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THE RED POPPY FOR MEMORIAL DAY

“Poppies in the wheat fields and the pleasant hills of France
Reddening in the summer breeze that bid them not and dance.”

So sang the soldier poet of the A.E.F.F. that blazing summer of 1918 when an unleashed American army was writing the Oureq and Vesle into our history. He sang of the poppies because it was through machinegun raked fields of them that the doughboys were charging; he sang of them because the doughboys were wearing them in their helmets as they roared ahead.

Not all of us were along the Oureq and the Vesle that summer, taking German strong points with poppies in our helmets, but every American can wear his poppy this Memorial Day, when the poppy, as the official memorial flower of the American Legion, will blossom in hundreds of thousands of loyal lapels.

The American who wears the poppy on Memorial Day is showing that he has not forgotten; for he wears it to remember –

“Poppies in the wheat fields;
how still beside them lie
Scattered forms that stir not
when the star shells burst on high;
Bently bending o’er them
beneath the moon’s soft glance
“Poppies in the Wheat fields;
how still ransomed hills of France.”

The Red Poppy is the Official Memorial Flower.



PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

For God and Country

"For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;

to maintain law and order;

to foster and perpetuate a 100-percent Americanism;

to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars;

to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;

to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;

to make right the master of might;

to promote peace and good will on earth;

to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;

to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

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INTRODUCTION

The Pacific Legion

A 100 per cent American Journal for Ex-Service Men

Formerly the Pacific Soldier and Sailor

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Newspapers of 1921

Published content may have been edited for length and clarity.

Although there are articles in this edition that deal directly with the national level of The American Legion, I felt it enlightening to include them. They help illustrate the many things The American Legion has done for our veterans and our communities.

During the assembly of this history, you will find abbreviations, punctuation, and words that may look incorrect. However, I took much care in trying to the information as it was written. Not necessarily as we would normally see it today.

Articles that do not have headings were largely from various newspapers, which did not use headlines for minor articles. I put the footnotes after the heading of the article, if there was one. Articles, or news items that did not have a title have the footnote at the end of the article.

Department

JANUARY

State Commander – William S. Gilbert.....Astoria
Vice-Commanders – G. Lane Goodell.....Portland
Adjutant – Edward J. Eivers.....Portland
Treasurer – Prescott W. Cookingham.....Portland
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OREGON LEGION IN BONUS FIGHT¹

SPIRITED campaigning for a bonus for world war veterans of the state of Oregon was initiated by The American Legion during the past month and at the time of this writing is well under way, gathering momentum with every day. A bill embracing a twofold plan, giving the ex-service man the alternative of cash compensation or a farm or home loan, will be presented to the state legislature this month. If favorably passed on there it will be referred to the electorate.

As with the Washington bonus bill, which recently passed by a three to one vote of the people of that state, the cash bonus recommended is \$15 per month of service between the dates of April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1919. Unlike the Washington measure, the proposed Oregon law would offer ex-service men a farm or home loan in lieu of a cash bonus, the amount and easy terms being expected to make it more attractive in the majority of cases than the cash alternative. The loan privilege suggested is \$400 for every three months of service, with a limit of \$2000, the money to be applied on the purchase of a home or farm and to cost 5 per cent a year, of which 2 ½ per cent would apply on the principal, the remainder on the interest.

Though more than a dozen American Legion posts had written to department headquarters urging early action in favor of a cash bonus for ex-service men of the state, it was not until the meeting of the state executive committee, on December 17, that the loan feature was taken up. It was broached first by Howard Gildea of McMinnville, committeeman, enthusiastically seized upon by Ben S. Morrow of Portland, committeeman, in a motion adopted, and strongly urged by Lane Goodell of Portland, vice commander, before finally decided on.

There was virtually no opposition expressed to the loan alternative, though the executive committee appeared determined that the veterans of the state should have cash compensation, if desired.

The farm and home loan feature is expected to strike a popular chord, as its adoption would assure the state of Oregon the acquisition of a flock of land-owners and home-owners of the very highest type citizens who have shown by their service in the greatest of wars that they are not afraid to defend their principles and their country.

Present at the executive committee meeting, at which the action was taken for which all of Oregon's Legion posts were waiting, were Commander William S. Gilbert of Astoria; Vice Commander Lane Goodell of Portland; Adjutant Edward J. Eivers of Portland, and Committeemen E. F. Fortmiller of Albany, Morrow of Portland, and Gildea of McMinnville. The state executive committee and officers, together with those

¹ The Pacific Legion January 1921, pg. 3

members of The American Legion in the state legislature, comprise the legislative committee of the organization, to which the bonus bill's preparation was left.

Those eligible for the cash bonus or loan would be veterans of the world war who were residents of the state of Oregon at the time of enlistment or induction into service. Under present provisions it would not include Oregonians who served with allied forces.

Investigation of Oregon's war record shows that the average length of service of soldiers, sailors and marines of that state was 15 months.

Acceptance of one of the dual provisions of the proposed bonus law would prohibit participation in the other, of course.

It is difficult to say just where bonus agitation first began in Oregon. It was spontaneous and cropped up in widely separated sections of the state at virtually the same time. There were two things led to this "combustion." In the first place, Washington veterans had just been voted their cash bonus and the ex-service men across the Columbia looked with somewhat envious eyes at their fortunate buddies of the northern state. Second, practically all hope that Congress would do anything for the ex-service man in the way of bonus legislation, at least during the present session, had flickered out.

It began to look as though Congress was endeavoring to play the old army game of passing the buck and had slipped the well-known buck to individual states in the matter of bonus legislation. With the state legislature of Oregon meeting in January, it was necessary for something to be done, and at once. All that prevented Oregon veterans from flinging their chapeaus into the ring at the November election was the faint hope that a national bonus might be expected from Congress.

Portland claims to be the first city in which an American Legion post began bonus agitation. But Eugene cocks one eye at its metropolitan buddies and insists that it had all the plans made and a bill tentatively drafted before Portland Legionnaires entertained the idea. Many other cities claim to have been first to initiate the idea, but regardless of rivalry over this detail all the Legion posts in the state are expected to back the measure vigorously.

The dual measure spikes the guns of the anti-cash bonus birds in the Legion yet offers the cash-at-any-price advocate all that he is yelping for.

It is not going to be as easy a matter to win the fight now as it would have been a year ago, but Legionnaires are determined to push it to a successful conclusion, convinced of the absolute justice of their cause.

MUST PAY WAR TAX ON LEGION BENEFITS²

WAR tax must be paid on all entertainments given by posts of The American Legion, where admission is charged, even if the money is to be used for the benefit of disabled men, the erection of war memorials or other fraternal purposes.

On every dollar collected, ten cents will be claimed by the government because the Legion is neither a religious, educational or charitable institution, society or organization, according to a recent ruling of the Department of Internal Revenue.

That paragraph of the revenue act of 1918, which provides exception from the payment of tax on admissions to entertainments of all kinds is not broad enough, it is said, to include The American Legion or entertainments for the disabled and war memorials.

AN³ anti-Japanese law patterned after the California measure and aimed to prevent land holdings by Orientals in the state will be introduced in the state legislature this month by The American Legion, following

² The Pacific Legion January 1921, pg. 7

³ The Pacific Legion January 1921, pg. 8

out a decision reached at a meeting of the department executive committee December 17. Lane Goodell, vice-commander of the state, who spoke for the measure; pointed out that the adoption of the California law had caused undesirable influx of Japanese into Oregon.

At this meeting of the executive committee the department went on record as favoring the opening of the old soldiers' home at Roseburg to world war veterans and passed a resolution calling attention to disgraceful conditions prevailing there and endorsing a budget providing \$105,385 for the institution.

Ben S. Morrow, committeeman from Portland, reported on the Oregon & California Power company controversy, which had ended in the adoption of a contract proposed by The American Legion. He was named chairman of a land committee to work for the opening of more government and state lands to settlers and will address a meeting of the state irrigation and reclamation congress in Portland on January 18.

LEGIONNAIRES in Oregon are urgently requested to pay their 1921 dues as soon as possible, in order that there will be no delay in receiving the *American Legion Weekly*. Oregon now stands in sixth place among the Legion Departments in the United States and Department Officials expect a tremendous growth for the coming year.

VTICTORY medals for the former members V of the Marine Corps can now be had upon application to the Marine Corps Recruiting Station, 306 Panama Building, 3rd and Alder streets, Portland, Oregon. Applicants should forward their honorable discharge or in the case of reservists, their transfer to inactive list, to the recruiting station and medals will be sent with discharge or transfer certificate under registered mail to the applicant. Those making application by mail should send their discharge or transfer certificate in by registered mail and enclose a slip containing their name and address plainly written.

Victory medals for the former members of the navy can also be had by making application to the Navy Recruiting Station, Dekum Building, Portland. This applies only to those who have not enrolled in the Naval Reserve Force. Those who have enrolled in the Naval Reserve Force should snake application to the Commandant, 13th Naval District, Navy Yard, Puget Sound.

The Oregon Department is disseminating this information through a bulletin issued from the state office.

A **BULLETIN** has been forwarded from the state office regarding the convention of the Women's Auxiliary to be held in Portland during the early part of March or April at which there are expected to be in the neighborhood of 150 women relatives of Legionnaires in attendance. Auxiliary Units will be organized in each county in the state before the convention is called. There are twenty-three auxiliary units in Oregon at the present time. The National Convention of the Women's Auxiliary, at the time and place to be selected by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion, probably will be held just before summer.

THE state office has received a supply of the pamphlets issued by the French government, "For Homeward Bound Americans" and Legionnaires outside of the city of Portland can obtain same by sending in their name and address with two-cent stamp to cover postage. Those residing in Portland can obtain the pamphlets either from the recruiting station or Portland post at Sixth and Pine streets.

AN outline of the hospital program and forms for the use of posts in getting data and information regarding the war veteran patients in the hospitals in Oregon, have been forwarded to the posts where hospitals are ideated and to the hospitalization committeemen of the Oregon Department in various sections of the State.

HOW THE DEPARTMENTS STAND⁴

THE membership ratings are calculated upon the number of men whose national dues had been received at National Head-quarters to the end of 1920 and upon the number of men in service from each State, as shown by Government records. The rating by posts is based upon the weekly progress report of National Head- quarters for January 28, 1921.

Oregon No. of Posts 34; Standings for total membership, 22; Proportion of possible membership enrolled, 14.

THE {Department} Legislative Committee were also instructed to urge the enactment of a law conferring the benefits of the Oregon Soldiers Home at Roseburg, Oregon to the survivors of the World War.⁵

FEBRUARY

ADJUTANTS and treasurers of ten thousand posts of the American Legion are busy collecting post, department and national dues for the year, 1921. Reports indicate that the "button membership," those who are members of the Legion but who are behind in their dues, will be substantially decreased. The clarification of the Legion's position in regard to Organized Labor and political activity together with the vigorous fight it has made for the sick and disabled war veterans are believed to have encouraged payment of dues and to have gained may thousands of new members.⁶

FROM 50 to 75 messages from every American Legion post in Oregon were dispatched to Senator McNary, requesting him to support the appointment of Senator George E. Chamberlain as a member of the United States shipping board under the Harding administration.⁷

THE Oregon Department has begun on its clean-up campaign in this state. Posts have organized teams and by personal solicitation see that every service man in their community fills out a questionnaire covering claims he may have against the government account of service in the recent war. Forty thousand questionnaires have been printed. Questionnaires have also been sent out through the mails. This campaign is being conducted by the service department and is expected to clean up all service matters pending within the next ninety days. Questionnaires ask whether the man has received his allotment, liberty bonds, insurance claims, back pay, vocational training, compensation, clothing, clothing allowance, victory medal, state medal, and any other claim they may present. The campaign is being conducted because the service department of The American Legion will soon cease its functions.

Local posts of the Legion will take over the work after this department closes.

Permanent charters have been received from national headquarters for the Gate City Post No. 80 of Huntington; Alden Abbey Post No. 54 of Toledo; Clem Atkinson Post No. 85 of Gold Beach; Harry K. Larsen Post No. 86 of Imbler; Cove Post No. 66 of Cove; The Dalles Post No. 19 of The Dalles; Myrtle Point Post No. 38 of Myrtle Point, and Carl Douglas Post No. 74 of Estacada. Charters have been countersigned by department officials and forwarded to post commanders.⁸

⁴ The American Legion Weekly, February 18, 1921

⁵ The Springfield News, January 6, 1921, pg. 2, image 2

⁶ Beaverton Times, February 4, 1921, pg. 4, image 4

⁷ Beaverton Times, February 18, 1921, pg. 3, image 3

⁸ The Pacific Legion February 1921, pg. 8

IN the Adjutant General's office, there has been prepared a long list of names, known as the Deserter's List. In order that this list may be corrected and that no names shall be retained on this list, except those that belong there, we wish to call your attention to the following information concerning men who evaded the registration or failed to report for duty thereafter:⁹

THIS IS IMPORTANT

"Attention is directed to members of the AMERICAN LEGION that many men are listed in the Deserter's list of the Adjutant General's office by reason of the fact that subsequent to registration they entered service and did not advise their local board. After induction if the man did not report, he was listed as a deserter.

"The work of clearing up this list will be materially assisted if all men who are at all doubtful about their present status will write to the Adjutant General of the Army, setting forth their full name, local board, residence at the time of registration and order number, if possible.

"Many other men were inducted in the service during the time of the influenza epidemic and died before reporting. The names of such men probably appear as deserters also.

"Any member of the Legion knowing of such person should so notify the Adjutant General with all possible information.

"Any individual or Post of the American Legion suspecting a draft deserter or delinquent should so notify the Adjutant General of the Army, giving the full name of the suspected deserter or delinquent, together with his residence at the time of registration and order number is that can be obtained."

This section will stand re-reading. It may be mighty important to some of your fellows and you don't realize it. Does that first or third paragraph refer to you? Better look yourselves up and be SURE where you stand.

NINETY units of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion were chartered in the last two weeks, raising the total number to 1823. The latest scheduled convention of the Auxiliary will be held in the Department of Washington at Tacoma, February 17, 18 and 19. This will be the tenth state convention of the Women's organization. There are two kinds of emblems for use by the Auxiliary, one for those who lost a relative in the service and the other kind for all others. The emblems are similar to the Legion emblem but is smaller and has a pin back. A gold star and a blue star in white enamel is substituted for the bronze service star of the Legion emblem, the gold star being for those who lost a relative in the service; the blue star for all other members. The words, "*Women's Auxiliary American Legion*" are in the circle around the star. Information concerning the organization of an Auxiliary unit for the Ashland Post No. 14 can be obtained from the Adjutant. There are now 26 units organized in Oregon.

PORTLAND'S annual spring "clean-up week" may be held earlier in the season this year than heretofore. Application has been made to Mayor Baker by the unemployment committee of the American Legion to proclaim the occasion in the near future, so as to provide odd jobs for the unemployed of the city.¹⁰

⁹ The Ashland Weekly Tidings, February 23, 1921, image 1

¹⁰ Beaverton Times, February 25, 1921, pg. 3, image 3

MARCH

THE Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion passed the 2000-unit mark by nine before the middle of February and was still going forward at the rate of more than fifty units a week. Meanwhile the Legion is gaining at the rate of approximately thirty posts a week, with a total of 10,143 posts.¹¹

NATIONAL Headquarters has received information indicating a move for a nation-wide revival of German propaganda activities in the United States, which are the result of a carefully directed national campaign, the objects of which seem to be:

First – The disruption of the accord which exists between the United States and our Allies, with particular reference to France and Great Britain, by turning of American popular sentiment against the governments of those countries, and – Second – The methodical creation of a powerful national political machine by the amalgamation of the disloyal elements of our population and their elevation to a place of power in American offices by the invisible influence of this organized minority.

One of the first national manifestations of their activities took the form of a protest against the occupation of the Rhine by French negro troops from Africa. The alleged presence of black French colonials to be used as a motive to turn American sentiment against France. Negro troops were withdrawn from the French army of occupation months ago. While there, their conduct was excellent, according to the official report of the American ambassador at Paris, to the State department at Washington.

Identified with this movement are individuals whose disloyalty and whose efforts in the interest of Germany have been notorious in the past and who are now again in direct communication with Berlin.

Reports of pro-German activities from many parts of the country appear to connect directly with the National propaganda campaign here outlined.

Such propaganda is out of place, unwanted, and intolerable in view of the fact that the United States is still technically in a state of war with Germany, and the American Legion will serve as a damper on all such and will not let them go unchallenged.¹²

APRIL

POPPIES FROM FLANDERS FIELDS¹³

THE scarlet-fired poppy of France has attained a sentimental value since the great war which has brought it into many gardens where it never grew before. Nearly all seedsmen this year have a sufficient supply of the scarlet "*Flanders Field*" poppies to fill the demand. The poppy has been designated as the official flower of the American Legion.

Poppies grow in any soil, but they must have full sunlight, and it is almost useless to try to transplant them. Sow them where they are expected to bloom and as the seed is fine there is enough in a single packet to make a big bed.

With seed as fine as poppies it is a good plan, in order to facilitate sowing thinly enough and not to waste seed, to mix it with two or three times its bulk in sand. If thoroughly mixed the sowing is an easy matter and there is not the danger of getting it as "*thick as the hair on a dog.*"

It is possible to transplant poppies if a lump of earth can be taken up with them so that the roots are really not disturbed or broken, but if the soil is shaken off the roots, transplanting is a doubtful task. Some of them will come through but the greater portion of them are not likely to survive.

¹¹ The Ashland Weekly Tidings, March 16, 1921, image 1

¹² Ashland Weekly Tidings, March 23, 1921

¹³ Oregon City Enterprise, April 8, 1921, pg. 7, image 7

SALVATION ARMY PLANS MADE FOR FUTURE WORK¹⁴

IN many localities the Elks are assisting in the management of local campaigns as are the members of the American Legion. The order of Elks has become know as a “*Big Brother*” to the Salvation Army for reason of its assistance rendered during the period of the War, and the Elks are proud of their new relationship.¹⁵

AN EFFORT will be made to have the women's auxiliaries to American Legion posts throughout the state meet at Eugene on the same days as the Oregon Legion convention. July 1 and 2, and a preliminary call for such a convention has been issued by state headquarters of the Legion. No state organization of the auxiliaries has yet been perfected.

Protests have been received by the department heads from the cities of Eugene, Bend and Hood River against inclusion in a report of Portland post workers, concerning the alien employment situation in these localities. It was claimed that the Portland men were misinformed as to the true situations, which were being handled in excellent style by local posts. The executive committee expressed the sentiment that the Portland post had overstepped proper bounds in its report.

Plans were discussed at the last executive committee meeting for an early membership campaign throughout the state, standards for posts being offered as prizes.

Present at the meeting were: G. L. Goodell state vice commander, presiding; Edward J. Eivers, state adjutant; Prescott W. Cookingham, state finance officer, and George R. Wilbur, The Dalles, E. T. Fortmiller, Albany, and Howard C. Gildes, McMinnville, executive committeemen.¹⁶

EDWARD J. EIVERS, Oregon Department adjutant, recently forwarded a bulletin to all legion posts in Oregon, informing them that the Oregon legion had a net gain of one thousand two hundred and seventy-two members during the third week in February, and that ninety-eight legions posts were chartered in this state.¹⁷

MAY

GALBRAITH MAY ATTEND CONVENTION AT EUGENE¹⁸

FREDERICK W. GALBRAITH, JR., national commander of the American Legion, is expected to attend the Oregon State Convention at Eugene on July 1 and 2, coming from the Wisconsin convention which will be held several days prior to the Oregon sessions, according to announcements from Eugene. Detailed convention plans of Eugene post will be discussed in the June issue of this magazine.

OREGON HAS 100 POSTS¹⁹

THE Department of Oregon now has 100 posts as the result of the chartering last month of the 100th post at Jordan Valley, Ore. The post has been named Bert Fenwich in honor of a man from that section who made the supreme sacrifice.

The new post is said to be 100 miles distant and two days' time from the nearest other post in the state.

¹⁴ Beaverton Times, April 22, 1921, image 1

¹⁵ Beaverton Times, April 22, 1921, image 1

¹⁶ The Pacific Legion April 1921, pg. 8

¹⁷ The Pacific Legion, April 1921, pg. 24

¹⁸ The Pacific Legion May 1921, pg. 6

¹⁹ The Pacific Legion May 1921, pg. 6

Henry J. Finke was chosen Commander; W. P. Hicks, vice commander; W.W. Jones, adjutant; Glenn W. Brooks, finance officer, and Charles M. Mackenzie, chaplain.

WORK OR SUICIDE WRITES EX-SERVICE MAN TO LEGION²⁰

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 4 – “*Must have work or suicide,*” is the way an unemployed ex-service man expressed his condition in an advertisement in a Houston, Tex., newspaper. It is an indication of a deplorable unemployment situation, which the American Legion is endeavoring to relieve through its more than 10,000 posts.

The desperate Houston veteran served two years in the army, which time he spent eight months in France. He is a high school graduate and an experienced railway, warehouse and shipping clerk, and has been out of work for four months on account of the business depression. He has two dependents.

Veterans of the world war have suffered most in the unemployment crisis; Legion officials declare because they are usually the youngest employees.”

In these days when hundreds of thousands are out of employment,” said John Thomas Taylor, of the Legion’s national legislative committee, “the American Legion is making a vigorous effort to see that ex-service men and women do not lose their jobs without sufficient cause. We intend to watch particularly all departments of the government.”

OREGON CASUALTIES IN WAR TOTAL 6 PER CENT²¹

THE names of forty-nine additional men were added recently to Oregon's honor roll of those who lost their lives in the world war as a result of a state-wide checking up of war records conducted by George A. White, adjutant general of the state. The additions bring the total to 934.

The check also showed that six per cent of all the Oregon men who served in the world war were either killed, wounded or died of disease. This is a heavy percentage and is significant of the big part which troops from the state of Oregon had in stemming the Boche advance.

The roll of Oregon's wounded as completed by Mr. White shows that 856 enlisted men of the army alone were struck down in battle but recovered from wounds and returned home. The list of wounded officers, those wounded in the marine corps and navy have not yet been compiled but are expected to bring the total number over the thousand mark.

A total of 35,000 men were in the service from the state of Oregon.

The city of Portland furnished the largest number of wounded men from the state. The records show that more Portlanders were hit in battle than the total wounded from any five counties in the state outside of Multnomah county. A total of 294 men from Portland were wounded and residents of Multnomah county living outside of Portland were wounded to the number of 14, making the total for the county 308.

Marion county ranks second among the counties of the state with 62 wounded men.

187 OREGON MEN ARE DECORATED FOR VALOR²²

ONE Oregon man, Edward C. Allworth, won the congressional medal of honor, the highest award in the gift of the country, and 36 men from the same state received the distinguished service cross for exceptional bravery in battle, according to a compilation added to the state’s official war record recently by George A. White, Adjutant-general.

In addition, the names added to the list of Oregon men decorated by foreign governments bring the total number of those decorated from the state to 187.

²⁰ Oregon City Enterprise, May 6, 1921, pg. 7, image 7

²¹ The Pacific Legion May 1921, pg. 10

²² The Pacific Legion May 1921, pg. 18

The exploit of Edward C. Allworth, who remained in the regular army as a captain, included swimming a canal at the head of his men and leading an attack on a superior force, capturing machine guns and 100 prisoners and making possible the advance of other troops which had been held in check by machine gun fire.

AFTER removing the names of 51 Oregon soldiers and sailors which he found erroneously included in the government's official list of draft deserters, George A. White, adjutant-general of Oregon, last month telegraphed the federal authorities at Washington for sanction to proceed with a state-wide round-up of established draft dodgers.

If, after a reasonable delay for checking purposes, the government takes no action, Mr. White indicated that he would favor action by the various states in rounding up three thousands of slackers and turning them over to the nearest military posts as deserters.

County sheriffs, acting in conjunction with ex-service men's organizations and patriotic bodies, could make short work of locating those still in the country, he suggested.

MANY POSTS LOCATED OUTSIDE UNITED STATES²³

*Fifty-one Charters Granted Among Three Territorial Possessions and
Seventeen Foreign Countries of Four Continents*

FIFTY-ONE posts of The American Legion have been chartered outside the continental limits of the United States. The posts are distributed among three territorial possessions and seventeen foreign countries of four continents.

Alaska leads the list with posts at Anchorage, Valdez, Ketchikan, Juneau, Seward, Wrangell, Fort Lisicum, Cordova, Nome, Haines, Fairbanks, Sitka and Petersburg. The following Hawaiian cities have posts: Honolulu, Kealia, Hilo, Kapaau, Waialau, Schofield, Fort Kamehannaha and Kahului. The Legion is organized in the Philippines at Manila, Caurtel de Espana, Cavite, Fort William, McKinley and Corregidor.

Foreign posts have been formed at Buenos Aires, Argentine; Brussels, Belgium; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Montreal, Canada; Chuquicamata, Chile; Shanghai and Peking, China; Havana, Cuba; London, England; Guatemala City, Guatemala; Paris, La Rochelle and Gievres, France; Coblenz, Germany; Toyko, Yokohama and Kobe, Japan; Mexico City and Tampico, Mexico; Cerro de Pasco, Peru; Balboa, Cristobal and Gatun, Panama; Warsaw, Poland and Santa Domingo, Santo Domingo.

POPPY TO BE MEMORIAL DAY FLOWER OF LEGION²⁴

DON'T forget your poppy on Memorial Day!

Between May 26 and May 30, American Legion posts of Washington and Oregon will place on sale silk or paper replicas of the crimson poppy which blooms on Flanders' fields. This poppy has been adopted as the official flower of The American Legion and will be worn in the buttonhole or in the corsage of every loyal American on Memorial Day, May 30, in respect to the memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice for America in the war of wars.

LEGION MEMBERSHIP DOUBLED IN A YEAR²⁵

IN the year past The American Legion doubled its membership and added 3,417 posts, according to national headquarters. All records for growth, however, were broken by the women's auxiliary, which started the year 1920 with 5,000 members and finished with an enrollment of 200,000 and a total of 1,695

²³ The Pacific Legion May 1921, pg. 20

²⁴ The Pacific Legion May 1921, pg. 20

²⁵ The Pacific Legion May 1921, pg. 22

units. All state departments registered substantial gains and new posts were formed in the following foreign countries: Argentine Republic, Belgium, Chile, China, Guatemala, Japan, Poland, Samoa, Santo Domingo and Peru.

RESUME OF WORLD WAR VEETERANS STATE AID ACT²⁶

State Adjutant Edward J. Eivers Gives News-Times Readers Provision of Bill

THE American Legion desires that every individual member and all of the service persons throughout the State have the personal knowledge of the provisions and contents of our State Bonus program known as the "World War Veterans State Aid Legislation," and I am going to set forth the provisions of the bill so that you will understand your rights under this set.

This legislation briefly provided that citizens of the State of Oregon who served at any time between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918, actively in the Army, Navy and Marine Corps shall receive from the State, fifteen dollars per month for each month of service between the sixth day of April, 1917, and the eleventh day of November, 1919, (one year after the armistice), excepting the first sixty days of service, or a loan on real property located within the State of Oregon up to seventy-five per cent of the net appraised valuation of the property; providing the total amount borrowed does not exceed three thousand dollars.

The two features of this bill as outlined above are optional with the veteran and he can take either one but not both. Section two of this bill provides that in the event the National Congress passes the National Compensation Act, then no one that is eligible to receive cash from the National Congress will be eligible to receive cash from the State of Oregon. This, however, does not affect the loan feature of the bill.

The qualifications for receiving consideration under the State Aid Measure have been placed so that only those who have served during the period of time above set forth, honorably, for a period longer than sixty days shall be entitled to the benefits, as it exempts conscientious objectors or any other persons who objected to render unqualified service or whose only service was in the Students Army Training Corps as a Student. This narrows the eligibility down to active honorable service in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps and the applicant must show by his discharge that he has the above qualifications.

Being purely a matter of rehabilitation to place on an equal basis, those who suffered actual financial loss with those who stayed at home, we have made a provision in the bill to take care of those who draw extra compensation during their war service and also of those who through technicality will received bonuses from other state. To make this clear, cite the case of the men who worked as a soldier for the civilian manufacturer or in the Service Camp, working alongside of civilians drawing army pay from the government and being paid the same wage as the civilian by the contractor or manufacturer. Those in this class will be required if they have received more than the maximum amount provided by the bill can receive the difference between the extra compensation they received in the service and what they would be entitled to under the provisions of this act. This extra compensation for service should not be confused with compensation drawn by disabled men under the National War Risk Act nor the compensation or bonus of sixty dollars received on discharge. The compensation act was an off-shoot of the insurance paid for by the men in the service and has nothing to do with a bonus. The sixty-dollar bonus does not come under this section because we have exempted the first sixty days of service to give the state credit for the sixty dollars received from Congress.

Looking after the welfare of the relatives of the men who paid the Supreme Sacrifice, the act provides that the husband, wife, child, mother, father or dependent brother in the order named shall be entitled to draw from the State, the bonus the man would have been entitled to had he lived.

In order that the state will be required to pay cash to veterans over a period of time, the Act limits the time to apply for those who desire cash to one year from the date of the passage of the Act, or if they

²⁶ Beaverton Times, May 13, 1921, image 1

are still in the service, one year from the date of their discharge. This is briefly explained by saying that this is purely a rehabilitation measure and if a man needs actual cash help, he can get it during the period provided by the bill. After that time, he would not be eligible to draw cash, but the loan provision would be open to him, there being no specified time limit for the application for loans.

The conditions on the loan feature of the bill are set forth as follows: Any person eligible under the act can obtain a loan not to exceed three thousand dollars in amount by first mortgage upon real property located within the state and owned either by himself, wife, or husband, father, mother, child, children, brother or sister to the order named.

The loan shall in no instance exceed seventy-five per cent of the net appraised valuation of the property and shall be paid back to the state at the option of the borrower in annual, semiannual or quarterly installments. The payments shall aggregate each year, six per cent of the total amount borrowed and of the six per cent as paid, four per cent shall be applied as interest and two percent on the principle, with a provision that the borrower if he so desires, to receive his principle in less time can do so by making payments of twenty-five dollars or any multiple of twenty-five dollars on the principle of the loan. The commission created for the administration of the. Act will, by regulation, make provisions for repayments providing that the man shall not amortize in less than ten or more than thirty years with all plans of repayments optional with the borrower.

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So much for the man eligible under the Act. What does this act do for the State? It creates home owners in every county of the State who would not be homeowners if they did not get assistance at this time. In rebuttal to the question of increased taxes, let us call to the attention of the tax payers in this State that this increases the value of the property far in excess of what it will cost the State.

We ask Mr. Tax payer to pause and consider the possible development of our State under this act and we call his attention also to the fact that the service man exercising his loan option becomes a tax payer and must assist in paying off any cost that this will bring upon the State of Oregon.

EDWARD J. EIVERS,
Adjutant, Dept. of Oregon.

LEGION STORY OF WORLD WAR TO BE HISTORY²⁷

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. May 18. – American Legion post records will provide the most complete and valuable history of the world war in existence, when a program just started by Eban Putnam, of Massachusetts, national historian of the American Legion, is carried out.

Posts of the Legion and units of its Woman's Auxiliary are to compile military and personal histories of members through direct interviews. These records will be doubly checked, first against war department records as furnished by the adjutant general, and second against the war records of each state.

Legion and auxiliary organizations would have annual muster, according to Mr. Putnam's idea. At this time the roll call would be read, and at the name of the deceased member his military and personal history would be recited. Obituaries of ex-service men and women would be published in local newspapers on the date of each annual muster.

AID TO VETERANS PLAN²⁸

PORTLAND, May 21. – Some definite action to make more land available for settlement by veterans of the recent war will be recommended for the decision of the executive committee of the American Legion

²⁷ Oregon City Enterprise, May 20, 1921, pg. 3, image 3

²⁸ Oregon City Enterprise, May 27, 1921, pg. 5, image 5

for the Department of Oregon, as the result of a meeting of the legion land committee at state legion headquarters Thursday.

Various phases of the problem of putting the ex-soldier on the land was discussed at the gathering.

Gordon Grimm, commander of Alsea post of the legion, told of the plight of a large number of ex-soldiers who had settled on public land in that district. He said many of them were without funds and were unable to make their final payments on the land and so were in a fair way to lose their rights to the holdings.

The various problems will be referred to the next meeting of the legion executive committee Friday of next week.

The members of the land committee at the meeting were Ben S. Morrow of Portland, chairman; Thomas A. Sweeney, Portland; Fred E. Kiddle of La Grande, Roy N. Fouch of Klamath Falls, and J.M. Williams of Eugene.

JUNE

OREGON WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES MEET²⁹

Mrs. W.A. Eivers of Portland Chosen President of New State Organization; Ratification of Action of Conference Planned at State Convention at Eugene on July 1 and 2

FORTY-THREE women, representing 28 auxiliaries of the American Legion in Oregon, met in Portland April 30 to organize a state association of auxiliaries. Tentative officers were elected, and constitution adapted, it being planned to ratify the actions of this meeting at a formal convention to be held at Eugene July 1 and 2, during the state convention of the American Legion, department of Oregon.

Mrs. W. A. Eivers, a leader since organization in the Portland auxiliary, was chosen president. Other officers named were: Mrs. Mae F. Fields of Eugene, vice-president; Mrs. Walter Leone Spaulding of Salem, secretary; Mrs. Harold Hershner of Hood River, treasurer and Mrs. Flora Huntley of Springfield, Mrs. Paul Abrams of Forest Grove and Mrs. E. W. White of Cottage Grove, executive committee.

The meeting was addressed by William S. Gilbert of Astoria, department commander of the American Legion; G. Lane Goodell of Portland, vice-commander, and Edward J. Eivers of Portland, state adjutant. Cordial support of the state aid measure for veterans was pledged by the women and backing of the American Legion's Americanism programme and national and state hospitalization work was assured.

The action of the Solicitor General in the Albers case was condemned by resolution. The women also urged national legislation providing the privilege of retirement with pay for disabled emergency officers of the world war.

Great enthusiasm was evinced by the women present and steps were taken for the immediate organization of auxiliary units for of the 101 posts of the Oregon Legion. One committee selected to further organization work were named women from all sections of state.

The official list of delegates and alternates to the convention follows:

Minnie H. Hudson and Velma G. Peterson, Albany; Mrs. Aaron Josephson and Mrs. Agnes Baxter, Astoria; Helen N. Erskine, Bend; Elizabeth Stewart and Mrs. George B. Gaunt, Condon; Ellen L. White, Cottage Grove; Mrs. George McCann and Mrs. Alto Cerny, Dallas; Mrs. Mae F. Field and Mrs. Bessie Rankin, Eugene; Mrs. Bernice McCall and Mrs. Elra Ahlberg, Estacada; Mrs. Bessie Mills and Mrs. Elizabeth Abraham, Forest Grove; Mrs. John Metzger and Miss Allie Hughes, Gresham; Mrs. Helene Deickman and Mrs. Anna Engilding, Hillsboro; Mrs. Anna Hershner and Mrs. Leslie Murphy, Hood River; Mrs. Percy Fitzhugh, McMinnville; Mrs. J. W. Jacobs, Medford; Mrs. Ella D. Mills and Mrs. Marie K. Evans, Newberg; Mary Caufield and Milo R. Cooper, Oregon City; Mrs. W. A. Eivers and Mrs. S. B. Huston Portland; Mrs. Susan G. Thayler and Mrs. Mal Brough, Rainier; Pearl E. Stewart and Beulah Jewett, Roseburg; Mrs. G. L. Corey, Seaside; M Olive Mark and

²⁹ The Pacific Legion June 1921, pg. 4

Mrs. Philip Bewley, Sheridan; M Ella Weckert, Sherwood; Flora Huntley, Springfield; Mrs. A. J. Deming and Mrs. William Ross, St. Helens; Mrs. R. W. French, The Dalles, and Mrs. Cecil S. McDonald, Yamhill.

CAR GOES OVER BANK, AT INDIANAPOLIS COMPANIONS INJURED³⁰

*“Fighting Colonel of The Fighting First,” Dead When Wreckage is Removed –
Bend Delegate to Convention Pays Tribute*

INDIANAPOLIS, June 9, - Colonel Frederick W. Galbraith, the “fighting colonel of the Fighting First” in France, national commander of the American Legion, is dead following the plunge of his automobile over a steep embankment. Galbraith was pinned under the machine and fatally crushed. Two other Legion officials riding with Galbraith suffered minor injuries.

Henry Ryan, director of Americanization work for the Legion was driving. He lost control of the machine at a railroad track and the car plunged down the embankment.

SPEEDED TO CATCH TRAIN

THE three officers had attended a rally of the Legion in the outskirts of the city, then went to a country club reception. Colonel Foreman had planned to catch the 1 o'clock train and Ryan was attempting speed to make it. The accident occurred half way to the city. Colonel Galbraith was dead when the wreckage was removed.

Arrangements for funeral services are not completed. The burial will probably be in Cincinnati, with full military honors. Colonel Galbraith's wife and two children are away for the summer.

The new national commander will be chosen next week. The executive committee will pick one of the five presidents.

Grief over the death of Galbraith caused General Ryan, driver of the car to suffer a nervous collapse.

CREATION of sentiment to cause the holding of the annual motor speedway race on July 4 instead of on Memorial Day has been started by posts of the American Legion in Indianapolis, Ind., where the international automobile classic was staged on May 30. More than 130,000 persons from all parts of the United States attended the race on a day, which the Legion puts forth, should be observed in a reverent and decorous manner.³¹

“National Commander F.W. Galbraith, Jr., was a man of charming personality, and had the support of all who attended the national convention,” said Charles W. Erskine of Bend, who met Col. Galbraith on that occasion. “The American Legion will seriously feel the loss of its leader.”

AIDED DISABLED SOLDIERS

IN his speech accepting the office of commander, Galbraith laid stress on what should be done for the wounded and disabled, Mr. Erskine stated, and during his term of office his efforts have been directed along that line, with the result that the men have been greatly benefited.

A reunion of the 147th infantry, of which Galbraith was commander during the war, was held during the national convention of the American Legion, and Mrs. Erskine observed that the colonel was highly regarded by the men of his command.

³⁰ Bend Bulletin, June 16, 1921, Weekly Edition, pg. 8, image 8

³¹ Beaverton Times, June 24, 1921, pg. 3, image 3

Galbraith was decorated with the distinguished service cross, the Croix de Guerre and the Croix de Guerre with palm. He was wounded during the Argonne defensive.

In private life Colonel Galbraith was head of a paper goods company in Cincinnati. He was 46 years of age.

Frank R. Prince, commander of the local Legion post, said that he was shocked to hear the news of Colonel Galbraith's death. It will be a great loss to the Legion," he said.

EDWARD J. EIVERS, Oregon state adjutant; Frank Eivers, state service officer; Cliff Wood of the bureau of war risk insurance, and Waldo L. Breese of the army recruiting service made a 20-day trip through the eastern and southern part of the state last month clearing up claims of ex-service men against the government.³²

GEORGE H. PARKINSON of Corvallis has resigned as Oregon department chaplain. No new appointment has been made.³³

JULY

MEMBERS of the Women's Auxiliary in Oregon have formed a temporary state organization which will seek to double the number of units and the membership.³⁴

THE American Legion's national legislative committee at Washington, D.C., has obtained prompt action from the state department in seeking the release of fifty Greek Americans who served in the A.E.F. and have been inducted into the Greek army while visiting their people. Secretary Hughes has instructed the American consul at Athens to make strong representations to the Greek government for the release of the men.³⁵

THE STATE COMPENSATION SITUATION³⁶

WHEN the people of Oregon last month adopted a constitutional amendment by a majority vote of 50,000, Oregon became the fourteenth State to grant its world War veterans cash compensation. In no State have the people defeated adjusted compensation when given the opportunity to vote on it at the polls.

States Paying Cash: Oregon - \$15 a month. Maximum \$300; Veterans have the option of loan up the \$4,000 in place of cash.

MAJOR William S. Gilbert, commander of the department of Oregon, Major Edward J. Eivers, department adjutant, and Captain Benjamin F. Pound, commander of the Salem Ore., post, were among the prominent Legionnaires represented at the encampment of the Oregon National Guard at Camp Lewis last month.³⁷

³² The Pacific Legion, June 1921, pg. 31

³³ The Pacific Legion, June 1921, pg. 31

³⁴ The American Legion Weekly, July 3, 1921

³⁵ Beaverton Times, July 8, 1921, pg. 2 image 2

³⁶ The American Legion Weekly, July 22, 1921

³⁷ The Pacific Legion July 1921, pg. 31

AUGUST

LANE GOODELL CHOICE OF OREGON LEGION³⁸

*Vice-Commander Throughout 1920-21 Unanimously Elected Commander,
Department of Oregon; Edward J. Myers Has Close
Race for Re-election as Adjutant;
The Dalles Will Be Host to American Legion in 1922.*

WHEN delegates returned to their homes in Oregon after the close of the convention sessions of the American Legion in Eugene, they felt their time had been well spent. Not only was convention business attended to with dispatch and efficiency but no detail of the entertainment program was neglected. Eugene Legionnaires were unanimously voted genial hosts and good fellows.

Lane Goodell, known to his friends as "Blue," and dubbed by Harold Warner of Pendleton in his nominating speech "True Blue," was the unanimous choice of the delegates assembled for the post of commander of the Legion in Oregon. The selection was one which was expected generally. Goodell had shown at the 1920 convention at Astoria that he was willing to place personal ambition below good of the Legion when he withdrew from the running for commander to allow the election of a compromise candidate. And though it was known he had been the choice of many for commander at that time, he allowed his name to be put up for vice-commander.

As vice-commander, Goodell gained the respect of The American Legion and them dealing with the Legion by his hard work and willing sacrifices of time and clew. A great deal of work which normally would have fallen to the state commander was on the shoulders of Goodell, Commander William S. Gilbert finding it difficult, because of his residence in Astoria, to attend to many details of the headquarters' work in Portland or to participate personally in much of the bonus campaign.

"Blue" was a popular choice and no opponent for the honor developed. Any opposition would have led a forlorn hope because of the personal following of the new commander.

Edward J. Evers, also of Portland, was reelected department adjutant after a close race for the honor against Oliver B. Huston of Portland. This was the only office for which competition was keen and the only race in which some feeling developed. The final vote of delegates was: Eivers, 73; Huston, 58. The Portland post delegation was split wide open, giving Eivers eight votes and Huston sixteen.

There was no personal feeling between the candidates, both having been friends for a long while. Huston's brother, Carl, had served under Captain Eivers overseas. Some of the constituents on each side became somewhat heated in the preliminaries to the balloting — though the remarks were confined chiefly to whispers — but after the result had been announced personalities were dropped and on motion of Huston a unanimous vote was ordered cast for Eivers.

