fits his pocket-book and gives him the most coverage, VA said. NSLI policies include term, ordinary life, 30-payment life, 20-payment life, endowment at age 60, endowment at age 65, and 20-year endowment.

Hendryck Hudson's ship was named the Half Moon.

Teen-aged Graduates View Gov't. Work

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Armed with never-to-be forgotten experience of observing and simulating the operation of the nation's federal government machinery, 90 teen-aged graduates of the third annual American Legion Boys' Forum of National Government have returned to their 45 home states with renewed respect and zeal for democratic institutions.

National Commander James F. O'Neil of The American Legion led a chorus of authorities in praising the Forum program as a valuable Americanism builder.

"The boys who came to Washington with notions about the workings of democracy at the federal level carried away convictions that will stand them and the nation in good stead for years to come," he said.

Met the President

In one action-packed week, July 30 to August 5, the boys attending the 1948 Forum, staged simulated national political conventions and elected William L. Geary, 18, of New Orleans, La., as the "boy president" of the United States. They held their own Senate and Supreme Court sessions, visited a score of national shrines and were the guests of President Harry S. Truman at the White House, who is himself a Legionnaire.

President Truman shook hands with each of the 90 lads at the White House and told them, "It's up to you of the next generation to keep this country on a firm footing . . . I am perfectly willing to turn it over to you when my job is done."

The Chief Executive willingly posed on the White House lawn for the boys who brought their cameras along.

Boys Enthusiastic

The boys, all graduates of 1948 American Legion Boys' States, averaging 17 years of age, pitched into "politics" within a few hours after arriving at the Forum headquarters on the campus of American University here, July 30. Divided into make-believe political parties, the Nationalist and the Federalist, they organized nominating conventions and worked on party platforms.

On Saturday, July 31, the youths toured the capitol building and heard Congressional leaders explain parliamentary rules of Congress. Following visits to the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials and the Washington Monument, they turned back to politics, naming a brace of candidates for the presidency and vice-presidency with all the fervor and excitement of a genuine national political convention.

Following church services on Sunday, the group placed a

wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington and visited George Washington Home at Mt. Vernon. Sunday evening was devoted to "Senate" committee hearings. Divided into three committees, the delegates considered the Mundt-Nixon bill to outlaw communism, the \$65,000,000 UN loan bill and the controversial federal aid-to-education measure. Among the witnesses "subpoened" by the boy committees and testifying before them were Senator Homer Ferguson, Rep. of Michigan, Repr. Karl Mundt, Rep., of South Dakota and Repr. Chet Holifield, Dem., of California.

Meet Generals

On Monday, General Omar N. Bradley, Army Chief of Staff, received the forum delegates at the Pentagon Building, where he told the boys he hoped "not too many" of them would have to come to work for the Army. William Ray Clark of Jonesboro, Ark., an Air Force sergeant following World War II, who had been named Secretary of the Army by the Forum delegates, thanked the general for his talk. He then asked whether as boy Secretary of the Army he didn't rate a salute from the general. Bradley grinned and obliged while cameramen fired away.

The Pentagon tour was followed by a trip to the Navy Department where Secretary John L. Sullivan, a past department commander of the New Hampshire American Legion and other officials received the group.

Meet the Press

Monday evening the Forum delegates were guests at the annual dinner at the National Press Club where they met aces of the Washington newspaper and radio corps. They heard talks by Elmer Davis, ABC news commentator; Jack Bell of the Associated Press and Jim Lucas of the Scripps-Howard Syndicate.

Back on Capitol Hill on Tuesday morning, the youthful "senators" held a simulated session in the caucus room of the House Office Building. The session was conducted by Senate Sergeant-at-Arms Edward McGinnis who is a member of the National Public Relations Commission of The American Legion. Staging a one-man filibuster, young Richard R. Hanner, Jr., of Asheville, N. C., was successful in stopping consideration of a UMT bill. By a voice vote, the boys passed a junior Mundt-Nixon bill.

This session was followed by lunch in the U. S. Senate Dining

Room with more than 30 senators present.

At the U. S. Supreme Court the lads tried a special case with all the solemnity of a real trial.

Before grinding newsreel cameras and popping flash bulbs, the Forum delegates heard the greeting of General George C. Marshall, U. S. Secretary of State, who told them the United Nations is the "great hope" of the "security of continued peace" and advised them to study the UN charter.