Eivers has been adjutant of the state department since the formation of the Legion in Oregon and has kept this state among the leaders in the nation. His work in straightening out compensation and insurance tangles and in organization of new posts has been thorough. He was indefatigable in his efforts in behalf of the state aid measure which carried at the recent election, both in the heat of the campaign and in preliminary work during the special session of the legislature.

George A. Coddling of Medford, prominent in Legion activities since its inception in Oregon, was chosen vice-commander of the state, defeating Dr. Benjamin F. Pound of Salem for the honor. Dr. Pound was the unanimous choice of congressional district No. 1 for the state executive committee. George R. Wilbur of Hood River, a leader in Legion affairs, was the choice of district No. 2. Oliver B. Huston was the selection of the Multnomah county delegations in district No. 3 for the executive committee.

³⁸ The Pacific Legion August 1921, pg. 4

Prescott W. Cookingham of Portland, department finance officer since organization, was re-elected to the post by unanimous vote.

Fred E. Kiddle of La Grande, well known in the Legion for the prominent part he taken in many of its activities, was the unanimous convention choice for executive committeeman-at-large. Rev. Frank James, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Dallas, was chosen department chaplain.

There was considerable interest in the election of delegates to the national convention. Oregon is now entitled to 13 delegates and 13 alternates, but the operation of the state aid measure is expected to bring many more members into the fold of the Legion before the report on representation is made to the national body 30 days before the national convention in Kansas City the latter part of October. For this reason, 15 delegates and many alternates were elected.

On a motion made by Walter L. Tooze of Dallas, the convention voted to defray the traveling expenses of the department commander, department adjutant, and the delegate from each of the three congressional districts receiving the highest vote in his district.

The delegates selected were:

District No. 1—George A. White, Salem; Walter L. Tooze, Jr., Dallas; Guy D. Moshier, Eugene; Dr. R. H. Hoskins, Astoria; Earl Fortmiller, Albany.

District No. 2—Earl Blackaby, Ontario; Harry L. Kuck, Pendleton; J. H. Carnahan, Klamath Falls; Guy Sifton, Hood River; and Francis V. Galloway, The Dalles.

District No. 3—Earl R. Goodwin, Portland; Arthur A. Murphy, Portland; Prescott W. Cookingham, Portland; Oliver B. Huston, Portland, and C. G. Schneider, Gresham.

George A. White, adjutant general of Oregon, organizer of The American Legion in France and member of the state aid commission, was the choice of the convention for national committeeman from Oregon. Charles Erskine of Bend was named alternate.

The Dalles was awarded the 1922 convention of the Department of Oregon after stirring speeches by Francis V. Galloway and Pat Foley. The date for the meeting was fixed.

Lemuel L. Bolles, national adjutant of American Legion, and John W. Inzer, national chaplain, were present to participate the opening ceremonies of the convention with 58 members out of 58 service men. Adjutant Bolles brought a message of congratulation from national headquarters for the excellent work being done by the Legion in Oregon, saying that the West was looked upon as the bulwark of The American Legion.

Chaplain Inzer also addressed the townspeople of Eugene, together with Legionnaires and, with an eloquence seldom excelled, pleaded for an awakening of the spirit of Americanism.

O.H. Foster, city attorney of Eugene, welcomed the delegates.

One of the first acts of the convention was the appointment of committees, all of which functioned efficiently and made interesting reports to the convention.

Committee chairmen were as follows: Finance, Lyman G. Rice, Pendleton; post activities and organization, Miss Lucy Freeman, McMinnville; Americanization, Jerrold Owen, Portland; World War Veterans' Aid, J. A. Beckwith, Portland; state land, Millar McGilchrist, Salem; women's auxiliary, Walter L. Tooze, Dallas; next meeting place, Fred B. Reed, La Grande; legislation, Maurice Crumpacker, Portland; Japanese question, Barge E. Leonard, Portland, and hospitalization, Jane V. Doyle, Portland.

Governor Olcott addressed the convention on the difficulties confronting the state bonus commission and urged patience in awaiting commencement of operations. His address is printed elsewhere.

To mention by name the members of Lane County post of The American Legion at Eugene who made the convention a memorable one would be impossible. They were Ben Dorris, Guy Mosher, Harold Beytien and dozens of others who gave all their time to efforts to make the visitors' stay enjoyable. There were dances, fights, races and a street carnival. The final entertainment was big barbecue on the banks of the

Mackenzie Sunday, July 3. Most of the delegates remained over from the convention sessions this most enjoyable trip and excellent dinner.

An initiation under direction of Eugene Portland Voitures of La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux at the Elks' Club was a memorable event of Saturday night, July 2.

THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY LOOKS AHEAD³⁹

*The Legion's Big Sister, Not to Mention Its Mother, its Wife
and All its Daughters Lays Plans for Its First National Convention*

CIVILIZATION'S great reserve forces are now marching into the front lines. The last quarter of a century has seen a great change in humanity's fighting units in the battle of progress. Those who were non-combatants since history's beginnings began, not so long ago, to move forward in mass formation into the zone of action in every single field of human activity, and so recent has been the start of this movement and so incomplete is it still that none may estimate yet just what the ultimate effect will be on society.

Which means that woman is now an eternal partner of man in the business of life and that she is no longer asking any favors of him when there is any peaceful fighting to be done. She has learned and it has been only a short time since she began to want to learn-that she does not need any handicaps in the race for accomplishment. And she has learned that she shares equally with man the inheritance that all human development has bequeathed to those who populate the earth today.

She has not scarified her old prerogatives. She has simply taken possession of the rights which always have belonged to her but had been unclaimed through sufferance. She is still the wife and mother, but she is not the wife and mother alone. The great scientific advances, the discoveries in the conservation of forces, have enabled her to put to new uses her tremendous energies which tradition and prejudice had held her chained since apple blossom time in the Garden of Eden.

There was realization of woman's new place in America even before the war. One by one she had conquered the professions. Stronger and stronger had grown her position in the business world. When the World War came, she was advancing all along the line. The whole world remembers how woman helped shoulder the burdens of the war, how she exercised her new powers in humanity's crisis. And when she was granted the vote in the United States in 1920, so well had she demonstrated the preposterousness of the ancient antagonisms which had tried to "*keep her in her place*" that American men welcomed her to the new voting plane without misgivings and with whole-hearted friendliness.

And woman is also bearing an equal share of the burden of reconstruction. The women who worked long hours in Red Cross sewing rooms in 1917 and 1918, who served until weariness in the canteens, information booths, hospitals and recreation centers, or single-handed in city apartment or farm home used their energies to sustain the morale of those who were fighting their battles in uniform, those same women have not laid down the burden in peacetime. In ever-increasing numbers, they have enrolled themselves for the present-day struggle, the effort which promises to be unrelenting for many years to come, to keep the benefits won from the war from slipping back into oblivion under the weight of the troubles which are war's aftermath. They are enrolling themselves in the Women's Auxiliary of The American Legion, because that organization is the one effective means by which they can make their willing energies effective in the task at hand. They are making of the Women's Auxiliary a high-powered engine of good work, and as this engine gathers speed its power is becoming felt throughout the United States.

Scarcely two years old, the Women's Auxiliary of The American Legion to-day shows signs of surpassing in membership The American Legion itself. There are at present almost 3,400 units of the Women's Auxiliary, distributed through more than 50 departments of the Legion. Not only in each of the 48 States and the District of Columbia, but in Alaska, Hawaii, the Philippines, Cuba and France units are

³⁹ The American Legion Weekly, August 19, 1921

flourishing. Eventually it is hoped that there will be a unit of the Auxiliary for each of the Legion posts, now numbering 10,650, and already many States have started out to eliminate "bachelor posts" by Auxiliary missionary work. Iowa now leads all the departments in the number of Auxiliary units, having a total of 231. New York is second with 228; Minnesota is third, with 218; Illinois fourth with 186; Pennsylvania fifth with 181, and Massachusetts sixth with 174.

The total membership of the Women's Auxiliary is estimated at 170,000. Active membership-getting has been proceeding so rapidly recently, however, that this figure is probably an under-estimate of the actual number of women who have enrolled. Even this figure, though, means that the Women's Auxiliary of the Legion today is one of the largest active organizations of women in the world. But the figure acquires most importance when it is used as the basis for computing the membership which will almost certainly be obtained by the organization in the next few years. The potential membership runs above 10,000,000. The mothers and wives, sisters and daughters of the 4,500,000 Americans who served in the World War include a most sizable fraction of the 110,000,000 persons counted by Uncle Sam in the last census, and the Women's Auxiliary is going to do its very best to prove to every one of them that there is work still to be done and that the call to duty is as plain now as it was in the two fighting years.

The Women's Auxiliary will hold its first annual convention in Kansas City, Missouri, October 31, November 1 and 2, in conjunction with the Third National Convention of The American Legion, and this Auxiliary Convention is expected to bring before several hundred women delegates the inspiring vision of the future Auxiliary for which they are building. The pioneers of the Auxiliary will be there-the women whose loyalty and courage were evidenced even in the swaddling days of the Legion. They are the pioneers who were among those who petitioned the Legion's first governing body, the Committee of Thirty-four, for recognition in advance of the Legion's first Convention at Minneapolis in November 1919. They saw their hopes realized when that first Legion Convention decided that an affiliated women's organization of the Legion should be formed, and that membership should be based on relationship to world War veterans.

Many of these 1919 Auxiliary pioneers were also present at the Legion's Second National Convention at Cleveland in September 1920, when plans were adopted for the expansion of the Auxiliary and the groundwork laid for the remarkable progress which the women's organization will look back upon as it meets in Kansas City this year. Those who meet at Kansas City will see the progress of the last year reflected in the fact that from 1,338 units on October 1, 1920, the Auxiliary's roll had increased to 3,326 on July 29, 1921, a gain of 1,988 units in nine months.

Furthermore, when the women delegates assemble at Kansas City, they will represent complete state organizations of the Auxiliary in most of the Legion Departments. The Cleveland Convention of the Legion authorized the formation of department organization of the Auxiliary whenever the department executive committee deemed it advisable. Under this ruling, more than 30 States have already perfected Auxiliary organizations, and indications are that most of the remaining unorganized States will have completed organizing in time to obtain representation in the Auxiliary's national convention.

The Auxiliary Convention will decide many broad questions of policy. Fore-most perhaps will be the selection of a permanent name. The Committee on Women's Auxiliary at the Cleveland Convention of the Legion recommended that the women's convention adopt "a change in name, so as to obviate the use of the now unsatisfactory word Auxiliary." It suggested that the first Auxiliary convention adopt any name it might choose "not now in use by a similar organization." The Auxiliary Convention will also select a national headquarters for the women's organization.

The delegates to the Auxiliary Convention will be guests of the Legion Convention on its opening day, October 31, and will hold the first session of their own convention the following day. National Commander Emery of the Legion has stated that the fact that Legion and Auxiliary Conventions are held jointly this year is not to be considered a precedent.

Though fully independent, the Women's Auxiliary since its establishment has shown how closely it bears in mind the interests of the posts with which its units are affiliated. Even a casual reading of the items reporting post and unit activities shows how fully the Auxiliary is meeting the problems it encounters. A unit in New Jersey raises several thousand dollars to provide men in hospital with things to make them comfortable. A unit in Youngstown, Ohio, gives a musical entertainment at each meeting to attract Legionnaires. A unit in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, gives more than \$600 to help equip a new post clubhouse. The Auxiliary unit of Henry H. Houston Post of Germantown, Pennsylvania, finances the training of an aid in occupational therapy who prepares men in hospital for vocational educational courses. The unit of Robert E. Bentley Post in Cincinnati, Ohio--the late National Commander Galbraith's post--gives \$1,908 worth of gifts to men in hospitals in Cincinnati. So they run, these reports of what the Auxiliary units are doing, each one a record of whole-hearted kindness and thoughtfulness. The possibilities of co-operation between the posts and the Auxiliary units are almost unlimited.

And the realization of these possibilities is now so strong that the next year PROMISES to see the auxiliary growth surpass the dreams of its founders. The members of the Auxiliary will await with interest the news of the life for years to come.

AUXILIARY CONVENTION⁴⁰

THIRTY-SIX chapters of the women's auxiliary to The American Legion in Oregon --- sent 57 delegates and 12 alternates to the annual convention held in Eugene last ninth simultaneously with the Legion sessions.

Resolutions were adopted recommending that Orientals be prohibited from owning land urging more speed in government aid to disabled soldiers and arranging for convention sessions of the auxiliary at the same time and place as the Legion meetings.

Committee chairmen appointed by Mrs. W.A. Eivers, department commander, were as follows: Credentials, Mrs. L Gatchell, Bend; rules of convention, Mrs. E. L. Doneka, Portland; finance, Mrs. Paul Bartholemy, Portland; constitution and by-laws, Miss Margaret Massey, The Dalles; next meeting place, Mrs. Harold Lewis, Reedsport; unit activities, Mrs. Walter J. Kirk, Salem; resolutions, Mrs. Anna Abrams, Hood River; ritual, Mrs. Earl Huston, and Americanization, Mrs. Anna Herschner, Hood River.

Dues decided on were 25 cents per member for state and national affairs and local unit dues were left to the individual organizations.

It was determined to open all meetings with a salute to the flag, singing of the first verse the Star Spangled Banner and the repetition in unison of the preamble to the national constitution of The American Legion.

Employment of married women in positions which could be ably filled by deserving ex-service men was frowned upon by the Auxiliary. The women also took a stand opposing the employment of foreign labor on contracts under state or government control. Temporary officers were chosen as permanent by a standing unanimous vote. They are: Mrs. W. A. Dyers, Portland, president; Mrs. Mae Fields, Eugene, vice-president; Mrs. Walter L Spaulding, Salem, secretary, and Mrs. Harold Herschner, Hood River, treasurer. Executive committeewomen named were: Elizabeth Abraham, Flora Huntley and Ellen White.

Delegates selected to attend the national convention were: Mrs. W. A. Eivers, district No. 3; Mrs. F. Rankin, district No. 1; Mrs. Roy Van Fleet, district No. 2; Mrs. Walter L. Spaulding, Mrs. Harold Herschner and Mrs. J. W. McInturff, at large.

⁴⁰ The Pacific Legion August 1921, pg. 8

AMERICANIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT ORIENTALS⁴¹

IN America today there are classes of aliens which cannot be assimilated by this country, particularly Orientals. They are proving very prolific in reproduction and their children, American born, automatically become citizens of the United States. By reason of their exceptional ability to increase, this class of citizens threaten to become a formidable problem in this nation in the near future.

Already some communities find it a serious menace. To the attention of your committee has been brought the report that one country school in the Hood River district records an attendance of three American and 13 Japanese children.

As a department of The American Legion which comes in direct contact with the problem in its early phases, we believe something must be done before it is too late. We believe supremely in the doctrine of America for Americans.

We, therefore, recommend to the convention that our delegation to the national convention be instructed to obtain action of that body favorable to the passage of national legislation *prohibiting native born children of alien parentage from automatically becoming citizens of this country.*

FOREIGN LANGUAGE PRESS⁴²

BECAUSE of the fact that the presence in this country of foreign language newspapers discourages the growth of Americanism and encourages the alien to neglect learning the English language and to retain his old-world viewpoint on social and industrial problems, this committee recommends that this convention go on record as favoring state and national legislation prohibiting the publication of newspapers or periodicals in the United States in any language but American.

This committee further would assert that it believes the foreign language press is the nucleus of some of the most dangerous, radical and revolutionary movements in this country, and that the latter are able to exist only through the untrammelled activities of the former.

NATURALIZATION⁴³

THIS committee finds that it is customary for naturalization proceedings in many courts of the state to be perfunctory in nature, impressing the alien about to become a citizen slightly, if at all, as to the magnitude of the honor about to be conferred on him. On the other hand, the committee learns that Clatsop post of Astoria has taken the lead in Oregon in making the naturalization ceremonies impressive through assisting the court through formal presentation of certificates and American flags.

We would recommend that this convention go on record as opposing informal admittance of aliens into citizenship and urging American Legion posts at county seats to encourage establishment of citizenship schools, to co-operate in conducting naturalization proceedings and cause the alien, through the impressive nature of the ceremonies, to realize fully the privilege being conferred upon him.

ALIEN WORKERS⁴⁴

WE recommend to the convention assembled that the department of Oregon be recorded as unequivocally opposed to the employment of any man on public works who is not a citizen of the United States, and that this stand be transmitted to proper executives and legislative bodies of nation, state and municipal governments to insure action on the same.

⁴¹ The Pacific Legion August 1921, pg. 8

⁴² The Pacific Legion August 1921, pg. 8

⁴³ The Pacific Legion August 1921, pg. 8

⁴⁴ The Pacific Legion August 1921, pg. 8

SEPTEMBER

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS⁴⁵

*Summaries of Action Taken and Recommendations Made
by the State Gatherings Now Being Held Throughout the Country*

IN department conventions being held throughout the country Legionnaire are finding expression for opinions upon matters affecting the Legion and the veteran. Below is summarized the action taken by several of the conventions already held on the more important problems of nationwide interest. The proceedings of other conventions will be summarized in later issue of this magazine. The department conventions are important not only because they transact the business of their States and express the opinions of the Legionnaires of those States, but because out of the action of the state conventions will crystallize the decisions which will be made upon national questions at the Third National Convention of the Legion at Kansas City. Worth of note is the fact that all of the conventions mentioned below which were held subsequent to the recommitment of the Legion's Adjusted Compensation Bill to the Senate Finance Committee declared unequivocally in favor of the passage of that measure. The present month will see the greatest activity in department conventions with 22 scheduled. Iowa, Kentucky and Virginia conventions are now under way. The convention of the Department of France is also being held, and members of the Legion party now concluding the official visit to France will probably be able to attend the closing sessions of the Paris gathering. Four conventions are scheduled for October, with that of Colorado, the 17th and 18th, last on the list and closest, to the National Convention to open at Kansas City the last day of the month. The Michigan department convention, which was to be held at Kalamazoo, September 6th and 7th, has been postponed until September 19th and 20th to permit attendance by the National and State Commanders.

OREGON

ALIENS: Recommended action "*by treaty or otherwise*" to exclude Orientals from United States and from ownership of real property in United States. Denounced employment of aliens on public works. Suggested that the National Convention request Congressional legislation to forbid naturalization of children of aliens merely because such children are born on American soil. Condemned exhibition in America of German and Austrian motion picture films with intent to justify position of Central Powers in the World War. Condemned "*unpatriotic propaganda and activities of the Federation of German-Speaking Catholic Societies in the State of Oregon,*" requesting refusal to naturalize the personnel of such organizations.

Land Settlement: Opposed grants by the United States Government to individuals and corporations of leases on lands if such leases permit flooding of territories where preferential settlement rights of entry might be given ex-service men, requesting reclamation of publicly owned lands before any expenditures be made for privately owned lands.

Slackers and Sedition: Demanded retrial of Henry J. Albers for alleged seditious and treasonable utterances.

LOCALIZING THE DISABLED PROBLEM⁴⁶

34,200 Women Veterans

THE terms "*ex-service man,*" "*disabled man*" and "*veteran*" are so often used that there is a tendency to overlook the fact that 34,200 women were enlisted members of America's World War forces and that, as a consequence, all of the problems and perplexities known to the ex-service man in the matter of rehabilitation and reconstruction are likewise known to them. The questions of veterans' preference rights,

⁴⁵ The American Legion Weekly, September 2, 1921

⁴⁶ The American Legion Weekly, September 2, 1921

compensation, hospital treatment and vocational training are questions with which these women who served side by side with the great bulk of soldiers, sailors and marines are now as intimately concerned as any of the masculine ex-combatants.

More than 1250 of these women veterans are receiving compensation and hospital treatment from the Bureau of War Risk Insurance because of disabilities received in the service; 257 of them are now taking vocational training, 21 have finished their vocational training courses, and approximately fifty more will soon take up training. The largest percentage of those disabled are suffering from tuberculosis as a result of irregular hours, unaccustomed food and other hardships incident to service in field and other hospitals. Only three are suffering from the effects of wounds, and five or six from shell shock.

In the big Public Health Service hospital at Oteen, N. C., is one long ward given over to the treatment of tubercular women of the World War. There are similar wards in other hospitals, such as those at Prescott and Whipple Barracks, Ariz. Generally speaking, women who have sufficiently recovered to take vocational training and have been adjudged to be vocationally handicapped are taking courses in nursing, laboratory work and secretarial and clerical work under the Federal Board. Others, however, in small groups of from three to twelve, are pursuing courses of various kinds ranging from social service work to law.

The records show that of the 34,200 women who enlisted in the World War in the different branches of the service open to women, 21,500 were members of the Army Nurse Corps, 11,100 were Yeomen (F), 4,000 were members of the Navy Nurse Corps and 300 Marinettes. About one-half of the women who enlisted got overseas.

In addition to these women, who have been recognized as having the same military status as enlisted men of the various branches of the service, there are about 400 women who served overseas in the A. E. F., 64 of whom were in the Quarter-master Corps, 48 in the Ordnance Department, 205 in the Signal Corps and 24 in the Medical Corps, who have not as yet been recognized as having enjoyed military status. A bill giving them this status has been prepared.

OREGON LEGIONNAIRES SIT ON WORLD⁴⁷

OLD Man Alexander or whoever it was gave forth an interview in the early days expressing a longing for more worlds to conquer, the well-known Count of Monte Cristo who boasted that the earth was his filbert, and the love-sick goof who gave to posterity the song "*Love Me and the World is Mine*," had nothing on Legionnaires who participated in a climb of Mt. Hood last month under the direction, of Hood River, Oregon, post.

From the summit of Oregon's majestic peak, which resembles nothing so much as a huge dish of ice cream at a distance, no mortal could survey the panorama of earth and water, clouds and sky, without an exaltation comparable with that the Greeks attributed to the gods on Olympus. The thrill of success at reaching the summit and the magnificent view which greeted the eyes of the climber will not soon be forgotten. So successful was the expedition that on every hand at its close were pledges to be in the party for the second annual climb to be sponsored by Hood River post next summer.

Of course, the feeling that they were sitting on the earth could not outlast the climb, but the sensation was well worth the trip—take it from those who went along.

Governor Ben W. Olcott, Adjutant General George A. White, Secretary of State Sam Kozer, and Lyman G. Rice of the state bonus commission, were among the prominent Oregonians on the trip.

That the recreational stunt will be a yearly feature of national American Legion activities seems assured and ambitious plans are being made to attract Legionnaires from all sections of the country to Mount Hood next year. Dr. J. W. Sifton, delegate to the approaching national convention, will carry a formal

⁴⁷ The Pacific Legion September 1921, pg. 3

invitation to that body to participate in the 1922 ascent of Oregon's most accessible snow-capped and glacier-girdled peak. A permanent committee on arrangements will be named.

We have already obtained a promise from the Forestry Service for a lease to our camp site which will improved as much as possible with permanent fixtures," writes Kent Shoemaker, chairman of the recent climb, to *The Pacific Legion*. "Roads will be improved considerably this fall, and the 1922 climb will be made under the best possible conditions."

The hospitality and good fellowship of Hood River Legionnaires made visitors from all over the state of Oregon boosters for the next trip.

Governor Olcott declared the scheme one of great promise, not only as a recreational feature of The American Legion, but as a boosting asset for Oregon's scenic attractions. The necessity of hiking a mile and a half from the end of the road to the camp near Cooper's Spur made this year's excursion a very strenuous one. The completion, however, of the Mount Hood Loop and spur into the snowline will make it possible to start on the climb unfatigued by any long hike to camp.

"It has been one of the most wonderful experiences of my life," said Governor Olcott, as he dusted snow from his clothing after a slide of 2,000 feet down the snowfields. Mr. Kozer smiled a second to the governor's motion and both of the officials proceeded to buy alpenstocks from Guide Mark Weygandt in preparation for future mountain climbs.

While numbers of the party suffered mountain sickness and were forced to turn back after reaching a comparatively high elevation, no accident marred the occasion. The sensation of the event occurred when Mrs. Beatrice Crawford Newcomb, young matron of Buffalo, N. Y., who is spending the summer with her mother, Mrs. John Crawford, of Salem, became so ill on the summit that she was unable to return. Mrs. Crawford remained overnight at the lookout house manned by Forest Rangers Harry Smyth and Clem Blakeny. She soon recovered and is unstinted in her praise for the care given her by the rangers. Mrs. Blakeny returned her to Cloud Gap Inn and Tom Lethlean, Baker Legionnaire, and C. L. Woodrum of Salem, met her with an automobile. She returned home none the worse for the thrills.

The night campfire was a feature of the event. Mike Brennan led songs. Adjutant General White sang French solos. Oliver Huston gave some vocal numbers and Geo. R. Wilbur instructed the prospective climbers on the prospects for the following day.

Harry Sines, old cook of 12th Company, Oregon Coast Artillery, who came up from Salem specially to take charge of the mess camp, won the hearts of all by his treats of substantial foods and innumerable dainties. Nobody went hungry.

The stars of the climb were Miss Marian Butler, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Butler, and Miss Bessie Wittenberg. Both reached the summit without apparent difficulties and fresher than many veteran hikers.

Fred W. Donnerberg and Dr. V. R. Abraham, led by W. A. Langille, experienced mountaineer, formed a photographing party. Although the men skirted around the fine of climbers, visiting various pinnacles and points of vantage for photographs, they did not tie in until they had reached an elevation of 10,000 feet. Then, in spite of the fact that they had traveled a much greater distance than the lines, they led the way over the summit at 1:15 p.m.

The following is the list of those who registered at the top of the peak:

W. A. Langille, Dr. V. R. Abraham, Fred Donnerberg, official photographer.

Company A: Mark Weygandt, guide; C. M. Hurlburt, Governor Olcott, Secretary of State Kozer, Lyman G. Rice, Pendleton; E. E. Goodrich, Kent Shoemaker, C. A. Smith, Geo. R. Wilbur, Hubbard Taylor, C. E. Kolars, A. C. Johnsen, Bert Head, Marian Butler, A. W. Sundsen and George Sheppard, all of Hood River; Miss M. A. Cooper, Ralph M. Walter, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Ingalls, of Portland; Tinkham Gilbert, Miss Edna Gilbert and James Crawford, deputy state treasurer, of Salem, and Lillian Mallory, of Cascade Locks.

Company B: W. O. Sheppard, Earl Fleischman, Bessie Wittenberg, Bun Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Algie Weinheimer, Cecil Hammon, Lloyd Cameron, Edythe Sproat, John R. Kelsey, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Skibbe, L. A. Bennett, Vernon Home, of Hood River.

Company C: H. L. Shoemaker, Joe Winchell, H. W. Johnson, Don Metzgas, R. P. Sackett, Robert L. Foust, W. N. Weber, Oak M. Wood, Elmer Gupton, H. V. Hopkins, and George M. Boak, of Hood River; Harold L. Sexton and J. Scheer, of The Dalles; E. K. Oppenheimer, H. W. Hopkins, Oliver B. Huston, member of the state Legion executive committee, of Portland, and C. L. Woodrum and Mrs. Beatrice Crawford Newcomb, of Salem.

Guides assisting Mr. Weygandt were: J. P. Rice, W. E. Jones, Edward A. Phillips and C. E. Clymer. The full kitchen crew included: Robert L. Foust, first mess sergeant; Harry Sines, first cook; Milo Frederick, second cook; Bill Bailey, Don Metzgas and Bill Cochran. Committee on arrangements included: Kent Shoemaker, Robert L. Foust, Edward Van Horn, Geo. R. Wilbur and Harold Hershner, Davidson Brothers had charge of packing in camp supplies and equipment, and H. L. Shoemaker operated the provision truck.

FOLLOWING the announcement of the Rev. John W. Inzer, Baptist minister of Chattanooga, Tenn., that he would marry free of charge all service men attending the third annual convention of the American Legion at Kansas City this fall, provided they furnish the brides, a Kansas City jeweler has announced that he will furnish rings for the couples, *“even if there are 1,000 of them.”*⁴⁸

THE Yamhill County Pow-Wow is the name of a new organization comprising the five posts of the American Legion in that county.⁴⁹

THIRTY-THREE bands already have registered for the \$1,750 prize musical contest during the nation convention of the American Legion at Kansas City this fall. In the list are bands from New York, Massachusetts, Ohio, Michigan, Teas, Oklahoma, Indiana, Oregon, Kansas and Missouri.⁵⁰

ADMIT INJURED VETS TO LEGION SANS COST⁵¹

ALL disabled veterans of the late war in hospitals of Oregon will be taken into the ranks of The American Legion as full-fledged members with paying initiation fees or dues if the policy laid down by the department executive committee, in session in Portland last month, is carried out by local posts.

State headquarters of the Legion pledged itself to pay the national dues of the wounded veterans out of department funds, and to waive payment of any state dues in these cases.

The session was the first meeting held by the newly-elected department officers and executive committee of the American Legion since the Eugene convention. There were present Lane Goodell, Portland, commander; George A. Coddington, Medford, vice-commander; Edward J. Eivers, Portland, adjutant; Prescott W. Cookingham, Portland, finance officer; George A. White, Salem, national executive committeemen; George L. Wilber, Hood River; Dr. Benjamin F. Pound, Salem, and Fred E. Kiddle, La Grande, department executive committeemen.

J.W. Morris, Portland, was chosen chairman of the state grievance committee, Ben S. Morrow, Portland, was reappointed chairman of the land committee, Jane V. Doyle, Portland, of the hospitalization committee; Lane Goodell, Portland of the finance committee, and Jerrold Owen, Portland, of the publicity

⁴⁸ Beaverton Times, September 9, 1921, pg.3, image 3

⁴⁹ Beaverton Times, September 9, 1921, pg.3, image 3

⁵⁰ Beaverton Times, September 16, 1921, pg. 3, image 3

⁵¹ The Pacific Legion, September 1921, pg. 12

committee. Rev. Frank James of Dallas, department chaplain, was appointed chairman of the memorial committee.

OCTOBER

JOBLESS VETERANS TO FIGHT IN MOROCCO⁵²

A group of men receiving \$10 bills – one to each – aboard the S.S. Italia, just before it sailed from New York. These men are part of a large number show have enlisted at the Spanish consulate in New York in the foreign legion of the Spanish army for the duration of the war against the insurgents in Morocco. Among them are scores of American veterans who were out of work.

THE AUXILIARY – A GROWING POWER⁵³

*On the Eve of its First National Convention the
Big Sister of the Legion Reviews a Year of Service and Expansion*

WHEN The Women's Auxiliary of American Legion becomes a self-governing organization at Kansas City the first few days in November, it will look back upon a year in which the attainment of a great membership growth has gone hand-in-hand with hard work, genuine achievements in helping sick and disabled ex-service men, and intimate, everyday efforts which have won the sincere admiration of all Legionnaires.

The women's branch of the Legion will hold its own first annual convention in Kansas City coincident with the Third Annual Convention of The American Legion. It will elect its own national officers, make provisions for the establishment of its headquarters and receive from National Headquarters of the Legion all the records and information available pertaining to its activities to date. Thenceforth, it will shoulder its own responsibilities, marching side by side with the Legion and co-operating with the Legion in the aims which both have in common. The separation of the two organizations means simply an expanded opportunity for the women to work out the program they have made for themselves.

The growth of the Auxiliary in the past year has been remarkable. One year ago, there were 1,300 units of the Auxiliary working with posts scattered throughout the country, but there was no central organization, nor any organized departments in the States. The membership included 11,927 women. Today the Women's Auxiliary is organized by departments in thirty-seven States, its units' number 4,000 and its membership is approximately 150,000.

Today the Auxiliary is the largest organization of its kind in the world, with the greatest number of subsidiary units. There are national women's organizations for the spiritual, moral, social and intellectual life of the nation, but none of these is so all-inclusive in its membership of women. of all sections, with so many and varied interests. The mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of the men who served in the World War compose a sisterhood whose ties are strong from their common experiences of two years of wartime.

The formation of the Women's Auxiliary was largely spontaneous. Everywhere posts of The American Legion were established, groups of earnest women found themselves anxious to share in the responsibilities and bur- dens which the posts had assumed.

The greatest problem The American Legion has dealt with, the necessity of insuring adequate. care of the sick and disabled ex-service men, of seeing that those veterans who dropped by the wayside leaving their families in dis-tress were assisted, has furnished an opportunity in which much of the Auxiliary's energy has been expended. While the Legion was battling for national legislation to bring relief to the disabled, the women of the Auxiliary all over the United States were visiting hospitals, learning the individual needs of the men who thought the country had forgotten them and seeking to assist veterans' families who were

⁵² Aurora Observer, October 13, 1921, image 2

⁵³ The American Legion Weekly, October 28, 1921

suffering because breadwinners had been taken from them. In many cities, the women have helped to market baskets, lamps, toys and other articles made by the disabled men. They have established workshops in which handicapped men might make such articles. They have induced stores to sell them and give practically all the profits to the men who made them.

In certain States, the problems of the Women's Auxiliary in assisting ex- service men in hospitals and disabled men living at home have been unusually difficult because of the number of men needing assistance. The government institutions for the care and treatment of tuberculosis patients and for men of certain other classes of disability are largely concentrated in a few States in which climatic conditions are favorable. The Auxiliaries in these States have thus faced a disproportionate share of the burden of relief. They have been given aid by the departments of the Auxiliary in States which do not contain sanatoria or hospitals. With the perfection of the national organization, the burden of relief work will be further equalized among the units.

The Auxiliary units have promoted many movements for the general welfare of the communities in which they exist. In New Hampshire, for instance, the units all over the State engaged in a housing and sanitary survey of towns and cities and rural districts. The Auxiliary in South Dakota established Citizenship Clubs, composed of the younger men and women of many communities, for the study of the American Constitution and the ideals and principles of our Government. In Boulder, Colo., the Women's Auxiliary supplied a civic need when it established a tea room and dining room to serve the many tourists who visited the city. The Auxiliary in Rhode Island has provided for the erection of a State memorial to the mothers of the men and women who served in the World war. Auxiliary units in many States have taken the lead in obtaining public libraries, community houses, playgrounds and parks for the towns and cities in which they are located.

In all these activities the units have worked in close touch with the posts of The American Legion. The two organizations working together have been able to enlist the support of many other organizations in their communities. If there were no other reason for the existence of the Women's Auxiliary, the part it has taken in providing social opportunities, for its own members, Legionnaires and citizens generally would make it more than worthwhile.

The efforts of the Auxiliary, extensive as they have been, may be considered as only having started. As the existing unit each learn from their own efforts and benefit by the experience of all the other units, as the formation of new units proceeds and as the cooperation between the Legion posts and the Auxiliary units is strengthened, the Women's Auxiliary promises to become a national institution whose influence will be felt in every American community. Most certainly, in the future the Legion post which is not associated with a unit of the Auxiliary will be a rarity.

THIRTY-TWO OF NATIONS GREATEST OF WAR HEROES TO VISIT LEGION CONVENTION⁵⁴

By Thomas Wrigley

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 31 – Thirty-two of the world war heroes who won the highest citation – the congressional medal of honor – will attend the third annual national convention of the American Legion in this city October 31 and November 1 and 2.

Special plans have been made to entertain these heroes of American and they will head the Legion parade of 40,000 marching men on the afternoon of the second day of the convention.

Congress awarded but 78 medals for heroism in the world war. Some of the awards were posthumous. Only 55 of the heroes are living today.

⁵⁴ Capital Journal, October 31, 1921, pg. 2, image 2

These men, more than anyone else, established in the eyes of foreign armies the reputation of the American soldier. Their brave deeds were a pattern for recruits and an assurance to the folks at home that America's soldiers would not quail under fire.

Here is the citation of Louis Van Ieresal of Passaic, N.J. It is noteworthy in view of the fact that he is entitled to wear thirteen United States and foreign decorations:

"While a member of the reconnaissance patrol, sent out at night to ascertain the condition of a damaged bridge, Sergeant Van Ieresal volunteered to lead a party across the bridge in the face of heavy machine gun fire and rifle fire from a range of only seventy-five yards.

"Crawling along the debris of the ruined bridge, he came upon a trap which gave way and precipitated him into the water. In spite of the swift current, he succeeded in swimming across the stream and found a lodging place among the timbers on the opposite bank. Disregarding the enemy fire, he made a careful investigation of the hostile position by which the bridge was defended, and then returned to the other bank of the river, reporting this valuable information to the battalion commander."

These honor men have accepted the convention committee's invitation to attend the convention: Joseph b. Adkinson, Memphis, Tenn.; Private Charles D. Berger, 38th infantry, company D, Camp Pike, Ark.; John L. Barkley, Blairstown, Mo.; Frank J. Burt, Newark, N.J.; James C. Dezler, Rockhill, S.C.; Alan L. Eggers, New York City; Arthur J. Forrest, Hannibal, Mo.; Gary Evans Foster, Inman, S.C.; Harold A. Furlong, Detroit, Mich.; Earl D. Gregory, Chase City, Va.; Sidney G. Bumpertz, New York City; M. Waldo Hatler, Kansas City; Ralyn Hill, Byron, Ill.; Richmond Hilton, Kershaw, S.C.; August E. Jansen, New York City; Harold I. Johnston, Denver, Colo.; Philip C. Katz, San Francisco, Cal.; Benjamin Kaufman, Brooklyn, N.Y.

JAPANESE IMMIGRATION MUST CEASE⁵⁵

This is the policy of the American Legion on the Pacific Coast, expressed in resolution and memorial at annual conventions this year;

Question is held of vital importance by Legionnaires and other veterans.

ACCORDING to all indications the big thing for which the Pacific Coast delegates at the coming National Convention of the American Legion will work is Japanese exclusion.

Indeed, there is a strong probability that these delegates will not stop at a demand for the mere exclusion of future immigrants from Japan but will ask for the repatriation by that country of all the Japanese now settled on American soil.

The recent American Legion state conventions in California and Washington by a significant coincidence both recommended that our government not only put a stop to further Japanese immigration but that it bring pressure upon the Japanese government to recall those of its nationals now here.

If the national government is finally aroused to telling the government of Japan immigration from that country must cease it will be due in a large measure to the efforts of the veteran organizations on the Pacific Coast, and, not the least among them, the veterans of the state of Washington.

The alien land bill which passed in the last session of the Washington legislature was almost entirely the result of the pressure brought to bear by the veterans of that state, and if the veterans of Oregon and Idaho will get as solidly and wholeheartedly behind the bill at the next session of the Oregon and Idaho legislatures, it will go through by a well-nigh unanimous vote, of the Washington Legion workers.

Just now Legionnaires of the state of Washington are concentrating their efforts in an attempt to have the question of Japanese immigration made an issue at the coming disarmament conference with a view to obtaining from the Japanese government recognition of the principle of exclusion of the two races from each other's territories, exception being made in the case of travelers, students and a limited class of merchants.

⁵⁵ The Pacific Legion, October 1921, pg. 3

The city council of Seattle, which has three veteran members out of nine, unanimously voted a memorial to the Secretary of State urging the conference to settle the question of immigration as an indispensable prerequisite to future peace and friendship between the United States and Japan.

Persons who have closely studied the Japanese question recognize that the smuggling in of Japanese can never be stopped while a large Japanese population exists among which those illegally crossing our borders or landing on our coasts may conceal and merge themselves. It is also recognized that the prolific Japanese birth rate among those already here threatens to produce within a few years an uncontrollably large Japanese population, regardless of future immigration.

For these reasons it is anticipated that the Pacific Coast delegates to the Kansas City Convention will work for a ringing declaration calling upon the national authorities to stop all further Japanese immigration and to take immediate steps looking to the return to the return to Japan of all Japanese now here.

This recommendation, it is highly probable, will be made to the American delegates to the disarmament conference which President Harding has called to meet on Armistice Day. According to press dispatches the Japanese intend to demand formal recognition by the conference of their racial equality, which means their right to migrate to all countries as freely as all other nationalities, and the Pacific Coast veterans have taken the stand that the best answer to this demand will be a counter offensive by the American delegates demanding the complete elimination of the Japanese as an element of our population. In fact, this was advocated in a resolution passed by the National Encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars a year ago.

But the various veteran organizations have shown their resistance to the Japanese in ways even more effective than by passing resolutions. The overwhelming vote for the anti-alien land law in California was very largely, and in Washington almost entirely, due to the work of the veterans in those states. The American Legion posts on the Yakima Indian reservation in Washington started the ball rolling with an appeal to their comrades throughout the state for aid in combatting the Japanese by putting over the alien land bill. In response to this appeal, numerous posts of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and United Spanish War Veterans not only sent convincing memorials to the legislature but sent delegations of their members who spoke before the committee and on the floor. The bill was passed by a vote of 71 to 19 in the House and 36 to 2 in the Senate.

In Texas the American Legion did equally good work. State Senator R. M. Dudley, who put the alien land bill through the legislature of that state writes:

"I want to say that this bill was the product of co-operation between the American Legion of Texas and myself. In fact, the El Paso American Legion deserves the honor of the initiative in this matter, and but for the co-operation of the American Legion members of the Texas legislature, I could not have secured its passage. As far as Texas is concerned, our agricultural lands were the objects of the Japanese, and they fought us with the strongest lobby, which was abundantly supplied with money at Austin, which shows that it was an organized attempt to get our lands and especially on the Border, which may mean more than appears on the surface."

Very much the same story might be told of the veterans in Colorado, Nebraska, Arizona and New Mexico, where chiefly through their efforts similar laws were enacted by the recent session of the legislatures in each of those two states.

The Washington State Convention of the American Legion at its meeting in Hoquiam last July addressed a memorial drawn by a committee of which Philip Tindall was chairman, to the President and Congress in which, among other things, it says:

"The matter of immediately stopping all further Japanese immigration to this country is one of the most pressing international questions with which our government has to deal. This problem has become critical by reason of the neglect, due to lack of understanding, of past administrations regardless of party. It is becoming more acute with every Japanese who comes into this country. To neglect it further will be to call

down upon ourselves the execrations of posterity, for our indifference will have forced upon them, to be settled in strife, a problem which we, by the exhibition of foresight and by standing firmly upon our sovereign rights, can settle now in peace and amity.

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"The experience of mankind from the beginning of history tells us that races so divergent in type as to be incapable of amalgamation through intermarriage cannot live together in harmony on a plane of social equality.

During the year 1920 out of 6208 births registered in King county in this state, 730, or one in nine, were Japanese.

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"The only complete solution of the problem resulting from the presence of this unassimilable element among us would be to arrange for the return to Japan of every person of Japanese birth or descent in this country upon indemnification for resulting financial loss. No other solution can give full satisfaction or assure the elimination of inter-racial conflicts.

"If this plan be not possible of execution then it is imperative at least to bring about the immediate cessation of all further Japanese immigration either by act of Congress or by treaty or both. Preferably this should be accomplished in the manner least likely to offend the sensibilities of the Japanese people. But whatever form it may take, the exclusion—except as to travelers, students and a limited class of merchants—should be absolute, and its enforcement should be solely in the hands of our government and not in any particular in those of the Japanese government, as is now the case by virtue of the so-called gentlemen's agreement."

At the Oregon convention at Eugene this year, a similar memorial, in resolution form was presented by Barge E. Leonard and adopted unanimously. The Americanization committee report, Jerrold Owen, chairman, recommended the passage of national legislation prohibiting na-automatically {sic} becoming citizens of this country.

WOMEN OF LEGION TO HOLD NATIONAL CONVENTION⁵⁶

Wives, Sisters Mothers and Sweethearts to Have Busy Session

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 29 – While the men who made American's army and navy during the world war are occupied here next week with the third national convention of the American Legion, wives, sisters, mothers and sweethearts of many of these same men expect to be busy with a convention of their own – the first national convention of the women's auxiliary of the American Legion.

Indications are that, while the women's convention will not be as large as the men's, it will have as many matters to engage its members.

Its principal purpose is to perfect organization of the auxiliary. It will also select a definite and official name. Some members favor calling it by its present title – the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion. Others are in favor of designating the organization as "The Women of the American Legion.

Qualifications for membership are expected to be drawn up, policies outlined, and national officers elected.

The women's organization owes much of its strength to the work of Miss Pauline Curnick, national organizer and director. Legion officials say. She will preside at the opening session of the women's convention Tuesday morning, November 1.

The Rev. Burriss A. Jenkins of this city will give the invocation. National Commander John G. Emery will then open the convention, and Admiral Beatty, who was made an earl of the British realm for the part he played in the battle of Jutland, and Lieutenant-General Baron Jacques of Belgium will speak. The

⁵⁶ The Sunday Oregonian, October 30, 1921, Section two, pg. 24, image 46

convention will adjourn at noon to give the women an opportunity to watch the legion parade. A dinner in honor of Lady Beatty, the British admiral's American wife, for Mrs. John G. Emery, wife of the national commander of the legion, and other distinguished women guests, will be given that evening.

Wednesday will be devoted to business. General Pershing and Marshal Foch are expected to greet the women that morning, however, in very brief speeches. Late in the afternoon, if the convention committee's schedule is carried out, the convention will adjourn sine die for tea at the Women's City club.

Mrs. R.B. Teachenor, whose two sons served in France, has been chairman in charge of plans for the convention.

| How The Department of Oregon Ranked, October 1921 | | | | | | |
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| State | Total Number of Posts | | Standing by Total Membership | | Standing in Proportion of Membership to Potential Membership | |
| | 1920 | 1921 | 1920 | 1921 | 1920 | 1921 |
| Oregon | 88 | 103 | 21 | 22 | 10 | 10 |

NOVEMBER

OUR MISSION IN OREGON⁵⁷

By Lane Goodell, Commander American Legion, Department of Oregon

IN THE third year of its existence, the American Legion of Oregon has before it two clearly defined duties, one in connection with the administration of the provisions of the state bonus and loan act, the other in dealing with the Japanese problem.

We must see that no fraud creeps into loan or bonus payments, that the unsuspecting ex-service man is protected from the unscrupulous grafter, and that the state of Oregon is not swindled by un-grateful crooks who at one time wore the uniform of the United States. The American Legion posts are at present doing a valuable service to the state in the distribution of bonus blanks, the answering of queries and the filling out of applications. This should be continued until every veteran who is entitled to the benefits of the bill shall have had opportunity to make his application.

But there is another way in which Legionnaires may be of assistance to the state which has shown its appreciation of their war service by an overwhelming vote. We can stand between the swindlers and our buddies, and we can prevent ex-service men without a conscience from victimizing the state. We should be hot on the trail of unscrupulous contractors who have a fishy eye on the \$3,000 loan. We can be active in the prosecution of those caught.

Among the 35,000 odd service men in Oregon there are some who will attempt to secure benefits under the act to which they are not entitled. There are others who never saw service in any branch who will be ready with forged discharges, fake credentials and monumental nerve to take advantage of the bonus or loan. We should bend every effort to weed out these fakers and push their prosecution to the limit.

Another duty in this connection which is ours is that of pointing out to our comrades the superior financial benefits to be derived from the loan, in comparison with the cash bonus of \$15 per month of service. Why, a standing credit of \$3,000 with the state of Oregon, if never used, is worth more than a few hundred dollars' cash in the pocket. Many ex-service men will not see this viewpoint until it is explained to them. It is principally shortsightedness which is responsible for more than 50 per cent of the applications now before the world-war veterans' state aid commission calling for cash bonuses.

⁵⁷ The Pacific Legion, November 1921, pg. 14

There are many instances in which an imperative need of the cash overshadows future advantages of a loan at easy interest, but they are not nearly so numerous as glances over present applications would indicate. It is well for every veteran to think twice before he surrenders his right to a loan for a little ready money.

THE Japanese problem is more than a problem in Oregon. It is rapidly approaching the proportions of a menace. At the convention of the American Legion in Eugene last July we voted to instruct the state executive committees—in the event that the national government failed to take definite action on the Japanese question by January 1—to prepare an anti-Asiatic land bill and circulate petitions which would place the act on the ballot at the next election.

The state legislature ignored the attempt of the American Legion to obtain passage of such a bill this year. If we are put to it to initiate a bill it will have far more teeth in it than the legislature would ever have considered. And we have no doubt of the result of a vote on the same.

The American Legion is situated fortunately in the matter of circulating an initiative petition. With its more than 100 posts in the state, the Legion in Oregon can obtain sufficient signatures to a petition it is backing within a few weeks, possibly days, to put the measure on the ballot.

The American Legion's bill before the last legislature was killed by the Portland Chamber of Commerce. Of this there is no question. Through the representatives of the chamber in the legislature—all of whom are known to the Legion—it was instrumental in securing the telegram from Senator McNary which was brought to the attention of the session and which pointed out that Senator Lodge stated that any action by Oregon at that time on the Japanese question might embarrass the national government in its ticklish diplomatic exchanges with the imperial government of Japan. I do not believe the things which influenced the legislature will have much weight with the people of Oregon when the issue is raised.

The American Legion could not and cannot now agree with the Chamber of Commerce that we should jeopardize the future of our children for the sake of a few Japanese dollars at the present. WE, AS Legionnaires, have a duty to ourselves. That duty is best set forth in the last clause of the preamble to our national constitution. It is "to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

To me this means not just a kind word and a good wish for a comrade, but actual, concrete help for your buddy. There are many ways in which this spirit of "mutual helpfulness" can be exemplified. If you are an employer, make a point of seeing that as many service men working for you as possible. Give the service man preference for a job at all times, other things being approximately equal. If you are only a consumer—as 95 per cent of us are—try and buy all your merchandise, all your bonds, all your food, all your luxuries or necessities from men wearing the button.

In business enterprises of any nature where it is possible, show favor to service men—where other things are equal, or nearly equal. Remember that the fact that a man served his country in time of need entitles him to your first consideration. Even when other qualifications are not altogether equal, remember that the proved loyalty of your comrade will overcome considerable other handicaps.

"Mutual helpfulness" should not be pursued to the point of inconsistency or absurdity. If a man shows himself not to be worthy of trust or confidence, he deserves no special consideration merely because he is a service man in an army of four million men, many chosen through the embracing sweep of the selective draft, there were certain to be some unworthy of confidence when they entered, who were discharged without any particular change in their character.

But always give the service man the benefit of the doubt. Always assume that he is trustworthy, and if he proves unreliable treat him no different than you would a slacker guilty of the same breach. The only exception to this should be the disabled veteran whose lack of stability may be traced directly to injuries or experiences in service. The wounded veteran is entitled to every courtesy, to every favor, to every bit of

concrete assistance in rehabilitation within your power to grant. He is still paying the price of war. He will continue to foot the bill for the remainder of his life perhaps, not in dollars and cents, but in youth and health.

Remember that when you help another service man you are helping yourself. When the spirit of mutual helpfulness is instilled in us all, when we really live up to the magnificent preamble to our constitution, then, and not before, will the American Legion come into its own.

U.S. Veterans Hospital, Portland, opened November 1, 1921

600,000 VETS OF WAR ARE JOBLESS⁵⁸

Survey by American Legion Shows Desperate Plight of Men Who Went to Front

FIGHTING FOR EXISTENCE

Former Service Men Battling Harder Now and Under Greater Odds

Than They Fought in the Trenches in France

INDIANAPOLIS – Between 600,000 and 700,000 veterans of the World War are out of employment and struggling for existence, according to a survey completed by the American Legion.

Many of these men, the survey discloses, are fighting harder now and under greater odds perhaps than the fought in the trenches.

The survey was conducted through the 11,000 posts of the Legion. Pennsylvania alone reported 150,000 ex-service men out of work. The New York Legion department estimated 100,000 veterans jobless in the state, and Illinois and Massachusetts reported respectively 35,000 and 30,000 ex-service men out of work.

AUXILIARY ELECTS OHIOAN⁵⁹

Women Bar Grandmothers of Veterans in Organization

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 2. – Mrs. Lowell Hobart of Milford, O., was chosen national president of the American Legion auxiliary, the women's organization.

The Women, who held their first national convention today, chose as their official designation the American Legion auxiliary. They voted to make mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of veterans of the world war eligible for membership and voted to exclude grandmothers.

A constitution was adopted and several resolutions dealing with the treatment of disabled soldiers were adopted.

BEN DORRIS IS PICKED TO REPRESENT OREGON⁶⁰

BEN F. DORRIS, of Eugene, commander of Lane county post, is the choice of the American Legion of Oregon as representative at the funeral ceremonies for the unknown doughboy of the A.E.F. to be held at Arlington Cemetery, Washington, D.C., on Armistice day. The selection was affirmed by national headquarters of the Legion.

In civilian life Dorris is specializing in filbert culture and the raising of asparagus, in which lines he has attained an enviable reputation. This, with a heavy percentage of disability listed against him by the war department, due to his jaw being shot away near Steenbruggem, Belgium, October 31, 1918.

He is 31 years old. Dorris received a commission as second lieutenant at the first officers' training camp, Presidio, San Francisco, was assigned to 362d Infantry, 91st Division, promoted to first lieutenant July 1, 1918, was in command of Company H, 362d Infantry, when wounded. Discharge papers were received

⁵⁸ Aurora Observer, November 3, 1921, image 2

⁵⁹ Morning Oregonian, November 3, 1921, pg. 3, image 3

⁶⁰ The Pacific Legion, November 1921, pg. 33

when released from the Letterman general hospital, San Francisco, after a new jaw had been formed and face repaired by plastic surgery, January 13, 1920. Dorris received a citation for bravery from General Pershing and is holder of the Belgian Croix de Guerre.

OREGON'S VETERAN HOME⁶¹

By Miss Jane V. Doyle

Chairman Hospitalization Committee American Legion, Department of Oregon

IN the city of Portland convalescent veterans of the world war and vocational students have found a home second to none in comfort, cleanliness and beautiful surroundings. Cooperation of local veteran organizations led by The American Legion and the generality of a beading committee of the Masonic order are responsible for the lease to the Legion, rent free for at least two years, of two handsome residences—the old homes of wealthy Portland families—situated in an entire block noted for the attraction of its trees, shrubbery and landscape gardening.

The home, known as the Oregon Ex-Service Men's Club, is in the block bounded by West Park, Tenth, Main and Madison streets, and is only four blocks from the city's business district.

The club was established for men who come to Portland for United Sate Health Service outpatient treatment - convalescents from United States Public Health Service hospitals and single men in vocational training in Portland. The house is to be self-supporting and a charge for room and board is made sufficient to maintain it in a suitable manner, vocational students paying their own way, United States Public Health Service requisitions being pay for the transients. In time it is possible that a contract with the Veterans' Bureau will be established for the maintenance of the convalescent patients from the hospitals. Red Cross clients are also sent to the club during the interval of readjustments of compensation, etc.

There is a board of directors, chairman of which is always to be the commander of Portland post, American Legion, composed of two members of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Commission of the state of Oregon, two American Legion men, one member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and one a member of Disabled Veterans of the World War. All of the present directors are members of Portland post, American Legion, as well as being representatives of the other organizations. They are: T. H. Boyd, commander of Portland post; Clarence R. Hotchkiss, E. T. Stretcher, Wm. Payne, Frank Moore, Grace Phelps and Jane V. Doyle.

It is not easy to find a home in the midst of strangers, especially when one's means are limited, even for the strong man or woman. How more difficult the search for a home has been and how unsatisfactory the result in the case of the ex-service man, who, coming to the city for training or medical care, finds himself among strangers, paying almost his entire income for a room in a not particularly clean rooming house and inferior meals in restaurants.

The need of a clean, well furnished, well managed house, where lodgings and good, wholesome food would be provided at a low cost was felt for a long time by those who had the interest of the ex-service men at heart and in the early Fall of 1920, the suggestion. was made by Dr. N. E. Wayson, officer in charge of Portland office, United States Public Health Service hospital, that a suitable boarding house or hotel be found for the men receiving outpatient treatment.

This suggestion was heartily endorsed by Kenneth Cooper, local supervisor F. B. V. E., and a joint hospital committee formed of representatives of all the veterans' organizations undertook to find the place. After what appeared to be a fruitless search, the Masonic building committee generously agreed to lend their beautiful property on West Park street until such time as they were ready to begin building their new



⁶¹ The Pacific Legion, November 1921, pg. 35

temple to The American Legion. The Soldiers' and Sailors' Commission of the state of Oregon was then appealed to furnish the two houses.

Mrs. Helena Rigler, the "house mother," began furnishing and organizing her household August 1, 1921. The boys began to take possession on the 15th of August, and they are still arriving, some with the intention of making it their home until their vocational training is completed. Others not yet having arrived at the "training" stage, but seeking relief from ill health, pass through on their way, perhaps, to the hospital and are given comfort and cheer.

Mrs. Rigler's intention is that every man is made to feel at home. He will be nursed if he is sick, scolded if he does not mind, will be well fed and will be allowed to bring his girl to dinner or to dance and must behave generally as a normal man in a good home should—but there are no other rules or regulations.

STATE OF OREGON

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

SALEM

To the Members of The American Legion:

November again brings the observance of the anniversary of Armistice Day, one of the most eventful days in the world's history, and adds another year to the lives of those who acted and participated in the thrilling scenes of that momentous day.

The passing of that year has seen the people of Oregon, by an overwhelming vote, give some expression of the gratitude they feel toward the men from this state who responded to their country's call. The feeling of appreciation which we have for our ex-service men is one which will never wane, but rather will grow as the years go by.

I wish to compliment The American Legion upon the way it has established itself in the hearts of the people. It has shown itself as an organization worthy to represent the great causes for which it stands, and I am sure the years will make its efforts ripe with rich rewards.

Respectfully,

(Signed) BEN W. OLCOTT,

Governor

RATIFICATIONS EXCHANGED⁶²

BERLIN, Nov. 11. – Ratifications of the German-American peace treaty were exchanged here tonight at the foreign office between Ellis Loring Dresel, the American commissioner, and Dr. Karl Wirth, chancellor and minister of foreign affairs.

⁶² Oregon City Enterprise, November 18, 1921, pg. 4, image 4

National Officials for 1922⁶³

National Commander
Hanford MacNider
Of Iowa

National Vice-Commanders
George L. Berry
of Tennessee

Raymond O. Brackett
of Massachusetts

John A. McCormick
of Colorado

Charles S. Kendrick
of California

S. Nelson Jackson
of Vermont

National Adjutant
Lemuel Bolles
of Washington

National Treasurer
Robert H. Tyndall
of Indiana

National Judge Advocate
Robert A. Adams
Of Indiana

Assistant National Adjutant
Russell G. Creviston
of Indiana

National Historian
Eben Putnam
of Massachusetts

ENTER THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY⁶⁴

*The Re-Christened Women's Auxiliary, in National Convention Assembled,
Sets Sail with a Helmsman of Its Own Choosing at the Wheel*

THE American Legion Auxiliary came into being November 2nd at Kansas City a perfected national organization having representatives of every State in the Union, either official or unofficial, on the convention floor. The name was selected by delegates of the Women's Auxiliary of The American Legion from every State but Alabama, Arkansas, Maryland, Tennessee, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming, and these seven States had unofficial representatives without vote on the floor. The Territory of Hawaii was represented by a duly authorized delegate.

Beginning with the preamble, The American Legion Auxiliary adopted the principles of practically all the articles of physical organization embodied in the Constitution of The American Legion. A clause reading, "To participate in and contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion" was inserted into The American Legion preamble.

⁶³ The American Legion Weekly, November 18, 1921

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Other articles of the Auxiliary constitution emphasized the principle that The American Legion Auxiliary shall be non-political and non-sectarian and that no official of the Auxiliary, local or national, may hold a salaried appointive or elective public office.

In policy, The American Legion Auxiliary again demonstrated its oneness of purpose with the Legion. The Legion's ambitions in Americanism and legislation were upheld, and the Auxiliary gave ample proof that it will aid to the best of its ability the Legion's efforts to secure justice for the disabled World War veterans.

The Auxiliary convention urged every State to cooperate with the Federal Government in providing courses in citizenship and instruction in English for native and foreign-born adults in need of such instruction. Educational institutions are to be asked to include in their curriculum a course in citizenship for all prospective teachers of citizenship classes. Members of the Auxiliary were pledged to take every possible step to interest and encourage aliens in Americanism.

While "praying in their hearts" that the time may soon come when the nations of the world may disarm, the convention petitioned the President of the United States and Congress "to maintain adequate and efficient military forces which will be capable of fully protecting the rights and ideals of the United States so long as the present need for such forces continues to exist." The question of justice to disabled soldiers and sailors was taken up with an enthusiasm that promised not to wane as long as the need for proper hospitalization and vocational training exists. The Auxiliary started a nationwide movement to encourage the erection of monuments in the form of hospitals and homes for disabled ex-service men. The Government was also called upon to furnish clothing for disabled men not receiving compensation. Purchases of articles made in America were urged upon members, preference being asked for articles made by disabled men in vocational training schools.

And then the women's convention voted its unanimous support to the Adjusted Compensation bill now before Congress which has the backing of The American Legion.

National officers were empowered to negotiate with the French authorities with a view toward establishing a memorial school to commemorate the friendship between American soldiers and sailors and the orphan children of France, the school to be an agricultural branch of the Joffre Institute of Vocational Training, and to be known as the "Foyer d'Apprentissage Foch," The American Legion Auxiliary plans to build and maintain this school.

Unanimous decision to support The American Legion in the posts, departments and nationally, in all its aims and purposes was the keynote of the Auxiliary convention. The closest contact with the Legion was urged as necessary to the organization, and harmony was emphasized as another requisite of success and helpfulness. The Auxiliary will avail itself of the services of the National Judge Advocate and the National Legislative Committee and of other officers of The American Legion. Eligibility requirements were broadened, giving membership privileges not only to the mothers, sisters, wives and daughters of ex-service men and women, but also to stepmothers, foster mothers, and stepdaughters, if any of these are recognized as legal relatives in the State wherein, they reside. Honorary and life memberships are not to be permitted.

While national dues were fixed at twenty-five cents per capita, the Executive Committee was authorized to levy, by two-thirds vote, an assessment not to exceed fifty cents. Annual national conventions of the Auxiliary will be held at the same time and place as national conventions of the Legion. Each department will be represented at national conventions by five delegates, plus one for each additional thousand members or major fraction thereof. Department conventions will choose delegates as they may decide. The Auxiliary decided to have a uniform ceremonial for the opening and closing of meetings. Charters previously issued by The American Legion to Auxiliary units were confirmed and ratified and it was decided that hereafter each unit shall take the name and number of the post to which it is attached.

The convention laid down complete rules to govern its future conduct. The Executive Committee, like that of the Legion, will be the guiding authority of The American Legion Auxiliary between conventions. Twenty-five committeewomen will constitute a quorum. National conventions will be guided largely by the

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It was voted that departments must be duly chartered before they will be entitled to representation in national conventions, but each department may draw up its own constitution so long as that document is consistent with the National Constitution. The National Executive Committee is empowered to suspend or revoke a department charter for certain specified offenses. Departments are made responsible for units and will be required to discipline unruly or recalcitrant units.

Department and organizations are to be similar to the national organization. The highest executive department office will be that of president, while each department also will have a secretary, an executive committee and such other officers as may be deemed necessary according to conditions in the State.

The American Legion Auxiliary elected the following officers:

National President, Mrs. Lowell Hobart, Milford, Ohio; National Vice-presidents, Mrs. Madge Johnson, Aberdeen, S. D.; Mrs. Carrol Marks, Los Angeles, Cal.; Mrs. Edward Clinton Murray, Houston, Texas; Mrs. Clarence R. Edwards, the wife of General Edwards, Westwood, Mass., and Mrs. W. H. Cudworth, Milwaukee, Wis.; National Chaplain, Mrs. F. O. Burdick, Wichita Falls, Texas; National Treasurer, Miss Izetta McCoy, Topeka, Kans. Miss Pauline Curnick, acting National Secretary, was officially appointed National Secretary and the appointment was unanimously confirmed by the National Executive Committee.

Mrs. Hobart, the newly elected National President of The American Legion Auxiliary, is president of the Auxiliary unit of Robert E. Bentley Post of Cincinnati, O., near her home the post of which the late National Commander, Frederick W. Galbraith, Jr., was a member. When war was declared, Mrs. Hobart became active in war work. She established a hostess house at Louisville, Ky., and was accredited by the Belgian Government with sending the first package of clothing from the United States to the Belgian war sufferers. She is president of the Girls' Patriotic League, a member of the Colonial Dames, Secretary for Ohio of the Society of Mayflower Descendants and Regent of the Cincinnati Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Miss Curnick, National Secretary of the organization, acted as secretary during the period of organization, her work having been carried on through National Headquarters of The American Legion. She supervised the formation of forty departments of the Auxiliary and was present at the final organization of twenty-two departments.

FULL PUNISHMENT⁶⁵

EUGENE V. DEBS, Grover Cleveland Bergdoll and others who were notoriously seditious or notoriously cowardly during the war represent un-Americanism as an institution. For that reason, The American Legion at Kansas City asked that each receive his full meed of punishment. The Legion was not vindictive, as radical and some liberal publications assert; the Legion was actuated by principles of patriotism which have been violated by Debs and Bergdoll in the two most striking examples which have come to public attention.

The release of Debs would continue a precedent which we cannot afford to establish permanently. Political amnesty was granted generally after our former wars, but the precedents of the Revolution and of the Civil War do not apply to the World War, when we were a unified nation except for dangerous, discordant elements of which Debs and Bergdoll were typical.

The suspicion that Debs, Bergdoll, Linn A. E. Gale and others of their kind would never have committed the offenses of which they were guilty had it not been for the amnesties of the past will always be with us. It is easy for a man to break the law, knowing that he will suffer but a small part of the punishment meted out to him at the time the law is broken. But if we are to avoid future danger, we must not allow time to mitigate the crimes of the past. The war may be a memory now, but we owe it to the future to keep also the memory that those who transgressed during the war were adequately punished. In the future let there be no precedents of graciousness to criminals, merely because the opportunity for crime has passed.

Burglars are not released from jail because vaults they once opened are now burglar-proof. Murderers are not released because their victims are dead.

THE TEN BEST BETS⁶⁶

Winter is here, and it ought to be the liveliest season in the life of all posts. Is your entertainment committee shy on ideas? Here's a list of the ten best bets in winter activity, prepared by the Post Activities Section, National Headquarters.

1. Smokers. Open meetings with fathers or groups from various civic organizations as guests – short program – addresses by one of the guests and by a member of your post. Result, greater interest in the Legion and closer cooperation between the Legion and civic bodies.
2. Athletics. Bowling, basketball, hockey. Have your post represented by a team in city or county leagues. Arouse interest through inter-post competitions.

⁶⁵ The American Legion Weekly, November 18, 1921

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3. Observance of Patriotic Holidays. Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays. Cooperate with the G.A.R., Spanish-American war Veterans, other veterans' and civic organizations, local labor bodies, etc.
4. Boxing and Wrestling exhibitions. Inter-post competition preferable to professional bouts.
5. Home Talent Plays. Secure assistance of American Legion Auxiliary and the young women of your city. Books of minstrel shows and of plays can be obtained by addressing Community Service, Inc., 1 Madison Ave., New Your City, and the A.E.F. Play Library, 6-8 East 37th St., New York City.
6. Dances. To be given periodically. To increase interest and attendance, introduce novelty dances, such as "*Hard Times*," "*Masque or Carnival*," "*Farm Dance*," etc. Have special dances at Christmas, New Year's and military balls on patriotic holidays. Arrange card games or a short program to interest those who do not dance.
7. La Societé des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux. Recognized by the Third National Convention as the inner fun-making body of the Legion. Organize a Voiture.
8. American Legion Auxiliary. Hold joint meetings with Auxiliary periodically. If no Auxiliary unit is organized, get busy. Its assistance in invaluable.
9. Americanization Work. Place speakers at the disposal of your schools, factories, etc. Have committees attend naturalization ceremonies and present American flags and copies of the United States Constitution to newly made citizens.
10. Community Activity. Be on the job in every civic activity. Assist in the establishment of community centers playgrounds and parks. Sponsor Boy Scout activities. If there isn't a troop in your community organize one.

RED CROSS GIVES \$310,000 TO AID 'CLEAN-UP' DRIVE⁶⁷

AS appropriation of \$310,000 for Red Cross work in connection with the "clean-up" campaign instituted by the Government to bring the claims of all disabled service men who are entitled to Federal aid before the proper government bureau for action, has been made by the American Red Cross. The executive Committee of the American Red Cross is making the appropriation authorized the appropriation of \$35,000 of this sum to the American Legion to defray the expense of the Legion representatives assigned to the various districts of the Veterans Bureau.

The remainder of the appropriation was authorized for apportionment among the several Divisions of the Red Cross for carrying on that part of the "clean-up" work that falls directly upon the Red Cross organization.

WITH THE LEGION DELEGATION IN FRANCE

By William B. Follett

*Past Commander Department of Oregon,
and Past National Vice-Commander American Legion*

FOLLOWING the instructions of Lane Goodell, commander of the Department of Oregon, I reported to Colonel Francis Drake, commander of the Department of France, at Paris, on the 9th of August, and was invited by him to accompany the official reception committee to Cherbourg on that date.

We boarded the tender, which was gaily decorated with flags, at 5 o'clock in the morning and were hardly out of the harbor when the George Washington appeared coming out of the mist, decked in flags and escorted by two French destroyers and two hydroplanes. It was a beautiful sight, most as welcome as the real American breakfast that I was served with half an hour later when I boarded with Commander Ward. I had forgotten what real coffee tasted like.

⁶⁷ Beaverton Times, November 18, 1921, pg. 3, image 3

It was necessary to remain on board two hours and in that time, we met many old friends, but not at the bar, which had run dry the night before. The only passengers, besides the Legion delegation, strange to say, were 56 Germans going to Hamburg.

The delegation boarded the tender at 8 o'clock and, escorted by the destroyers with yards manned and bands playing the American national anthem, entered the harbor. Everyone in Cherbourg was up to greet them, the tricolor and the Stars and Stripes were everywhere.

A more enthusiastic reception could not possibly have been. Old men, young men, women and children formed a solid mass of humanity along both sides of the route, with every window and roof full. "*Vive l'Amerique*," and the reply from the delegates, "*Vive la France*," was heard all the way. It was the genuineness and sincerity of this welcome that made it so significant. It was the most touching sort of expression of friendship that was re-consecrated through the war, and it was only necessary to observe the women, who were crying, to be convinced of it.

At the Hotel de Ville a breakfast was served with our first "vin d'Honneur." One of the delegates counted as many as 53 that we had on the trip. Every town or village where we stopped, we were escorted to the Hotel de Ville, where we listened to long speeches in French that were only made possible to our weary legs by the vin d'Honneur that was served at the same time. Always champagne, and if one didn't want it, it was best not to empty the glass, for it would at once be refilled. I can't at this moment remember a delegate who did not empty his glass as quickly as possible, but then I was quite busy myself and might have missed seeing him.

From the Hotel de Ville we marched to the special train and left for Paris. This trip is a repetition of "never has happened before." The special train that the delegation had was composed of salon cars, used only for royalty—eleven cars and two diners. It was with us the entire trip, or perhaps we were with it. When we left Cherbourg the chief engineer of the division was in the cab—"never before." We arrived in Paris in one hour under the best running time that had ever been made before. We arrived at the Gare Saint-Lazare at 4:45 and had our first taste of a royal reception. The platform was covered with red carpet, palms covered the wall, the Republican Guard was drawn up opposite the train at present arms, and the Republican Guard band was playing "The Star-Spangled Banner." The reception committee consisted of M. Danielou, French Commissioner for Foreign Affairs; M. Jusserand, Ambassador to the United States; M. Meullier, Police Commissioner of Paris; M. Ancoc, of the Paris Municipal Council, for France; Ambassador Myron T. Herrick, Colonel Francis Drake, Post Commander Department of France, and Colonel H. H. Harjes, Commander Paris Post No. 1.

BUT it was after we had passed through the station, through the 5th Regiment of Infantry, that was drawn up on each side of the street, that we realized the welcome of the French people. They were massed by the thousands, cries of "*Vive l'Amerique*" burst on the air, "*Vive la Legion*," and every man in the delegation became a boy again.

As we were a day late it was necessary to crowd many things together and try to catch up on the schedule. We were taken at once to the Cercle Interallie, where the Legion was born, the first caucus being held there. With our arrival there the official opening of the American Legion delegation's visit to France began. A reception was held, with speeches by Ambassador Herrick, Ambassador Jusserand, Marshal Foch and General Allen. There were more than 500 guests at the reception. After refreshments were served, we were taken to the Champs-Elysees in automobiles, where we formed for the march to the Arc de Triomphe. Although it was fast growing dark the line of march was packed. I noticed a very different feeling in the people here—the faces were sad, there were many crying, and the call, "*Vive l'Amerique*," was whispered and sobbed. Marshal Foch, General Allen, Ambassador Herrick, Ambassador Jusserand and other high officials of the French government led the march.

At the grave of the Unknown Poilu the service was simple but very impressive. For some unknown reason the wreath had been forgotten, but Past Commander D'Olier took the American flag from one of the color guard and handed it to Emery, who very reverently laid it over the grave. I believe the sergeant must still be talking under his breath—at least he didn't stop while I was looking at him, repeating, "The American flag is never grounded." I guess he was right, but we were all thankful that someone had the presence of mind to do something, and I am sure the American flag was never grounded in a better cause.

Saturday, August 13, the delegation left Paris from the Quai d'Orsay for Blois. Again, the red carpet, company of infantry, band, etc. In fact, every station was decorated on the entire route, and soldiers drawn up at attention if our stop was for only five minutes. At every village and crossroads crowds were gathered and our flag waved, arches made of greens with the words, "Vive l'Amerique" and "Vive la Legion Americain," the tricolor and American flag everywhere. I wish I had the power to picture to you the welcome of the every-day people, not to us, but to the entire American Legion, to every ex-service man and woman in America, whether he had been fortunate enough to be in France during the war or not. The French people understood the will and desire of each man to be there. They also understood that only 46 of the 146 delegates had been in France before

I FORGOT to mention that when the delegation visited the grave of the unknown Poilu, after the service, we marched under and through the arch. The only time in history that a foreign delegation with foreign flags has been so honored.

Our train arrived at Blois at 10:45. A great welcome was accorded the delegates, cheering crowds lining the streets of the gaily decorated city as we marched to the place of the unveiling of the statue of Joan of Arc.

This is the only place that I can remember where we had to stand two hours in the boiling sun listening to long French speeches without the sustaining vin d'Honneur, but this, oversight was more than made up for later in the day.

In the afternoon we were the guests of the city at a reception and vin d'Honneur at the magnificent Chateau de Blois. We were taken by automobile to the Chateau de Chambord. In the evening we returned to Blois, where we were given a reception and fete by the Municipal Council, but I believe the event that will stand out in every delegate's mind was the impromptu gathering at the Cafe de France. We filled the cafe, sitting at long tables, drinking beer and singing old marching songs, American and French. I believe the French people enjoyed it more also, for they packed the street outside, applauding and singing with us.

We left Blois early Sunday morning, arriving at Bordeaux at 3 in the afternoon, where we stayed ten minutes, just long enough for a short "vin d'Honneur" at the station, where a luncheon was laid out on long tables for us. They were good enough to let their actions speak for them and I am sure we showed our appreciation. It was the only place on the route where soft drinks were also provided. I know they were soft, for Charlie Larabee, commander of Bellingham, Wash., post, tasted and told me.

We arrived at Pau at 7 in the evening, where the real surprise of the trip occurred for me. I had been there just a month before, the season was over and most of the hotels closed. The delegation was to rest there for the night just to break the trip.

I didn't know there were so many people in the entire Pyrenees as greeted us there. People from all sides crowded in to shake hands and march up the hill with us. Cannon volley after volley was fired in salute along the line of march, while four airplanes performed stunts above the great crowds. That evening a military band gave a concert on the promenade and the Cafe de France opposite was turned into headquarters till the wee small hours, the French soldiers and citizens joining in the singing at the tables with the Legionnaires.

WE REACHED Tarbes, the birthplace of Marshal Foch, at 10:30, and after the usual welcome at the station marched to the hotel, where a luncheon was served, offered by the Municipal Council. Then the pilgrimage to the birthplace of Marshal Foch began. After the long parade to the simple little home in the Rue de la Victorie we visited in groups the room on the second floor where the great French military genius spent his boyhood, signing a book that is to be kept there as a remembrance of the visit of the American Legion. Marshal Foch signed it in Paris first and sent his penholder to be used. Then the tablet, presented by the American Legion, commemorating the birthplace of the great allied leader, was affixed to the front wall. It is the work of the French artist, Edgar Brandt, is made of stone on which is affixed a bas-relief in bronze depicting the figure of winged victory against a background of stars. At the feet of this figure are the marshal's baton and the arms of Alsace and Lorraine.

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We arrived at Lyons at 6 that evening, having stopped at several towns on the way for small celebrations. I hardly know how to tell of the many stops without repeating, for they were all the same. The same red carpet, the same band, the same troops drawn up at salute and the same long speeches in French, also the same, but always welcome, "vin d'Honneur." We all felt that it was to be pretty tough getting back to everyday life and letting our royal feet come in contact with the rough cement of station platforms, sans band, sans reception committee, sans "vin d'Honneur."

Lyons has more than 500,000 inhabitants, and while it would be difficult to estimate the crowd that gathered at the station and lined each side of the street along the twenty blocks of the line of march, it is safe to say that the majority of the citizens turned out. Some found their point of view from bridges and terraces overlooking the station while others waved and shouted welcome from the windows and tops of buildings.

The French veterans broke the ranks and marched arm in arm with us, singing and yelling "Vive la Legion and "Vive l'Amerique." That night we were the guests of the French veterans, and "I'll say" they know how to entertain. However, that will have to keep until some dark night, after I have returned home and the forty Hommes and eight Chevaux is holding secret session. Lyons is the old stamping ground of Past Commander D'Ollier, and what he said about the Porto Flip at the hotel bar was quite correct.

Upon our arrival at Strasburg we were mobbed. The soldiers and police lost all control of the people and we simply followed the crowd. Legionnaires, police, mounted soldiers and a howling mob. It was several hours before we were all rounded up at our various hotels, dead tired but happy. All the speeches in the world couldn't have shown us more truly how welcome we were.

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IN THE afternoon the delegation went in a body to the station to meet Marshal Foch, who was coming by special train from Paris. The generalissimo arrived with M. Jusserand and Mme. Jusserand, Mrs. Douglas Robinson, sister of the late ex-President Roosevelt, and Mrs. George M. Minor, president-general of the Daughters of American Revolution. After a hasty inspection of the French troops sent to greet him as a guard of honor, Marshal Foch, turning to the Legion men, said: "I am happy to be in Metz and happy to be in the presence of the American Legion again. I want to shake hands with each one of you." Marshal Foch then clasped the hand of each delegate and did it as though he meant it.

With the marshal at the head we marched to the Hotel de Ville. Although it was a long distance over cobblestones and an automobile had been provided for him, he insisted upon marching with us, and was some pace setter. We were all more tired than he, I am sure, when we arrived.

Henry D. Lindsley, past first commander of the American Legion temporary organization before the first national convention, made a stirring and eloquent address, eulogizing France, and the great part played by Marshal Foch.

Marshal Foch was so visibly affected that when he arose to thank Colonel Lindsley he was able to whisper only a few words. When he gained control of himself, he stepped forward and kissed Colonel

Lindsley on both cheeks. We were taken to the American cemetery at Thiaucourt, where 3,000 American soldiers are buried. It is a beautiful place, with its 3,000 white crosses, reverently cared for by the French people. When one sees with what respect and love the local long-suffering people, living among the ruins of their homes, regard the graves, one feels our comrades could nowhere sleep so peacefully than on the soil their sacrifice has made sacred. As Rupert Brooke, the young English poet, who was killed in the war, so beautifully expressed what I am trying to say:

*'If I should die, think only this of me:
That there's some corner of a foreign field
That is forever England.'*

After the services at the cemetery, where several unknown graves were decorated, and where many of the delegates found the names of comrades whom they saluted, we left by automobile for Flirey, through war-scarred regions, over battlefields where American troops hurled their strength against the Germans, and past sections where thousands of white crosses mutely tell the story of the American soldiers' part in the war.

It was at Flirey, on September 12, 1918, that 17 American divisions went into action, taking 15,000 prisoners and 500 guns. The little town of Flirey was the culminating point of the pilgrimage of the delegates of the American Legion, where the monument erected by the people of Lorraine in honor of French minister of War, and Mr. Myron T. Herrick American ambassador to France, greeted the Legionnaires and Marshal Foch.

The monument is built on simple lines and stands on a high and broad pedestal. On one side is a bronze bas-relief, representing two American soldiers springing into action. It bears the following inscription: "Lorraine to the United States," on the opposite side are engraved the names of the divisions that went into action from this section. On the stone is engraved: "Here on September 12, 1918, the American army under General Pershing began its offensive, which freed many communes of Lorraine and hastened the peace of justice."

M. Colliott, the mayor of Flirey, formally opened the dedication ceremony, relating the history of the battle in this section.

Commander Emery responded, saying: "We must never forget that this world war welded between the men of French and American blood a bond of unity and undermining which will be of inestimable value to the world. Blood is mixed with mortar that holds these stones erect. Bayonets beat into trowels spread it there. Magnificent as this tribute is, and proud as I am to behold it, I pray that it may be the last monument France may ever have cause to erect to an American soldier. And by the same token, may America never have cause to raise a shaft for a French soldier, after we have paid our tribute to those who fell in the last conflict. The time has come when the end of war should no longer be considered an impossible dream."

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MARSHAL FOCH then arose to speak. He was received with thunderous applause from the Legionnaires. "When on November 8, before the armistice, there were no hesitations, I telegraphed Pershing: Affirm the victory by striking new and rapid blows."

"Count on us," wired General Pershing to me. 'We will start off in the lead.' You know that at that moment, in November 1918, there would have started from here a powerful attack sufficient to envelope Metz and the whole territory of the Sarre. Six American divisions would have participated in it.

"On another occasion when I asked the American government what measures it intended to take, it answered: 'You will have a hundred divisions by the 1st of June 1919, and more after that if necessary.'"

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The French minister of war and Marshal Foch called Commander Emery to the platform. M. Barthou, in placing the cravat of the commander of the Legion of Honor around the neck of Commander Emery, said that he knew of no higher way to show the love and respect of the French people for the American Legion than by giving this decoration to its commander. Marshal Foch, taking the Croix de Guerre from his own breast, pinned it on Commander Emery's and kissed him on both cheeks.

Leaving Verdun, the main party followed a set itinerary, but many of the men broke up into little groups and set off to find the spots which to them were particularly interesting because of former associations. One group accompanied Marshal Foch to Gorcy, where the marshal's son, who was killed on August 22, 1914, lies buried. The groups meeting later in the day at Montfaucon to proceed with the main party to the Argonne cemetery at Romagne, where 24,000 American soldiers were buried. Of that number, 12,000 have been sent back to America at the request of relatives, and the cemetery is closed to the general public for a time. There was not a man in the delegation that didn't feel as I did, the pity of disturbing their well-earned rest, and that their proper place is there in the spot they themselves have consecrated by their heroism.

In the afternoon, while climbing through the underbrush that covers the old dugouts and trenches of the German position in the Argonne Forest, I saw an old rusty American helmet. Pulling the bushes aside I discovered a wooden cross that had fallen over, but the grave was still plainly marked with the helmet at the foot of the cross. Reporting the location to the superintendent of the Graves Registration at the cemetery, who at once sent two men to the spot, I learned that they locate an average of ten a day still. It is easy to understand when one has seen the nature of the country through which they fought, miles of hills and ravines, heavily wooded and covered with dense undergrowth, and realize that they had to be buried where they fell.

Impressive ceremonies were held at the cemetery. Two companies of French troops, the color guard from the Army of Occupation and many French villagers who had come out of their cellars and dugouts to honor our dead, were drawn up when we arrived. They played a funeral march as we entered. The Rev. William P. Little, of New York, and a member of our delegation, said prayers for our departed comrades, and John J. Wicker read Grantland Rice's "The Phantom Corps." Little French girls, in native costume, carrying baskets of wild flowers, decorated the graves after the service.

The Washington delegation located the grave of Lieutenant Elmer J. ("Cy") Noble, for whom one of the Seattle posts is named, where they held a short service, afterwards taking a photograph of the grave to bring back to Seattle. Like all the cemeteries we have seen, it is beautifully cared for, the one beautiful spot among the ruins of homes and churches.

WE HAVE passed through miles of shell-torn fields that can never be used or cultivated again, hundreds of villages and towns that are ruined and abandoned except for a few people that will not leave their former homes and are living under the ruins, hoping someday to be paid by Germany for what they have lost. But in other places the work of reconstruction is remarkable, new villages have sprung up, the roads are lined with huge rolls of barbed wire that has been taken out of the fields, shell holes filled and grain growing. Many of the farmers are living in houses built of old bomb-proofs and refuse from the battlefields. It's a spirit that can't be downed.

Many former villages are simply barren waste with hardly a stone standing, and, of course, no trees. There was not a village, however, that did not turn out to bid us welcome, even though we passed through at 40 miles an hour. Crude arches with flags were rigged up over the road, with the village firemen drawn up, in uniform, as we passed. The people here have forgotten to smile but not to cheer. There was not a heart in the delegation that was not aching for them and longing to help. I saw many German helmets used as cooking utensils—anything that could be picked up had its use.