Geary Wins Election

In a hotly-contested election, the youths named young Geary as Boy President of the United States over C. Oliver Sampson of Edmore, N. D. The election took place Tuesday evening. Spurred on by banners, placards, slogans and a band, the two parties battled three times before reaching a decision. For Boy Vice President they chose Albert D. Hildreth, Jr., of Houston, Texas, who was opposed by Kenneth K. Bridges of Shelby, N. C.

Wednesday morning brought cabinet assignments and other political appointments, followed by an indoctrination talk on the danger of communism by Karl Baarslag, research specialist for the National Americanism Commission of The American Legion. They also saw the U. S. Senate in session and made a trip to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

The final day of the Forum included a tour of the FBI building and addresses by Attorney General Tom C. Clark and Lee Pennington, FBI special investigator. National Americanism Chairman James F. Green of Omaha, Neb., officiated at the Forum graduation exercises at American University that night. National Commander O'Neil presented the certificates of graduation.

The Forum was under the direction of National Americanism Director W. C. (Tom) Sawyer, R. Worth Shumaker, commission secretary, and Einar Sorenson, Assistant director. Assisting also were William D. Schwartz of Charleston, S. C., chairman of the commission's sub-committee on youth activities and eight counselors. They were Hayes Kennedy of Chicago, Ill.; Carl C. Matheny of Detroit, Mich.; Rufus G. Herring of Roseboro, N. C.; Harold Eaton of Morristown, N.

J.; Wade Fuller of Indianapolis, Ind. Charles Morgan of Atlanta, Ga.; George McConnell of Tucson, Ariz., and Russell Thom of Charleston, W. Va.

Past Maryland Legion Leader Archer Is Dead

BALTIMORE, Md. — Robert H. Archer, 65, a past department commander of the Maryland American Legion, passed away at Union Memorial Hospital here, following a week's illness due to an infection. His home was at Bel Air. He served Maryland as state commander during 1931-32. He was a law partner of U. S. Senator Millard E. Tydings.

Somerville Legion Post Installs Television Set

SOMERVILLE, Mass. — A deluxe television set has been installed in its clubhouse here by the Somerville Post 19, of The American Legion. The television committee of the post reports a great increase in attendance in the clubrooms and in canteen receipts since the video set was put in.

Iowa Post Clubhouse Hit by \$50,000 Fire

FORT MADISON, Iowa.—Fire of undetermined origin has caused a loss of \$50,000 to the newly-acquired clubhouse of the Fort Madison Post 82 of The American Legion here. The loss is partly covered by insurance. The post purchased the building only a few months ago for \$30,000 and made extensive improvements and decorations. Nearly all the furnishings were lost in the blaze.

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Maine Post Building \$129,978 Clubhouse

WATERVILLE, Me.—Construction has been started here of the modern, new clubhouse for the Bourque-Lanigan Post 5, of The American Legion, under a \$129,978 contract awarded to P. P. Carey, low bidder. The new building will be ready for occupancy early in 1949, according to Post Commander George Doyle. Meanwhile, post meetings will be held in the Municipal Court Room in City Hall. The new building will be one of the finest American Legion clubhouses in New England.

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By JIM BIGGERSTAFF

The weather in Oklahoma this summer has been what California would call "unusual." It is the second summer I can recall in the past 28 years in this section that has been so wet. It has had its advantages and its drawbacks.

Turnips should be sewn now. I have never had much luck with fall beets. However, unless we have an extra early frost, snap beans and blackeyed peas should mature before that frost. Possibly sweet corn would also mature.

Strawberries should be divided and new beds set now. Use the new runners where possible. Cut out the old plants, retaining the runners. They should bear for you in the spring. Set about 15 inches apart each way. Water, if balance of this month and September should be dry.

Tulips, jonquils, daffodils and hyacinths should be ordered now. Planting time is October and November. They are not cheap and

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unless you have seen them, go easy, for I find a lot of them are often overrated. I like to have a bouquet of all one kind and in those I like I buy 3 or more of a kind; they come cheaper that way too.

Good new varieties are Peace, Crimson Glory, Charlotte Armstrong, eclipses are all fine. Varieties marked ARS show that they have won the selection of the American Rose Society and most of them are good. I have about 250 roses and some of them I am going to dig up and discard; there is no point in growing a rose that does not do well in this climate or one you do not like. There are so many good varieties that there is no sense wasting time or money on inferior ones. Climate and soil, however, have a lot to do with the performance of roses. A prize winner is Countess Vandal, yet for me it does not do well. So it goes.

Dahlias like the cool, rainy weather we have been having. Give them some fertilizer now and about the first of September a light application.