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Friday morning the delegation made a pilgrimage to the tomb of Lafayette, in the Picpus cemetery, accompanied by Marshal Foch, where we paid homage to the great Frenchman who came to America's aid in her struggle for independence. The ceremony was strikingly impressive. Five hundred French war orphans, each waving an American flag, greeted the delegation as we entered the portals of the ancient burying ground. A detachment of the 23d Infantry rendered honors, while the band played "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "The Marseillaise." Then, after being greeted by Mayor Cuveillier, we marched between the guard of honor to the tomb of Lafayette at the far end of the beautiful cemetery. The crowd stood for a moment with bowed heads in silent tribute before Commander Emery spoke.

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At nine o'clock we were the guests of the French War Veterans at a smoker held in the Eiffel Tower, where an enthusiastic demonstration below this mighty structure will always stand out in our memories as one of the striking events of our tour of France. As the procession, which had formed at the Trocadero, began to move towards the Eiffel Tower, just across the river Seine, enormous crowds that flanked the police lines and had been waiting patiently until that moment, suddenly gave a big "Hurrah!" and pushed forward. The police lines, which until that moment had held intact, wavered, held for a moment and then disappeared as men, women and children, held just a little too long in restraint, rushed upon the delegation and marched arm in arm with us to the tower, shouting and singing.

Headed by mounted guards, followed by a French band and officers of the various French veterans' societies, and flanked by municipal guards carrying torch lights, we managed to reach the other side of the river, some of us with most of our clothes still on.

We arrived at the tower in groups. I was with the "Lost Battalion," arriving some half hour later. Forman and d'Ollier were the last to appear, just as a relief party was being organized to rescue them.

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At 11:30 we filed out of the dining room to watch the Trocadero, which was just then being illuminated, just as the Eiffel Tower had been earlier in the evening. It was a beautiful spectacle, such as is seldom seen in Paris, they say, for the Trocadero and the tower are only illuminated on the occasion of visits of royalty and no other foreign delegation has ever been so honored.

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Belgium met the delegation at the frontier. As the train crossed the boundary it was boarded by Major Ruwiere, who brought messages of greetings from King Albert and from the minister of war. When the train reached the Gare du Midi, Brussels, the delegation was received by General Orth and his staff, Ambassador Brand Whitlock and Lieutenant-Colonel John R. Thomas, military attaché to the American embassy, as well as representatives of innumerable societies, military and civil. In the squares before the station, jammed with a great crowd, General Orth made an official address of welcome and paid his respects to the ladies of the party by presenting a magnificent bouquet to Mrs. Sproul, wife of the governor of Pennsylvania.

King Albert and Queen Elizabeth received the delegation at the Palace in the afternoon. King Albert, speaking in excellent English, thanked the delegation for coming to Belgium.

"It is a great joy for me to receive this delegation of the American Legion," he said, "representing, as it does, two million men who came to fight by the side of the allies and two million others who were ready to come. You are soldiers of democracy, worthy of the noble nation which has always championed right and democracy. The Belgian army and myself are proud to have fought side by side with such soldiers as yours.

"All of us here realize that the enemy was beaten and driven from our lands when your gallant soldiers joined forces with the allies. We had occasion to appreciate the indomitable spirit and the irresistible dash of the 27th, 30th, 33d, 37th and 91st American divisions when they fought in Flanders."

King Albert then conferred several of the highest decorations which Belgium gives on members of the delegation. Commander Emery was given the ribbon of a Commander of the Order of Leopold, Mr. de Lancey Kountz became an Officer and Mr. John J. Wicker, of Virginia, a Knight of the same order. The king also decorated Mr. George B. Secrist, of Indianapolis, and Mr. L. Downham, of Illinois, with the gold medal of the Order of Leopold II. Mr. Secrist enlisted in the 42d Division and was badly wounded several times. Henry D. Lindsley became Commander of the Order of the Crown. The official side of the ceremonies over, the king and queen moved from group to group of their guests, shaking hands and having a few words to say to each. Lemonade and orangeade were served with the luncheon.

Monday, August 29, the delegation left Brussels on a special train for the battlefields, passing over the flat lands of undevastated Belgium and coming by a gradual transformation into the ruins of the battle regions. Courtray, whose burgomaster welcomed the delegation, has for 12 centuries been the periodical victim of sieges and sacks, though none so completely destroyed it as this last. Each time it has risen sturdily. The delegation was reminded that this old Flemish stronghold was the scene on June 9, 1302, of the Battle of the Golden Spurs, in which the north country burghers, with the aid of their native mud, defeated the seigneurs Or France, sent against them by Phillippe de Bel. After the battle 4,000 pairs of golden spurs were found on the field, 500 of which hung for decades in the church of Courtray.

From there the trip was by automobile to Ypres. After luncheon at this scene of four years of Belgian and British bravery, the &legation again took automobiles, visiting the famous Mount Kemmel, whose interior tunneling gives it the air of a monster hotel, France, sent against them by Phillippe le Bel. the tank cemetery at Hooghe, near Poelcappelle, where the mud of Flanders proved too much for so many British land cruisers, Dixmude and the Yser, and finally Nieuport, where instead of the holiday crowds were found only busy workmen remaking the harbor. The delegation arrived late at Ostend, where it dined preps:0aq to returning to Brussels.

The special train returned to Paris the next day, but numerous delegates took the Opportunity of going to England, many flying, to return and join the main body at Havre, where they sailed for American on the second of September.

While the delegates were crossing to France, they received by wireless from the British government officials and informal inquiry as to whether they would include England in their itinerary, provided an official invitation were extended. The Legion officials regretted that lack of time would prevent the delegation making an official visit to England.

THE GLORY OF AMERICAN⁶⁸

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MANY years ago, there burst forth from the soul of a man possessed with a passionate love of country this burning question: "Lives there a man with soul so dead, who never to himself hath said: 'This is my own, my native land'?"

I do not know all of the thoughts that surged through the mind and heart of this "lover of his country"; but I do know that we Americans have every good reason for congratulations, for felicitations, for thanksgiving; and I do feel that we should pause long enough to reverently lift our hearts to Almighty God in grateful acknowledgment of the kind Providence that has overshadowed, guarded, protected and led in the destinies of this Nation for nearly a century and a half, and who still waits to lead her on to greater triumphs in the realm of her great mission as the friend of all mankind.

⁶⁸ The Pacific Legion, November 1921, pg. 83

And moreover, I deeply feel that we of America should render unto Him our wholehearted thanks for the matchless heritage which we enjoy today as American citizens I wonder, sometimes, if we are really appreciative of the glory that is America's at the gift of a Divine Providence. If I can, in the slightest measure, stir you who read this to a deeper sense of that glory and to a greater devotion to the furtherance thereof, I shall feel amply repaid for the time taken in the writing of this article.

Something over 25 years ago an Englishman, writing to the London Daily News, gave expression to a wonderfully benignant outcome of the greatest of civil wars he had come to look upon the American people "as the leaders in civilization." We stand today in the sunlight of a peace but recently acquired, and as we look back across the battlefields of the great World War, it is in nowise unbecoming that we entertain a just pride in this ennobling judgment of so distinguished an observer as George Meredith, for the history of that great struggle has proven his judgment to be most gloriously true! For when, since the history of nations began, has it ever been that one nation ever entered so great a conflict of nations seeking only the interest of a downtrodden and oppressed humanity?



Nowhere is it recorded for us since the beginning of time that one nation ever emerged from such a conflict as victor and sought naught for herself and her self-aggrandizement at the hands of the vanquished! Never has such a thing been known. Never! Until America attached her signature to the treaty of Versailles had emerged from this greatest of all wars with naught but empty hands! With naught? No! That would be an untruth, and a dishonor to our Nation. For American did come forth with something in her hands; but it was a something that is of far greater value than the price of indemnities! America emerged from that great World War with an honor that was unsullied, baptized and rededicated in the life's blood of her noble sons to the undying principle that "to all men belongs the inalienable right of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Of no other nation can this be said. But that it can be said of America is to her everlasting glory and praise. It will be for this that in years to come all nations will rise up and call her blessed

THIS I conceive to be America's glory. Thus, has she taken her place as the leader of civilization. But even now, while this is being read, America will be seated at the conference table with the other great nations of the world in a mighty endeavor to solve some of the world's most harrowing problems. If all that I have said is true, and if America has thus taken her place of leadership in the past, what shall be her place and her policy in the family of nations in the years to come? Shall she maintain it and strengthen it, or shall she surrender it for a less idealistic, but more in keeping with the purposes that dominate in other quarters?

We know that the path that leads upward is oftentimes beset with grave and fearful perils. America had her share in the form of sharp political divergences, sharp differences of economical {sic} interests and the fatal question of slavery with its terrible and destructive effects. These all added their quota of hindrance to the unifying processes of nation-building.

Following this period of national anxiety came other years with new sets of separating and disintegrating forces to make themselves strongly felt in the life of the body politic. Economic differences soon involved the nation in a class conflict between capital and labor. This in itself is a problem of sufficient magnitude to demand the whole and undivided time and attention of the nation, but thrust into the very heart of this perplexity it grew in importance and significance.

It is no mean one. From Europe, east, west, north, and south has come a heterogenous mass of those who have caught the hopes and ambitions which more than a century and a half ago inspired the hearts of our forefathers to hew out for themselves a home in the heart of the American wilderness. The problem is intensified in that with them has come, in a very large measure, the echo of Old-World animosities, feuds and hates. And in an ever-increasing force many of them are manifesting themselves

with sufficient strength to deprive America of that unity of attitude, of feeling, and of policy in dealing with international questions which every day grew in importance and significance.

The war is over. Peace has been declared. But these problems still remain unsolved. What about America, then, the future of that America whose glory has been that she has ever stood as the friend of all mankind? These very forces which she harbors within herself and which she received unto herself in her endeavor to maintain her name among the nations of the world, these very forces are threatening her very existence. The great question is, can we continue to build an America that shall go down the corridors of time with a proud place on the pages of history?

We must remember that the greatest of empires and the proudest of dynasties have fallen and passed away as well as risen and come into existence. We must remember that there is ever at work in the life of the world the everlasting, remorseless law of change. We have no guarantee that America will escape its workings. The history of America we know. We have seen it rise. We know its present state of glorious leadership among the nations of the world. But what of the future? Who can tell the numbers of thousands of years that will pass ere this great fertile country of ours, like the plains of, ancient Iran, where civilization had its beginning, will become but a desert trod only by the least of exploring archaeologists?

BUT, if and when, that time shall come, and when men shall record the history of the life and doings of the peoples that lived here hundreds and perhaps thousands of years before that time, what shall that record be? Do we wish it said that America, the once glorious leader of the world, the one nation of all nations that stood out as the friend of the downtrodden and the oppressed, and who opened her heart and her home to the fugitives of other lands that they, too, might become the happy possessors of the right "to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," do we wish it said that this America, our America tottered and fell to her destruction just on the eve of the glorious consummation of her noble ideal, torn asunder by the hands of those whom she had sought to befriend?

Members of the American Legion and veterans of the great World War, friends of America and fellow-citizens of the most glorious of all the nations of the earth! I appeal to you! Let us face the question squarely. The gravest problem that faces us as a nation is the grave problem of unifying our national life. The life of this nation we so dearly love is being threatened by a most sinister danger. There are forces at work here identical with those which wrought the destruction of the empires of old.

There the destruction was wrought as the result of the rising spirit of independence among the ethnic units of their populations. There the blow was aimed at the strong arm of autocracy which was ever stretched out to compel submission to the government command. It was a blow aimed at the aim of oppression, by the hand of an alien serf. Here the arm that is outstretched is an arm of helpfulness and protection, and they who enjoy that protection and care are free men! But with a language that is strange, and with an unfamiliarity with our national institutions and traditions that is most alarming.

How shall we solve the problem? There is only one solution: If these peoples of foreign tongues expect their children to be American citizens and to enjoy the blessings of American freedom there is only one way, namely, learn the English language and become familiar with and loyal to institutions and traditions! American independence, American ideals, American institutions were purchased at too great a cost to be left to the vacillating vagaries of a people who persistently perpetuate a foreign language, foreign customs, race consciousness, racial habits, and a European outlook!

Americans were born into freedom; freedom is their birthright; their country is a monumental symbol of freedom; and her sons and daughters willingly entered her service even to the laying down of their lives in the defense of that freedom, those ideals, and those institutions, while these sojourners of a strange speech, strange customs, and a foreign allegiance took their positions in shop and factory and office and smirked about their good luck. Friends! We have room for only one class of people in this land of ours and they are English speaking Americans!

WE ARE not concerned so much about whence they came. We are concerned about what they are after they have been here a few years; and we should and do insist that no man or woman who has been here a sufficient length of time to acquire the English language; and no man or woman born in this land has any right here, who cannot speak and read the English language and who is not familiar with the history and the spirit of our country.

We have gravely erred in this matter and it is time to begin the correction of the error. We can solve this problem only by insisting that the children of this day be compelled, if need be, to learn the English language, our history and traditions, and that in schools maintained by the government for that purpose.

As in the foregoing our grave problem is the unifying of our national life, so there is the other equally grave problem of subordinating in that national unity every personal ambition, every class interest and policy, every race attachment, to the one dominant idea of an America that is free, just, powerful, in the strength and majesty of her exalted mission of service to all mankind. We are the inheritors of a great tradition. We have blundered, not once nor twice; but we came nearer the fulfillment of that mission during our participation in the great World War than at any other time in our life as a nation.

Our task is not to "come near" but to attain unto the fulfillment of that mission—"to build up an America about those fundamental principles and purposes which the very name America brings to our minds, and the glorious Star Spangled Banner stirs to expression on every lip" – an America fit to love and fit to serve; an America that does not find its end in its own self-aggrandizement, however great that be; an American that cannot find in its purpose complete in amassing all the wealth of the world; an America that can only achieve its mission by carrying a manage to all mankind of liberty, equality, justice, and by leading the world in the application of these same principles to every phase of the varied life of nations and races.

This is the ultimate glory of America! For this America stands! Before the nations of the world we are to chasten, uphold, and defend that ideal.

DELEGATES from Oregon at the national convention of the American Legion were: George A. White, Salem; Howard C. Gildea, McMinnville; Guy D. Moshier, Eugene; Walter L. Tooze, McMinnville; R.H. Hoskins, Astoria; Earl Blackaby, Ontario; Harry L. Kuch, Pendleton; J.W. Sifton, Hood River; J.H. Carnahan, Klamath Falls; Francis V. Galloway, The Dalles; Earl R. Goodwin, Lane Goodell, Edward J. Eivers, Prescott W. Cookingham and Arthur A. Murphy, Portland, and C.G. Schneider, Gresham.⁶⁹

THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY IN OREGON⁷⁰

By Adele M. Bartholemy

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THE first state convention of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion in Oregon was held at Eugene, July 1-2, 1921, there being 57 delegates and alternates present.

State officers who had been temporarily elected at a caucus held in Portland, April 30, 1921, were permanently elected and a constitution was adopted for the auxiliary and the units in this state. The state officers are: President, Mrs. W. A. Eivers, Portland; vice-president, Mrs. Mae Fields, Eugene; secretary, Mrs. H. L. Spaulding, Salem; treasurer, Mrs. Harold Hershner, Hood River.

Headquarters of the state department of the Women's Auxiliary are maintained in the Flatiron building, Sixth and Pine streets, Portland, in conjunction with those of the American Legion. Any information pertaining to the auxiliary may be obtained by writing to the State Executive Secretary at that address.

⁶⁹ The Pacific Legion, November 1921, pg. 96

⁷⁰ The Pacific Legion, November 1921, pg. 71

That the delegates who attended the state convention returned to their various units full of enthusiasm and new incentive and succeeded in instilling sane ink) the her members is verified by the unusual activities reported from all over the state. Great cooperation is apparent between the various posts and their auxiliary unit, which is of vital importance to both.

The first and foremost objective of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion is to assist the Legion in taking care of every sick and wounded veteran of the World War by visiting the hospitals and homes where they are confined and bringing cheer and home comforts to them; by looking up and, when necessary, assisting the relatives of our hero who still are making the sacrifice.

Every unit seems to be doing its utmost to further this object. The auxiliary unit Portland Post, No. 1, is and always has been very active in this regard. The various hospitals for the ex-service men, in this city, are visited regularly every Wednesday by a committee appointed for that purpose and through this committee the auxiliary is constantly informed as to the needs of these boys and the wants are supplied as rapidly as possible. Dances, card parties and musical entertainments are being given regularly to raise funds for this purpose. During the summer months excursions on the river boat "Bluebird" were enjoyed.

AS THE necessity for additional funds to carry on this work becomes more apparent and the holidays are drawing near, the auxiliary plans to hold a bazaar. The committee in charge is headed by the state president, Mrs. W. A. Eivers, as chairman. Great enthusiasm is in evidence, and the event and undoubtedly will prove a success. It will be held sometime in the early part of December, and the funds derived from this affair will be used not only for the benefit and entertainment of sick and disabled ex-service men in local hospitals, but also to bring cheer and relief to the unemployed and their families, as far as possible, over the holidays, at least.

Assistance in this affair by the other units throughout the state will lighten the task considerably for the local unit. That such assistance will be forthcoming from those who have no hospitals in their vicinity is clearly shown by reports sent in to headquarters.

Springfield unit, Post No. 40, took charge of a movie theatre for the entire evening. The proceeds from this evening's entertainment are held as a Thanksgiving and Xmas fund for the ill and disabled World War veterans in Portland hospitals.

Medford unit asked each one of its members while canning the winter's supply of fruits to set aside a small part of this as a holiday donation for this same purpose. With such a spirit predominating to make the holidays a happy occasion for those unfortunate heroes, it cannot fail in its purpose.

A STATE-WIDE membership campaign was launched during the month of September. The slogan of this drive was our late Commander Galbraith's last request, "Every member get a member." In this drive we also asked the full co-operation of all members of the various posts throughout the state to help bring their mothers, wives, daughters and sisters into their respective units. "Oregon Over the Top" was our motto in this drive, as it has been in all previous drives where the welfare of the service man was concerned. The larger our membership, the more efficient and capable will our auxiliary be to administer to the wants of the sick, disabled and needy ex-service man.

Oregon delegates to the national conference were: Mrs. W. A. Eivers, Portland; Mrs. W. L. Spaulding, Salem; Miss Coletta L. Bartholemy, Portland; Mrs. F. Rankin, Eugene; Mrs. Roy Van Fleet, Bend; Mrs. Harold Hershner, Hood River, and Mrs. J. W. McInturff, Marshfield. National committeewoman, Mrs. W. A. Eivers.

A ruling was adopted at the state convention that the funds for defraying state department expenses by the different units are to be turned into state headquarters semi-annually; raising of the funds for this purpose is be left to the discretion of each unit. It was suggested that each unit be taxed \$1.00 (minimum) per capita, such tax to be levied on the unit as a whole and not on the individual members. To date over one-half of the number of units have sent in their required quota, Banks, Ore., being the first to respond. Other

units who have resumed their meetings and winter activities only recently are busily engaged in raising theirs by various entertainments and sociables.

At an executive meeting of the auxiliary held recently a change of name of the auxiliary, which was to be brought before the national convention was discussed at length. A motion was adopted that the Oregon delegation to the convention be instructed to stand strongly opposed to a change of name. It was suggested that our delegates to the national convention be instructed to invite the national convention for 1925 to be held in Portland, the same time of the World's Exposition.

INGRATITUDE plays a large part in the lives of many ex-service men. Many of them are under the impression that their won comrades are in-debited to them and expressions of thanks for the deeds of kindness preformed with them are rare.

It was the American Legion which took up the fight for the bonus in Oregon. It was American Legion members who drafted the law that is now in effect. It was the American Legion headquarters which opened its doors to all ex-service men and aided them in filling out their applications. Since the bonus blanks became available thousands of men have accepted the services of the men in legion headquarters, a notary has been supplied, true copies of discharges have been made, and not one cent has been asked by the men who have volunteered their services for the work. It has simply been an act of kindness on the part of the legion to men who served in the war, irrespective of the fact that many of them were not members of the legion.

Every man who has received the aid of the legion in one form or another in connection with his bonus application is asked whether he is a member or not. If he replies that he is not he is given an application for membership and asked to affiliate. A great many members have joined in this way. But many others have turned on their heels with "*What did the legion ever do for me?*" and have walked out of the place. A man is indeed ungrateful who will ask such a question after receiving so much from the legion. Such a man is not entitled to sympathy when he complains that the public has "*forgotten the fact that we ever had a war.*"⁷¹

DECEMBER

THE WORLD ADOPTS THE LEGION⁷²

By George A. White

Delegate from Oregon to Third National Convention

Mr. White as one of the founders of the American Legion, who has attended every convention from Paris to Kansas City, is especially well qualified to interpret the real significance and importance of the third annual convention. He was selected first national adjutant of the Legion at the Paris convention and continued his active work in the big job of launching the Legion until the charter convention at Minneapolis. He represents Oregon on the National Executive committee and is a Director in the Legion Publishing Corporation which publishes the American Legion Weekly. - Editor

THAT old question "What will be the future of the American Legion?" was laid to rest at the third annual convention of the American Legion at Kansas City. The question was asked at the first Paris caucus, at the St. Louis meeting, again at the Minneapolis charter convention and it was heard frequently at Cleveland last year. It stuck in the public mind as well as in the minds of many ex-service men.

Now it has been answered and dismissed finally from the mind of the United States and the world at large. The answer is that the future of the American Legion is the future of America. At Kansas City the

⁷¹ The Sunday Oregonian, November 20, 1921, Section Two, image 44

⁷² The Pacific Legion, December 1921, pg. 3

greatest organization of ex-service men in the history of the world passed the last vestige of its experimental or embryonic stage and merged into the full bloom of a vivid, virile reality whose active influence for the good of America will reach on down through the centuries.

Foch, generalissimo of the allied armies; Beattie, commander of the Brit-fleets; Jacques, hero of the Belgium Legions, and Diaz, commander of the victorious Italian forces, came at the Lion's bidding to exchange greetings with their American buddies. Pershing and Vice-President Coolidge were there as official representatives of the United States. But their presence was only a conspicuous and significant incident of the great meeting. The outstanding fact was the certain disclosure that the ex-service men of the country are moved today more firmly and surely than ever by the passionate loyalty to America and American institutions which first brought them to launch the American Legion.

The whole convention with its ten thousand delegates and alternates breathed a spirit of loyal, zealous citizenship. Not blind, unthinking, emotional Americanism, but thoughtful, active, aggressive and independent American citizenship which would seek out the weak and flabby places in our national being and correct them.

IF there are any alarming tendencies in our national life today, the country could not escape the firm belief that they will be counteracted by the virile new generation of Americans that is just now beginning to develop into maturity.

Sanity and tolerance marked every deliberation. There were conditions to be criticized. Congressional failure to act upon the Legion's four-fold adjusted compensation measure; failure of the country finally to solve and handle the problem of the disabled veteran; lack of zeal in dealing with draft deserters and alien slackers—these and many other minor problems were deeply felt by the big delegations.

But there was a careful scrutiny of facts, a putting aside of personalities and acrimonious comment, and a determination to proceed sanely and firmly towards 'the objectives of success while employing only the weapons of concrete facts.

There was really no great American problem today that was not given the careful consideration of the convention. The Legion's searchlight was turned into every corner of our national life. Concrete recommendations of a means of improvement were offered in every instance, whether affecting the country's educational system or the entrance of emigrants. Active working committees will work with the National Legion headquarters in making those recommendations effective.

The details are embodied in the official "Summary of Proceedings" of the convention which every ex-service man should read in order to be informed on his part in the big work ahead.

Of the work which the convention performed in the interest of fair and equitable treatment of the ex-service man, the following extracts of resolutions, which are to be followed through aggressively during the year, stand out:

Full and adequate care of the disabled and a prompt and efficient functioning of the Veterans' Bureau.

Adoption by Congress of the four-fold adjusted compensation bill.

Application of public funds to the opening of lands subject to soldier entry before the use of such funds for the purchase and development of private projects. (Put through by the Oregon delegation.)

Appointment and employment of ex-service men in the work of the United States Veterans' Bureau.

Exemption from tax of Legion entertainments given for charitable purposes.

Prior rights to ex-service men under the Homestead Act, and exemption of ex-service men receiving treatment for wounds from all requirements of the Homestead Act as to residence and cultivation.

Recognition of Armistice Day as a holiday.

Amendment of the vocational training law to give compensation to men injured while taking training.

Establishment of the one-cent convention rate on all railroads for the use of Legion members, Grand Army veterans and Spanish War veterans.

Certainly, there is no clamoring for the moon in that simple list and it may be added that twenty-nine separate resolutions were turned down flatly as being immoderate in their demands. No finer demonstration of the futility of selfish appeal could be offered than when champions of liquor managed by subterfuge to get before the Legion with a proposition for the manufacture of wines and beers under a revenue-producing system that would pay a national bonus. All they asked was the Legion's indorsement and they would do the rest through Congress. The proposition was nailed as an insult to the ex-service men and the liquor adherents will hesitate in ever returning to a national convention with such a proposition.

Another instance: When Oregon and Washington deliberated on the, relative merits of San Francisco and New Orleans for the next convention they were confronted with sectional appeal. Oregon and Washington worked in splendid harmony throughout the convention, voting as a unit on every issue, and they heeded the appeal that the South needs a national convention more than any other section of the country. Accordingly, the Northwest delegation put aside personal preferences and voted for New Orleans and what they considered the best interests of the Legion and country.

Possibly no future convention of the American Legion will be of such importance as the Kansas City meeting. That is because Kansas City marked the full and final acceptance of the Legion as an American institution. Henry D. Lindsley, first commander of the Legion, who had been abroad to invite Foch and Beattie, told me that in France and England he was surprised to find the American Legion accorded a higher public recognition than it has received in the past here at home.

Now full recognition has been given it at home. The American Legion henceforth will march unchallenged through the generations of the present century, its ranks swelling year by year as its potential members see their obligation for service to country and comrades and respond to the call.

ARMISTICE DAY, 1921⁷³

IN EVERY community of consequence in the Pacific Northwest, the American Legion post handled the details of the Armistice Day celebration on November 11 last. Methods of commemorating the day varied in some communities the day was one of jazzy parades and joyous festivities, in others it took on the tone of Memorial Day, with solemn services in commemoration of those who had paid the greatest price.

In all there was a period at the approach of noon when all citizens stood in silence with bowed heads in tribute to the fallen heroes. It was the hour when, in Washington, D. C., the body of the Unknown was laid to rest in Arlington cemetery with the most impressive ceremonies the nation had known.

It would not be of interest and would be an impossibility because of space restrictions to detail the nature of ceremonies in the different cities of the Northwest, but a few will be picked at random as indicative of the celebrations elsewhere.

Centralia is inseparably associated with Armistice Day in the mind of the nation, for it was only two years ago that on Armistice Day the streets of Centralia were dyed with the blood of Legionnaires, slain from ambush by enemies of the government—Industrial Workers of the World.

At Centralia this year the Chehalis and Winlock posts of the Legion joined with Centralia to make the celebration a successful one. There were exercises at the high school auditorium, a parade of veterans, a patriotic address by Rev. John W. Beard, of Hoquiam, department chaplain of the Legion; a football game, a dinner for ex-service men at the Elks Club, prepared by the Legion auxiliary; fireworks, and a dance at the auditorium.

Portland celebrated with a record-breaking parade through the downtown streets, exercises at the civic auditorium and general joy-making.

⁷³ The Pacific Legion, December 1921, pg. 8

Seattle posts of the Legion and representatives of various military and civic organizations joined in a huge parade and dedicated elm trees in honor of the state's soldier dead on the University of Washington campus and the highway between Tacoma and Seattle.

Corvallis, Ore., had an Armistice parade two miles in length. Vancouver, Wash., held a parade and ceremony at the new community building. A parade, exercises and dance featured the day at Grants Pass, Ore. Walla Walla, Wash., observed the day with solemnity until evening. Salem, Ore., held a parade and program under the direction of Capital post. Tacoma, Wash., centered Armistice rites about the burial of Corporal Leonard A. Hitter, member of the Fifth Marines, killed in action, October 5, 1918, and had sixteen veterans' organizations in line in a military parade preceding the funeral.

Posts of Hood River, Dufur and The Dalles held a community celebration at The Dalles, which will be the scene of the 1922 Oregon state convention. Hoquiam, Wash., saw special programs in every school, prize essays on "Great Americans" being read by students at presided over by the Legion post commander. Automobile races and a dance followed services in a local theatre in Baker, Ore. A parade, football game and military ball under auspices of the Legion post were features at Bend, Ore.

Hundreds of others might be recounted, but these celebrations are typical.

DISINTERMENT of the bodies of the American Soldiers buried in Brest, France, during the war, has been completed, according to word received by the American Legion. Army authorities have forwarded to the four permanent American cemeteries in France, 1,080 bodies, removal of which to the United states was not requested by relatives.⁷⁴

A NUMBER of the American Legion boys are in Portland today to hear Marshal Foch who will speak at the armory.⁷⁵

OREGON has 105 American Legion posts and a membership well over 11,000 paid up.⁷⁶

HEARTY WELCOME IS GIVEN TO FOCH⁷⁷

Day Brimful of Events for Noted Marshal

RAIN DEFIED BY CROWDS

General Refuses to Let Plans Be Interrupted

HIGHWAY TRIP TAKEN

Oregon Veterans at Armory give Military Leader Salute of Soldiers and Due Applause

BY BEN HUR LAPMAN

IT is rumored that it rains in France. The doughboys brought the story home. And that is why, perhaps, the weather grew gusty and vigorous yesterday, with rain squalls racing across the face of Oregon, to welcome Marshal Foch, first soldier of France, and to bid him farewell.

Yet on the Columbia river highway, which he stoutly insisted upon touring despite the storm, the marshal alighted from his closed car and bent his head to the wind and walked a long mile to prove himself the campaigner that he is. "He seemed to like it," said the astounded Legionnaires and the civic officials who ventured the trip with him.

⁷⁴ Beaverton Times, December 2, 1921, pg. 3, image 3

⁷⁵ Beaverton Times, December 2, 1921, pg. 4, image 4

⁷⁶ Beaverton Times, December 16, 1921, pg. 3, image 3

⁷⁷ Morning Oregonian, December 2, 1921, pg. 1, and 16

GREETING IS TRIUMPHANT

Hereafter, when Portland folk date history, they will recall the day that Marshal Foch was here, for the greeting they gave him was triumphant of the weather and typical of that American sentiment which has kindled toward him along the transcontinental course of his friendly visit.

The day was filled with events, his reception in the morning, his greeting to those who as comrades and officials were privileged to a few moments of his time, the motoring trip over the Columbia river highway, the luncheon at Crown Point Chalet, the Chamber of Commerce banquet in his honor, and his final appearance at the armory – where Oregon veterans gave him the salute of soldiers and the applause that is his due.

UNITY OF PEOPLES URGED

A plea for unity of peoples in attacking the problems of peace with the same will to conquer as was victorious in war was made by Marshal Foch in an after-dinner speech in the Arcadian gardens last night at a banquet for which more than 500 plates were laid.

H.B. Van Duzer, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, as chairman of the evening made a few introductory remarks and presented Lane Goodell, department commander of the American Legion, as toastmaster. Brief addresses of welcome were given by Mayor Baker and Governor Olcott. Hanford MacNider followed with a few words of appreciation for the reception which had been tendered the visitors and introduced the marshal of France.

MANY DINERS IN UNIFORM

Prolonged cheers and applause greeted Marshal Foch and the din did not subside for many minutes. A heavy percentage of the diners were ex-service men in uniform. Numerous dress suits and evening gowns dotted the assemblage.

“In the unity of the sentiments of the people and of the armies which brought about the victory there was not only that unity of the men in the front, but of all the people behind the lines; and up to the day when the victory was secured and the governments imposed upon the enemy their conditions it was your work as well as mine,” said Marshal Foch. “The victory could have been pushed much further had it been wished, but to what end? It could have only meant misery and would not have advanced our cause.

“Even if the treaty produced peace it was not a complete peace. It was brought about a cessation of armed action, but in the line of economics it has not yet produced quiet. There is a miasma – there is a melancholy – among many peoples of the earth, and it is now that problem which is before us. In connection with the treaty and the present situation I find myself in the presence of men of affairs, handling big questions, profound questions of business and of restoring the confidence of the people and in rehabilitating the business of the people throughout the world.

CAREFUL ATTENTION URGED

“It may still require a long time to produce a condition which would be satisfactory, but that is a problem which we must meet and meet with careful attention. And why should we not now apply the principle of unity and of attacking our problem of peace with the purpose to conquer as we once conquered in war? It is certain that if the same good will, the same intense interest to produce a peaceful condition amongst the peoples of the earth is now applied there can be no question as to its results.

“I find myself now amongst the people of Oregon, who sent to France some of the first contingent who entered into the war, and I therefore also find myself amongst members of the American Legion, that organization which has upheld freedom and is perpetuating American citizenship and comradeship with the

peoples of all the allied countries. And finding myself among those live forces, these energetic people I again wish to pay my lasting respects and gratitude to the people of Portland and to the people of Oregon."

PORTLAND IS BID ADIEU

At 9:30 last night Marshal Foch bade Portland adieu and sought his special car on the train that has carried him the width of America and that is now hurrying south to complete the tour, through California, the southwest, the old south and again to port, where he will embark for France. The Foch special, whose epochal journey around the nation is sponsored by the American Legion, drew out from union station at 11 o'clock.

The formal entrance of Marshal Foch into the city through the portals of the union depot was greeted by a flurry of cheers shouts of "*Vive la France!*" waving of flags and a band playing the "*Marseillaise.*" The grizzled warrior stood with his hand raised in salute until the strains of music died away, then climbed into a waiting limousine and started away with 10 wearers of the distinguished service cross as his escort of honor.

"OFFICAL ARRIVAL IS HELD"

Though he reached the city the night before and had repaired to his headquarters at the Multnomah hotel, the official arrival was at 9:15 and thousands of people blocked the streets about the station, waiting for a glimpse of the allied leader.

On the reception committee at the depot were Governor Olcott, Mayor Baker, C. Henri Labbe, consular agent for France; Admiral (retired) H.T. Mayo, General Richard M. Blatchford, Colonel William H. Jordan, H.B. VanDuzer, president Portland Chamber of Commerce; George A. White, adjutant general of Oregon, Henry Boyd, commander Portland post, American Legion; Dr. Benjamin F. Pound, Salem, George R. Wilbur, Hood River; George A. Coddling, Medford; Oliver B. Houston, Portland, and Fred E. Kiddle, Ontario, executive committeemen of the legion, and Frank Moore, F. Hetherton, Paul Hathway, E.C. Mears, Lawrence A. Milner, J.W. Morris, C.M. Bristol and E.R. Goodwin of the local legion arrangement committee.

The parade through downtown streets to the Multnomah hotel was led by a detachment of the 59th infantry of Vancouver barracks. Cheering crowds greeted the marshal along the line.

MEDAL MEN FORM ESCORT

His escort of honor numbered 10 Oregon veterans who wear the distinguished service cross – decorations that were won on the western front in the bitter fighting which Marshal Foch directed, and which brought the long war to a conclusive finis. The members of this special escort were Private Charles Glenn, company D, 4th engineers, of the 4th division; Sergeant Albert C. Presley, headquarters company, 363d infantry, 91st division; First Sergeant E.J. Chartier, 357th machine gun company, 91st division; Sergeant Instructor Henry Ramsey; Sergeant H.L. Bird, battery A 147th field artillery; Sergeant Ross E. Read, company D, 1st engineers; Lieutenant F.W. Wason, 328th infantry; Corporal Eugene A. McEntee, headquarters company, 26th infantry; Major Carl G. Swenson, sanitary train, 91st division; Captain W.M. Ackley, 363d infantry.

At the hotel the marshal received his guests and granted an interview to newspaper men which was cut short with a pleasant "*Bon jour, messieurs.*" He was delighted to be in Portland, believed the heart of the people to be warmer than the weather which greeted him, said of peace that victorious nations always will have peace and that victory would be without significance if it did not bring peace. The marshal declared that he found the American people facing tremendous possibilities in the future because of their extreme activity, resourcefulness and intelligence.

DISABLED VETERANS ARE MET

A meeting which probably affected the marshal the most was with 36 disabled veterans from local hospitals who had been driven to the hotel to greet the allied chief. His voice shook a bit, as the great general, whose own son paid the supreme cost, expressed his sincere hope for the early recovery of the wounded men and told them, "You are men – for you have been where men must be men!"

The one regrettable incident of the day was the fact that 20,000 school children, assembled at various previously designated points along the marshal's course to the Columbia highway, practically failed of seeing him. His car was closed, there were other officers in it, and the boys and girls who had waited for an expectant hour in the rain caught scarcely a glimpse of their hero. Many were not even aware when his car passed.

"We are much disappointed," said superintendent of Schools Grout. "The children were eager for the privilege. Mr. Krohn and the principals had worked out a difficult problem in assembling them, and their teachers had given them special talks on Marshal Foch. Few of them saw him, despite this effort and preparation."

GEORGE A. WHITE IS GREETED

Among those who were personally greeted by Marshal Foch was George A. White, adjutant general of Oregon, who wears the cross of the Legion of Honor. The marshal's keen eyes flashed to the ribbon and its decoration and he gave an exclamation of approval, shaking General White's hand was warmth. Others received in person were Admiral Mayo, retired; Brigadier-General Blatchford, Governor Olcott and Mayor Baker.

Said Captain Rene L'Hospital, aide to Marshal Foch, in a conversation with General White: "I understand that it rains here six months in the years." Touched in his native pride – the general answered: "So they say. During all the time I was in France I could have fancied myself in Oregon. The climate seemed identical."

In charge of publicity for the Foch party is Captain J.M. Loughborough of New York who has not forgotten the training of his years as newspaper man, nor how to "cover" a big story. Captain Loughborough has worked on the New York World, the New York Press and the Chicago Inter-Ocean, as well as various other metropolitan papers and was night city editor of the Press when he joined the colors. He trained at Plattsburg, received a commission as first Lieutenant, studied at Harvard the theory and practice of trench warfare and went overseas with the 77th division, a New York unit. He saw much active service with the Australians, having been detailed to their forces as a military observer, and in their operations on the Somme was severely gassed.

The Foch special is scheduled to arrive at San Francisco on Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Thence it will successively visit Los Angeles, the Grand Canyon, Huston, Tex., New Orleans and points in Alabama, Georgia, South and North Carolina and West Point. The distinguished visitor will board the Paris, at New York, on December 28, for the return voyage to France.

CROWN POINT VIEW ENCHANTS MARSHAL⁷⁸

It is Beautiful, Says Hero of Allied Victories

FOCH INSISTS ON TRIP

Noted Visitor Not at All Dismayed by Rain and Refuses to Allow Change in Plans

BY HARRY B. CRITCHLOW

IT is not a task of ease to move to rapture a man who has held the fate of the world in his hands. The beauties of the artist and of nature fade when thoughts of the battlefield drift back in memory. Marshal

⁷⁸ Morning Oregonian, December 2, 1921, pg. 16, image 16

Ferdinand Foch, the greatest military leader of the age, stood on the steps of the Vista house at Crown Point yesterday. He gazed for miles through the mists and driving rain down the Columbia river and its beauties, then moved his eyes to behold the wonders of nature that stretched upward through the rugged gorge.

"Il est beau, il est beau," quietly remarked the one man of the war, to whom all thoughts were turned when the allies were fighting with their backs to the wall, and the fall of Paris seemed inevitable. "it is beautiful" was the summary of the impression that the Columbia river highway made upon Marshal Foch.

MARSHAL INSISTS ON TRIP

When the suggestion was made yesterday morning that the highway trip be called off on account of the inclement weather, the marshal of France would have none of it. He insisted on carrying out the programme that had been prepared for his day in Portland, irrespective of weather conditions. After the school children of the city – thousands strong – had had an opportunity to observe the famous man's car, and occasionally through a guard of secret service men, policemen and veterans, catch a glimpse of the marshal, the cars headed out over Sandy road.

Perhaps as the cars moved out over the highway to Troutdale Marshal Foch imagined that he was once more back upon the shell-swept fields of his native France. The storms of a week ago had broken down telephone and telegraph poles, uprooted trees and left their marks of destruction everywhere.

CROWN POINT APPROACHED

Then out from Troutdale and up the Sandy, now a raging torrent due to the flood waters from rains and melting snows, coursed the machines until they left the stream and neared Crown Point.

As the marshal's car reached the summit and stared down the steep toward the Vista House, he saw the real beauties that have made the highway famous. For 2000 feet and more he looked down the steep cliffs to the winding Columbia.

He could not but marvel, but he concealed his thoughts, and it was not until Crown Point was reached that Marshal Foch voiced his sentiments with *"Il est beau, il est beau."*

LUNCHEON SERVED MARSHAL

Luncheon was served for Marshal Foch and his immediate party at the Crown Point Chalet, while Franklin D'Olier, ex-national commander of the American Legion; Colonel Frank Parker, ex-commander of the 1st division, and others lunched at Chanticleer inn.

Impatient because his driver had not arrived in time and anxious to settle a hearty luncheon, the Marshal of France did not wait for his driver to return to the Chalet for him but walked almost half way along the highway to the Inn, where he was picked up and the party started to return to Portland.

As the cars left the point on their cityward journey a fierce wind and rain storm broke. Drivers had difficulty in Keeping the road, due to the sheets of driving rain; Motorcycle policemen were forced to abandon their efforts to keep up with the Marshal's car; and members of the party who were unfortunate enough to be in open cars were drenched to the skin.

Marshal Foch has seen much rain for the climate of France is much like that of Oregon, but his return over the Columbia River highway gave him a real taste of one of our "unusual winds."

E.J. EIVERS HEADS NATIONAL "40 et 8"⁷⁹

*Oregon Department Adjudant Chosen Chef de Chemin de Fer; H.E. MacDonald, Seattle,
Is Named Correspondente Nationale.*

THROUGHOUT the country there have come into existence various organizations whose sole purpose has been to afford to members of the Legion elements of enjoyment and relaxation which cannot be had in serious post meetings. Each of these organizations has sought to attain the endorsement of the Legion.

At the national convention of the Legion a resolution was passed recognizing La Societé des 40 Hommes at 8 Chevaux as the official fun-making organization of that body. With this recognition, and the numerous Voitures already in existence, it is an assured fact that this organization will rapidly spread and play an important part in Legion affairs.

It was therefore a signal honor which came to the Northwest when Edward J. Eivers, Oregon department adjudant of the Legion, was the unanimous choice by acclamation as the chef de Chemin de fer, the highest national office in the gift of that society, and H. E. MacDonald, of Seattle, was named Correspondente Nationale. Eivers gained the honor by reason of his efficient and impartial Conduct as temporary chairman of the first national meeting of delegates from this organization.

Largely through his efforts the society was placed on a firm footing. A constitution was adopted, and executive committee was elected representing the various states which will assure future growth and proper management to a body which will bring the members closer together as time progresses.

As soon as he was elected, Eivers appointed MacDonald national correspondent of the society. On these two men from Oregon and Washington the burden will fall of guiding the destinies of this organization until the next national convention.

The scene when Eivers was chosen to head the society was a dramatic one. It was a case in which the office sought the man by virtue of his demonstrated fitness to handle that office. Internal jealousies had put the organization on the verge of chaos when Eivers rose to his feet, demanded attention, and told the waning factions just what he thought of them. He suggested the temporary organization to get matters going in systematic form, and before he could protest was unanimously chosen to head the temporary body.

His fairness and impressive efficiency as presiding officer led to unanimous choice of Eivers for leadership during the coming year.

On Saturday night, November 19, Eivers, MacDonald and George M. Brazer, national executive committeeman of the society from Washington, were guests at a banquet held in the L. C. Smith building. Ninety-five members of the organization were in attendance. It was announced that national headquarters of this playground society for the coming year would be at 325 Yesler Way, Seattle.

CLARK BURGARD, after having represented Oregon at the burial of the "unknown soldier" on Armistice day, spent several weeks in Washington, where he had an opportunity to inspect Walter Reed hospital. Here more than 1500 men who were casualties are taking treatment with the hope that they may be returned to physical conditions that will make them again independent.

"There are hundreds of pitiable cases in the hospital," declared Mr. Burgard upon his return to Portland this week. "Men who were terribly wounded are there and some will probably remain for years to come. The men who have lost their minds from shell shock are also in very bad condition.

"I walked into one ward and asked if there were any men from my old outfit, the 362d infantry. A young man was pointed out to me as one who had been with me overseas. I approached him and tried to make myself known. 'Get out of here, you tenderfoot. I don't want you around me. You are a slacker.' Such was his greeting. I tried to make myself known, but it was impossible. I was then told by officials of the hospital that this man in civilian clothes was other than a slacker and a tenderfoot. It was impossible for

⁷⁹ The Pacific Legion, December 1921, pg. 8

civilians to confer any favor upon him. His case was declared almost beyond cure. There were many others in as serious condition.⁸⁰

⁸⁰ The Pacific Legion, December 25, 1921, Section Two, pg. 12, image 24

POSTS

Post 1

City: Portland

Names: Portland (1919)

Charter Date:

JANUARY

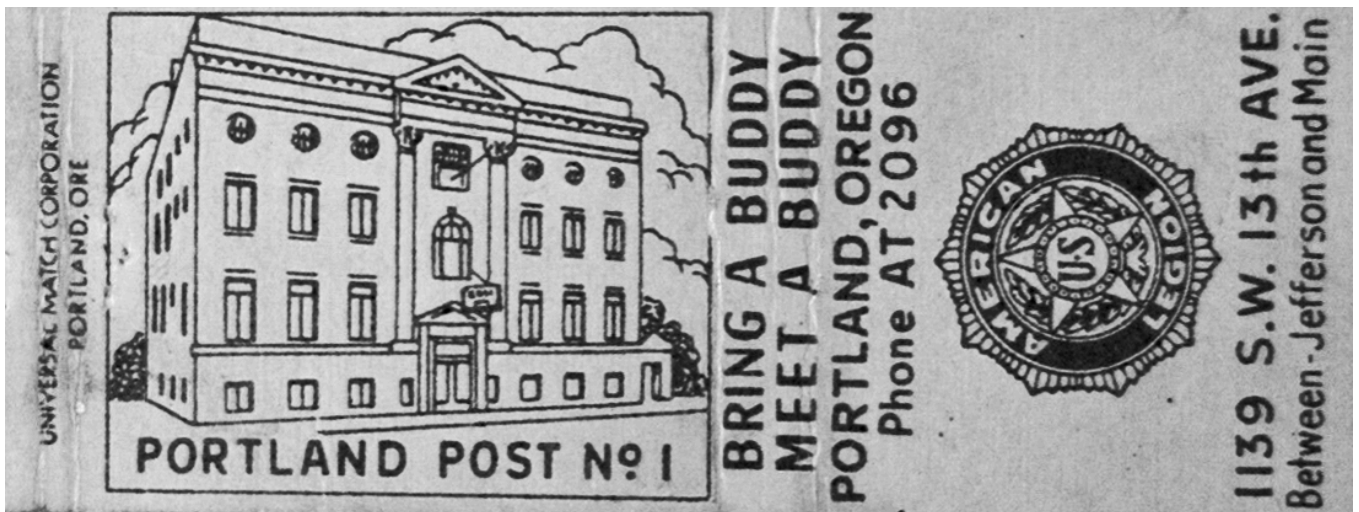
VETERANS of Multnomah, Ore., in anticipation of forming a Legion post, obtained clubrooms while waiting for their charter to be accepted.⁸¹

NOT less than 1500 veterans of the world war at an open session in the Portland armory last week, called by Portland post of the American Legion, roared affirmation to a resolution calling upon the Oregon legislature to allow ex-service men the option of \$25 for each month of service or a \$3000 farm or home loan.

MARCH

THE unemployment problem in Portland is being met with a remarkable degree of efficiency by the unemployment committee of Portland Post No. 1, American Legion, according to statistics brought to Salem. Governor Olcott and other state officials were outspoken in praise of the committee's efforts as disclosed by the figure submitted. The committee's efforts resulted in furnishing employment from 14 to 162 men daily during the month of February, or a total of 2208 for the month.⁸²

APRIL



MAY

“We promised the boys everything when they went away to war and now is the time for us to keep our promises,” declared Mayor Baker, of Portland, in urging the support of the state aid measure at the

⁸¹ The American Legion Weekly, May 6, 1921

⁸² Beaverton Times, March 18, 1921, pg. 3, image 3

coming election in an address at a meeting held recently at the auditorium under the auspices of Portland post.⁸³

JUNE

LIEUTENANT Colonel George H. Kelly, Portland timberman, received the cross of the Legion of Honor from the president of France for his services in connection with the American army's sawmill operations in France during the world war. He commanded the 20th engineers.⁸⁴

JULY

DISABLED ex-service men of Oregon will find an unexcelled home in the Oregon Ex-Service Men's club, to be opened on West Park street, between Main and Madison streets, the first week in August. Two houses have been leased, rent free, for two years to Portland post, No. 1, of the American Legion by the Masonic building committee, and they will be converted into a hotel where 70 veterans may be housed and fed at cost.

The need for such a home has long been felt. The building was obtained through the efforts of Dr. N.E. Wayson of the public health service, Will Moore of the Daddies' club, Carl Bruntsch of the American Legion, and Miss Jane V. Doyle of the American Red Cross, chairman of hospitalization work of the American Legion in Oregon, combined with the courtesy of the Masons.

There are three classes of veterans for whom the home will be a blessing. The first consists of men who are not sick enough for hospital care, but are in Portland having artificial limbs fitted, dental work done, eyes treated, etc. The government allows them living expenses. The second class is composed of men who are convalescent and just out of hospitals, and the third of men in Portland taking vocational training. These men all need a comfortable home with proper care and supervision. The club will supply these.

Mrs. Frank Rigler will be matron at the home. Small fees will be charged, just sufficient to make the home self-supporting.

Henry Boyd, commander of Portland post of the legion, announced last week that he had been asked to edit a veterans' column in a local newspaper during the absence of its father, David Hazen, on a vacation trip. Boyd asked that contributors whose articles had been turned down by Hazen get in touch with the emergency editor without delay.

"He won't know his own child when he returns," promised Boyd.⁸⁵

LEGIONNAIRES of Portland and vicinity are looking forward with interest to the outing planned by the state department of the Women's Auxiliary on the river boat Bluebird Thursday night, July 28. There will be refreshments and special entertainment features as well as dancing.⁸⁶

BILLY Foy, of Portland post, who is representative of a fireworks company of Seattle, has left for Marshfield, Or., where he will stage a reproduction of the "Battle of Argonne" for Coos Bay post. Several other posts throughout Oregon are contracting for this spectacle. The Marshfield "battle" will be a feature of the Elks' state convention, August 18 to 20.⁸⁷

⁸³ The Pacific Legion, May 1921, pg. 24

⁸⁴ The Pacific Legion, June 1921, pg. 31

⁸⁵ The Sunday Oregonian, July 24, 1921, Section1, pg. 15, image 15

⁸⁶ The Sunday Oregonian, July 24, 1921, Section1, pg. 15, image 15

⁸⁷ The Sunday Oregonian, July 24, 1921, Section1, pg. 15, image 15

SEPTEMBER

PORTLAND POST MAY FLOAT A BOND ISSUE⁸⁸

PROPOSAL of a \$10,000 bond issue to retire debts incurred by Portland Post in the furnishing of clubrooms and to pay running expenses for the remainder of 1921 was broached at a well-attended meeting of the organization last month. The matter will come up for a final vote at the September meeting.

The motion embodying the idea was made by Walter Gleason and called for the issuance of bonds in \$5, \$10, and \$20 denominations, carrying interest of 6 per cent and running for five years. The bonds would be sold to none but Legion members. Though there was considerable discussion of the proposition the voting was postponed until September.

The debt of \$15,000, incurred by the post in the furnishing and maintenance of its new clubrooms at sixth and Ankeny streets, was assumed by the present post officers on January 1. The amount has been reduced to \$8,000, asserted Boyd.

To run the clubrooms to January 1, 1922, \$1175 will be needed, it was said. The remainder of any money raised would go to paying off obligations.

CLARENCE R. HOTCHKISS, member of Portland post, American Legion, and retiring commander United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Oregon, was presented with a handsome signet ring by Scout Young Camp recently in recognition of his services, Still more to the point, the services of Comrade Hotchkiss were recognized by President Harding last month when he was named United States marshal for Oregon.⁸⁹

OCTOBER

IN order to get a supreme court decision allaying fears which may be entertained by bond houses as to the legality of bonds offered under the recent state aid bill, or bonus act, Thomas Henry Boyd, commander of Portland post of the American Legion, filed a friendly injunction suit in the Multnomah county circuit court against state officials and the veterans' state aid commission. The action purports to be brought by Boyd as a taxpayer "in his own behalf and in behalf of all persons similarly situated," and names as defendants the governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, state tax commissioner and Adjutant General White, Arthur C. Spencer and Lyman G. Rice of the commission. The attack is made on a purely technical point of legislative procedure in the adoption of the measure providing bonus and loan for ex-service men. The suit will be put through the local circuit court and the state supreme court so as not to delay the sale of bonds unnecessarily.⁹⁰

THE most important meeting of Portland Post of The American Legion during the current year will be held Monday evening, November 7. Nominations for officers for 1922 will be made. Officers now in office are urging upon the members of the legion to attend the nomination meeting and have a voice in the choice of candidates. The drive for the sale of \$10,000 worth of promissory notes to wipe out the indebtedness of the organization is progressing under the direction E.C. Mears, chairman and with the raising of this fund the new officers can start the year with a clean slate. The present officers have been burdened all year with thousands of dollars in debts and have labored hard to eliminate these. They have been successful in cutting

⁸⁸ The Pacific Legion, September 1921, pg. 14

⁸⁹ The Pacific Legion, September 1921, pg. 14

⁹⁰ Aurora Observer, October 20, 1921, image 3

down the amounts of the bills in a great measure. The post today is on a much firmer financial footing than it was a year ago.⁹¹

NOVEMBER

SALEM – Appellant’s brief in the suit brought by Thomas H. Boyd, commander of Portland post, American Legion to test the legality of the so-called bonus law enacted at the last session of the legislature, was filed in the Oregon supreme court Saturday. Governor Olcott and members of the world war veterans state aid commission are named as defendants in the action.⁹²

THE note issue of Portland post of the American Legion is about to go over the top. Saturday only \$635 worth of notes were to be sold before the legion had sufficient money to defray its indebtedness. The success of the drive has been in no small measure due to the efforts and hard work of E.C. Mears, chairman of the campaign committee. In one day during the week he sold \$1600 worth of notes and the majority of the issue has been sold through him. Portland post is about to become financially independent, debt’s will get wiped from the books and a new start will be made.⁹³

PORTLAND POST BOND ISSUE IS IN DANGER⁹⁴

By E.C. Mears

Chairman Bond Committee

Portland Post No. 1

RELATIVE to the matter of the note issue of \$10,000 which Portland post, No. 1, American Legion, is selling to its members to liquidate its indebtedness, the committee is very much disappointed in the small number of members that have subscribed. At this point only \$3,500 of these notes have been sold. At least \$5,000 should have been taken, and it should be an easy matter to sell the whole issue among a 3,000 membership.

There is not an order, club or society in this city that would not have subscribed that small amount of money in less than three days, or in any one meeting. It isn't a case of charity or donation, it is a loan by members to their post on which they will receive 4 per cent interest and for which a sinking fund has been established of \$1 per member annually to retire these notes at the rate of \$2,000 per year, and there is no excuse whatsoever for the members not subscribing for these notes liberally and at once.

The note committee worked very hard on the matter, giving time gratis, and 20 to 35 of the members have gone out taking their time from their business to see these delinquents to bring them across, but they are met with excuses of all sorts.

The letter which the note committee sent out the latter part of September should have been sufficient to bring a check from every member of the post, even if it was for \$5. There are many men, members of this post, and who are receiving large salaries, who could well afford to loan the Legion a considerable amount, if they so desired.

The plain facts of the case are simply these: The officers and executive committee of the post have tried hard and worked hard to maintain the clubrooms for the membership, especially during the winter months. If the members of the Legion in this city wish to maintain these clubrooms they should "come across" and subscribe at once.

⁹¹ The Sunday Oregonian, October 30, 1921, Section two, pg. 24, image 46

⁹² Aurora Observer, November 24, 1921, image 5

⁹³ The Pacific Legion, November 20, 1921, Section Two, image 44

⁹⁴ The Pacific Legion, November 1921, pg. 59

Portland post should stop going to the public for donations, but stand on its own feet and take its place in the front rank as a first-class organization and a power in the community.

Members of the Legion in other cities of the United States have built buildings and clubrooms from funds raised among their own members, and there is no reason why a rich city like Portland, with 10,000 veterans eligible for membership in the Legion, cannot put Portland post where it belongs.

Solicitations and further letters should be unnecessary to obtain the balance of this note issue, and instead of giving excuses to Legion members who have kindly offered to take subscriptions, hand them a check and, if they do not see you, send a check by mail.

In 1917 and 1918, when the whistle blew, the Legion members made no excuse for holding back, but went over the top, and there is no reason, at this time, why this note issue cannot be put over, if every member of the post will realize his responsibility and do his part. Let's go!

DECEMBER

PORTLAND AUXILIARY BAZAAR⁹⁵

To obtain funds for holiday entertainment of disabled veterans and for gifts for kiddies of unemployed ex-service men, the women's auxiliary of Portland post plans a bazaar to be held in the Legion clubrooms, Sixth and Pine streets, Friday and Saturday, December 9 and 10

There will be twelve booths, including gypsy, flower, doll, fancy work, lace, handkerchief, and sofa pillow booths, according to plans announced by Mrs. W.A. Eivers, chairman of the committee in charge. There also will be a country store, where homemade delicacies, candies, pies, cakes, fruits and jellies will be for sale. Lunch will be served from 11:30 until 1 p.m., and tea will be served.

Donations are sought for this extremely worthy cause. Portland folk should telephone Miss Coletta Bartholemy, Broadway 5448, if they can assist.

EUROPE BROUGHT TO OREGON⁹⁶

LINKING up combatant Europe with peaceful Oregon would seem rather farfetched, but that is just what Thomas Henry Boyd, known in helium days as Captain "Hank," of the 363d Infantry, has done. "Hank" Boyd, commander of Portland post, American Legion, has built a home in Eastmoreland, the replica of the gatekeeper's lodge in the ancient city of Langres, Franc that was built nearly four centuries ago.

The original cottage stands as firm today as when it was built in the sixteenth century. Harold W. Doty, originally with the 162d Infantry in France, was transferred to the camouflage corps and spotted the neat Norman cottage. He sketched the house, and when "Hank" wanted a home submitted the design. Perry Dolph, the contractor served with 316th Signal Corps of the 91st Division, and all of the men employed on the home were former service men. It stands as a monument to the Legion in many respects, to the ability of the combatant forces to take advantage of opportunity and to apply it to peacetime pursuits as well as to the ability of the ex-service men to turn their hands to constructive work.

The house as it stands in Eastmoreland has nearly the same appearance as the original stone cottage in Normandy. The shingled roof is mottled to imitate the age-colored tile, the exterior shingles are laid 12 inches to the weather, to look like great blocks of stone, and the faithful carrying out of the completed design gives a home that is attracting a great deal of attention from architects and builders.

⁹⁵ The Pacific Legion, December 1921, pg. 4

⁹⁶ The Pacific Legion, December 1921, pg. 9

S.P. STEWART and Dr. John G. Abele are organizing a new post in Portland, to embrace Alberta, Woodlawn, Kenton, St. Johns and the Jefferson high school district.⁹⁷

JIM MORRIS SEEKS TO SUSPEND IMMIGRATION⁹⁸

COMMENT on the fight of Northwest men at the national convention would not be complete without reference to the battle put up by James W. Morris, Oregon delegate from Portland, to place the Legion on record as favoring a suspension of all immigration for five years.

When first proposed by Morris it was considered so radical that he was unable to obtain a second and so reported back to Lane Goodell, department commander and head of the delegation from Oregon. He concurred in the proposed resolution and Morris went into action again. By hard talking, coupled with some trading, he got it through a subcommittee of six. The chairman, Hall of Maine, was opposed and it was necessary for Morris to appeal from a ruling of the chair and overthrow it by a two-thirds vote.

The delegate from Paris was opposed, so when he left to help welcome Pershing, Morris figured the zero hour had arrived. He had the delegates from Washington and Hawaii with him and the proposal went through by a three to two vote. The chairman was talked out of submitting a minority report.

Finally, the measure passed the Americanism committee of 69 and went to the convention as a whole where its stormy career was crowned with success by its adoption as a Legion plank.

THE state tax conservation commission, composed of F.W. Mulkey, Louis Goldsmith and R.L. Sabin, has eliminated from the city budget the \$3000 item with which the rental of the American Legion club rooms at Sixth and Pine streets was to be paid during 1922.

The city commission originally paid this rent for the reason that they believed it was better for unemployed former service men to have such a place to spend their idle moments than to be forced to loiter about the card rooms of the north end. The club rooms of the legion were open to any and all men who had served during the war, whether or not they were members of the organization.

Portland post now faces the task of raising this money to pay its rental. The debts of the past have been paid through the sale of bonds and notes. The new officers will start January 1 with a clean slate.

The solution of the problem is a membership campaign. There are several thousand former service men who reside in the city who are not now members of the legion. In view of what the legion has done for them they can afford to become members.

Had it not been for the American Legion there would have been no bonus legislation passed at the last session of the legislature. Portland post has passed out bonus application blanks to all applicants, and has made no charges for services rendered. The post has established an employment office and is doing great work in finding jobs for unemployed men.

The loyal and active members of Portland post should adopt the National Legion slogan, "Every member get a member," and go down the line to double the membership during 1922.⁹⁹

MME. Fifi, the famous dancer, late of the Follies Bergere, will arrive in Portland from Seattle by airplane tomorrow to participate in the "Night in Paris," to be staged by Portland post of the American Legion. New Year's Eve. She was to have made an air trip from Omaha, but on account of the storms over the Rocky Mountains, her managers feared that she might contract a cold.

⁹⁷ The Pacific Legion, December 1921, pg. 11

⁹⁸ The Pacific Legion, December 1921, pg. 14

⁹⁹ The Sunday Oregonian, December 18, 1921, Section Two, pg. 24, image 48

During the week Mme. Fifi will visit the various luncheon clubs of the city and urge members to attend the legion's big celebration. She will be masked at all times and will not unmask until New Year's Eve, when she will dance on the stage of the auditorium.

Mme. Fifi will be just one of the features of the "Night in Paris." Old street scenes familiar to the men of the American expeditionary forces are being reproduced. The girls of the Junior league are planning to reproduce the Café de la Paix. There will be a French public market with its chickens, pigs and ducks. There will be side-shows of all kinds and French money will be the medium of exchange.

The old "hoosgow" or Hotel St. Anne, known to many members of the American expeditionary force, is to be a feature of the evening. Military police will swarm the streets and arrest those who are guilty of misdemeanors.

The legionnaires are preparing to receive several thousand people in the auditorium on the night of the celebration. The show will not close until the small hours of the morning.¹⁰⁰

THERE have been many times during the last year when Henry Boyd has felt that his efforts in behalf of Portland post were not appreciated. He never has hesitated to take a decided stand when such a stand was necessary, and Naturally he has made some enemies who never have hesitated to attack him for his work as commander. Boyd led the executive committee ticket last Monday night with a vote of 414. This should convince him that the great majority of the members of the legion in Portland appreciate his work.¹⁰¹

BYRON J. Beattie, who was chosen as a member of the executive committee of Portland post of the American Legion last Monday night, was an ensign in the Atlantic fleet during the war. He was on a submarine chaser most of his time at sea. Beattie is secretary of the Progressive Business Men's club.¹⁰²

THE annual election of Portland post of the American Legion resulted in the selection of James J. Crossley as commander for 1922. E.V. Stretcher will be vice-commander, Douglas McKay adjutant, and E.C. Mears, finance officer. The executive committee was elected as follows: Henry Boyd, John Beckwith, Byron J. Beattie, W.R. Bald, W.N. Beveridge, Kenneth Cooper and Jerrold Owen.

More members of the organization attended the meeting than ever was noted at a previous gathering of the post. Politics was played by all factions in the fight. Those who were backed by the strongest organization won out. Now the fight is over and ahead lies a year of hard work. The man who becomes a member of the legion simply to participate in the annual election is not worthy of membership Cliques and factions are natural in election campaigns. They are unhealthy elements after the election is over and there are difficult tasks to perform.

As they pulled together in 1917-18, let the members of Portland post pull together in 1922 and make the post recognized as a power for better Americanism in Portland.¹⁰³

JUNIOR league girls and members of the American Legion auxiliary will aid in making successful "A Night in Paris," to be staged in the municipal auditorium by Portland post on New Year's Eve. The main floor of the auditorium will be used for dancing and vaudeville. In the basement the Junior league girls will have charge of the festivities. There the street scenes of Paris with their cafes, cabarets and street characters will be reproduced.

¹⁰⁰ The Sunday Oregonian, December 25, 1921, Section Two, pg. 12, image 24

¹⁰¹ The Sunday Oregonian, December 11, 1921, Section Two, pg. 22, image 46

¹⁰² The Sunday Oregonian, December 11, 1921, Section Two, pg. 22, image 46

¹⁰³ The Sunday Oregonian, December 11, 1921, Section Two, pg. 22, image 46

According to Fred S. Cook, arrangements are being completed to bring Mme. "Fifi," the famous danseuse of the Follies Bergere, to this country for the participation in the "Night in Paris." A cablegram announcing her departure from the shores of her native France is being expected daily.¹⁰⁴

PARIS JAIL TO BE SHOWN¹⁰⁵

Military Prison to Be Depicted in Legion Show New Years

THE old "brig" in the Hotel St. Anne, the sorrow of many of the members of the American Expeditionary Forces gone on A.W.O.L., will be reproduced on New Year's Eve, when Portland post of the American Legion stages its "Night in Paris" in the municipal auditorium. Fred M. West and Cicero Hogan, who had headquarters in the famous "hoosegow," will be in charge of the reproduction.

In addition to the "brig," Pat Allen with the assistance of junior league girls will reproduce the Café de les Paix. There will be all sorts of scenes reproduced that were familiar to the Yank who wandered down into the Latin quarter.¹⁰⁶

Post 2

City: Forest Grove

Names: Washington; Forest Grove (1919)

Charter Date:

JUNE

DECORATION Day in Forest Grove was duly observed this year and the respect due the departed heroes of all wars was ungrudgingly given. Floral tributes were many and beautiful. The ceremony of decorating the graves was carried out in the usual beautiful and impressive way under the direction of the Grand Army Post with Boy Scouts acting in the capacity of flower distributors decorating the graves in Forest View cemetery which are marked by American flags. The monument to the unknown dead was draped with choicest flowers.

The parade formed promptly at 10:00 o'clock in the following order:

Grand Army of the Republic.

Spanish American War Veterans.

World War Veterans.

Boy Scouts.

Woman's Relief Corps.

Citizens in autos.

The exercises at the cemetery were conducted by the G.A.R., Women's Relief Corps and American Legion.

In the afternoon at 2:30 there were services at the Congregational church, with the following program:

Organ Prelude.....Russell Beals

America..... Audience

Invocation.....Dr. H.L. Bates

Solo.....Mrs. W.W. McEldowney

Address..... Rev. Otis H. Holmes

Quartette..... Intermediates

¹⁰⁴ The Sunday Oregonian, December 11, 1921, Section Two, pg. 22, image 46

¹⁰⁵ The Sunday Oregonian, December 11, 1921, Section Two, pg. 22, image 46

¹⁰⁶ The Sunday Oregonian, December 11, 1921, Section Two, pg. 22, image 46

Benediction.....Chaplain Blair

The Oration by Rev. Otis H. Holmes of Walla Walla, Wash., former pastor of the Congregational church here, was an eloquent and forceful one. Mr. Holmes is a man who esteems highly the patriotic men who have fought for our country and delivered a most stirring address, which was listened to attentively and at times loudly applauded by the large audience which fill the church edifice. He appealed especially to the members of the American Legion to rally to the support of the nation in its struggle against I.W.W.ism. Bolshevism, and kindred elements. This organization will be of vast benefit to the nation in the reconstruction days that are to follow.¹⁰⁷

AUGUST

WESLEY J. COOPER TO HAVE MILITARY FUNERAL SUNDAY

PVT. 1st Class Wesley J. Cooper, 106th Inf., will be buried at the Cornelius Cemetery Sunday, Aug. 7th, at 10 A.M.

Pvt. Cooper was hit with shrapnel while awaiting orders to go over the top on the morning of Sept. 6th, 1918 and died a few hours later in a field hospital. The 106th infantry was in the Vesle sector at the time Private Cooper was wounded.

The local post of the American Legion will have charge of the services and will conduct a military funeral at Cornelius, at the cemetery. It is very important that all ex-service men in the community be at the Cornelius cemetery Sunday morning in uniform, to honor a comrade who paid the supreme sacrifice.¹⁰⁸

OCTOBER

GROVE BOYS PUT ON BIG STUNTS IN EAST¹⁰⁹

FOREST Grove boys are doing things in the East according to news that has lately been received here. Lieutenant Mark C. Hogue, son of Mrs. Ann Hogue, of this city is in aerial mail service with the government, and on Saturday last under his personal direction the First Annual Aerial Regatta, of Providence, Rhode Island, was put on at Narragansett Park. The big event was supposed to draw an immense crowd and the receipts were to be for the benefit of the American Legion. Encell Todd, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Todd, who is now in the East, was in charge of the gates and receipts. Some of the "Stunts" noted on the program are:

"A 100-mile Handicap Cross Country Race, \$500.00 Purse."

"A Triple Parachute Drop, Emilito Nilo demonstrates the method used by pilots in escaping from a burning plane, using three parachutes in succession."

"A Parachute Drop by a Woman.

Madame Scherzelle, the only woman in American jumping from a speeding plane and descending a parachute."

"A ten-mile Prize Race between an Airplane and Auto."

"Looping the Loop Standing on Wings, Sergeant R.O. Lee stands boldly out on the top wings of the plane while it describes loops, dives, spins and rolls"

"Changing from Plane to Plane, Lieutenant Myron O. Twombly jumps from on speeding plane to another while in full flight in view of the spectators."

¹⁰⁷ Beaverton Times, June 3, 1921, pg. 3, image 3

¹⁰⁸ Beaverton Times, August 5, 1921, pg. 2, image 2

¹⁰⁹ Beaverton Times, October 14, 1921, pg. 2, image 2

“Changing from Automobile to Plane, the Greatest Aerial Feature ever exhibited and being performed by the most daring acrobat known – Lieut. W.A. Bawen. He stands upright on the radiator of a Westcott Automobile tearing down the home stretch at a terrific speed while a plane roars down upon him, close enough for him to make a desperate leap to the landing gear of the machine.”

NOVEMBER

THE Women’s Auxiliary of the American Legion will meet Monday evening, Nov. 7, at 7:30, at the home of Mrs. Ralph Mills. Every member is urged to be present as this is a most important meeting. Plans for the Armistice day dinner will be discussed, and committees appointed.¹¹⁰

LEGION POSTS OF COUNTY MEET AT FOREST GROVE¹¹¹

THE first county meeting of Washington county was held Monday evening at Forest Grove. The other Posts of the county, together with the state officers, were the guests of Washington Post No. 2. Owing to the condition of the weather a small number of the men turned out.

The Program was started by the P.U. quartette, followed by a skit in black. Jack Anderson and Ralph Emerson showed their talent.

Comrade Ed. J. Eivers, Dept. Adjutant of the American Legion, then gave a brief report of the 3rd annual convention of the American Legion held at Kansas City, October 29, 30 and Nov. 1. He gave a very interesting and correct report of the doings of the Legion throughout the country. As at the other two conventions there were several who had personal axes to grind and different organizations wanted the backing of the Legion, and as has been true of other conventions they did not get it.

It was at this convention that McNider, off Macon City, Io., was elected Vice commander. Commander McNider entered the army from the first training camp as a 2nd Lieutenant and came back from France a lieutenant colonel with practically all of the decorations that this government and our European allies could give him. He received the D.S.C. and afterward the oak leaf cluster to wear with it for exceptional bravery in action. He was able to do all of this and be elected National Commander of the American Legion in spite of the fact that he was only 30 years old at the time of his discharge.

Marshall Foch, who was also at the convention, is coming to the coast and on December 1st will be the guest of the American Legion of Oregon and will make an address at the Armory on that day. Commander McNider will be in Marshal Foch’s party and will also address the men of Oregon.

Following Major Eiver’s talk on the convention the boys were entertained by a wrestling match and a boxing bout. Howard Reeher and Dab Abraham on the mat entertained the men several minutes in a first-class wrestling match, Ruben obtaining 3 out of 3 polls. Then Dilker of Hillsboro, and Roberts, of Forest Grove, met each other in the ring. The bout was declared a draw at the end of the 3rd round.

After a fast game of basketball and more eats a business meeting was held. After some open discussion a temporary chairman of the County Council was chosen, Dr. J.H. Rossman, of Hillsboro, being chosen, and Paul Abraham temporary secretary. After some discussion it was decided to form the County Council as soon as possible so a committee on by-laws was appointed: Dr. R.I. Mills, of Forest Grove, chairman; E.H. Morgan, Hillsboro and Bert Wahl of Banks. The next meeting of the County Council will be in Hillsboro, Dec. 19. – News-Times

WASHINTON county posts of the American Legion have organized a central committee to unite the efforts of the organizations in Banks, Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Sherwood and Aloha. The first meeting of the

¹¹⁰ Beaverton times, November 4, 1921, pg. 2, image 2

¹¹¹ Beaverton Times, November 25, 1921, pg. 4 image 4

committee has been called for tomorrow night by Chairman Abrahams, commander of the Forest Grove post. A programme has been arranged which will include boxing and wrestling bouts, diving contests and music. State Commander Goodell, Edward Eivers state adjutant, and Harry Nelson, assistant adjutant, will attend the meeting. The meeting will be held in Forest Grove.¹¹²

Post 3

City: Eugene

Names: Lane County (1919);

Charter Date:

MAY

EUGENE HONORS WAR HEROES¹¹³

Justice Harris of State Supreme Court Orator of Day

EUGENE, Or., May 30 – (Special) – Hon. Lawrence T. Harris, justice of the state supreme court, delivered the annual memorial day address in this city today. The exercises were held at the Grand Army of the Republic plot in the Oddfellows' cemetery, after a long parade held in the streets, in which the old soldiers, the women's auxiliary to the local Grand Army of the Republic post, Company C., national guard of Oregon, the American Legion, the Spanish War Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and other organizations took part. Flowers are plentiful this year and the graves of the veterans of several wars, as well as hundreds of others in different cemeteries, literally were banked with them.

This afternoon the ceremony of scattering flowers upon the water in memory of the nation's sailor dead was carried out by the women's relief corps at the Millrace bridge, in Ninth avenue. Rev. W.A. Elkins, who was a chaplain during the late war, delivered the address.

DECEMBER

THE American Legion men of Eugene are not forgetting their comrades in the hospitals of the northwest today. A committee composed of Meador Fletcher, Lynn McCrady, Ray Jackson, Walter Cole and E.G. Collins forwarded Christmas boxes to the sick and wounded men.¹¹⁴

Post 4

City: Bend

Names: Percy A. Stevens (1919)

CHARTER DATE: July 28, 1919

¹¹² The Sunday Oregonian, November 20, 1921, Section Two, image 44

¹¹³ Morning Oregonian, May 31, 1921, pg. 9, image 9

¹¹⁴ The Pacific Legion, December 25, 1921, Section Two, pg. 12, image 24

JANUARY

REMEMBERING OUR NAMESAKE PERCY A. STEVENS¹¹⁵

February 5, 2019 marks the 101st anniversary since the Post's name- sake US Army Private Percy A. Stevens lost his life during WWI. Stevens graduated from Bend High School 8 months before his death. On Feb. 5, 1918, the S.S. Tuscania troopship carrying 2,179 U.S. troops was sunk in the North Channel (between Ireland and Scotland) by a torpedo fired from the German submarine U-Boat 77. Stevens was among the 260 men lost. The Tuscania was the first American troopship sunk by an enemy torpedo during WW I.

The sinking made front page news across the nation and convinced Americans we were at war. There are 3 Bulletin reports of the Tuscania's sinking and Mr. Steven's death: "FIRST OF AMERICAN TRANSPORTS IS TORPEDOED", "FOUR BEND MEN ON TRANSPORT" and "PERCY STEVENS LOST ON VESSEL".

After drowning, Percy Stevens was originally buried in Scotland. He was later interred in the American Cemetery at Brookwood, England. His burial cross is en-graved: PERCY A. STEVENS PVT. 20 ENGRS. OREGON FEB. 5, 1918. After WW I, Bend's American Legion Post 4 was named for Mr. Stevens, a name replaced by "Stevens – Chute Post 4" when John Chute of Bend (Bend High School teacher and coach) was accidentally killed in Australia during WWII.

Stevens and Chute are honored with their names engraved on a granite memorial and individual brick pavers at Bend Heroes Memorial in Brooks Park.

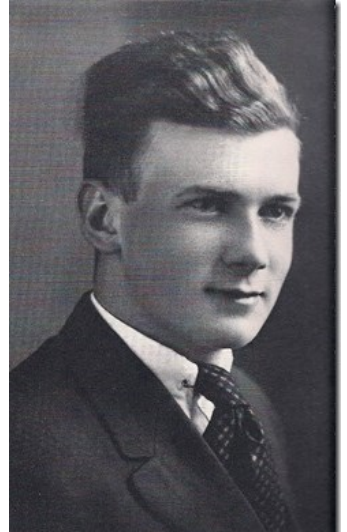


Photo 1 Percy A. Stevens

A swimming pool and other up-to-date conveniences are installed in the brand-new home of Bend (Ore.) Post, shown below



Photo 2 The American Legion Weekly, October 28, 1921

AS A reward for his two years' service as finance officer of Bend, Oregon, post, Frank R. Price was nominated at a recent meeting as the only candidate for commander of the post.¹¹⁶

¹¹⁵ The American Legion Stevens-Chute Post #4, Bend Oregon January 29, 2019

¹¹⁶ The Pacific Legion, January 1921, pg. 31

MARCH

PERCY Stevens post of the American Legion at Bend has opened a free employment agency.¹¹⁷

EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS CHARGE RESENTED HERE

RUCKER SILENT AS TO SOURCE

TO VISIT BEND SOON

*Commercial Club Doubts Reliability of Information Listing Bend Third –
Question to Come Before Legion Post*

PORTLAND, March 16. – “We made a state-wide survey and secured definite figures and names of employers in 30 Oregon towns before issuing the alien employment list,” today declared Charles B. Rucker, chairman of the American Legion unemployment committee. “We will not divulge our source of information. However, it is specific, and we shall back it up.”

Rucker will personally visit Bend within the next two weeks, call on employers and request the dismissal of alien laborers in order that Americans who need jobs may be substituted.

Rucker is not a member of the Legion but is handling the campaign for it.

Rucker’s statement was given to the United Press on The Bulletin’s request for the source of information on which he based his declaration yesterday that Bend is the third city in the state in the employment of alien labor.

CLUB TO INVESTIGATE

The matter was brought up this noon at the weekly luncheon of the Commercial club and a committee headed by Clyde M. McKay and having as its other members H.E. Allen and Carl A. Johnson was appointed by acting Chairman J.E. Eastes to investigate the possible sources of Rucker’s statements made public yesterday. The reliability of any figures on the subject which Rucker may have secured was pointedly questioned.

Commenting on Rucker’s refusal to make known the basis of his charges, Frank R. Prince, commander of Percy A. Stevens post No. 4, American Legion, stated this afternoon that he seriously questions the statement that Rucker has figures to show that Bend is an important offender in the matter of employing aliens.

REFUSAL CRITICIZED

“It is significant that he says he will visit Bend to investigate,” Commander Prince pointed out. “It is my opinion that investigations of the kind should be made ahead of a publicity campaign, and not after. Rucker is reported to be not a member of the American Legion. I have wired the state headquarters of the American Legion to confirm that fact and have also asked them if his campaign has the support and backing of headquarters. I trust that the Commercial club committee appointed today will make a thorough investigation. I will ask Post No. 4 to take proper action in the matter at its meeting tomorrow night and to assist the Commercial club in its investigation.”

¹¹⁷ Beaverton Times, March 4, 1921, pg. 3, image 3

MAY

LEGION SALUTE TO HONOR DEAD¹¹⁸

MEMORIAL PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED

*R.W. Sawyer Will Give Address at Cemetery – Erskine on Program –
Mrs. Silvis and Legion Quartet Will Sing – Graves Decorated*

MEMORIAL Day services at the Pilot Butte cemetery, which will follow those at the gymnasium, will consist of sacred selections by the Shevlin-Hixon band, the decoration of graves, an address by R.W. Sawyer, and a military salute to the dead by the American Legion firing squad, according to the complete program announced by C.T. Terril, chairman of the Memorial Day committee of the Legion.

The services at the gymnasium, beginning at 10 o'clock, will open with a medley of patriotic airs and the national anthem, played by the Shevlin-Hixon band, followed by the invocation. The Legion quartet will sing, after which Charles W. Erskine will give Lincoln's Gettysburg speech. Mrs. Silvis will sing a solo. The address will be delivered by Father Luke Sheehan of the Catholic church. The benediction will follow a second selection by the Legion quartet.

DELEGATES TO EUGENE NAMED¹¹⁹

GATCHELL, COBB AND HOUSTON TO GO

*Percy A. Stevens Post To send Three to American Legion Convention in July –
Program and Luncheon Feature the Social Meeting*

PAST Commander L.W. Gatchell, Earl Houston and Norman Cobb were elected delegates from Percy A. Stevens Post No. 4, American Legion, to the third annual state convention at Eugene, July 1 and 2, at last night's meeting, which was followed by a social meeting with the Ladies' Auxiliary unit in Epworth hall.

Commander Frank R. Prince, Paul Hosmer and C.H. Knowles were elected as alternates. They and other members of the post will attend the convention.

Attendance of Legion and auxiliary. Members and their guests at the social meeting was large, the auditorium being nearly filled. A snappy program was given, followed by a luncheon served in cafeteria style by the auxiliary.

Those taking part in the program were Paul Hosmer, with a banjo solo; little Virginia Carpenter, cleverly reciting "The Bear Story;" vocal solos by Dr. L.W. Gatchell and Charles G. Wilson, with Mrs. C.H. Knowles at the piano; Tom Going in a reading, "Harp of a Thousand Strings;" the Legion quartet in several selections; a solo by Miss Virginia Stewart, accompanied by Miss Belle Sexton; readings by Norman Cobb, and a talk by Commander Prince. The latter complimented the auxiliary on its speedy growth and the assistance which it is rendering to the Legion post.

HONOR MEMORY OF DEAD¹²⁰

BEND, Or., May 30 – (Special) – A sprinkling of civil war and Spanish American war veterans, with nearly 200 American Legion men in uniform, marched to Pilot Butte cemetery here this morning as the final part of the local Memorial day observance. More than 1000 others were in attendance. Wearing of the Flanders poppy was general.

¹¹⁸ Bend Bulletin, May 26, 1921, Weekly Edition, pg. 3, image 3

¹¹⁹ Bend Bulletin, May 26, 1921, Weekly Edition, pg. 3, image 3

¹²⁰ Morning Oregonian, May 31, 1921, pg. 9, image 9

Indoor services were held earlier in the morning in the Bend Amateur Athletic Club building, where an inspirational address was given by Father Luke Sheehan of St. Francis Catholic church. Musical numbers, featured by selections by the Shevlin-Hixon mill band, completed the programme.

At the cemetery the address of the day was given by Robert W. Sawyer, county judge of Deschutes county.

The observance of Memorial Day was the most general in the history of Bend.

JUNE

MEMBERSHIP in the Bend post, American Legion was boosted to 164 in the course of a membership campaign carried on last week.¹²¹

OBSERVANCE OF FLAG DAY HELD¹²²

*Over 300 Attend Elks' Program Honoring National Emblem –
H.H. De Armond Gives Patriotic Address*

THE impressiveness of the Flag Day exercises of the Elks Lodge, held Tuesday night in the Elk temple, was added to by the presence of 100 members of the American Legion, special guests of the lodge. Over 300 persons attended the exercises, which were open to the general public.

The address of the evening was given by H.H. De Armond, who told in an inspiring manner of the emblematic meaning and the historic associations which are attached to the Stars and Stripes. The American Legion quartet sang "Maryland," and Mrs. R.B. Gould gave two vocal solos, "1915 Cradle Song" and "Dixie Lullaby." Miss Emma Lou Myers effectively recited "Old Glory." The ritualistic work in honor of the flag was carried out by the lodge in a manner which showed deep appreciation of its significance.