If you want large blooms, then disbud, pinching out the two side buds, leaving only the center one. Also prune to from two to three stalks. There are hundreds from which to choose. If you can visit your neighbor and see what he has in bloom. They should be good from now until last of October, when frost comes.

This week I cut a bloom of Sherwood's Peach which measured 11 inches. The plant had been disbudded, but not pruned much. A. G. Rudd, a large red, is fine; Son of Satan, a red cactus is excellent; Kirsten Flagstad is an immense orange. Many of the best growing dahlias are not of large size, running from 4 to 6 inches in size, but well worth growing. Jersey Beauty is an exceptionally fine pink and keeps well. Marshall's Pink is good, but sometimes has too much of a collar. Carl Dahl is good; also World Event. Kentucky Sportsman is a medium flower, but a fine one. Santa Claus is a bicolor, but good. Ogden Reed is fine, but has not been so large with me this year as I have seen it.

Gladiolus can be dug almost any time now. Shake off the dirt, leaving the tops on. Let lay in the sun for about 3 days; then cut off the tops, clean, pulling off the old bulb. Place in a cool, dry place for 3 to 4 weeks. Then place in boxes or sacks for the winter, putting into a cool dry place. I place mine in paper sacks and they go through the winter all right. In cleaning save the small bulbets; these will bloom for you the second year.

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flowers and garden; they sap the soil and seeds will incubate for another year.

If you have a flower question send it in; I will be glad to have it.

Bradley Lauds Legion Aid in War Dead Rites

WASHINGTON, D. C.—General Omar N. Bradley, chief of staff of the U. S. Army, has congratulated The American Legion on its "outstandingly effective" participation in the repatriation of some 50,000 World War II dead to date.

Writing to National Commander James F. O'Neil, General Bradley paid tribute to Legionnaires all over the nation who have volunteered their services as honor guards and members of firing squads at re-burial services for the war dead who have been returned from overseas.

"To date," General Bradley wrote, "more than 50,000 remains have been returned to this country. With your cooperation, proper military honors have been rendered."

MORE ARMS SOLD TO CHINA
WASHINGTON.—A new \$374,351 sale of American surplus arms to China was disclosed Tuesday by the State department.

Cartridges, shells, mines and grenades were included in the transfer of munitions which cost originally \$6,902,130.

The sale made June 11, was listed in a routine report of surplus combat material sold to foreign governments during the four months ending with July. It is a part of the continuing U. S. effort to support China's Nationalist government against its Communist foes.

NEW SMALL JET ENGINE
NORTH TONAWANDA, N. Y.—Development of a turbo-jet engine small enough for civilian use was announced Tuesday by Fred-eric Flader, Inc.

The engine, designated the XJ-55-JJ-1, is being produced for the U. S. Air Force. Its performance figures are secret, but a company spokesman said "the engine, hardly larger than a stove pipe, exerts a thrust powerful enough to propel an airplane at high speed."

The company hopes to have the engine released for civilian use.

JUKE BOX REVENUE DOWN
OKLAHOMA CITY.—Juke box operators are bemoaning the fact that jitterbugging seems to be waning in Oklahoma.

The Oklahoma Tax Commission backed up the report of the operators and said that music box tax collections in July dropped more than 40 per cent below those of a year ago.

One juke box operator said, "it's been the worst summer for coin machines I ever saw. I don't know—people just don't seem to have the money to sluff off any more."

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BLACKPOOL, Eng.—Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery told Britons Tuesday night they could not hope for a breathing space in the event of a new war and therefore must be "prepared to face sudden attack by an aggressor."

The chief of the imperial general staff spoke here twice Tuesday, at a ceremony in which freedom of the city was conferred on him and at a Blackpool civic dinner.

Montgomery said that "in any future war our people at home must be prepared to face great physical dangers and many heavy blows delivered by enemy air attack."

\$14 MILLION CLAIM FILED
OKLAHOMA CITY.—Three tribes of Oklahoma Indians filed suit Tuesday with the Indian Claims Commission in Washington for \$14,268,664.

The tribes—the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache—claim that they were inadequately paid by the government for approximately 2,000,000 acres of land located in Comanche, Kiowa and the southern part of Caddo counties. The land was purchased in 1901 when that area was opened for homesteading.

The tribes claim they received only \$2,000,000 when they should have been paid \$16,263,664.

PONY EXPRESS RIDES AGAIN
ARDMORE.—The pony express will ride through Oklahoma again Saturday when a motion picture company stages a race to publicize its new movie "Red River."

The race will start at 1 p. m. from the Red river south of Marietta and run through Ardmore, Ada, Seminole, Stroud, Bristow and Sapulpa to Tulsa. Riders will get five changes of horses along the way.

Ohio has defeated the District of Columbia in a 1948 American Legion Department membership contest by enrolling 142,950 members by July 31, or 93.65 per cent of its entire last year's strength against the loser's 89.37 per cent.

Eight male chorus' warbled for \$500 in cash prizes in a feature contest of the 1948 American Legion department convention of Indiana at Indianapolis, in the largest such competition ever held in the organization.

The American Legion Past Commander's Club of Chicago, Ill., is raising \$10,000 for the support of its boys' summer camp at Coloma, Wis., where it is sending hundreds of youngsters with all expenses paid.

There are more than 600 varieties of fish in the waters around the Greater Miami Area in Florida, where The American Legion will convene in its 30th annual national convention, October 18 to 21, providing Legionnaire fishermen with a rare opportunity for the angle sport.

Miami, Fla., site of the 1948 national American Legion convention next October, is the metropolis of a county with more than 23,000 acres under cultivation by farmers.

The Smith-Spence Post 144 of The American Legion at Pelham, Ga., has dedicated its \$40,000 modern new clubhouse.

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How to Help Your Child Be Orderly

(From "Better Homes and Gardens, August, 1948)
By Teresa Ferster Glazier

"I keep at Tommy all the time, but I just can't get that child to hang up his clothes!" wails the mother who fancies she can teach orderliness by preaching. Actually, of course, her persistence is driving Tommy toward disorderliness. You can't force a child to be orderly. But you can allow him to be.

First of all, Mother and Dad must be orderly or there is no hope for Junior. And they must be consistently orderly, not just addicted to occasional tidying-up sprees. If every night your child's clothes are hung up and his toys put away—no matter how tired or hurried you may be—he will come naturally to expect and enjoy a tidy room. If you go quietly about straightening the nursery yourself, Charlie and Betty will want to help—just as they do in other activities.

The less you talk about tidiness the better! If you constantly urge Charlie and Betty to put toys away they will naturally protest by refusing. An occasional suggestion may work, but once you get a refusal, better backtrack fast! And if you have already built up a habit of refusal, you will have to have patience and restraint. It will take a long period of non-nagging before your child will be in a mood to imitate the quiet orderliness he may see about him.

Don't expect Charlie to be neat unless you give him the physical equipment he needs to be tidy. The same goes for Betty.

Be sure each has a clothes closet with a low rod, plenty of hangers, a shoe rack, and a laundry. There should be plenty of shelf space in the nursery.

Don't expect Betty to be tidy if she hasn't even a place to put her brush and comb! Tack crotone around two orange crates, put a board across the top, hang a mirror above, and you have as fine a dressing table as any child needs.

Your bathroom, too, should have a low towel rack and a low fixture for water glass and toothbrush.

If your child's a preschooler, you can help him a lot by placing a row of 8 or 10 cardboard boxes on one side of his room. He can keep the small-piece play material—blocks, dominoes, colored beads, pegs, crayons, picture card, tidly-winks, soap bubble set, and modeling clay, in separate boxes.

If you wish, you can paper the boxes with ceiling paper and paint or paste on each a picture of the article it's to contain. Before long even a 2-year-old will be keeping his possessions in good order.

QUESTION BOX

Q If I apply for hospitalization, how long will I have to wait before I am admitted to a VA hospital?

A. If you have a service-connected disability you do not have

to wait to receive hospitalization. If your disability is non-service-connected but is an emergency, you are admitted immediately. Non-service connected ailments that do not require emergency treatment have to wait until a bed is available, and the time varies at each hospital. Non-service connected veterans also must sign statements that they cannot afford to pay for treatment elsewhere.

Q. May I go to my own doctor for treatment of my disability and have Veterans Administration pay the bill?

A. Only if you receive prior VA approval for such treatment or care. Approval is based on the following conditions: (1) you must have a service connected disability; (2) VA must not be able to provide the treatment in its own hospitals or clinics; (3) travel to a VA station would work a hardship on you. In emergency cases, a veteran may apply to the nearest physician and have the physician notify the VA regional office having jurisdiction over the area.

Q. May I go to a private hospital in my home town and have Veterans Administration pay the bill?

A. If you have a service-connected disability and have received prior approval from VA to do so, you may go to a private hospital in your home town at VA expense.