MEMBERSHIP GAIN IS MADE BY UNIT¹²³

*Auxiliary Now Entitled to Three Delegates
To State Convention in Eugene On July 1 and 2*

TWENTY-SIX members of the Ladies' Auxiliary unit of Percy A. Stevens Post No. 4, American Legion, have brought the total roll of the organization to 100, it is announced. Mrs. Genevieve Perkins, Mrs. Amy B. Roney, Mrs. Ella Dews Oliver, Mrs. Blance Triplett, Mrs. Goldie Lindley, Miss Anna Lindberg, Miss Nell Markell, Miss Arvilla Murphy, Mrs. Marie Paulson, Mrs. Mary Harryman, Mrs. Mable Kuegness, Miss Mable Lorence, Mrs. Ruth Coyner, Mrs. Rachel Casebeer, Mrs. Christie Curtis, Miss Winifred Curtis, Misses Mildred and Dorthy Dodds, Mrs. Edith Belden Miss Ester Buegler, Miss Linnie Brick, Mrs. Sophie Brick, Miss Marie St. Clair, and Mrs. Caroline Brown are the new members.

The increase to 100 entitles the unit to be represented by three delegates at the state convention at Eugene July 1 and 2. Mrs. L.W. Gatchell, Mrs. Rose Cobb and Mrs. Earl B. Houston are the delegates and Mrs. Roy Van Vleet and Mrs. C. H. Knowles are the alternates.

A short memorial service was held at the last meeting of the unit in recognition of the loss of the Legion in death of its national commander, F.W. Galbraith, Jr. The charter of the unit will be draped in black for a period of 30 days.

¹²¹ Beaverton Times, June 10, 1921, pg. 4 image 4

¹²² The Bend Bulletin, June 16, 1921, Weekly Edition, pg. 8, image 8

¹²³ Bend Bulletin, June 23, 1921, Weekly Edition, Pg. 8, image 8

WAR VETERANS LAUD WORK OF HOME SERVICE¹²⁴

Red Cross Declared Still Necessary

Many Are Assisted

*Commander Prince of American Legion Post Praises Endeavors of Mrs. Forbes –
Service Men Tell of Efforts in Their Behalf*

“**FOR** the Red Cross, the war is not over, nor will it be until every disabled ex-service man is taken care of,” emphasized Frank R. Prince, commander of Percy A. Stevens post, American Legion yesterday, in regard to the continued usefulness of the home service section. Mr. Prince said:

“Since the emergency of the great war, and during the aftermath of reconstruction, the period of prosperity, and now during the fevered times of business depression and job hunting, too many have forgotten the very factors that made the successful ending of the war possible.

“One of the greatest of these factors is the American Red Cross, whose work is never ended; a body that is always organized for relief work and wastes not a minute in arriving at a scene of distress, or in coming to a decision and acting upon a small local problem.

“The Bend chapter of the Red Cross, acting according to the policy of the national organization, considers that, so far as its work is concerned, the war is. Not over, nor will it be, until every disabled ex-service man is taken care of. The work being done at the present time – today – is in accordance with that policy, and many an ex-service man from Deschutes county and Bend, who had given up all hope of receiving government aid or compensation, is now being taken care of because of the tireless efforts of the local chapter of the Red Cross.

WORK OF OFFICE EFFICIENT

“One of the most important and conscientious citizens in this whole county, and the hardest worker for its betterment, is the head of the home service section of the Bend chapter, American Red Cross, Mrs. Vernon A. Forbes. Her one big idea of life is that of service.

“Percy A. Stevens post, if it were not for the Red Cross organization in Bend, would have to spend a considerable sum of money each year to carry on the business of government compensation, war risk insurance, etc., with the great mass of detail matter involved with each. As it is, Mrs. Forbes’ office takes care of all these matters not only with dispatch, but with success and satisfaction to every applicant.”

BOOSTERS ENTHUSIASTIC

Among the most enthusiastic boosters of the Red Cross, and particularly the homes of service section, are the ex-service men who have received aid in various ways from the organization. In no case has this assistance been in the way of charity, but in most cases has had to do with securing compensation, hospital treatment or vocational training for men disabled in service. In a few cases loans were made, where compensation was allowed, but was slow in arriving.

As proof of the regard in which they hold the Red Cross, these men have allowed their names to be used in connection with this story. All are agreed that the home service office should be continued, both for its value to ex-service men who have not yet received what is due them from the government, and for service to civilians who require similar aid.

¹²⁴ Bend Bulletin, June 23, 1921, Weekly Edition, pg. 8, image 8

HELPED TO COMPENSATION

DELBERT White, whose application for compensation has been sent in, is an open booster for the home service section. White was gassed in France and is now awaiting returns from the disability claim. "Any time they start a campaign for the Red Cross they can count on me to help," he stated.

C.H. Waite, another man who was partially disabled by gas, declares that in handling his application for compensation, which has not yet been allowed, the home service has gone to a great amount of trouble, and that nobody could have done more toward securing it.

Another local ex-service man with heart trouble as a result of long exposure in the trenches, has the Red Cross to thank for securing the compensation which he is receiving.

Roy Clemens, who contracted a disability from being in the waters of the Atlantic Ocean for a long period, following the sinking of a destroyer, has been taking training as W.S.C. The Red Cross helped him in securing recognition of his claim.

G.A. Crosby's is another booster for the home service section of the Red Cross. Crosby's disability was contracted in a training camp on this side of the water. Since January he has been training under E.N. Mallory, local taxidermist. Now he has gone to Seattle to continue with his training as a commercial furrier. His wife is with him. The Red Cross put through his claim.

Irving B. Horner, who was wounded by shrapnel near the Scheltze river in Belgium, is taking vocational training at Benson Polytechnic institute in Portland. He is grateful to the Red Cross for assistance in securing recognition of his disability claim.

W.C. Cabe was both gassed and wounded during the offensive of November 1918, with the 91st division. For some reason the Red Cross and the local examiner had much trouble in putting through his claim, but it has at last been allowed.

JULY

LEGION OPENS CAMPAIGN FOR INCREASE ROLL¹²⁵

MEMORIAL CANNON IS MOUNTED AT GYM

CARDS SELLING TODAY

Heavy Gun Hoisted by Hand AS Part of Housewarming Program –

Fire Engineer Gets First Card – Two Reports on Convention

THE energetic manner in which the American Legion plans to operate the B.A.A.C. was demonstrated Friday morning to the wondering gaze of all who passed in front of the gymnasium and saw the memorial cannon recently received from Fort Stevens, reposing on the terrace, three feet above the sidewalk, still covered with the camouflage coat it wore in the Fourth of July parade.

The ex-service men did not wait for daylight, advice nor block and tackle, but hoisted the gun, weighing, with the carriage, about 1900 pounds, by hand, as a part of the housewarming program of last night.

The membership campaign, which was the principal business of the meeting, opened within thirty minutes after the application cards were distributed to the Legion and Auxiliary members. Fire Engineer Willard Houston sold the first membership and Myrl Hoover, the other pilot of the big red truck was issued the first card.

Solicitors covered a large part of the city today and a great many cards were taken out, but no count will be made until tonight.

¹²⁵ Bend Bulletin, July 14, 1921, Weekly Edition, pg. 6, image 6

POST HAS HIGH REPUTATION

PERCY A. STEVENS post is regarded as one of the most active posts in the state, it was brought out in the reports of Earl B. Houston and Charles W. Erskine on the convention held recently in Eugene. Bend may get the convention in 1923, or the year following, it was stated. Every Bend delegate was placed on an important committee at Eugene.

Thomas Norton, Earl Mottice and F.K. Garnett were elected to membership in the post.

A new orchestra, directed by William G. Schlichting, proved popular during the program and dance which followed the business meeting. Dancing and refreshments were enjoyed up to a late hour by Legion and Auxiliary members.

WILL INCREASE EFFORT TO GET CLUB MEMBERS¹²⁶

NEW VIGOR INJECTED INTO CAMPAIGN

B.A.A.C. BOARD MEETS

Senior and Family Memberships Only Two Divisions Sanctioned –

Open House Draws Many Bend People to The Gymnasium

GREATER efforts to secure 1000 members for the B.A.A.C. will characterize the next few days of the campaign, it was indicated at Monday's meeting of the board of control. Manager Norman Cobb will assist H.J. Overturf in directing the campaign, and solicitors will report every day the names of members secured, and also those who refused to join, with the reasons given.

The board decided last night that no memberships would be granted from month to month, because of the expense of collection. It was also determined that no junior memberships would be sold, family cards being the only way in which children under 16 years of age may join. While the children might use the building most, it was hoped in this way to enlist the support from heads of families which the building deserves.

A Meeting of all solicitors will be held tonight in the gymnasium for 15 minutes, Overturf announces.

OPEN HOUSE HELD

OPEN house, very informal because of the preparations which were going on very rapidly for the Parisian tours, was held at the American Legion Building Monday, and was enjoyed by a great crowd of people, who made use of the gymnasium floor and the swimming pool. The boys, who have been denied the luxury of a swim since February, almost monopolized the pool last night.

With the return of Manager Norman Cobb, and largely because of the approaching "Folies Bergere" entertainment, there is more activity in the building this week than was ever known in its history. Committees from the American Legion and Auxiliary, and from the new B.A.A.C. membership last night swarmed everywhere in the building.

PREPARE FOR ENTERTAINMENT

ON the main floor, decorations are going up for the "Folies Bergere" itself. The stage, the dancing floor and the wings will all be in use. Decorations of a kind which suggest the trenches of Belgium are being made and barbed wire entanglements are being constructed.

Up in Monte Carlo arrangements are being made to satisfy the lust for gambling of the overflow crowds from Paris. A big roulette wheel is on its way, and the "Crown and Anchor" game is being set up.

The Shevlin-Hixon band has donated its services for Friday night, and will lead a feature parade, ending at the gym with a concert.

¹²⁶ Bend Bulletin, July 14, 1921, Weekly Edition, pg. 6, image 6

The cabaret is the busiest place of all. Here a bar is being constructed and mysterious preparations are going on where the pool tables once stood. Many members of the Ladies' Auxiliary are on the committee for this feature.

THE American Legion building campaign of Percy A. Stevens post of Bend was opened with a three-day carnival known as "Parisian tours." More than \$2000 toward the building fund was netted.¹²⁷

UNDER the direction of the American Legion post, Bend will celebrate clean-up day, July 31, at Shevlin park, the tract in Tumalo canyon recently donated to the city by the Shevlin-Hixon company. Volunteer labor will put the park in order.¹²⁸

AUGUST

DEMAND REASON FOR DISCHARGE OF LEGION MAN¹²⁹

POST RAPS ACTION OF GAME COMMISSION

SENATORS CRITICIZED

Legion Will Ask That Member of Post Be Made Boxing Matchmaker – May Stage Smokers – Meets Socially with The Auxiliary.

DEMANDING that a reason be given for the summary discharge of Earl B. Houston as district game warden, a resolution to the state game commission was authorized at last week's meeting of Percy A. Stevens Post No. 4. The motion was made by P. Pierson. Past Commander L.W. Gatchell presided while this action was taken.

The removal of Houston was characterized as "petty politics" by Legion men. The reason given by M.A. Lynch, Redmond member of the commission that Houston is too well known, was declared "fishy." C.A. Adams of Redmond has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

No attempt will be made to have Houston reinstated, but it was indicated last night that a resolution condemning the action of the commission will be passed if no reason is supplied. Discrimination against an ex-service man was charged.

A resolution condemning the action of two Oregon senators who voted against the national bonus for ex-service men and of President Harding in using his influence against its passage, was ordered sent to the state department.

TO ASK MATCHMAKER

A COMMITTEE to approach the boxing commission and ask that a Legion man be named matchmaker was ordered. The Legion did not commit itself to a program of staging professional smokers but took this step toward such a program. The committee to organize an amateur smoker was discharged.

A crayon portrait of the late National Commander F.W. Galbraith was order purchased. The post will also put up a sign at the camp ground, telling the location of the American Legion club rooms, and advertising the swimming accommodations. Attendance at last night's meeting was unusually good for the time of year.

Following the meeting, Legion and Auxiliary members joined in an hour of dancing in the auditorium. Music was furnished by the Legion orchestra. Ice cream and wafers were served.

¹²⁷ The Sunday Oregonian, July 24, 1921, Section1, pg. 15, image 15

¹²⁸ Beaverton Times, July 29, 1921, pg. 4, image 4

¹²⁹ Bend Bulletin, August 25, 1921, Weekly Edition, pg. 6, image 6

SEPTEMBER

BUSINESS MEN ASKED CHANGE¹³⁰

*DISMISSAL OF EARL B. HOUSTON EXPLAINED IN
LETTER FROM BURGHDUFF TO PERCY A. STEVENS POST.*

THAT prominent business men of Bend were responsible for the dismissal of Earl B. Houston as district game warden was revealed in a letter received by Percy A. Stevens Post, American Legion, in reply to the resolution sent by the post to the state game commission. The letter was signed by A.E. Brughduff, state game warden.

“The decision to make the change in the warned service in Central Oregon was arrived at only after a thorough investigation and consultation with prominent business men and sportsmen in that section of the country, more particularly Bend,” the letter stated.

C.A. Adams of Redmond was appointed about two months ago to succeed Houston.

LEGION FIRING SQUAD FORMED¹³¹

*WILL APPEAR FIRST AT SERVICES FOR CORPORAL
EDWARD A. FOSS – ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP TO ATTEND*

AN American Legion firing squad for funerals will be organized during this week, the particular occasion for doing so now being the coming funeral of Corporal Edward A. Foss, whose body is being shipped here from France. The entire membership of Percy A. Stevens Post is expected to attend the services and do honor to the first man who died overseas to be buried here. Willard Houston and Norman Cobb will be in charge of the firing squad.

Percy A. Stevens Post will cooperate with the Redmond Legion post in maintaining an information booth for the Red Cross in connection with the Oregon bonus and other claims of ex-service men, at the Deschutes county fair, next month in Redmond. It was decided at last night’s meeting.

Plans for furnishing the Legion clubrooms are under way, and a committee consisting of Comrades Houston, Collientz and McClellan was appointed for the purpose of getting estimates. The Auxiliary will also have a part in planning the furnishings.

NOVEMBER

FIRST ARRIVALS FOR DISARMAMENT¹³²

From England

From Belgium

From Italy

WORLD war heroes from all nations have commenced to arrive in the U.S. for the Disarmament Conference called by President Harding. First to arrive was [General Armando Diaz](#), of Italy, where he reviewed West Point cadets; next was [General Baron Jacques](#) of Belgium, arriving in New York and third [Admiral Beatty](#), of the British Navy, with his wife upon arrival in New York.

¹³⁰ Bend Bulletin, September 22, 1921, Weekly Edition, pg. 6, image 6

¹³¹ Bend Bulletin, September 22, 1921, Weekly Edition, pg. 6, image 6

¹³² The Boardman Mirror, November 4, 1921, image 1



AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION OPENS¹³³

Many Prominent Personages Present at Meeting of Ex-service Men

KANSAS City, Mo. – Following strains of the Star Spangled Banner, sung by Madame Schumann-Heink, National Commander John G. Emory Monday opened the third annual convention of the American Legion. Madame Schumann-Heink was given a thunderous ovation as she finished singing.

National Chaplain Inzer completed the opening of the first session with the invocation.

Addresses by General Armando Diaz of Italy, Vice President Coolidge and welcoming of Admiral Beatty were features of the program.

Delegations from 48 states and all territories were present for the opening session at Convention hall. The Montana delegation brought a newly captured bobcat which was sent here by airplane, to be presented to Marshal Foch as the official souvenir of his visit to the convention.

The great moment of the American Legion convention came Tuesday morning when Marshal Ferdinand Foch of France and General John J. Pershing, standing side by side, faced the assembled hosts of Legionnaires.

¹³³ The Boardman Mirror, November 4, 1921, image 4

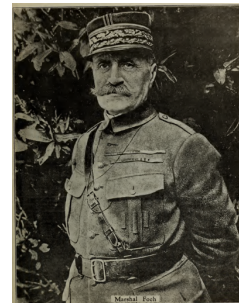
Foch looked out upon the men who came to strengthen and hearten the tired and worn allies. Pershing saw in the sea of upturned faces his own fighting heroes who followed the flag of the Red, White and Blue.

Both were proud. Both had been central figures in many great demonstrations before armed host, but neither had ever been more impressed than with this welcome in the time of peace.

Foch paid a stirring tribute to the valor and accomplishments of the American expeditionary forces in the World war and lauded the aid from all parts of the United States which brought the conflict to a successful conclusion.

General Pershing was presented after the ovation accorded Marshal Foch had at last subsided. He gave a ringing speech which struck true to the hearts of the legionnaires, as he spoke upon the accomplishments of the legion and of the problems with which they are now concerned.

New Orleans captured the 1922 big assemblage of the ex-service men.



PUPILS TO MARCH ON ARMISTICE DAY¹³⁴

*Children of Grade Schools to Form on Reid Lawn –
Legion to Supply Officers for March*

PUPILS of the Bend grade schools will join the American Legion in the celebration of Armistice day, it is announced by City School Superintendent S.W. Moore. Members of the third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades will be formed on the Reid school lawn by their teachers, and at 1:45 o'clock in the afternoon will be turned over to the Legion Post.

They will be officered by ex-service men on their march from the school to the depot grounds, where the Bend vs. Redmond football game will be played.

J.H. McLelland, a Bend watchmaker and member of the American Legion, has just received a letter signed by King George of England, enclosing a silver Victory medal awarded McLelland for services in the World War.¹³⁵

NAME OFFICERS FOR AUXILIARY¹³⁶

NOMINATIONS made Monday to the office of the Ladies' Auxiliary to Percy A. Stevens Post, American Legion, turned out to be the unanimous choice of the membership, there being but one nomination for each position. The following officers will take over their duties shortly after the first of the year:

President, Mrs. L.W. Gatchell; Vice President, Mrs. L.L. Cobb; Secretary, Mrs. C.H. Knowles; Treasurer, Mrs. Earl B. Houston; Executive Committee, Mrs. A.A. Symons, Mrs. Caroline Horner, Mrs. Craig Coyner.

The Auxiliary decided that in order that it might use the Legion clubrooms, meetings would be held hereafter on the second Thursday of each month, instead of the third Thursday. Joint meetings with the Legion will be held at a different time.

The Auxiliary will serve refreshments at the Thanksgiving party and dance which the Legion is planning.

TURKEY DAY PARTY PLANNED BY LEGION¹³⁷

Special Entertainment Planned for Thanksgiving Night Affair – General Public Invited

¹³⁴ Bend Bulletin, November 3, 1921, Weekly Edition, image 1

¹³⁵ Beaverton Times, November 18, 1921, pg. 2 image 2

¹³⁶ Bend Bulletin, November 24, 1921, Weekly Edition, pg. 5, image 5

¹³⁷ Bend Bulletin, November 24, 1921, Weekly Edition, pg.5, image 5

AS the first effort of the newly appointed American Legion jazz committee, the Legion will entertain with a Thanksgiving night party at the gymnasium to which the general public is invited. Special stunts and features are being planned.

M. Connolly, Robert Innes, and C.J. Catlow are the members of the committee.

DECEMBER

A NEW Voiture of La Societie' des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux has been organized at Bend. The charter was forwarded to the organization during the week by Harry N. Nelson, grand correspondent for Oregon. The work of organization was carried on by S.W. Hubble, formerly a member of the sunshine order of the American Legion in Bellingham, Wash.¹³⁸

BIG CHRISTMAS ARRANGED FOR BEND'S KIDDIES¹³⁹

By J. Edgar Purdy

(Chairman of Community Christmas Committee.)

A HUGE Christmas tree to be provided and decorated by the American Legion, a splendid band concert by the Shevlin-Hixon band, a children's program presented by six cooperating Sunday schools, a dainty gift=box of candy for every kiddie, from the Woman's Civic League, and the early arrival of Santa Claus are among the features planned for the Community Christmas Program to be given this evening.

Because so many of the little folks, who, of course, will be present, have early engagements with the Sandman, it is proposed to begin the program at an hour that will make early adjournment possible.

EXPECT CAPACITY CROWD

The band concert will begin promptly at 6:30 o'clock. The children's program will start at 7. Santa is due to arrive at about 8:15, and after the distribution of the treats, the program will terminate.

The Baptist, Catholic, Christian, Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday schools have accepted the invitation to participate in the children's program. A varied program of appropriate Christmas numbers will be presented. A general rehearsal of all the numbers will occur at Epworth hall on Wednesday evening, December 21.

Last year there were more than nine hundred kiddies, not to mention fathers and mothers, in attendance at the community program. With the greatly increased interest manifested this year, it is believed that the affair will be more successful than ever.

LEGION'S WORK TOLD TO FORUM¹⁴⁰

BUILDING OPERATION SUCESSFUL

*Ex-Service Men Succeed After Two Other Organizations Failed in Running Community Center –
Erskine Tells of Legion Ideals*

HOW Percy A. Stevens Post, American Legion, has succeeded in operating the community building after two other organizations had failed, was told to Commercial club members yesterday by Carl A. Johnson, during the Legion program at the forum luncheon. Others on the program were Charles Erskine, past

¹³⁸ The Sunday Oregonian, December 18, 1921, Section Two, pg. 24, image 48

¹³⁹ Bend Bulletin, December 22, 1921, Weekly Edition, pg. 8, image 8

¹⁴⁰ Bend Bulletin, December 22, 1921, Weekly Edition, pg. 8, image 8

commander of the post, who told something of the purposes and ideals of the Legion, M. Connolly, who gave a piano solo, and G.L. Belden, who sang an original humorous song.

The budget for operating the Legion building during 1922, Erskine announced is \$8,800. Which is the absolute minimum amount on which it can be run as a community center. He pointed out that in addition to operating on a cash basis for six months, the Legion has expended \$1,400 in repairs and improvements. The new budget has been greatly reduced by the action the club directors took in combining the positions of manager and athletic director.

John gave a brief history of the B.A.A.C. building, beginning with the inception of the idea in March 1917, by a small group of young men, all of whom soon after left to take part in the war. The erection of the basement and walls was completed without any debt he recalled, but in the construction of the interior a large debt was contracted. During the nine months operation by the B.A.A.C., a profit of \$2, 348 was made, but this came nowhere near satisfying the debt on the building and the second when the Legion took it. The Legion, however, has pledged itself to remove any debt that may accrue within the month following, or close the building, he stated. He pointed out that for no purpose has the Legion, since its organization here nearly three years ago, asked for a cent of donation.

Bend is more fortunate than almost any city of its size, for having a building and an organization in which community activities can be unified, Johnson stated. Since its erection, the building has come to mean many things – the place where community sings, meetings and rallies were held during the war, and where Liberty loan drives were placed before the people. For such occasions as this the building has always been donated.

In the appeal for renewed memberships which will come with the new year, Johnson pointed out that these traditions will be preserved in addition to the benefit which the members and their associates will derive, for a very small monthly expenditure.

Post 5

City: Oregon City

Names: Willamette Falls (1919)

Charter Date:

JANUARY

One of the affairs of the week looked forward to with special interest is the social meeting of the American Legion and Women's Auxiliary to take place at Moose hall Monday evening.

A program has been arranged by Mrs. David Caufield and Simon McDonald.

Refreshments will be served by a committee composed of Mrs. R.M. Cooper, Mrs. Mary Harvey, Miss Rose Ruminiski and Mrs. Grace M. Eby.

Dancing will be enjoyed. All members are invited.¹⁴¹

FEBRUARY

THE Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion will attend in a body the patriotic meeting to be held under the auspices of the Meade Post G.A.R., and Women's Relief Corps to be held at the Willamette hall on Lincoln's Birthday, Saturday, February 12. The organization will meet at the Harding drugstore and march in a body to the hall.¹⁴²

¹⁴¹ Oregon City Enterprise, January 28, 1921, pg. 5, image 5

¹⁴² Oregon City Enterprise, February 18, 1921, pg. 5, image 5

MARCH

“**FLASHES in Action**” is the subject for the pictures to be shown in the Congregational church in the near future under the auspices of the American Legion of this city. This is the first time these pictures have been shown here, and arrangements have been made when two nights will be taken for the entertainment. As a large number of members of the Willamette Falls Post, American Legion were in active service overseas, no doubt that some of the local boys are in the big battles that are to be shown on the screen here.¹⁴³

APRIL

LEGION POSTS PLAN MEMORIAL BUILDING HERE¹⁴⁴

The Oregon City and Molalla Legion posts, including the Woman’s auxiliaries met in joint session at the Moose hall here last Monday evening and voted to secure a permanent Legion building in Oregon City for the use of all posts and auxiliaries in the county. The building under consideration will contain a marble slab with the names of Clackamas county men who died overseas engraved thereon.

Funds for the building will be raised by the Legion men and women of the county and it is planned that the structure to be erected will be of attractive architecture and design, serving as Legion headquarters for all posts in Clackamas county. An excellent benefit program to start the fund for the building is to be given in the near future, with Mrs. Walter Bennett in charge of the entertainment.

The meeting held Monday night was well attended, although Estacada post, which was invited to attend, did not show up. The program given was excellently rendered and after a discussion of the proposed memorial building, and refreshment, dancing was enjoyed until a late hour.

Those in charge of the refreshments and serving as a committee were: Mrs. Minnie Donovan, Mrs. John Kent, Mrs. Sophia Moody, Mrs. Tessie Scherrett, Mrs. Erma Hogan and Mrs. A. Cox.

MAY

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM COMPLETED¹⁴⁵

ALL arrangements have been completed for the patriotic exercises to be held on Memorial Day under the auspices of Meade Post No. 2, G.A.R., Women’s Relief Corps, American Legion and Women’s Auxiliary to the American Legion.

On Sunday, May 29th, the Post and Relief Corps will meet in front of Willamette Hall at 10:30 A.M. and proceed to the First Baptist Church, where Memorial Day sermon will be preached by Rev. W.E. Pettibone.

On Monday, May 30th, the Post and Relief Corps will meet in front of Willamette Hall at 9 A.M. where automobiles will be in readiness to transfer them to Mountain View Cemetery.

¹⁴³ Oregon City Enterprise, March 18, image 1,

¹⁴⁴ Oregon City Enterprise, April 1, 1921, image 1

¹⁴⁵ Oregon City Enterprise, May 27, 1921, image 1

The following exercises will take place at the cemetery: Dirge, Drum Corps; Prayer, Rev. M.T. Wire; Crowning of Monument, Officer of Day; Roll of Honor, Adjutant; Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, Fred Tooze, Jr.; Unknown Dead, Rev. H.G. Edgar; Ritualistic Services of the Relief corps; Firing Salute, American Legion Squad; Taps.

At 11 A.M. the Relief Corps preceded by Moose Band will march to the Bridge where the Naval part of Memorial Day exercises will be conducted.

At 12 o'clock noon, dinner will be served by the Relief Corps to members of the Post, their wives and invited guests.

At 2 P.M. the Post, Relief Corps, American Legion, Women's Auxiliary, and all other patriotic societies, will meet in front of Willamette Hall and march to Busch Hall, where the following program will be given: Selection, Drum Corps; Prayer, Rev. W.E. Pettibone; Introduction, Commander; Logans' Address, Adjutant; Reading, "Old Glory" – Mrs. Frank Hammerlee; President of Day, Mayor Shannon; Star Spangled Banner, Mrs. E.H. Cooper; Reading, Mrs. W.S. Bennett; The Veterans Last Song, Prof. J.D. McFall; Tenting Tonight, overseas trio, L. Crawford, R. Castle, F.A. McConnell; Musical Selection, High School Students; Address, Judge Wallace McCammant; America, High School Students and Audience; Marshal of the Day, W.R. Logus.

Mrs. Amelia Martin is chairman of committee of the Women's Relief Corps to serve dinner to the old soldiers at Willamette hall and Women's Relief. Her assistants will be Mrs. Effie Junken, Mrs. Bessie Alldredge, Mrs. Ida Adamson, Mrs. Edna Carpenter, Mrs. Etta Walker and Miss Hattie Roman. These women have charge of the birthday dinners that are served each month and have made a reputation in giving such affairs.

CAPTAIN BLANCHARD PASSES AT BOISE¹⁴⁶

CAPTAIN Lowell Blanchard, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Blanchard, of this city, died at Boise, Idaho, Monday morning, according to word received by the parents Monday, and the remains are to be shipped to his city for burial in the family lot. The young man will have a military funeral and Willamette Falls Post, American Legion, will have charge of the arrangements.

Captain Blanchard was born in Oregon City, having resided here his entire life, except for the time spent in the United States Army. He was captain of Company G, O.N.G., of Oregon City during the Mexican outbreak, and was in command of this company when ordered to the border. His company was considered one of the best drilled in the regiment, having established its reputation while at Camp Withycombe.

Captain Blanchard left for the Mexican border in June 1916, and was stationed at Imperial Valley, California, for three months. In April 1917, he again entered the service of the United States army and in command of this company, was ordered to Montana for guard duty, and also was stationed at Idaho. He was later called to rejoin the old Third Oregon, and was stationed at Camp Green, North Carolina, and after being there for several months, left for over-seas service. After serving his country in England and in France, Captain Blanchard was sent to Russia in command of a company, where he contracted illness, and never recovered from the effects of the same.

Captain Blanchard was a graduate from the Oregon City high school and before entering the service was chief of police for some time and made a most efficient officer of the law.

Captain Blanchard was favorably known throughout the state, and his death is mourned by many friends and relatives. His wife was at his bedside when death occurred Monday. She was formerly Miss Nina Street, of Portland.

Deceased is survived by his wife, two little children, whose home has been in Oak Grove and Oregon City; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Blanchard, of this city; a brother, Lowell Blanchard residing in the east, who was also a captain in the army during the world war.

¹⁴⁶ Oregon City Enterprise, May 27, 1921, image 1

He was the grandson of the late Mrs. Blanchard, recently dying at Eugene, one of the well-known pioneers of Oregon.

JUNE

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY DELEGATES ARE NAMED¹⁴⁷

MRS. David Caufield, president of the Auxiliary to Willamette Post No. 5, American Legion; Mrs. Grace Eby, secretary and Mrs. R.M. Cooper, also a member of the auxiliary, are delegates to the Women's Auxiliary convention to be held at Eugene July 1 and 2.

JULY

A RESOLUTION introduced in the state American Legion convention by the Willamette Falls post was presented to the commission asking that only American citizens be employed on state highway work. The commission explained that, while in sympathy with the suggestion, such a hard-and-fast rule should be made by the legislature and not by the commission.¹⁴⁸

THE Grand Army of the Republic of Oregon City recently passed to the younger shoulders of members of Willamette Falls post of the American Legion responsibility for promoting patriotism in the schools and community. Formal ceremonies were held at Gladstone park.¹⁴⁹

LEGION REQUEST HEADED

THE commission offered to co-operate with the American Legion as far as possible in seeing that citizens are given employment in preference to aliens. The representative of the Legion said he realized that contractors based their bids on employing foreign labor and that they had to bid low to get contracts.

The representative further said that the wage was less than citizens want to work for, and that there are kinds of work in which former service men are unskilled, but that there must be many citizens qualified to fill the positions.

PATRIOTISM'S TORCH PUT IN LEGION'S CARE¹⁵⁰

G.A.R. SOUNDS CRY OF "CARRY ON."

Responsibility Transferred to Youthful Shoulders at Chautauqua

AT an imposing ceremonial Tuesday forenoon at the auditorium at the Gladstone Chautauqua, the task of promoting patriotism and inculcating love of country into the minds of the youth of the land, was transferred from the shoulders of the G.A.R. to the more virile ones of the American Legion.

Tuesday was G.A.R. and American Legion day, and the ceremony was the thought of Arthur G. Beattie, secretary of the Chautauqua association, and a member of the local post of the Legion. With Rev. H.G. Edgar of the Oregon City Presbyterian church officiating, the mantle of the G.A.R. was transferred in metaphor from the shoulders of the Civil war veterans, represented by C.A. Williams, commander of the department of Oregon to those of the over-sea's boys, represented by Mr. Beattie. The ceremony was very impressive, and one of the old "boys commenced to sing the "Star Spangled Banner" under the strain of the moment.

¹⁴⁷ Oregon City Enterprise, June 10, 1921, image 8

¹⁴⁸ Oregon City Enterprise, July 8, 1921, image 1

¹⁴⁹ The Sunday Oregonian, July 24, 1921, Section 1, pg. 15, image 15

¹⁵⁰ Oregon City Enterprise, July 22, 1921, image 1

LEGION TO KEEP FAITH

IN accepting the grave charge handed them, the Legion, said Mr. Beattie, would take over the work and do it gladly, but the honor and the reverence due the veterans of the Civil war would be theirs always. Although an impromptu affair, the ceremony was said by many who witnessed it to be one of the best things ever staged at a patriotic meeting at Chautauqua, and Rev. Edgar and the two principals were heartily congratulated for their splendid handling of the subject. The "Star Spangled Banner" was sung by Nora Webster of Gladstone, accompanied by Gladys Trimble-Fuge, who also sang a solo. Mrs. Walter Bennett gave a patriotic reading which was well received.

There were 150 Grand Army men on the grounds during the forenoon. The fife and drum corps added meat to the magic of the day.

AUGUST

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR WAR VETERAN HELD¹⁵¹

THE funeral services of the late Frank E. Kohl, world war veteran, were held at Logan Sunday, the Masonic Lodge, Multnomah Chapter of Oregon City having charge. They were assisted at the funeral by the American Legion, who furnished a firing squad and a bugler.

SEPTEMBER

THE Woman's Auxiliary to American Legion held their first meeting of the season at Willamette hall Monday evening and made plans for the year's activity. Among other things an annual ball is to be given November 11th. Definite arrangements will be made at once for this event. Three new members were elected to membership. A social evening is planned for October 30 for members of the Legion and Auxiliary.¹⁵²

OCTOBER

PEP PROMULAGTED AT LEGION MEETING¹⁵³

AT the regular bi-monthly meeting of the local post of the American Legion held Monday evening in the Willamette Hall, a little more than usual interest was shown. C.W. Kelly, city recorder, who gave a son to the cause of the world war, gave a pep talk which was received with keen enthusiasm. Mr. Kelly dwelt upon the necessity of thorough organization of the legion and made an appeal to every ex-service man to support the legion and its cause.

Matters of business were disposed of.

Three boxing bouts were staged by the program committee. Don C. Wilson met Julius Spagle in a peppy two round go for blood. Simon McDonald fought Eldon Alldredge a fast pair of rounds and other volunteer fighters furnished good sport.

Dr. W.E. Hempstead was the referee and issued a blanket draw decision.

¹⁵¹ Oregon City Enterprise, August 12, 1921, pg. 5, image 5

¹⁵² Oregon City Enterprise, September 30, 1921, pg. 5, image 5

¹⁵³ Oregon City Enterprise, October 14, 1921, pg. 5, image 5

NOVEMBER

LIQUOR TRAFFIC CONDEMNED BY EX-SERVICE MEN¹⁵⁴

Prohibition Enforcement is Held Need; Committee to Investigate

ASKING that the city administration take immediate action toward enforcing the prohibition regulations with the end in view of preventing a recurrence of the condition said to have existed at the Armistice day dance, the local post of the American Legion went on record Monday night with a strong resolution and a committee to back it up. Following the reports that a number of intoxicated youths attended the dance given by the Auxiliary of the post, members investigated, and the resolution is based on their belief that the city authorities were lax in enforcing the law.

HEMPSTEAD HEADS COMMITTEE

The following committee was appointed to follow the matter up, W.E. Hempstead, William R. Logus, M.R. Cooper, Arthur G. Beattie, and Phil Hammond.

The resolution as unanimously passed, reads:

“Whereas the Woman’s Auxiliary of the American Legion gave a dance on November 11, 1921, Armistice Day in Busch’s Hall in Oregon City, at which dance a number of persons not members of the American Legion become intoxicated and conducted themselves in a boisterous and unseemly manner; and

“Whereas the American Legion has learned that intoxicated persons have frequented many dances given in this city, which is common knowledge here, and

“Whereas no police are ever detailed to enforce law and order at dances, and police protection and enforcement of the prohibition law is exceedingly lax and inadequate in this municipality, now

“Therefore be it resolved by Willamette Falls Post No. 5 of the American Legion that we publicly protest against these conditions, and demand that the City Council of Oregon City at once take strenuous action to enforce the prohibitory law and the principals of common decency, and that citizens attending public functions be protected and that Oregon City be cleaned up of boot-leggers and be kept clean.”

The nomination of officers was held at the meeting, with the following to be voted on at the meeting two weeks hence: for commander, Stephen Mead; vice-commander, Wm. R. Logus; adjutant, Julius Spagle; treasurer, Milton R. Nobel.

MILO R. Cooper, commander of Willamette Falls post of the American Legion in Oregon City, was a recent visitor at state headquarters, where he discussed future activities of his organization.¹⁵⁵

DECEMBER

MORAL CLEANUP IN OREGON CITY¹⁵⁶

“WE are looking for a new police administration that will get tangible results in the work of improving the moral conditions of Oregon City.”

This is the sentiment expressed through the American Legion committee, appointed about a month ago to investigate into the enforcement of prohibition laws here. The committee has been particularly interested in the situation as it affects the younger generation, and while they have made no plea for a

¹⁵⁴ Oregon City Enterprise, November 18, 1921, pg. 4, image 4

¹⁵⁵ The Pacific Legion, November 20, 1921, Section Two, image 44

¹⁵⁶ Oregon City Enterprise, December 30, 1921, image 1

shakeup in police circles, they feel that the new officials should be expected to effectively curb the bootlegging that is known to exist.

ACTION IS TAKEN

The committee, headed by Dr. W.E. Hempstead, was appointed following an American Legion dance held last month, at which a number of boys had to be taken off the floor, as they were intoxicated. It was found that they had been securing bootleg whiskey liquor, which it was understood was being sold almost openly. Incensed at this condition, the legion resolved to bring conditions to the immediate notice of the authorities in an effort to stop the illicit practice.

“A new police administration,” said Dr. Hempstead, “has plenty of work cut out for them. We do not necessarily condemn the former officers for the conditions which existed, but the fact is that liquor was easy to secure. This state of affairs should be remedied.”

PROTECTION URGED

“I believe that it is the general feeling among the members of the legion, as good citizens, that one of the greatest benefits to accrue from the prohibition laws will be to the younger generation. Moonshine should be kept from beyond their reach, for in this form liquor is even worse – more poisonous and detrimental to the system – than is ordinary whiskey. Conditions should be made so that boys under age especially, should be protected from falling victims to a habit now banned by the United States constitution. The violation of the prohibition laws is wrong, and every effort to put a stop to this practice should be made. But it is of special importance that the growing boys and girls should be protected.”

The committee voices the belief that a general clean-up of the city as far as the liquor traffic is concerned, should be made with all possible dispatch. They have found satisfactory evidence to the effect that booze is being sold but consign the work of securing the information as to who is responsible to the officials.

Post 6

City: Hillsboro

Names: Hillsboro (1919)

FEBRUARY

HILLSBORO Hall has recently undergone numerous changes and been made into a brand-new hall, which will be known as the American Legion Hall and will be opened to the public Thursday night of this week, and an entertainment will be given.¹⁵⁷

MAY

THE remains of Claude M. Gray, who was killed at Soissons, July 21, arrived in this city last week and the funeral was held from the Methodist church Wednesday, under the auspices of the American Legion Post No. 6, Rev. Skipworth conducting the service. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gray and was born Jan. 29, 1897 in Portland. Shortly after his birth the family moved to Hillsboro where he resided until April 5th, 1917, when he enlisted in Company D, 162nd Infantry, 41st Division. He was killed in action. He is survived by his mother and five brothers and two sisters.¹⁵⁸

¹⁵⁷ Beaverton Times, February 11, 1921, pg. 2, image 2

¹⁵⁸ Beaverton Times, May 27, 1921, image 1

AUGUST

THE American Legion is about to put on a drive for new members. Their slogan is "Every member who gets a member doubles his service to the Legion. Hillsboro Post No. 6 is urging ex-service men to join, and not wait for the drive."¹⁵⁹

SEPTEMBER

THE funeral of Russell Carter, who died in France on August 3, 1918, was held Sunday, Sept. 4th, at the Baptist church, Rev. E.A. Smith conducting the service, assisted by Hillsboro Post American Legion.¹⁶⁰

NOVEMBER

THE Hillsboro post No. 6 American Legion has prepared a splendid program to be carried out on Armistice Day. The ex-service men will meet at Legion hall at 11 a.m. where a free lunch will be served. From 12:00 to 12:02 the entire nation will observe a period of silence at which time an unknown service man's body will be lowered at Arlington Cemetery, Virginia. At 1 o'clock there will be a parade, headed by the band of veterans of the different wars. At 2 P.M. there will be speaking, and in the evening a big bonfire in the park, followed by a dance in the pavilion. A \$200 Stradivara phonograph will be given away.¹⁶¹

DECEMBER

OFFICERS of Hillsboro Post, No. 6, American Legion were elected Tuesday evening last, as follows: Commander, J.B. Dinsmore; Vice Commander, Dr. J.H. Rossman; Adjutant, Morris Weil; Finance Officer, A.W. Hoffman; Historian, E.W. Batcheider; Chaplain, Guy Edson; Executive Committee, A.H. Morgan, E.L. Hobbs, E.R. Dillon. Officers of American Legion Auxiliary, Post No. 6 elected for the following year Mrs. Helen Deichman, president; Mrs. Hazel Morgan, vice president; Mrs. Anna Engeldinger, secretary; Mrs. Marie Hoffman, treasurer. The Auxiliary is planning Christmas presents for the disabled soldiers at the Pierce Sanitarium, and anyone wishing to give may leave donations with Mrs. C.L. Rollins.¹⁶²

COUNTY LEGION HOLDS MEET AT HILLSBORO

ON Monday, Dec. 19, the Washington County Counsel of the American Legion met at Hillsboro, for the second session this year. The first meeting was held in Forest Grove last month. On account of adverse weather conditions only a few legionnaires from Forest Grove made the journey to Hillsboro but all present report a very good time. Boxing, music, sneaking and eats were the order of the evening.

The Washington County Council is composed of all the Legion posts in Washington County and is for the purpose of fraternalism, closer cooperation Legion affairs and in the end a bigger and better ex-service man's organization. At the Hillsboro meeting a temporary constitution and by—laws were adopted. Those attending from this community were: Dr. Ralph I. Mills, Dr. H.R. Kauffman; Dr. C.R. Taylor, Paul Abraham, Elmer Hamilton, Paul Parsons, Clarence Rice and Guy McNutt.

¹⁵⁹ Beaverton Times, August 12, 1921, image 1

¹⁶⁰ Beaverton Times, September 16, 1921, pg. 2, image 2

¹⁶¹ Beaverton Times, November 4, 1921, pg.3, image 3

¹⁶² Beaverton Times, December 16, 1921, pg. 2, image 2

The next meeting of the Washington County Council will be held at Aloha, January 16, unless otherwise designated.

Due to the resignation of State Adjutant E.J. Eivers which is to take effect January 1, the Washington County Council unanimously endorsed Paul Abraham for this position.¹⁶³

ROLAND F. King, son of A.L. King, of this city, and a member of Hillsboro Post of the American Legion, has been appointed adjutant of the old soldiers' home at Roseburg, to succeed W.R. Poorman, who was recently promoted to the position of chief clerk of the state board of control. Mr. King is an ex-service man and served in the late war.¹⁶⁴

THE Hillsboro Military band was organized by the American Legion Wednesday. Officers elected were: President, Dr. L.W. Hyde; secretary, Ray Shield; treasurer, Fred J. Sewell; librarian, William Grenbemer.¹⁶⁵

Post 7

City: Silverton

Names: Delbert Reeves (1919)

AUGUST

GUS BOCK gave a report of the convention at Eugene at a recent meeting of Silverton post.¹⁶⁶

Post 8

City: Klamath Falls

Names: Klamath Falls (1919)

FEBRUARY

FUNERAL services for Frank tucker, the first overseas hero who lost his life in the late war, to be taken to Klamath Falls for burial, were held in the Presbyterian church there recently.¹⁶⁷

MARCH

KLAMATH FALLS American Legion will erect club house community building.¹⁶⁸

MAY

KLAMATH FALLS GRAVES DECORATED¹⁶⁹

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., May 30 – (Special) – Led by Captain O.C. Applegate, veteran of the Modoc Indian war, as grand marshal, more than 500 persons, including the veterans of the civil, Spanish-American, and Indian

¹⁶³ Beaverton Times, December 23, 1921, pg. 3 image 3

¹⁶⁴ Beaverton Times, December 23, 1921, image 1

¹⁶⁵ Beaverton Times, December 30, 1921, pg. 3 image 3

¹⁶⁶ The Pacific Legion August 20, 1921, pg. 31

¹⁶⁷ The Pacific Legion, February 1921, pg. 31

¹⁶⁸ The Springfield News, March 3, 1921, image 1

¹⁶⁹ Morning Oregonian, May 31, 1921, pg. 9, image 9

wars, members of the American Legion, Women's Relief corps, Legion auxiliary, Boy Scouts, school children and citizens, marched to the cemetery this morning to pay tribute to the patriots resting there. Speeches by Mayor Wiley and Rev. Father J.V. Molloy, overseas chaplain, decoration of the graves and patriotic songs featured the programme.

JUNE

MISS Dorthy Elliott, soloist, and the ladies' quartette composed of Misses Clara Calkins, Pauline Bond, Mary Pfleuger and Mrs. A. M. Melby entertained with songs at a card party recently given by the auxiliary of Klamath Falls post at the White Pelican hotel.¹⁷⁰

Post 9

City: Salem

Names: Capital (1919)

Charter Date:

JANUARY

WHITE OPPOSES PUBLICATION OF SLACKER LISTS¹⁷¹

PUBLICATION of the war department's slacker list has been thoroughly purged of the names of soldiers who did their bit in the late war and have been inadvertently classified as slackers, would work a serious injustice upon thousands of the nation's heroes, according to Adjutant General George A. White.

The adjutant general who is also past adjutant of the American Legion and a member of the league's executive committee has so telegraphed the organization's headquarters at Indiana urging that action be taken to correct the slacker lists before they are given out for publication.

Based upon the Oregon list which has been found to contain the names of many men who served in the late war, White estimates that the names of not less than 25,000 soldiers are included in the list of 173,000 alleged slackers as prepared by the war department.

Adjutant General White with the cooperation of legion posts and county officials throughout the state, has thoroughly combed the Oregon list in his efforts to eliminate the names of soldiers who have been listed as slackers. This same action should be taken in every state in justice to the ex-service men whose names are included in the list before the same is published.

FEBRUARY

WE desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to our many friends and the American Legion in particular, for the many kind favors and assistance tendered us during our late bereavement in the loss of our son and brother. – Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Hunt and family.¹⁷²

MARCH

A movement is under way in Salem, Ore., to change the name of Capitol Post to Aubrey Jones Post in honor of a Salem man killed in action.¹⁷³

¹⁷⁰ The Pacific Legion, June 1921, pg. 31

¹⁷¹ Capital Journal, January 7, 1921, image 1

¹⁷² Capital Journal, February 26, 1921, pg. 7, image 7

¹⁷³ The American Legion Weekly March 25, 1921

LEGION ON ALERT FOR NEW RECRUITS¹⁷⁴

With the slogan, "Oregon First" local headquarters Capital Post No. 9, the American Legion has organized to inform members and ex-service men of the membership campaign now on.

Legion members have been given three months from January 1, 1921 in which to renew their cards and during this time are receiving the Legion weekly, official organ of the Legion.

Dr. B.F. Pound, commander of the local post, announced Friday that the following members of the "recruiting squad," Clifford Brown, Jimmy Young, Joe McAllister, Johnny Holman and Millar McGilchrist. Allan Kafoury is "top sergeant" of the committee.

APRIL

THE various women's organizations of the city were requested to send a representative on Tuesday night to a public meeting in the interest of the clean-up campaign which will be opened Monday, April 11. Capital post number None, American Legion, volunteered its support in putting across the campaign and the women's organizations of the city will take the matter up in their various societies and determine means of being of assistance.¹⁷⁵

MAY

MEMORIAL HELD AT SALEM¹⁷⁶

Tablets Are Dedicated to Soldiers Who Died for Country

SALEM, Or., May 30 – (Special) – Dedication of tablets in commemoration of veterans of the late war, special ceremonies in the armory, decorations of graves of fallen heroes, banquet, parade and other patriotic events featured the observance of Memorial Day in Salem.

Dr. Carlton Smith, overseas veteran delivered the address at the American Legion ceremonies in the morning, while Rev. C.E. Cline of Portland, veteran of the civil war, and one-time pastor of a local church, spoke at the afternoon service, in which all patriotic bodies of Salem participated. Special musical numbers featured both the morning and afternoon ceremonies.

More than 300 persons attended the banquet tendered in honor of the officials of the American Legion, veterans of the Spanish and civil wars, and their families.

The parade, which was one of the most impressive Memorial Day events arrange here for many years, was headed by state, county and city officials, with music furnished by a local band.

LEGION MEETS TOMORROW NIGHT¹⁷⁷

CHANGE in the date of the regular monthly meeting of the American Legion was announced by headquarters of that organization this morning. Instead of being June 2, as previously announced, the meeting will be held tomorrow night in the armory at 8 o'clock.

The meeting will be an open one for business, which will be followed by an entertainment provided from the talented group of amateur players of the Elks club.

It was also announced this morning that meeting will be held Friday night at Stayton and Brooks.

¹⁷⁴ Capital Journal, March 21, pg. 4, image 4

¹⁷⁵ Capital Journal, April 7, 1921, pg. 3, image 3

¹⁷⁶ Morning Oregonian, May 31, 1921, pg. 9, image 9

¹⁷⁷ Capital Journal, May 31, 1921, pg. 8, image 8

BIG RALLY TO CONCLUDE LOAN WEEK¹⁷⁸

Old Time Political Gathering Saturday Night Planned by Legion Committee

PLANS of the Soldier Loan Week committee of the American Legion are developing fast to make this week's campaign end in a flare of patriotic enthusiasm Saturday night when a monster open air mass meeting will be held at the corner of State and Liberty streets with all the trimmings that go to make up an old time political just-before-election night.

There will be music by a twenty-five piece military band; there will be red fire, sirens, bells, torches, regular buglers who used to get the "Buddies" up in the early morning hours with their "Reveille," and beside other things there will be the very best speaker available to tell the thousands who will pack the streets that this Soldier Loan Amendment is going to be the best thing for Oregon in the way of State Development that has ever been before the people.

This speaker will explain that after this measure has passed Salem Marion county and the whole state of Oregon will enjoy a period of great industrial and constructive prosperity because every one of our artisans, laborers and tradesmen will be busy, clearing and reclaiming land, developing farms or setting out orchards or berry tracts, or building homes for the veterans who will during the next years pay back to the state the funds now loaned to develop it.

The attorney general has advised the governor that the rumor to the effect that the Soldier Loan Measure is unconstitutional is all wrong. The attorney general says the measure is good and that it is constitutional and that in his opinion there is nothing to this unconstitutional talk. Comrade Faulkner, former Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, for the Department of Oregon while addressing the American Legion just before the parade yesterday, advised his hearers to put no stock in this unconstitutional business, saying it was not unconstitutional when the country needed the soldier boys to go thru the submarine zone when trying to get to France that it was not unconstitutional when the draft took men from civilian life into the army overnight and that it was not unconstitutional when the boys went over the top or when they slept in the mud and rain in France, and that he thought it was not unconstitutional when the state thru the voice of the people decided to loan its credit to set up its returning sons in farms or homes that they might call their won. He got a screech when he said a real American was the most resourceful creature under God's Blue Heaven and that if he were truly an American you could put him on a grindstone a hundred wide and he'd still scratch a living off it.

Negotiations are now under way to get the services of an aeroplane to drop the leaflets now being printed by the American Legion, which leaflets explain the workings of the measure which the veterans so earnestly desire to pass. These leaflets tell just who is entitled to the benefits of this measure how the loans are obtained, how the state is protected and how the state gets back the funds advanced to the ex-service man. It is planned to place one of these terse explanation of the measure on every door step in Salem during Soldier Loan Week which ends this Saturday night.

JULY

AUXILIARY STATE STAFF IS CHOSEN¹⁷⁹

PERMANENT officers for the state association of American Legion Auxiliaries were elected at the first convention held July 1 and 2 at Eugene, simultaneously with the American Legion convention at that same place. A permanent state organization was affected at the assembly and a number of good addresses were

¹⁷⁸ Capital Journal, May 31, 1921, pg. 8, image 8

¹⁷⁹ Capital Journal, July 5, 1921, pg. 3, image3

given, including those of John Inzer, national chaplain; Chaplain Gilbert, ex-state commander, and Lemuel Bowles, national commander.

Present from Salem were Mrs. Raymond Walsh, Mrs. Walter J. Kirk, Mrs. George W. White and Mrs. Walter L. Spaulding. Temporary officers, chosen at a previous meeting were elected as the permanent staff. They are president, Mrs. W.A. Iver of Portland; vice president Mae Fields, of Eugene; secretary, Mrs. Walter L. Spaulding; secretary, treasurer, Mrs. Harold Herchner, of Hood River.

The Dalles was decided upon as the meeting place for next year, when the convention will again be held at the same time and place as that of the American Legion.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY WILL HOLD MEETING TONIGHT¹⁸⁰

Salem post of the Auxiliary of the American Legion will hold its regular meeting tonight at eight o'clock at the armory. This will be the last opportunity for mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of members of the American Legion to become charter members of the local post. Following the meeting of the American Legion tonight, the women will serve refreshments to the men.

WALTER C. WINSLOW was the leader of a party of Salem men and women who put on an American Legion entertainment at Aumsville, Ore., recently.¹⁸¹

AUGUST

LEGION MAY ACT ON KLAN AND LEAGUE¹⁸²

ACTION on the Ku Klux Klan and the advent of the Non-partisan League is expected to be taken at the next meeting of the American Legion scheduled for Tuesday night at the armory.

It is known to legion men that there is a movement on foot to get the organization to take some action against the Ku Klux Klan, and while it could not be predicted as to what might follow, headquarters of the organization admitted this morning that officials had been approached during the last few weeks by representatives from the G.A.R.

The resolution, if presented, will be made by members of the legion who have already become unfriendly to the Klan and who have been prevented from joining through religious.

As to what will be done concerning the Non-partisan league, nothing can be said, except that the attitude of a great many of the legion men in unfriendly to the political principles of the party which has just invaded the state.

Other matters to come before the legion is the automobile contest, for the raising of funds to establish club rooms. Tickets will be sold for a dance and entertainment with which the purchaser will be given a number. The holder of the lucky number will draw the Ford sedan offered as prize.

Plans for the A.E.F. circus, another way of raising money, will also come up for discussion.

DECEMBER

JOE Minton, at a recent meeting of Capital post of the American Legion, in Salem, was elected commander for the ensuing year. He has been active in legion affairs since the post was organized.¹⁸³

¹⁸⁰ Capital Journal, July 5, 1921, pg. 3, image3

¹⁸¹ The Pacific Legion July 1921, pg. 31

¹⁸² Capital Journal, August 24, 1921, pg. 7, image 7

¹⁸³ The Sunday Oregonian, December 11, 1921, Section Two, pg. 22, image 46

A **SPIRITED** argument was evidenced in the recent meeting of Capitol post of the American Legion in Salem when the suggestion was made that the name of the post be changed to “Jones-Eckerlin” in honor of two Salem boys who lost their lives in the service. Opponents to the suggestion declared that it would be an injustice to honor two Salem men by naming the post in their honor when the bodies of a score of former men of the Capital city are now in the cemeteries of France. The name will remain as it is.¹⁸⁴

Post 10

City: Albany

Post Names: Albany (1919); Alfred E. Babcock (1924)

JANUARY

ALTON B. COATES, recently elected commander of the Alfred E. Babcock post of Albany, was a recent visitor at the Oregon state office and conferred with the department adjutant regarding the future activities of the Albany Post.¹⁸⁵

APRIL

MRS. Alton Coats is president of the recently organized auxiliary at Albany, Oregon. The organization already has over fifty members.¹⁸⁶

MAY

FUNERAL HELD AT ALBANY¹⁸⁷

Earl Rogers, Veteran Who Died Overseas, Is Buried

ALBANY, Or., May 30 – (Special) – Albany’s observance of Memorial day was unusually impressive. The funeral of Earl Rogers, Albany soldier, who died overseas, was conducted this afternoon from the armory. Rev. B.F. Fellman, pastor of the First Baptist church, and Rev. J.C. Spencer, pastor of the First Methodist church, conducted the services. Military services were held at Riverside cemetery.

Veterans of three wars participated in the Memorial Day exercises following a parade. Patriotic exercises were held at the cemetery. Milton A. Miller of Portland collector of internal revenue for Oregon, delivered the address of the day.

JULY

THE body of Corporal Alfred E. Babcock, first Albany boy to die in France, was buried with military honors at Albany recently. The Albany, Ore., post was named for Babcock.¹⁸⁸

Post 11

City: Corvallis

Names: Withycombe

Permanent charter: for post 11 on 28 Apt 1922

Post reported to state headquarters as organized by the last of July (1919)

¹⁸⁴ The Sunday Oregonian, December 18, 1921, Section Two, pg. 24, image 48

¹⁸⁵ The Pacific Legion, January 1921, pg. 32

¹⁸⁶ The Pacific Legion, April 1921, pg. 24

¹⁸⁷ Morning Oregonian, May 31, 1921, pg. 9, image 9

¹⁸⁸ The Pacific Legion July 1921, pg. 31

MAY

CORVALLIS PARADE IS LONG¹⁸⁹

Veterans March to Cemetery Where G.A.R. Services Are Held

CORVALLIS, Or., May 30 – (Special) – Corvallis observed Memorial day with closed stores and decorated streets. A long parade to the cemetery consisted of civil war veterans, members of the women's relief corps, world war veterans and Oregon Agricultural college cadets, led by the cadet band.

In addition to the regular Grand Army services at the cemetery, Rev. J.P. Clyde of the Congregational church delivered a patriotic address.

Post 12

City: Astoria

Names: Clatsop (1919)

MAY

MAJOR W.S. GILBERT, of Astoria, Oregon state commander of the Legion, recently made a trip to Eugene in his capacity as regent of the University of Oregon to attend a meeting of the board of the state university.¹⁹⁰

ASTORIA HOLD GALA OBSERVANCE¹⁹¹

ASTORIA, Or., May 30 – Astoria observed Memorial day by the closing of all stores and business houses, the holding of patriotic exercises and decorating graves in each of the cemeteries. During the morning there was a parade participated in by the police, a company of regular troops from Fort Stevens, members of the G.A.R., Spanish-American war veterans, American Legion and their kindred organizations, the Boy Scouts, Campfire Girls and pupils from the public and private schools. Following the parade exercises were held at the ball park, the speaker of the day being Charles W. Robinson.

JULY

DR. F.H. VINCIL and Garnet L. Green of Clatsop post, Astoria, Ore., were speakers at a recent meeting held at Svenson.¹⁹²

Post 13

City: Mabel

Names: Coast Range (1919)

¹⁸⁹ Morning Oregonian, May 31, 1921, pg. 9, image 9

¹⁹⁰ The Pacific Legion, May 1921, pg. 24

¹⁹¹ Morning Oregonian, May 31, 1921, pg. 9, image 9

¹⁹² The Pacific Legion July 1921, pg. 31

MARCH

LEGION TRYING TO OUST ALIEN LABORERS IN STATE¹⁹³

MABEL. Lane County is named as one of the places in the state where aliens are employed in industrial plants while ex-service men are idle.

The American Legion had made an investigation throughout the state and has found that five thousand aliens are employed at good wages while men who fought in France and their families are in want.

Twelve hundred well-to-do married women and girls are standing between penniless ex-service men and other family men and good jobs, the same officials declare.

Efforts to reverse this situation will be exerted at once, according to Charles B. Rucker, chairman of the unemployment committee of Portland post.

The committee, Rucker stated in its endeavor to replace foreigners and well-to-do women with veterans of the war has the endorsement of Governor Olcott, Labor Commissioner Gram, State Examiner Nunn, the public service commission and other officials.

Charges that Oregon employers are giving preference to aliens was made as the result of a state-wide survey, he said. Promising further disclosures, Rucker said the survey showed the following conditions:

Portland leads the list in favoring foreigners, with mills and railroads cited as the principal offenders as to men and department stores, street railway and railroad offices leading in the employment of women.

MABEL in LIST

Other Cities rank in this order:

Astoria.

Bend.

Westport.

Baker.

Marshfield.

Algona.

Mabel.

Silverton.

Salem.

Hood River.

Klamath Falls.

Pendleton.

As chairman of the committee, Rucker said he would visit each employer of aliens with a request that Americans be given preference. Results of his visits are to be made public, he said.

CONTRACTORS HIT

ACCORDING to the survey, several highway contractors are guilty of favoritism toward foreigners. Rucker also said that the industrial welfare commission has made matters more complex by issuing permits to railroads and other large employers allowing them to work women overtime, thus avoiding the employment of family men to do the work at living wages.

Lane county post, American Legion a few weeks ago made an investigation of the matter of employing Japanese laborers at the mill and in the camps of Mabel but no definite action was taken. – Morning Register.

¹⁹³ The Springfield News, March 17, 1921, pg. 8, image 8

Post 14

City: Ashland

Names: Ashland (1919)

JANUARY

THE bodies of Phillip R. Trefren and Leo Parrish, two of the Ashland boys who fell in France, will be brought home sometime in the next three months and will be given burial here. It has not been ascertained yet whether the relatives want the Legion to officiate at the service or not.¹⁹⁴

DEAD SOLDIER TO BE BROUGHT HERE FOR BURIAL¹⁹⁵

*Body of the Late Leo Parrish, Who Died in France,
Will Be Given Military Funeral by Ashland Post, American Legion*

AN echo of the world war reached Ashland this morning when a telegram arrived to Ashland Post No. 14, American Legion, announcing that the body of Leo Parrish, one of the American forces who died in France, had arrived in Hoboken and was being shipped to Norfolk and thence to Ashland for burial.

The message to Ashland this morning was from Lake County Post No. 53 and stated the wife of the young soldier will arrive in this city tomorrow from Lakeview, and will communicate with Ashland Post, which she wishes to take charge of the burial of her husband's body when it arrives here. As soon as Ashland Post is apprised of the time the body will reach this city from the east, arrangements will be made to give the martyred soldier a military funeral.

The Parrish family lived in Ashland several years ago but later moved to Portland, from which city the deceased soldier enlisted. They still own a lot in the Ashland cemetery, which is the reason for the young man's body being brought here for burial. The mother of the deceased soldier is also expected to come here from Portland to await the arrival of her son's body.

WHAT THE LEGION IS DOING¹⁹⁶

STATE legislature which will offer the alternative of a \$2000 farm or home loan or cash compensation at the rate of \$15 a month of service for veterans of the World War, will be presented by the Oregon Department of the American Legion.

It was so decided at a recent meeting of the state executive committee of the Legion. The Legionnaires also voted to sponsor in the legislature a bill similar to the Japanese law of California, aimed to prevent land holdings by Orientals in the state, when it was pointed out that the adoption of the California law caused an influx of Japanese into Oregon.

THE annual meeting of the Ashland Post No. 14 of the American Legion was held Tuesday night in the Moose Hall. If the spirit shown at this meeting is an indication of what the Legion is going to do, we'll immediately predict a bumper crop in Legion affairs for the year 1921. It was certainly a meeting of enthusiastic and interested Legionnaires.

Past Post-Commander W.M. Briggs called the comrades together and then installed the newly-elected officers for the year 1921. Upon assuming the chair as Post Commander, Glenn E. Simpson gave an outline of work and events for the Post rituals and ceremonies were brought into full play for the first time.

¹⁹⁴ The Ashland Weekly Tidings, January 12, 1921, image 1

¹⁹⁵ The Ashland Weekly Tidings, January 12, 1921, image 1

¹⁹⁶ The Ashland Weekly Tidings, January 19, 1921, image 1

An expression of the feelings of the Comrades regarding these ceremonies would indicate that they are as good as the best and an inspiration toward patriotism.

Many of the committees reported and it was shown that there had been considerable activities among some of these committees during the year even though the Post has not been active. It was learned with satisfaction that many of our comrades have been benefited through the efforts of our Benevolent Committee, and the feeling expressed that their good work will continue. Two of our latest comrades to gain the benefits of the Federal Vocational training are James F. Butler and James A. Cook. Comrade Butler is one of our members and well known here. Comrade Cook is a member of an Eastern Oregon Post and is a worthy comrade indeed. Both of these men were seriously wounded and are amply entitled to this training.

Roy Hartley of Siskiyou, Oregon, and Jack Maneely were introduced and initiated. After which the Post was thrown open to entertainment. This entertainment was amply and appropriately cared for by Comrades Mills, Coleman, Burdic, Hartly, Maneely, Danford, Amer and Rigg. If the rest of the gang didn't enjoy it they surely were S.O.L.

Arrangements were made to take care of the funeral of our late Comrade Leo L. Parrish, sometime in the very near future. We have at present very little information regarding Comrade Parrish, but a more detailed account will appear soon. Past Commander Briggs, and Comrades Burdic, Moore, Henry, King and Amer will act as pall bearers. All members of the Legion and all Ex-service men or women in the community are urged and requested to attend.

The state bonus question was left up to the decision of the executive committee who decided that Ashland Post No. 14 should commend Governor Olcott for the thoughtful recommendations to the State Legislature, but that we would take no action toward urging the passage of any bonus bills by the state. It was believed that the ex-service men of our community would prefer to make all claims for Adjusted Compensation upon our National Government. The committee believes this to be a national question and not a state question, and that it is a question that is in immediate need and should be handled without delay.

The question of organizing a Women's Auxiliary was discussed at considerable length, with the result that it would be left entirely up to the women relatives as to their own desire in this matter. It is necessary for 15 women relatives to make application to the Department of Oregon for a charter. Any ladies desiring to make this necessary start can obtain the application forms from the Adjutant of Ashland Post No. 14. The state Department of the Legion is very anxious to have an auxiliary post organized in Ashland.

After considerable interesting discussion of national topics, the Post adjourned to meet again February 8th.

THE executive Committee consists of Commander Simpson, Vice-commander Wolcott, Adjutant Spencer, Finance Officer Holmes, Historian Hadfield, Athletic Officer Grubb, Insurance Officer Mills, Sergeant-at-arms Gunter and Chaplain Rigg. This committee will have a series of noon-time luncheons at which all business pertaining to Ashland Post No. 14 will be handled that cannot be handled at regular meetings.

MILLARD W. Grubb has been appointed Athletic Officer of Ashland Post No. 4. He has laid his plans for the organization of a Legion Basketball club and other interesting enterprises for the good of the Legionnaires. He is planning to take his gang to Talent this week to measure their abilities in art of basket bunting.

FEBRUARY

THE Adjutant of Ashland Post No. 14 wishes to remind you that he has that list of 4800 unclaimed Liberty bonds yet, and he wants your cooperation to help locate some of them. Some of your comrades may be needing the interest on those bonds right now. Let's look them over.¹⁹⁷

FRED S. Penniston the American Legion's expert landscape gardener, who has been bringing his art into full bloom over at Grenada during the past summer, made a trip over the Siskiyou's in his car this week as easily as though it were summer time.

According to National Headquarters, the American Legion, doubled in membership and added 3,417 posts in the past year. All records for growth, however, were broken by the Women's Auxiliary, which started the year 1920 with 5,000 members and finished with an enrollment of 200,000 and a total of 1,695 units. All state departments registered substantial gains and new posts were formed in the following foreign countries: Argentine Republic, Belgium, Chile, China, Guatemala, Japan, Poland, Samoa, Santa Domingo and Peru.

The year 1921 should be, by far, the biggest year in the history of the Legion and its Auxiliary. There are about 20,000,000 eligibles for the Women's Auxiliary in the United States, and about 4,500,000 eligibles for the Legion. Plenty of grounds to work on.

MARCH

FLYING SQUADRON TO BE GUESTS OF AMERICAN LEGION¹⁹⁸

MUCH interest is being manifested by ex-service men in regard to the Flying Squadron of the American Legion which will be in Medford March 5 to adjust any and all claims against the government. All men who have any claims of any character, including those who have not received their state of Victory Medals, should get questionnaires from Glenn Simpson and present same Saturday afternoon, March 5 at the Legion Hall.

Saturday evening the Legion will hold a business meeting in honor of the visitors at which time plans to put across the compensation campaign will be formulated and Jack Kerr, Floyd Ross and Elmer Wilson will petition admission to the Goofs. After the meeting a social session will be had with the Ladies' Auxiliary and the lady friends of the Legionnaires. Ashland and Gold Hill Posts will be guests of Medford Post at this meeting.

Special attention of all Service men whether Legionnaires or not, is directed to the following information:

The "Flying Squadron," composed of: Frank J. Eivers, Service Officer for the American Legion of Oregon; Dr. F.W. White, U.S. Public Health Service, for Seattle; Kenneth L. Cooper, Federal Vocational Board, Portland; Cliff Wood, Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Portland, and Major Cloan or Captain Hathaway, with field clerk, U.S. Army, will be in Medford March 5 (remember the date and place) at the American Legion hall, for the purpose of getting in "personal" touch with all service men throughout the state in order to adjust all claims in connection with their service in the recent World War and to take applications for the "Victory Medal."

¹⁹⁷ The Ashland Weekly Tidings, February 9, 1921, image 1

¹⁹⁸ The Ashland Weekly Tidings, March 2, 1921, image 1

The adjutant of Ashland Post No. 14 has on hand a large supply of Claim Questionnaires which will be handled by this "Squadron." Each and every service man should avail himself of this opportunity immediately to secure one of these questionnaires and fill it out and present it to this "Squadron."

It will assure you some immediate action on what would otherwise take months to handle. Some of you are entitled to travel pay from your place of discharge to your homes, some have had a portion of your pay deducted for some reason or other, which can be returned to you by proper application; some of you are entitled to Vocational training or adjusted compensation. All these things and many others will be cared for at this time and every effort made to get proper adjustment on your behalf as ex-service men.

Don't lay this aside until you have made an inventory of your own conditions and get one of those questionnaires filled out so that you will know where you stand. The members of this "Flying Squadron" are all ex-service men, and have the needs of the ex-service men, and have the needs of the ex-service men at heart. Cliff Wood is not a stranger to. Many of us in Ashland, because it will be remembered that he called upon us a short time ago when we went James Butler and James Cook to the Oregon Agricultural college as recipients of the federal vocational training.

The pain point now is – GET THAT QUESTIONNAIRE AND FILL IT OUT – THEN SEE THE SLINGING SQUADRON.

THE Legion committee who are to handle the monument business for Ashland Post No. 14 has been appointed as follows: U.G. Coleman, chairman, V.V. Mills, Fred Penniston, W.M. Briggs and J.M. Spencer. This committees from the W.R.C., the G.A.R. and the Spanish War Veterans, for the purpose of selecting designs and arranging costs and the promotion of methods for obtaining the funds for its erection.

CAPTAIN Wm. M. Briggs is the Americanization officer for the American Legion and where could we find a better one? Captain Billy has an enormous work cut out for him, but he will deliver the goods. His ability to handle an Americanism problem has been ably demonstrated by his work as commanding officer of one of our best institutions for establishing Americanism, the First Company, Oregon Coast Artillery, National Guard. The National Guard has shown its value in our last great war, but it has now been developed to a much higher value, as a developer of patriotism, honor and service. We can feel safe in leaving our duties in Americanism to the leadership of our Captain Billy.

ASHLAND Post No. 14, American Legion has received notice that the five reel U.S. Signal Corps film entitled "Flashes of Action" will be shown in Ashland April 13 and 14. This film was taken during real action in France, and is considered an accurate record of the work that your service men did at that time. More detailed information will be furnished at a later date, meantime, remember the dates and see something of great interest to you.¹⁹⁹

ASHLAND Post has started preparations covering the next Memorial Day exercises, with a view of assisting the Grand Army of the Republic and the Women's Relief Corps in every way possible in the celebration of this great day. The Women's Auxiliary to the American Legion will be organized long before that time, and they will take an active part also in this great movement. We believe that there is a citizen's duty and privilege in the exercises of that day that range far above the usual duties as engaged in by most citizens in the past. That duty is honor and commemoration of our dead. We hope to discourage all things that will detract attention from the ceremonies of the day. New grave markers will be had by that time for all ex-service graves and the "Poppy of Flanders Field" will be in evidence wherever there is a Legionnaire.

¹⁹⁹ The Ashland Weekly Tidings, March 16, 1921, image 1

RALPH R. Hadfield, historian for the Ashland Post, has started the compilation of the historical record of Ashland Post. This record is to be very complete in every detail. He hopes to compile a complete military and naval record and a more or less complete civil record of all service men in the community. Relatives of all ex-service men are requested to co-operate with him in supplying information needed and also photographs.

FIFTEEN ladies of Ashland have signed the application for the Women's Auxiliary to the American Legion. The charter ought to be here in the next two weeks, when a meeting will be called for all wives, mothers, daughter and sisters of ex-service men, and a complete organization will be effected {sic} and officers elected. There are least 1300 eligible to the unit who are expected to take part. The last national convention of the American Legion adopted a resolution asking the women to get a new name for their Auxiliary. The new name will be adopted at the next annual convention.

THIS week T.F. Smith, the park gardener, has completed transplanting from his hot bed, full grown Oriental red poppies to a suitable place about the Memorial rock. Mr. Smith has also kindly offered a small flag pole to mark the spot and will erect it soon. A flag will be flown over the rock on all suitable occasions²⁰⁰.

WHO GETS CHARTER NO. 25 FOR THE AUXILIARY?²⁰¹

WE read in last week's issue of the Grants Pass Courier that they HOPE to get Charter No. 25 for their unit, which is to be organized tonight (March 18th). We are mightily pleased to learn that the women are organizing in Grants Pass, but we just think that we have them outpointed for that first Charter. Some time ago the required number of our ladies signed the request for a charter and our application has been in the hands of our national executives for several days. We expect next week to actually have our charter here and the Auxiliary fully organized.

The purpose of the Women's Auxiliary unit is to organize them for their mutual good and to perpetuate American ideals; to render valuable aid to the American Legion in its undertakings, such as entertainments, programs, etc., to help minister to the needs of our disabled veterans and their families; help solve the women's problems in the community; take part in public questions, advancing their merits and improving their demerits; participate in enterprises of charity; co-operate with boards of education in the operation of our schools; and to promote any public enterprise that commends itself to the units.

If you are a mother, sister or daughter of any ex-service person, whether that ex-service person is a member of the American Legion or not, you are eligible to membership in the auxiliary. It should be a privilege, honor and pleasure to you. Just try naming over those whom you know are eligible to membership and see how far it will take you. You will surely be surprised. Please watch for the date of final organization, it will appear very soon.

OUR National commander sends us the following telegram: "Nineteen hundred and twenty-one membership now exceeds four hundred thousand and government of United States acknowledges American Legion greatest single factor for good in nation today. Eyes of the World upon us. I wish you to assume with me responsibility for extending time for removing delinquent members from the mail list of Weekly to April first. In meantime use every means and redouble efforts to get maximum enrollment, old and new. Get everyone on the job and wake them up and let's put the task over one hundred percent."

Signed: F.W. Galbraith, Jr.
National Commander.

²⁰⁰ The Ashland Weekly Tidings, March 23, 1921, image 1

²⁰¹ The Ashland Weekly Tidings, March 23, 1921, image 1

EX_SERVICE²⁰² men. Does the American Legion deserve your support? The American Legion which is acknowledged by the government of the United States as the greatest single factor for GOOD in the nation today, is fostering more good sound legislation than any other organization. Such questions as are here enumerated are samples of the propositions which the American Legion are not only talking about, but working for: Care and training in vocational line, all our disabled comrades and all other sick and incapacitated citizens; protection of the American Public from the advances of propaganda designed to undermine our peace and international good will; the Americanization of our immigrants; patriotic instruction in our public schools; federal assistance and control of our public schools; higher pay for teachers commensurate with the important work that they do. The Japanese land question; and the national adjusted compensation; and the elimination of possibilities for profiteers. And many other topics of interest to all the people. Each and every ex-service man will benefit by the activities of the American Legion. If you get the adjusted compensation, you must give the Legion the credit. If the disloyal elements are brought to see the spirit of democracy as you see it, then again, credit the American Legion. If we are saved from a war with Japan, the American Legion will have warned the people of their danger in time.

You owe it to yourself and to your comrades to line up, help out, and show the American Legion button to the world as an emblem of Liberty, protection and co-operation. DO IT NOW.

ASHLAND Post has received new prices on post flags and stands of colors. The new prices are much lower than previous quotations and encourage us to hope that we may yet find a way to obtain a set before our next annual convention, which will be held in Eugene this year during the first part of July.

THE Legion film, "Flashes of Action," which is composed of actual pictures of real action taken in France, showing parts of the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 35th and other divisions, including the work of the 92st division from Camp Lewis, will be shown by the Ashland Post No. 14, American Legion, at the Lyric theater, in the near future.

PROOF that disabled veterans appreciate the efforts of the American Legion in their behalf is provided by statistics showing that of the number of ex-service men confined in hospitals of 30 states, one-third are Legion members. The figures were obtained from a report of the Service Division of National Headquarters, based on a Legion national census.

APRIL

ASHLAND Post aNo.14 has received a communication from Weed Post No. 71, of Weed, Calif., inviting our attention to the fact that they are going to stage a real celebration for July Fourth this year. They state that their celebration will be different from the old drift of such celebrations. It is to be sane, attractive and instructive in every detail, with special attractions of interest to members of the American Legion. More detailed information will be given out at a later date. They are very much in earnest in their endeavor for an extra good one this year and have an extra good cause for which the hope to raise some funds with which to develop it. All monies gained from the celebration will be spent in the erection of a children's recreation park, in attendance at this celebration, which is most worthy indeed. A healthy change from our time ridden celebrations would be greatly appreciated by all. Weed Post has our very best wishes.²⁰³

²⁰² The Ashland Weekly Tidings, March 23, 1921, image 1

²⁰³ The Ashland Weekly Tidings, April 6, 1921, image 1

MAY

WORLD WAR VETERAN GRAVE MARKERS

ASHLAND Post No. 14 has just received a shipment of fine bronze grave markers to be used in permanently marking the graves of our Ex-service comrades. The markers are composed of a bronze disc about seven inches in diameter, edged by a wreath of laurel, and the words "World War Veteran" superimposed within the wreath. There is a flag holder at the back of the disc.

According to our records at this time we have nine graves in the Ashland and Mountainview cemeteries and two in the Talent cemetery which are entitled to such a marker. These will be supplied during the next week and a flag will be placed in the holder on Memorial Day.²⁰⁴

The Legion Committee is making arrangement with Colonel John L. May, formerly Captain of our own local Militia Company, who has served so well during the last War that he became a Brigadier General, to come to Ashland as speaker of the day. An effort is also being made to secure Major C.A. Malone (who needs no introduction) to come and act as Marshal of the Day.

ASHLAND Post No. 14 American Legion sat in regular assembly last Tuesday evening at the Moose hall. There was a lot of discussion of the various measures to be voted upon at the Special Election June 7th, and of course quite a lot of it was about the State Aid Bill wherein Ex-service men may obtain substantial loans from the state for the purpose of building or buying homes.

Considerable amount of statistics were brought into being that shows that if the bill becomes a law there will be about \$500,000.00 of outside capital brought right into Ashland by these service men. All of that money will be spent right here for building materials, etc. Not a bad prospect for Ashland is it?

The J. Henry Albers case was disposed of in a way that will eventually prove more satisfactorily to all real American. Albers should and will stand retrial as was urged by all Legion Posts in the State of Oregon and other states as well. We say Oregon more particularly, because Albert resided in Portland at the time of his escapade.²⁰⁵

ROY Hartley of Siskiyou came down to attend the Legion meeting, never misses a meeting and feels it is well worth his while to come down on those occasions.

OREGON paid nearly 1000 lives as part of her price for Humanity during the World War.

THE United States returned to Oregon over 1000 wounded men after the war was ended; 200 of these maimed men are permanently and totally disabled.

THE charter of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion has been received by Adjutant Spencer, who will immediately arrange with the interested ladies of Ashland for a meeting at which the organization will be completed. It develops that to be eligible to membership in the Auxiliary one must have a relative who is a member in good standing in some post of the American Legion or be a relative of some service man who paid the supreme sacrifice.

THERE were 34,500 men under arms in the World War who came from OREGON. Their average service was 10 months each.

²⁰⁴ The Ashland Weekly Tidings, May 4, 1921, image 1

²⁰⁵ The Ashland weekly Tidings, May 18, 1921, image 1

JUNE

THE body of Philip Trefren has arrived in Ashland from its long journey from France. Ashland Post No. 14 will have charge of the funeral, which will be semi-military and will be held at the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon. Rev. C.G. Keohler will preach the funeral services. Members of the American Legion will assemble at the Presbyterian church at 2 P.M. Sunday.

Philip Trefren enlisted June 13th, 1918 at Jacksonville, Oregon, one month ahead of his draft number. He left Medford for Camp Lewis June 18, where he was assigned to Co. D, 160th Infantry. A card announcing his arrival overseas was received by his parents August 27, 1918 in the Vosges. Four short months of service and he gave his all. A hero among the best.

Let us all remember, friends, what he has given and assist in paying him the honors so justly due him.

ASHLAND Post No. 14 American Legion will take part in the Elks Flag Day exercise on June 14th. This is a most commendable occasion and one for which the Elks Lodge may be justly proud. The American Legion joins most gladly in this service. It is understood that the various organizations will assemble at the park entrance at 7:30 P.M., on the 14th and will parade to the Elks hall where a beautiful service will be performed by the Elks Lodge. Members of the Post should be there on time and bring all ex-service men whom they know with them. June 14th at 7:20 P.M.²⁰⁶

HOLD THIRD ANNUAL LEGION CONVENTION AT EUGENE JULY 1 AND 2²⁰⁷

Third Annual State Convention

AT the last regular meeting of Ashland Post No. 14 American Legion Commander Glenn E. Simpson and Adjutant Don M. Spencer were elected delegates to the convention which will be held in Eugene July 1st and 2nd. Donald P. Dickerson and Milton A. Biegel were selected as alternate delegates.

All these delegates are planning to attend the convention and expect to gain many interesting plans as well as having a startling good time.

The Eugene boys are outdoing themselves to see that everything is set for a regular entertainment for all delegates. Among some of the features are a fishing trip up the McKenzie River and a Barbecue, baseball, boxing, aero circus, etc.

Dear Comrade:

Just before mailing the enclosed information on convention, word was received by this office that Lemuel Bolies, National Adjutant of the American Legion will attend convention at Eugene arriving there June 30th and leaving Eugene July 2nd.

EDWARD J. EIVERS,
Department Adjutant.

VETERANS' WELCOME²⁰⁸

THIS will be the call sounded by the Lane county Post No. 3 of Eugene, Oregon, to the visiting delegates to the Third Annual State Convention of The American Legion, Department of Oregon and to the

²⁰⁶ The Ashland Weekly Tidings, June 15, 1921, image 1

²⁰⁷ The Ashland Weekly Tidings, June 29, 1921, pg. 2 image 2

²⁰⁸ The Ashland Weekly Tidings, June 29, 1921, pg. 2 image 2

delegates attending the First state convention of the Women's Auxiliary, which meets at the Armory in Eugene on July 1st and 2nd.

101 posts of the American Legion represented by 380 representatives to the convention and 180 representatives of the Women's Auxiliary will be on hand at Eugene. It is expected that over 800 visitors will be in attendance from other counties than Lane county and many of the legion posts will attend in large bodies.

Motoring will be the most popular route to the convention, although a reduced fare of one and one-half fare will be in effect in all points in Oregon over the S.P. & S. Ry., O.T., Union Pacific system and the Southern Pacific Railway. A delegation from Lester C. Rees Post of Newberg will go to Eugene in motorboats.

City attorney of Eugene will give the welcoming address followed by John W. Inzer, National Chaplain of the American Legion who has come from Chattanooga, Tenn., and Rev. William S. Gilbert, Chaplain of the Oregon Department American Legion and Ben W. Olcott, Governor of Oregon.

Important to the individual members, will be the two national speakers, John W. Inzer, Chaplain of the American Legion, being pronounced by the eastern press, one of the ablest speakers of today, who with Teddy Roosevelt, no Assistant Secretary of the Navy, toured the eastern states early in 1919 from the Lakes to the Gulf States, organizing state departments of the Legion. Chaplain Inzer is speaking before legion conventions all over the western and southern part of the country. Alvin M. Owsley, Assistant Director of the Legion Americanism Commission will deliver the "keynote" speech of Americanism and outline to the legionnaires the duties of the members of the Americanism Commission and its future work. Mr. Owsley has been speaking before legion conventions in the mid-west and this will be his first visit to the coast as well as Chaplain Inzer's speaking before legion conventions.

It is believed the convention will give a new expression the Japanese question, which is of vital import to the Pacific Coast states. Many posts of the legion have drafted resolutions for the presentation to the convention with reference to Aliens and immigration.

On the immigration problem as a whole and question of better school's Americanization, improvement of state and nation, the convention will hear from Alvin M. Owsley, sent by the National Headquarters of the American Legion from Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Owsley is assistant national director of the Americanism Commission.