Q. Can I transfer my National Service Life Insurance policy to any of the private companies?

A. No. Your NSLI is convertible to one or more of the six permanent plans issued only by Veterans Administration. These are Ordinary Life, 30-Payment Life, 20-Payment Life, Endowment at age 60, and Endowment at age 65.

Q. Just which veterans are entitled to hospitalization in a Veterans Administration hospital?

A. Veterans with service connected disabilities have a top priority for VA hospital care. Veterans with non-service connected ailments may be hospitalized under existing law if beds are available and if they say they cannot afford treatment elsewhere. Peacetime veterans, members of the regular establishment, retired officers and enlisted men, under certain conditions, also are eligible for hospitalization.

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48-YEAR CLOCK CARE ENDS

PHILADELPHIA.—Joseph G. Gaskill, 73-year-old custodian of City Hall clock since it first began to tick with the new year in 1900, died Tuesday.

He spent almost his entire working career in City Hall Tower, the building atop which stands the widely known statue of William Penn.

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Eight amputations haven't stopped Wilson Goldsworthy of Racine, Wisconsin, a double amputee veteran of World War II, from being a useful and productive citizen in his community.



WILSON GOLDSWORTHY

Successfully rehabilitated through vocational training and his own determined spirit to overcome a severe handicap, Goldsworthy has been selected "The Hero Of the Month" by the Disabled American Veterans.

The selection is part of a national program to honor each month a seriously disabled veteran who has successfully rehabilitated himself.

Goldsworthy served in the European Theater with great distinction and is the possessor of three bronze campaign stars for service in the Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe campaigns.

During one phase of heavy battle, Goldsworthy, a Staff Sergeant, was separated from his unit with 11 comrades. He was instrumental in rallying and encouraging his

men when death or capture seemed inevitable. Despite lack of food or water, and with limited ammunition, the Racine Sergeant defied surrender and after three days and nights led his men to safety.

He has been awarded the Purple Heart, Silver Star, Combat Infantry Badge.

On April 11, 1945, Sergeant Goldsworthy was wounded by shrapnel. As a result he suffered amputation of both legs at a field hospital near Kirchen, Germany, and later underwent seven more amputations at Percy Jones Hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan. In addition to having both legs above the knee, Goldsworthy also suffered fracture of his collar bone.

Rated totally disabled by the Veterans Administration, he enrolled in the Racine Vocational School under Public Law 16 after he was returned home. He is now an on-the-job trainee working at the Motor Research plant in Racine as an inspector of research work.

Goldsworthy attributes his rehabilitation to the cooperation given him by Veterans Administration counsellors and to the determination to make the most of his capabilities. Like his father, who was gassed in World War I, he is a member of DAV Chapter No. 9 in Racine. He is married and has two girls and one boy.

Two Legion Juniors Pitch No-Hit Games

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Two more no-hit games have been reported in the sizzling 1948 American Legion Junior Baseball play.

Gene Deitz, 17-year-old pitcher of the Indianapolis Memorial Post 4 team hurled a no-hitter in the 11th District playoffs here against the team sponsored by the Robinson-Ragsdale Post 133. He fanned 11 batters, winning 2 to 1. Gene Nash, of the losing team, allowed only two hits. This was young Deitz's second no-hitter of 1948.

From Medford, Mass., came the report of a no-hit game pitched by Dick Santino, 17, of the team sponsored by Post 45 there, in an 8 to 0 victory over the nine of Everett Post 176. Santino struck out seven. He also got three of his team's seven hits.

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Legion Junior Champion Nine of '47 Eliminated

CINCINNATI, Ohio.—American Legion Junior Baseball will have a new national champion in 1948.

This was assured when the Bartley-Johnson Post 437 team of Cincinnati upset the 1947 defending national championship team of the Robert E. Bentley Post 50 during the district elimination play here by a score of 4 to 3.

The Bentley team, which gained the 1947 title in Los Angeles, Calif., in last year's Junior Worlds Series by downing Little Rock, Ark., 3 to 2 in the final game, was considered one of the 1948 strongest nines in the nation.

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Now in civvies, High-nose Hilton's stupid boasting had to stop. But he still goes on insisting he's the cream of every crop. Says that 'cause his skin is lighter, any darker hue is odd; Wants it known that his religion is the only way to God.

BY KAULEE

But it's still
The old baloney;
Hilton's ego
Goes to town
While he's
basking
In the spotlight,
Tearing other
Fellows down.

Polio Forces Shift in Legion Ball Tourney

KANNAPOLIS, N. C. — The polio epidemic here has caused the shifting of the Region 4 American Legion Junior Baseball tournament to Hickory, N. C., where it is to be played August 23 to 26.

The state championship teams of Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia will cross bats in the regional play at Hickory.

Cancellation of the tournament here was due to a quarantine under which Kannapolis was put by the Cabarrus County Board of Health. It brought to an end all baseball activities here and other public events. Hickory has not been plagued by the disease.

Fourth Candidate in Legion Chaplain Race

NEW ORLEANS, La.—A fourth candidate for national chaplain of The American Legion for 1948-49 has been endorsed by the 30th annual convention of the Department of Louisiana.

He is Rabbi David Lefkowitz, Jr., of Shreveport, La.

The other three announced candidates are the Rev. Mr. Tom Grice, of Camarillo, Calif.; Rev. Mr. John W. Hollister, of Fairmont, W. Va.; and Father Edward J. Carney, of Lawrence, Mass.

The election will be held at the closing session of the 1948 national convention of The American Legion in Miami, Fla., October 21.

Legion Post Gives Two Bear Cubs to City Zoo

BALTIMORE, Md.—The Baltimore Zoo is to get two polar bear cubs, thanks to the community service-minded C. Markland Kelly, Jr., Post 174, of The American Legion.

As its outstanding community service of 1948, the post has ordered a pair of two-months-old polar bear cubs shipped here by airplane from Fairbanks, Alaska, at a cost of \$1,000.

The cubs are to replace Frosty and Sniffy, the young polar bears who died at the zoo last spring.

Polar bears are greatly in demand by zoos all over the country, largely because of the difficulty of shipping them. Local park authorities are delighted with The American Legion gift.

Legion Parade Planner Not Fazed by 30 Horses

COLUMBUS, Ohio.—A request to round up 30 horses for a Northern Ohio post for use in the 1948 American Legion state convention parade here, Aug. 8, didn't unhorse Department Adjutant Joe S. Deuschle, a veteran convention planner.

Through Major U. C. Felty, of the state highway patrol, who was the parade marshal, Adjutant Deuschle quickly found a riding academy that had 30 horses.

As a result, the mounted troop of Clifton Post 421, of Lakewood, Ohio, pranced on spirited steeds in the annual parade here. The troop had decided to participate in the big procession but had faced a problem in transporting its horses to Columbus. So it asked the state adjutant to round up local "cayuses." Joe delivered.

Weekly Legion Radio Program Expanding To 1,000 Stations

Portsmouth, N. H.—Radio Station WHEB here will become the 1,000th regular weekly broadcaster of The American Legion's DE-

CISION NOW programs on Aug. 30, when it will begin airing the series every Monday at 7:30 p.m.

DECISION NOW, a public service quarter hour also slanted for entertainment value, is now being broadcast on a regular weekly basis by 920 AM stations, 75 FM stations and five short-wave stations.

WHEB is the sixth radio station to schedule this American Legion program regularly in New Hampshire, home state of National Commander James F. O'Neil, who hails from Manchester.

Texas Tops List

Texas, with sixty-five DECISION NOW stations, leads the list of states. California is second with 58 station sand Pennsylvania third with 51. New York is in fourth place with 45.

DECISION NOW stations in other states include Alabama, 24; Arizona, 14; Arkansas, 21; Florida, 27; Georgia, 37; Idaho, 14; Kansas, 19; Kentucky, 20; Michigan, 30; Mississippi, 23; North Carolina, 43; Ohio, 30; Oregon, 23; Tennessee, 29; Washington, 19, and Wisconsin, 26.

The series is produced at the NBC Radio-Recording Division in New York and pressed by WOR Veritone process. Program policies and activities in the interests of national security, Americanism, veteran rehabilitation, child welfare, tolerance, education, health and safety. Many dramas are taken from real life.

WHEAT YIELD FORECAST

OTTAWA.—The bureau of statistics estimated Tuesday that Canada's 1948 wheat crop will be 372,000,000 bushels. Last year's was 340,800,000.

...TAPS...

Overseas Returned
2nd Lieut. Thomas E. Jones
Services at Tulsa Funeral Home Chapel. Burial in private lot, Memorial Park.

ACTIVE DETAIL

James Bewley and Grover Bourland, Color Bearers.

James Wilson and Joe Wilson, Color Guards.

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Services at Christ the King church. Winterringer Funeral Home in charge. Burial at Catholic Cemetery.

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Joe Herman, Commander.

LeRoy Henninger, Bugler.

H. K. Nelson, Chaplain.

Frank H. J. Crawley, co-commander.

Guss Gunn and James Bewley, Color Bearers.

Rex Candlish and Cal Blackford, Color Guards.

Dennie Howe, Earl Howard, Guy Belford, Jr., Pat O'Boulden and Katherine Welsh, Pallbearers.

Glenn Coddington, Jimmy King, Sr., N. D. Covington and William Rollins, Firing Squad with Hess Crossland in charge.

Overseas Returned

Pfc. Franklin Pearson

Moore's Funeral Home in charge graveside services. Burial in private plot Memorial Park.

ACTIVE DETAIL

Joe Herman, Commander.

Frank H. J. Crawley, Chaplain

Harold Carter, Bugler.

James Bewley and Grover Bourland, Color Bearers.

Foster Storm and Cal Blackford, Color Guards.

Guy Belford, Jr., John W. Rife, Dewey Bolin, Lundy Crowder, Barney Paschal and Alex Wilson, Pallbearers.

Glenn Coddington, Jimmy King, Sr., Alex Faulkner, Robert Heard, and Rex Candlish, Firing Squad with Hess Crossland in charge.

PONCA INDIANS TO DANCE

PONCA CITY.—More than 300 dancers are expected to take part in a "world championship" contest at the Ponca Indian pow-wow near here Sept. 1-7. McKinley Eagle, president, estimated.

Eagle said contestants would include winners from other pow-wows in a number of states.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR AMERICAN LEGION?

The American Legion is a patriotic, nonmilitary nonpartisan organization to which all those who served honorably in the armed forces of the United States during World War I and II are eligible for membership. The society originated at a meeting of about 1000 officers and enlisted men of the A.E.F., held in Paris, France, in March, 1919. As a result a committee of 15 returned to the United States to promote the organization among the men at home as a service to all veterans in need promoting care to the disabled, needy, care of the widows and orphans which in the past few years has drifted away from the fundamental principles for which it was founded. A preliminary convention was held in Saint Louis, Mo., May, 1919; the society was incorporated by act of Congress September 16, 1919, and the first regular convention was held in November, 1919.

The objects of the association are to preserve the memories of the members association in the World War; to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a 100 per cent Americanism; to combat autocracy whether of the classes or the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation, and to sanctify the comradeship of the war by mutual helpfulness.

Local units of the organization are known as Posts. These are organized into departments of which there is one in each state and territory, the District of Columbia, Alaska, the Canal Zone, the Philippine Islands, Canada, Mexico and continental Europe. National headquarters is at Indianapolis, Ind. The American Legion Auxiliary, having similar aims, is open to the wives, sisters, mothers and daughters of the Legion members of the deceased World War veterans.

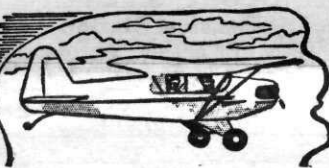
WINS TAX CONTROLS

PARIS.—Premier Andre Marie won the right to regulate French taxes without the consent of parliament Tuesday when the Reynaud plan for economic recovery passed to national assembly for the second time.

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New Bremen Post Buys Opera House for Home

NEW BREMEN, Ohio.—The old Boesel Opera House here, more than 50 years old, has been purchased by the New Bremen Post 241, of The American Legion, which is now converting it into a modern clubhouse. The auditorium floor is being leveled off, a basement dug and other additions are being made.

Five Legionnaires on Olympic Canoeing Team

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Five of the eight members of the U. S. canoeing team at the Olympic Games in London, England, are members of the Quentin Roosevelt Post 11, of The American Legion here. They are Tom Horton, Frank Havens, Ray Clark, John E. Eiseman and William D. Havens, Jr.

Buying Land, Be Careful

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Officials of the Agriculture Department give some words of caution for the man who is thinking of buying farm land at present prices. In more than half the states, they point out, farm land values now top the boom time peaks of 1920 and are the highest on record. For all states, they average around 1920 levels.

Harold C. Larsen, of the Bureau of Agriculture Economics, says these factors should lead prospective farm buyers to "take a second look" before buying. Mr. Larsen, who has written an analysis of land prices, explains that using an interest rate just one per cent above average mortgage rates, net income from land for the next 10 years would have to stay at 1946 levels—three times higher than the 1935-39 average—to justify current land values.

Ten daughters of deceased veterans have been awarded national president scholarships worth \$600 each by The American Legion Auxiliary.

Your Home

By Frances Ainsworth



One of the clubs to which I belong held a special meeting recently on "The Art of Home Decorating", and Mrs. Hays, our chairman, told us that this program was made possible by one of the country's large paint companies. Many companies are now supplying material such as this on subjects of interest to all home-makers.

This particular program gave us the entire story on paint for home decoration, presented in four sections. The first dealt with the history of color and paint, and we were fascinated to learn about the earliest paints—where they came from and so on. The next section covered modern paint and its application. Did you know that paint not only protects our homes and makes them more attractive, but actually makes them safer by pointing out spots of danger?

The third section was extremely interesting... describing various types of paints and where they should be used. Not only where, but exactly how to use them; something every homemaker should know. The fourth section was on "The Science of Color Dynamics"... how to use color to best advantage for beauty and for the psychological reaction of the members of your household.

Each talk was presented with the help of special full-color cards, a movie, and booklets for every member, which were all furnished by the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company.

The program was very interesting and certainly constructive. Now that we know that companies will help us plan our club meetings, we're going to have several more along the same line.

General Spaatz Becomes Life Member of Legion

READING, Pa.—General Carl A. Spaatz, retiring chief of staff of the U. S. Air Forces, has been made a life member of The American Legion by the Charles B. Yerger Post 471, of Boyertown, 14 miles east of here, where he was born some 65 years ago. The ceremony was performed here in Reading. A gold life membership card was presented to the famous soldier and flyer.

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RATING OF ALLERGIC CONDITIONS

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"Central Office attention has been invited to the case of the above named veteran, whose disability, "urticaria" has been denied service connection as a congenital or developmental inferiority.

"Diseases of allergic etiology, including bronchial asthma and urticaria may not be routinely disposed of, for service connection purposes, by use of rating code L, 'constitutional or developmental abnormality—not a disability under the law' but service connection must be determined in each case on the evidence as to existence prior to enlistment and subsequently. Neither may increase in the degree of disability during service, be routinely disposed of as natural progress or the inherent nature of the disease, but the determination as to aggravation must be based on the presence or absence of clear and unmistakable evidence to establish the contrary. Seasonal and other acute allergic manifestations subsiding upon the absence or removal of the allergen, are generally to be regarded as acute diseases healing without residuals, however, with a definitely established increase in severity of the episodes after discharge, service connection will be generally in order for such conditions.

"In the particular case there is no history of the disease before enlistment. This point may be developed and the relationship of recent episodes to episodes in service may be studied medically. On completion of development case should be reconsidered in the light of the preceding paragraph."

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Buddies of Hero Honor His Memory With a Tree

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The men of his old outfit have never forgotten Pfc. Robert N. Shotton, of Washington, D. C., who was killed on a Normandy beach on D-Day, 1944, while serving as a stretcherbearer with the 500th U. S. Collecting Company.

Private Shotton's buddies collected a fund among themselves, which they forwarded to The American Legion here to plant a tree as a living memorial to their hero comrade.

Department Commander Owen C. Holleran personally dedicated a tree in front of the flagpole at the Walter Reed Hospital in Private Shotton's memory. It was a baby maple tree. Under the sapling, a marker was placed, bearing Private Shotton's name and service record.

Lawyer Beats Scribe in Badger Legion Election

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Attorney John F. O'Melia, 32, of Rhineland, former Marquette University football player, veteran of the ETO in World War II, is the new department commander of the Wisconsin American Legion for 1948-49. He defeated George F. Kiewert, of Milwaukee, former president of The American Legion Press association and veteran scribe, in a close contest at the 30th annual state convention here. O'Melia served as department Americanism chairman during 1947-48 and is a member of the national law and order committee of The American Legion.

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DEFERMENT FOR ROTC

NORMAN.—Deferment from induction into military services for advanced Reserve Officers Training Corps enrollees was confirmed Tuesday by University of Oklahoma officials.

Col. Jerome J. Waters, Jr., ROTC commandant at OU, released a policy statement which revealed that students enrolled in ROTC prior to June 2, 1948, are eligible for the deferment until they complete the military course.

Waters said all students between 18 and 26 would have to register for the draft but deferment policies would apply to selected ROTC students whether they be entering their freshman year at the beginning of the 1948-49 school year, or are returning to complete formal education.

The commandant said the overall army quota distributed among 231 colleges and universities was 77,800 and the Air Force ROTC quota was 40,800.

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