Other question to be acted upon by the convention will embrace, increased activity towards the assistance of the disabled; legion membership; revision of state constitution; election of state officers and a state body; selection of 1922 meeting place, these are a few of the many questions that will come up at the convention.

Portland delegation will seek to find the sentiment of the delegates on bringing the national convention of The American Legion to Portland in 1925, which would bring over 200,000 legionnaires to Portland.

The Women's Auxiliary will perfect their permanent state organization, adoption of state constitution, policy for the ensuing year, dues, organization of auxiliary units, election of state officials and meeting place for 1922.

The legion inner society, La Societé des Hommes 40, et Chevaux 8, is stirring up much enthusiasm for the convention, it being known that they will take over the city of Eugene for June 30th and stage a mammoth initiation. This organization is promoted to the friendship, fraternalism, good fellowship and injection of pep into the legion. This mystic "40-men; 8-horses" sign is well known and emblazoned in the memory of every doughboy who saw service in France.

Of special interest also to the legionnaires and the many hundreds of visitors will be the entertainment planned by the Eugene Post. There will be street dancing, festivities, convention ball, a huge parade, fireworks and rally parade, and special prizes listed, an excellent boxing card with the best Southern

Oregon talent billed, motorcycle and harness races with over 1100 dollars in prizes to be given by the judges to the winners and an Aero Circus by the 91st Aero squadron.

Among the entertainment features planned for the week, is a barbecue up the McKenzie to Nimrod, the visitors and legionnaires being taken up the highway for 28 miles, stopping enroute to visit the State Game farm and then taken to the Hatchery, where eating and speaking will be the order of the day.

On Friday, the patriotic and historical parade, one of the big events of the convention week will be held, led by George A. White, Adjutant-General of Oregon and delegate from Capitol Post No. 9 of Salem. The pageant is being arranged by a committee headed by Ben S. Dorris, Commander of the Post. The parade will be in four sections: American Legion and all patriotic organizations; national historical features and industrial and commercial. Prizes are to be given for the best decorated float, the most unique float and to the legion post with the largest number in the parade per membership. Portland vulture, La Societé Des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux will also be in line.

On Saturday afternoon on the race track, the races will be held, and it is expected that large numbers of Lane county people will be out for the festivities. Motorcycle races, with and without sidecars will compete for three, five, and ten-mile races, and there will also be three harness races, races are under the American Legion Racing Commission of Eugene.

Saturday evening, there will be a fireworks parade and rally and boxing card.

While the convention will close Saturday evening, Sunday has been set aside for the big barbeque to be held at Nimrod on the McKenzie and Guy D. Moier, is chairman of the committee handling these arrangements.

A bitter fight is expected to be waged on the convention floor, the delegation from Baker, Oregon, Post coming to the convention with the avowed intention of landing the 1922 session of the convention and backed by the prominent organizations of that city. The Dalles Post No. 19, which has recently come to the front is making a strong bid for the convention for next year, and it is probable that other cities will also put forth strenuous efforts for the 1922 meeting place.

The Oregon legion has now 101 posts of the legion scattered thru the state of Oregon with a membership of about ten thousand and the Woman's Auxiliary have 56 units of the Auxiliary chartered with a 1200 membership.

The city of Eugene will take on a gay odor, legion emblems and banners will be everywhere in evidence and the Eugene cordiality spirit is expected to be in prominence during the stay of the visitors.

Ben Dorri, Commander of the Post, is aided by the following Committee: Harold Glasou, Housing; W.G. White, Convention Hall committee; Ed Rohne, Entertainment Committee; Jay Allen, publicity; Lawrence Jensen, automobile committee and S.S. George, Convention adjutant.

THE Legion is going to have a part in this next Fourth of July celebration. Our committees have been appointed and are at work now. They have taken concessions in the park where they will be at your service all day and far into the night. They will have a float that will command attention for quite a spell; and one that you will not forget. In addition to helping to create a real Fourth of July spirit this year the boys are out after the first prize. Our Auxiliary say that they will beat us to it, but we'll see.

THE Legion has contracted with the Midland Lyceum company of Des Moines, Iowa, to supply the people of Ashland with the very best shows of the season for your entertainment during the winter months. There is five numbers in the course and you will find that it is the very best, having been carefully selected from a large number offer us.

THE Women's Auxiliary to the American Legion has become a permanent organization in our city. The Ladies met in the G.A.R. room in the Armory Friday night and perfected their organization which is now

operating on a permanent basis. Mrs. Hattie Littlechild was unanimously elected to the chair of President. It was a splendid choice because Mrs. Littlechild fairly radiates enthusiasm and patriotic spirit. Mrs. P.K. Hammond was elected Vice-President and is a fit and able working partner of their President. Mrs. Doris Pace was elected recording secretary and Mrs. Nellie Dunn as Corresponding secretary. Both of these ladies are excellently qualified to fulfill the responsible and laborious duties that fall to their lot. Mrs. Minnie Coleman was elected as treasurer of the new organization and she will be found most capable of handling the large amount that will surely come their way as they grow.

The executive committee consists of Mrs. C.L. Loomis, chairman, and Mrs. August Schuerman and Mrs. W.A. Shell. Taking their officers as elected, it does not seem possible to make any improvement any place. It surely bids fair for the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion and looks like the Legion itself will have to take notice or they will find themselves completely outstripped in the big works that are to come.

Immediately after the election of their officers, the president called all the officers to go into executive session. During this period the following permanent committees were elected. The Finance committee consists of Mrs. Bessie Murphy and Mrs. Many Broker, together with Mrs. Minnie Coleman, Unit Treasurer. The membership committee consists of Mrs. H. Wolcott, chairman, Mrs. Harry Silver, Mrs. B.M. Heath, Mrs. Don Spencer and Miss Lucy Davis.

The work of preparing their constitution and by-laws was assigned to the executive committee. This committee was delegated the power to draft all the assistance they may deem necessary.

They have selected as their regular meeting nights, the first and third Fridays of each month, with reservations. The reservations are not of a serious nature however. They only reserve the right to have one meeting each month during the warm months or at least only one business meeting and then one social night.

Mrs. Bessie Murphy and Mrs. Doris Pace were elected delegates to the First annual convention which will be held at Eugene July 1st and 2nd. Their selection was well made and the new unit may be assured of an interesting and well prepared report of the doings of this convention.

About thirty ladies have signed up for membership, but a drive on the eligible of this community will be made during the summer, which will undoubtedly raise their membership well up into the hundreds. There are a lot of eligible right now and more becoming eligible. In order for the lady relatives to be eligible to membership they must have a father, or son or brother in good standing in some Post of the American Legion.

The next meeting will be called for July 15.

JULY

COMMANDER²⁰⁹ Glenn E. Simpson and Adjutant Don M. Spencer have returned from Eugene, Or., where they have been in attendance at the state convention of the American Legion department of Oregon.

About 200 delegates from all parts of Oregon were assembled in convention which started Friday morning, July 1, and continued on until Saturday afternoon and evening, July 2. July 3 there was an auto trip up the McKenzie river for all delegates and friends. A bounteous barbecue and banquet was spread under the trees near the fish hatchery. More than 1200 persons were served at this banquet. When it comes to a feed, Lane County Post No. 3, under the generalship of Captain "Pug" Huntly as chef, we will gladly take off our hats to. We knew Captain Huntly was a good cook, but he surely outclassed himself in this venture.

The first part of the convention was taken up with organization and appointment of working committees. After this was accomplished the assembled legionnaires were addressed by Mr. O.H. Foster, who is the city attorney for Eugene. Mr. Foster welcomed the legionnaires to the city and informed the boys that

²⁰⁹ The Ashland Weekly Tidings, July 20, 1921, image 1

the police had been directed to turn their back when they saw, the official cap appear. His address was much appreciated by all present.

Following this address, Commander Gilbert, department of Oregon, responded as only Comrade Gilbert is capable. It was, indeed, a most stirring and pepful exposition of the innermost feelings of all ex-service men.

Our national adjutant major, Lemuel Bolles, was present and gave us a most interesting account of the workings of our national headquarters at Indianapolis, and also a few very personal touches of the life of our late national commander, F. W. Galbraith. Colonel Galbraith's last message to the American Legion was "Carry on, and free our disabled comrades."

Rev. Inzer, of Tennessee, our national chaplain, addressed the convention on the subject of Americanism. Chaplain Inzer is one of the most forceful speakers it has been our privilege to hear, and every word carried a real message showing the beauty of pure, unadulterated Americanism. It is our hope that we may yet obtain this address for publication.

Governor Olcott gave us a detailed account of the progress and workings of the new veterans' state aid act. The state commission has been appointed and will assemble for work Friday, July 9. This commission will complete the organization of the working force necessary for successful operation of the enormous task before it. Governor Olcott says that he feels that this is by far the biggest task that he has had before him. He has no precedent to follow and must pave the way for himself. However, he is very cheerful over the prospect as he believes the benefit will be more far reaching than was even hoped at first.

Governor Olcott requests that we do not write letters to the commission or any department asking for information. It will only delay the work, and full publicity will be given when they are ready for operations. We must remember that there is a great deal of work attached to such a new undertaking. The county boards must be appointed and organized, and applications prepared, land to be appraised and titles to be examined. The American Legion will be in close touch with every phase of the work and will endeavor to keep its members and all other ex-service men informed in order that we may be of greatest assistance to the state and to our comrades. Don't write to the commission, bother us instead, we won't mind it a bit.

The reports of the department adjutant and the department finance officer show that the American Legion, department of Oregon, is sound as a dollar.

Mr. Cash Wood of the federal vocational training board and Roy Taylor of the bureau of war risk insurance were both in attendance and gave us most interesting statistics regarding the progress made by their respective department. We are more than ever convinced that these two departments must be under one head for proper functioning. Under the present system it takes entirely too long to get proper relief for our disabled comrades, and our national hospital facilities are so poor that hundreds of our comrades do not get proper care.

The convention was unanimous in the expression urging immediate relief by our national congress for the disabled veterans and the construction of sufficient hospitalization to care for them. In many states it is reported by Mr. Taylor our comrades, who are temporarily unsound of mind, owing to shell shock and the effects of gas, must be cared for in the state institutions for the feeble minded or insane asylums. This is deemed a very poor practice on account of the fact that these men are perfectly rational more than half the time. During their rational periods it must be exceedingly depressing to them to find themselves confined with those who are permanently unsound of mind.

A cable message from Past Department Commander, William B. Follette, who is traveling in Europe, was read in convention. Comrade Follette was our first department commander for Oregon.

Many resolutions were adopted by the convention, included among them were those giving credit to the American Legion for their splendid work in favor of the state aid bill, and desiring to show to the people of Oregon our deepest appreciation for their support of said measure. A resolution granting our comrade, Georges Carpentier of France, our sympathetic support and best wishes in his boxing contest with

Jack Dempsey, of doubtful service. A resolution approving the state bonus law commission and granting our heartiest support to make the operation of the law beneficial and effective. Two resolutions concerning the Klamath marsh land, urging their development by the United States and opening for entry to ex-service men.

The election of department officers for the year was a point of considerable excitement and interest. Comrade Lane (Blue) Goodell of Portland was elected department commander, Commander William Gilbert of Astoria retiring as second past department commander. Comrade George A. Coddington of Medford was elected department vice commander, having defeated Dr. R.F. Pound of Salem for the office. Ed J. Eivers was re-elected as department adjutant, having defeated Oliver B. Houston of Portland by nine votes. Comrade Houston is well known to many followers of state athletics, and a high honor student of the University of Oregon and Yale university.

There was much entertainment during the entire convention, leaving the delegates no time for rest any place. Baseball, boxing, airplane displays, motorcycle races, parades and best of all was the barbecued and fishing trip up the McKenzie river.

Last Tuesday evening Adjutant Don. M. Spencer entertained one of his old buddies to a sight-seeing ride over the valley. Sergeant H.S. Conat, who is now a railway mail clerk running from Portland, was registry sergeant in A.P.O. 717 at Tours, France. It is great sport for such fellows to get together for a few hours and compare notes of happenings overseas.

The constitution committee of the Women's Auxiliary to the American Legion met at the Home of Mrs. Don M. Spencer at 620 Iowa street, last Thursday evening, where they compiled the constitution and bylaws under which they will operate.

Two hundred and fifty members of the American Legion, headed by Past National Commander Franklin D'Olier, and representing every state and every branch of service, will sail for France August 3 on a pilgrimage to the former battle zone of the world war.

The pilgrimage is at the instance of President Miller and, who on behalf of the French Government, invited the American Legion to send a representative delegation of former service men to attend the unveiling of the Fliery monument and to participate in a series of events planned especially for the Americans.

The Fliery monument at Fliery, France, is a tribute of the citizens of that town and Lorraine, to the valor of the American troops who delivered their soil from German occupation. Fliery is in the old Toul sector and was once the regimental headquarters of several American division.

This delegation will also visit the battle-torn town of St. Die, well known to Americans who served on the old Luneville front. In St. Die also lived the Alsatian, Waldsee Muller, whose suggestion it was that the western continent take the name of other explorer and navigator, Amerigo Vespucci, had its birth in this town.

Marshal Foch, who is coming to the United States this fall to attend the national convention of the American Legion at Kansas City, will meet the American Legion delegation in France this summer. He hopes to entertain them in the old house in which he was born. The house is in the Pyrennes, and the Legion men will mark it with a memorial tablet.

The American Farm Bureau federation, with more than 1,000,000 members, has joined hands with the American Legion in obtaining legislation for the relief of disabled soldiers of the world war. More than 1800 bureaus of the federation have endorsed the legislative program of the Legion. These issues cannot be pressed too strongly at this time. Our disabled comrades are in great need and every effort should be advanced toward their immediate relief.

One of the most impressive ceremonies in which the American Legion delegation to France will participate on their trip will be the laying of the corner stone of the new bridge to span the Marne at Chateau-Thierry. The new structure will be known as "Pont Roosevelt" in honor of the late Theodore Roosevelt and his son, Quentin. Quentin Roosevelt was an aviator who lost his life near Chateau-Thierry. This will bring

back to memory to a few of our Ashland comrades some of the scenes that they know something about from actual experience.

The Northern Pacific Railway company and the Frisco lines has offered a one cent a mile rate for delegates to the American Legion convention at Kansas City. This rate also applies to the wives and others who are members of the Women's Auxiliary. Our delegates will get the benefit of this rate from either Portland or Sacramento, but it does not apply to the Southern Pacific lines to these two points.

HIGH-CLASS entertainments under auspices of Ashland post of the American Legion are planned during the winter through co-operation with the Midland Lyceum of Des Moines, Ia.²¹⁰

AUGUST

LADIES AUXILIARY AMERICAN LEGION TO MEET²¹¹

THE Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion will meet Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the parish house. Members are requested to be prompt.

SEPTEMBER

AT a meeting of the executive committee on August 26, plans were outlined for the Legion calendar for the remainder of the year. The executive committee as a whole will have direct charge of handling the state aid applications. This is a very important proposition to all ex-service men whether they are members of the Legion or not. Their cases are to be handled by this Legion committee.²¹²

COL. H.H. SARGENT FUNERAL HELD AT J'VILLE SUNDAY

FOLLOWING the largely attended funeral services at his late home, and the military burial service at the Jacksonville cemetery during a drizzling rain, and which was concluded with a volley of shots over the grave and the sounding of taps, the remains of Colonel H.H. Sargent, soldier, author and prominent citizen who had served his country faithfully during two generation, were laid Sunday afternoon in their final resting place at the foot of a magnificent laurel tree, overlooking his late home and the Rogue River valley he loved so well.

The nature joined in tribute to the beloved departed, as the rain ceased, and a beautiful rainbow arched the valley.

People present from all parts of the county to pay their las tribute. The services at the Sargent home were conducted by Rev. J.K. Howard, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Jacksonville, who delivered an eloquent eulogy on Colonel Sargent's life as a soldier and citizen. The choir of the church sang "Nearer My God to Thee," and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere."

There was a profusion of beautiful floral tributes of any artistic design, including pieces from the city of Jacksonville, the Medford American Legion post, the Women's Auxiliary of the post, and Crater Lake chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Among the pieces from a distance was one from the Beekman family of Portland, former residents of Jacksonville.

The American Legion veterans, Spanish-American war veterans and separate company A of Medford were largely represented at the funeral. The active pall bearers, all American Legion Veterans, were Colonels

²¹⁰ The Sunday Oregonian, July 24, 1921, Section1, pg. 15, image 15

²¹¹ The Ashland Weekly Tidings, August 10, 1921, pg. 4, image 4

²¹² The Ashland Weekly Tidings, September 7, 1921, image 1

Gordon Voorhies and Paine, Captain Ralph Cowgill, and Lieutenants Floyd Hart, Bert Elliott and Carl Y. Tengwald. The honorary pall bearers, prominent citizens of Jacksonville, were Dr. J.W. Robinson, Emil Britt, John F. Miller, Judge F.L. Tou Velle, W.A. Bishop and Lewis Ulrich.

Following the services at the house the funeral cortege led by the American Legion escort and the firing squad composed of a squad from separate company A, wound its way up the hill to the cemetery, where the last sad rites were performed.

The burial plot had been selected early in the world war by Mrs. Sargent at the request of her husband, who was then on army duty at San Francisco.

The American Legion ritual at the grave was performed by Seeley V. Hall, vice commander of the Medford post, in the absence of Commander F.P. Farrell, who was in Klamath Falls, and George Coddling acting as chaplain. Another eloquent eulogy on Colonel Sargent's life as citizen and soldier was delivered by Lieutenant Colonel E.E. Kelly, following which the firing squad fired a volley of shots over the grave and taps were blown by Wilson Waite.

Laid to rest with the departed man were all the medals which had been presented to him by the government during his army career.²¹³

OCTOBER

AMUSEMENT TAX CONCESSION

American Legion posts, among other organizations will be exempt from the so-called amusement tax levied on entertainment at which admission is charged. The exemption was won by the national legislative committee of the American Legion, which succeeded in getting congress to pass a clause in the recent taxation act which provided that religious and charitable institutions need not pay tax on revenues which would not benefit individuals. The Legion posts will be excused from such taxation after January 1.

NOVEMBER

TO HONOR HIGH SCHOOL SOLDIER DEAD NOV. 11²¹⁴

UNDER the combined auspices of the American Legion and the Ashland High School Alumni association, a bronze tablet honoring the six local high school boys who died during the world war will be dedicated at the high school Armistice day, November 11. So far as can be learned no other arrangements have been made in commemoration of the signing of the armistice between the allies and the central powers, bring the world war to a conclusion.

The tablet, now being made by Robert Keller, who is taking an engineering course at the University of Oregon, will be of milled bronze and placed on the right wall of the high school entrance. It will be forty-eight inches high, twenty-four inches wide and dedicated to the following men: Walter Phillips, aviator, killed in action; Clement Sumner, engineering corps, killed in action; Raymond Morgan, Marine Corps, killed in action; and the following members of the First company coast artillery who died while in training at Astoria: Algje Loomis, Forrest Wolcott and Jack Decker.

Prof. Irving Vining, representing the alumni association, will make the main address and dedicate the tablet to the American Legion before the dedication in order that the ex-service men may take part in the exercises with a program now being arranged and which will be headed by Glenn Simpson, commander of the American Legion, and president of the alumni association, who will make an address.

²¹³ The Ashland Weekly Tidings, September 21, 1921, image 1

²¹⁴ The Ashland Weekly Tidings, November 2, 1921, pg. 2 image 2

The following committee is in charge of the program and are arranging further details for the dedication exercises: Glenn Simpson, James Spencer, Edward Dunn, R.L. Burdie, S.A. Peters Jr., and G.A. Briscoe.

Mr. Peters is in charge of the musical program and Mr. Briscoe will invite the school board and high school body to attend the exercises.

ARMISTICE BALL A SUCCESS²¹⁵

THE American Legion ball at Medford last evening was well attended, a number of Ashland people having motored to the neighbor city for the evening entertainment. The decorations of the hall will be preserved intact for the Natatorium dance tonight.

DECEMBER

ASHLAND Post number fourteen of the American Legion is again in operation after a rest of several weeks during which time the adjutant has been so busy with other Interests to bother with this news service stuff. Now however, we will tear off about a mile and see what the result will be. We had a splendid meeting of the post last Tuesday night in our club room at the Armory, and lots of interesting things developed.

The point of keenest Interest was the annual election of officers for the year 1922. Several hot contests resulted from, he battle of ballots. But the final results were more than satisfactory to all members present, even the defeated ones, and the Legion has a set of officers for next year that will make things mighty interesting for all ex-service men.

George Edwin Dunn was elected commander by a good majority over his nearest competitor. "Elbe" is a most enterprising young farmer who is really running the old Dunn farm four miles east of Ashland, on the Pacific highway. He was the natural choice of the fellows who know a real leader. Sail into It, Commander Dunn, we are not BACK of you, we are WITH you in every way you may direct.

Lynn G. Slack was elected vice-commander, and If anybody ever I thought that the vice-commander Job was an honorary position only, you have another guess a comin' this year anyway. Lynn will be into the ring with both feet. He already intimated that he feels, so we may expect him to have considerable to say regarding the social end of the Legion, next year.

S. A. Peters Jr. was selected as adjutant. Can you beat that? Nope neither could we. He was just naturally fitted for the job and almost automatically slid right into the place vacated by Adjutant Spencer. S.A. will always be found at the Citizens bank after January 10, where he will minister to the whims of his clients.

H.G. (Ray) Wolcott was elected finance officer. Rau says that he disapproves of the selection, but from the way the points counted up during the ballot count we fail to see that our selection was so bad. We think he is about right and very well-fitted for the arduous job.

Henry (Hank) Pace was elected as a member of the executive committee. Hank said something about its needing a man with brains for that place. We are satisfied, Hank, and agree with you.

Rev. Walter L. Evans was elected chaplain. This is not a new place for him, but more like a continuation of his duties during his period of service.

Don Spencer was shifted from adjutant of this year to historian for next year. Don will attempt to secure short historical sketches of every member of Ashland post next year as a matter of permanent record.

²¹⁵ The Ashland Weekly Tidings, November 16, 1921, pg. 3, image 3

When you look back over the list of elected officers for next year, it would appear that Ashland Post number fourteen is billed for a bumper crop of interesting events for all the ex-service men of the community.

John Rigg was appointed to represent the American Legion in cooperation with the Red Cross and the Ministerial association, in caring for indigent ex-service men who pass through Ashland and ask assistance.²¹⁶

Post 15

City: Medford

Names: Medford (1919)

MAY

MEDFORD CITIZENS HONOR SOLDIER DEAD²¹⁷

Weather Is Ideal for Memorial Exercises

AIRPLANE DROPS FLOWERS

Pared, Programme at Theater and Funeral of Service Man Features of Day's Events

MEDFORD, Or., May 30 – (Special) – With Ideal weather and all nature smiling in sympathy, Medford joined with the nation in the annual observance of tribute to the soldier dead. Beginning this morning with the parade to the Bear Creek bridge, where flowers were strewn on the water in memory of the dead, Memorial Day exercises were held in the Page theater and this afternoon the funeral of Russell Simon Hawk, the Butte Falls boy who died in battle in France, took place in the Christian church, and the graves of the soldier dead of all wars in the cemetery were decorated.

An unusual feature of the day's observance was the piloting of an army forest service airplane by Lieutenant Samuel Carter, who is in command of the Medford base, over and around the parade from beginning to end. Flowers were dropped on the marchers in an effort to land them on the float of the American Legion in memory of fallen comrades.

Another impressive feature was the arrival here on the morning train of the bodies of Russell Simon Hawk and Thomas J. Morgan, who died in France. The parade included the Grand Army of the Republic, Women's Relief Corps, American Legion, Red Cross, and Spanish-American war organization, city officials, Boy Scouts, school children and citizens following in automobiles. Captain H.A. Canaday was the chief speaker at the Memorial exercises in the theater, which was crowded.

NOVEMBER

BIG CROWD OUT AT MEDFORD²¹⁸

Largest Parade Ever Held in City Feature of Celebration

MEDFORD, Or., Nov. 11 – (Special) – A record-breaking crowd from southern Oregon and northern California attended Medford's Armistice day celebration, given under the auspices of the local legion post. This afternoon's parade, the largest ever held in the city was led by the Chester A. Arthur Grand Army post to the music of their fife and drum corps. Hundreds of American Legion men, Spanish-American war veterans, American Legion Women's Auxiliary, Women's Relief Corps, separate company of the Oregon Nation Guard, Red Cross women, children of the various public schools, city officials, fraternal and civic

²¹⁶ The Ashland Weekly Tidings, December 21, 1921, image 1

²¹⁷ Morning Oregonian, May 31, 1921, pg. 9, image 9

²¹⁸ Morning Oregonian, November 12, 1921, pg. 6, image 6

organizations were in the line. Interspersed in the line of march were a number of bands, floats, decorated cars and comedy features.

DECEMBER

THE women's auxiliary units of the American Legion of Medford, Sherwood Estacada and The Dalles last week forwarded fruits, jellies and canned goods to the sick and disabled patients in various Portland hospitals.²¹⁹

Post 16

City: Roseburg (1919)

Names: Roseburg, Umpqua (1919)

FEBRUARY

A Women's auxiliary to Umpqua post, American Legion, was organized at Roseburg.²²⁰

LEGION TO FIGHT ALLEGED RED WHO WOULD ENTER TOWN²²¹

ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 18. – Announcement to the effect that Lincoln Steffans, alleged radical agitator, who has been refused permission to speak in almost every city on the Pacific coast, is to appear in this city on next Monday night, raised a storm of protest at the meeting of Umpqua post of the American Legion last night and strong resolutions were adopted urging Mayor Hamilton to refuse his appearance here. The Legionnaires received information yesterday that the “advance man” for Steffans had already made arrangements for the lecture here and they started an investigation at once. It was learned that the alleged radical is attempting to secure the Liberty theater for his address, and in addition to the passage of the resolutions the Legion appointed a committee to interview Herman Marks of the Liberty and request that he refuse the friends of Red Russia the use of the theater.

APRIL

AUXILIARY TAKES IN BABY MEMBER TEN MONTHS OLD²²²

ROSEBURG, Or., March 25. – The youngest member of the women's auxiliary to the American Legion in Roseburg, and it is thought in the state, is Miss Fanny Lou Wimberly, the 10-months old daughter of Attorney and Mrs. Carl Wimberly, of this city.

An application blank, properly filled out for the tiny tot, accompanied by her dues, was regularly received by the secretary of the Auxiliary Thursday, and she has been voted a member in good standing and having a vote in settling all questions properly coming before the organization. The new member was qualified for admittance on account of her father's service in the army during the world war.

MISS Pearl Stuart has been chosen president of the auxiliary of Roseburg, Oregon post.²²³

²¹⁹ The Pacific Legion, December 25, 1921, Section Two, pg. 12, image 24

²²⁰ Beaverton times, February 11, 1921, pg. 3, image 3

²²¹ Capital Journal, February 18, 1921, pg. 2, image 2

²²² Oregon City Enterprise, April 1, 1921, image 1

²²³ The Pacific Legion, April 1921, pg. 24

MAY

THE youngest member of the women's auxiliary to Roseburg, Ore., post, and it is thought in the state of Oregon, is Fanny Lou Wimberly, 10-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wimberly. She was qualified for admission on account of her father's service in the army during the recent war.²²⁴

JUNE

According to action taken by Umpqua post of the American Legion, the Hanna field south of Roseburg will be leased and fitted up for an aviation landing field.²²⁵

Post 17

City: Marshfield (1919)

Post Names: Coos Bay (1919)

JUNE

ROBERT Dillard, post commander of the Marshfield American Legion body, on behalf of the post, presented a fully equipped children's playground to the city of Marshfield. The apparatus cost about \$1000.²²⁶

OCTOBER

APPROXIMATELY 165 couples attended the dance held recently under the auspices of the American Legion and the auxiliary in the firemen's hall at Marshfield.²²⁷

NOVEMBER

Coos Bay Plans Celebration²²⁸

"**WE ANTICIPATE** a big time on Armistice Day," writes Robert C. Dillard, commander of Coos Bay post at Marshfield, Ore. The celebration will be held in North Bend and we are co-operating in every way possible. There will be a banquet in charge of auxiliaries, a parade and a football game between Marshfield and North Bend posts."

Coos Bay post held a very successful dance on October 14. More than 200 bonus applications have been handled by that progressive post. A questionnaire has been sent out by the organization to aid in employment work.

Edward Jacobson, former private in the 361st Infantry, 91st division, killed in action September 27, 1918, was laid to rest in impressive funeral ceremonies attended by members of Coos Bay and Sunset posts last month.

²²⁴ The Pacific Legion, May 1921, pg. 24

²²⁵ Aurora Observer, June 2, 1921, image 1

²²⁶ Beaverton Times, June 3, 1921, pg. 4 image 4

²²⁷ The Sunday Oregonian, October 30, 1921, Section Two, pg. 24, Image 46

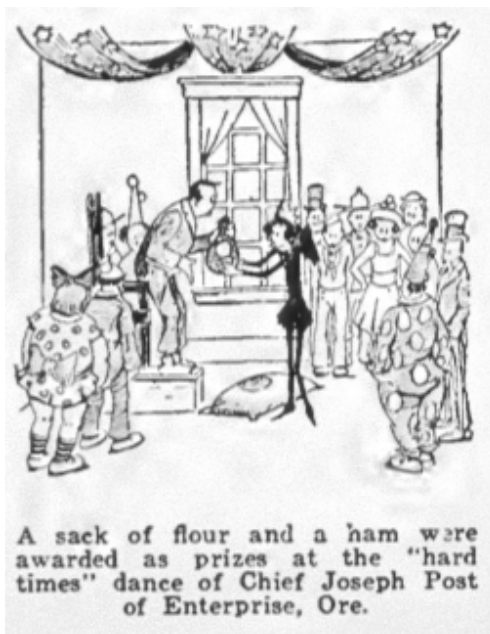
²²⁸ The Pacific Legion, November 1921, pg. 72

Post 18

City: Enterprise

Names: Chief Joseph (1919)

APRIL



Post 19

City: The Dalles

Names: The Dalles (1919)

OCTOBER

LEGION members of The Dalles, Hood River and Dufur will join in an Armistice-day celebration to be held at The Dalles. Uniformed men will journey from Hood River and Dufur to participate in a parade.²²⁹

NOVEMBER

WHEN the delegates of the state convention of the American Legion gather in The Dalles next year they will hold their sessions in the new public auditorium building. The structure will house the American Legion and the Commercial club. It has a main auditorium 70 feet by 80 feet and is equipped with a large stage.²³⁰

²²⁹ The Sunday Oregonian, October 30, 1921, Section Two, pg. 24, image 46

²³⁰ The Pacific Legion, November 20, 1921, Section Two, image 44

DECEMBER

J.T. HENRY, S. Burke Massey, Fred H. McNeill and Francis V. Galloway signed resolutions recently passed by the Dalles, Ore., post, extending hearty thanks to Hood River and Dufur post for co-operation in making the Armistice Day celebration at The Dalles a complete success.²³¹

Pat Foley has been unanimously re-elected commander of the American Legion in The Dalles. He was instrumental in winning the state convention for his town, and delegates from over the state will gather there next summer for the 1922 convention.²³²

Post 20

City: Dallas

Names: Carl B. Fenton (1919)

FEBRUARY

E.B. Hamilton was recently re-elected commander of Carl B. Fenton post at Dallas, Oregon. Other officers elected were: Edward J. Himes, vice commander; Tracy Savery, adjutant; Harold H. Rich, treasurer; Rev. Frank James, chaplain; R.S. Kreason, historian, and Conrad Stafrin, J.B. Eakin, Jack Hayes and Kenneth E. Williams, members of the executive committee.²³³

THE Carl B. Fenton post of the American Legion has written to the state legislature members expressing their sentiments as favoring the alien land bill which came up before the house Monday.²³⁴

DALLAS, Or., Feb. 25 – The American Legion has received a new set of books which will simplify their present system of bookkeeping and the books are now in the hands of the adjutant, Tracy Savery.²³⁵

JULY

A picnic dinner and bonfire was staged by the Dallas post and auxiliary of the American Legion recently.²³⁶

NOVEMBER

AFTER serving in some of the fiercest battles of the late war without a scratch, Chris Samuel Muller, of Dallas, Ore., died recently as the result of an accident in a logging camp. He was a member of Company L, of the old Third Oregon.²³⁷

AT a recent meeting of Carl B. Fenton post in Dallas nominations of officers for the coming year were made. Robert S. Kreason, Jack Hayes and Conrad Safrin were named for commander; Edward J. Hime and

²³¹ The Pacific Legion, December 1921, pg. 11

²³² The Pacific Legion, December 25, 1921, Section Two, pg. 12, image 24

²³³ The Pacific Legion, February 1921, pg. 31

²³⁴ Capital Journal, February 17, 1921, pg. 2, image 2

²³⁵ Capital Journal, February 25, 1921, pg. 2, image 2

²³⁶ The Sunday Oregonian, July 24, 1921, Section1, pg. 15, image 15

²³⁷ The Pacific Legion, November 1921, pg. 92

Harold Rich for vice-commander; Tracy Savery for adjutant and Frank James for chaplain. The election will be held December 2.²³⁸

DECEMBER

Post 21

City: McMinnville

Names: McMinnville (1919)

JANUARY

IN the meantime, who suffers? Let us turn to the Legion files again.

Unable to work and in need of food and hospital treatment, Frank Jacobson, of McMinnville, Ore., former private, 17th Company, Fifth Regiment, United States Marine Corps, with a wound in the abdomen still unhealed, was recently arrested for robbing a grocery store in his home town. Hospital treatment, none. Compensation, cut from \$80 to \$28 a month, without examination.²³⁹

APRIL

HOWARD Gildea, a member of the Oregon department executive committee from the second district, and commander of the McMinnville post No. 21 is perfecting the organization of a Women's Auxiliary at that post.²⁴⁰

SEPTEMBER

ALL Yamhill county American Legion posts are co-operating to make the big celebration in McMinnville September 22, 23 and 24 a great success.²⁴¹

THE American Legion and Highway carnival brought to McMinnville visitors from a radius of 50 miles in all directions, the largest gathering McMinnville has ever had. The weather was all that could be asked for and everybody was happy.²⁴²

DECEMBER

WALTER L. TOOZE Jr. last week was appointed to head the state legislative committee of the American Legion. The appointment was made by State Commander Goodell, who recognized in Tooze an ability to be of great value to the legion in its state legislative activities²⁴³

Post 22

City: Hood River

Names: Hood River

²³⁸ The Pacific Legion, November 20, 1921, Section Two, image 44

²³⁹ The American Legion Weekly, January 14, 1921; From Where are the Hospitals?

²⁴⁰ The Pacific Legion, April 1921, pg. 24

²⁴¹ Aurora Observer, September 1, 1921, image 9

²⁴² Beaverton Times, September 30, 1921, pg. 3, image 3

²⁴³ The Pacific Legion, December 25, 1921, Section Two, pg. 12, image 24

APRIL

EDWARD W. VAN HORN was recently chosen commander of Hood River, Oregon Post.²⁴⁴

MAY

HOOD RIVER HAS PARADE²⁴⁵

Graves of Soldiers Are Covered with Flowers by Crowds

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 30 – (Special) – Memorial Day exercises, the most impressive ever witnessed here, were participated in today by more than 500 citizens, who joined the Grand Army post, American Legion, Spanish-American War veterans, Woman’s Relief corps and Knights of Pythias. The following programme was delivered at Pythian hall: Invocation, Rev. W.H. Boddy; poem, Viola Colvin, Barrett high school girl; address Captain George R. Wilbur. Commander Edward W. Van Horn, of the post, presided.

Following the exercises, the parade proceeded to Idlewilde cemetery, where the graves of veterans of all wars and of the fraternal body participating were covered with flowers.

JUNE

FRED A CRAM recently headed a subscription list for the purchase of a set of colors for Hood River, Or., post.²⁴⁶

DEATH OF CHIEF REGRETTE

Hood River American Legion Post Sends Telegram of Sorrow

HOOD RIVER, Or., June 9 – (Special) – Edward W. Van Horn, commander of the local post, today forwarded to national headquarters of the American Legion a telegram expressing regrets over the tragic death of National Commander Galbraith, killed in an automobile accident.

“We feel deeply shocked at the death of our national commander,” telegraphed Mr. Van Horn, “and extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family in their great loss, which must be deeply felt by every member of the American Legion.”²⁴⁷

JULY

BENJAMIN HORN, overseas veteran and a member of Hood River post, was instantly killed recently when a big logging truck which he was operating in the hills near Hood River ran off the grade and rolled down a 75-foot embankment. Horn drove an ammunition truck with the 29th Division in France.²⁴⁸

²⁴⁴ The Pacific Legion, April 1921, pg. 24

²⁴⁵ Morning Oregonian, May 31, 1921, pg. 9, image 9

²⁴⁶ The Pacific Legion, June 1921, pg. 31

²⁴⁷ Morning Oregonian, June 10, 1921, pg. 2 image 2

²⁴⁸ The Pacific Legion July 1921, pg. 31

NOVEMBER

LEGION PLANS 1922 CLIMB OF MT. HOOD²⁴⁹

THE success of the first annual climb of Mount Hood by Hood River (Ore.) Post, No. 22, American Legion, last July, resulted in the post reappointing the same committee to handle the arrangements for the second annual climb, which has been set for the 16th of July 1922. The continued receipt of congratulatory letters and inquiries give the committee every reason to believe that the second annual climb will be even a greater success than the first.

Every detail possible is being worked out at this time for the handling of the party. Volunteer K.P.s (something unusual in the army) And the same cooks assure those who participate a good camp meal. A lease has been obtained for the camp site used this year and permanent kitchens will be installed and ground cleaned of underbrush and logs.

Trucks will leave Hood River early Saturday morning, instead of at 1 o'clock, as was done this year, thus allowing everyone a chance to get into camp, fix a good place to sleep and have a good rest before supper.

After supper, and around a roaring camp fire, in a perfect natural amphitheater, those attending will be furnished a program which the Legion boys of Hood River believe includes some of the biggest men and best speakers of the state of Oregon.

Governor Ben W. Olcott, Secretary of State Sam A. Kozler, Adjutant General George A. White and Captain Lyman G. Rice, who made the climb this year, will help with the program next year. Mayor George L. Baker, of Portland, assures the Hood River boys that he will positively help with the program and join the climbers until he drops. And Frank Branch Riley, lover of Mount Hood, who in past years has devoted his time to lecturing on the beauties of the grand old mountain, will enter enthusiastically into the fun. The Hood River boys know that if Mr. Riley gets enthused over the party everyone who meets and hears him will feel well repaid for the trip.

Hood River has a Knights of Pythias band, which is recognized throughout the state as one of the best bands in Oregon. Hood River post considers the band one of its best friends, and is extremely glad to announce that the band will furnish music at the camp Saturday afternoon and evening.

Everyone who attempts the climb cannot reach the top, for, as Governor Olcott rightly said, "It's a test of physical endurance," but everyone can enjoy the camp and climb as far as they like.

The rate for this year's complete trip was \$12.50, and will probably be the same for next. Some of the committee are in favor of limiting the party to a certain number. This may be done and for that reason it is suggested that reservations be made as soon as possible.

DECEMBER

GEORGE R. WILBUR, Hood River attorney, who is state executive committeeman of the Legion in Oregon, has been appointed on the national Oriental committee by National Commander MacNider.²⁵⁰

Post 23

City: Pendleton

Names: Pendleton (1919)

²⁴⁹ The Pacific Legion, November 1921, pg. 41

²⁵⁰ The Pacific Legion, December 1921, pg. 11

FEBRUARY

PERRY L. IDLEMAN was chosen post commander at the annual election of officers of Pendleton, Oregon, post.²⁵¹

Post 24

City: Milton

Post Names: Neil Best (1919)

NOVEMBER

The annual election of Neil Best post of the American Legion was held in Milton recently, and Dr. G.S. Newsome was elected commander. Other officers were chosen as follows: James Clark, vice-commander; Rev. C.A. Rexroad, adjutant, and Powell Plant, treasurer.²⁵²

DECEMBER

DR. G.S. NEWSOME was named commander, and Rev. C.A. Rexroad, adjutant, at a recent election at Neil Bet post, Milton, Ore.²⁵³

Post 25

City: Condon

Names: Frank Burns (1919)

FEBRUARY

THE Legionnaires of Frank Burns Post, of Condon, Ore., at their first meeting in their new clubhouse passed a resolution against the flying of tattered flags by business houses and individuals.²⁵⁴

Post 26

City: Bandon

Names: Bandon (1919)

FEBRUARY

FRANK Prince, commander of Bandon, Oregon, post, is in the hospital in Portland recuperating from a minor operation. He reports that he has the pleasure of being attended by an American Legion nurse and an American Legion physician.²⁵⁵

Post 27

City: Fossil

Names: Arthur A. Glover (1919)

²⁵¹ The Pacific Legion, February 1921, pg. 31

²⁵² The Sunday Oregonian, November 20, 1921, Section Two, image 44

²⁵³ The Pacific Legion, December 1921, pg. 11

²⁵⁴ The American Legion Weekly, February 18, 1921

²⁵⁵ The Pacific Legion, February 1921, pg. 32

SEPTEMBER

THE body of Arthur E. Glover, the only Wheeler county boy killed in the world war and for whom the Fossil post of the American Legion was names, was buried at Fossil Tuesday.²⁵⁶

Purchased Building in November 1921

Post 28

City: Grants Pass

Names: Grants Pass (1919)

NOVEMBER

GRANTS PASS DAY IS QUIET²⁵⁷

Dean Dymont of University of Oregon Principal Speaker

GRANTS PASS, Or., Nov. 11 – (Special) – Armistice day was observed quietly here. Following a parade at 10 o'clock, in which the American Legion, Grand Army of the Republic and Boy Scouts participated, Colon V. Dymont, dean of the University of Oregon, delivered the address of the day. Several people asked for an introduction to Dean Kymont, as he had written them personal letters from France, telling of th death of a relative while he was Red Cross searcher with the 91st division. A banquet to the women's auxiliary by the legion and a dance completed the day's programme.

Dean Dymont will speak on "The Disarmament Conference, What It Is All About" at an open meeting tomorrow afternoon.

Post 29

City: Prineville

Names: Prineville, Crook County (1919)

JANUARY

ANNEX ENTRY WINS THE CLUB SLOGAN²⁵⁸

"YOUR HOME TOWN FIRST," the slogan by the Camp Grounds committee for the Ladies' Annex, was awarded the \$10.00 prize given by Cap P.H. McD. Fuller, of Guthrie * Company, for the best slogan to be used by the Prineville Commercial Club.

The Ladies' Annex has presented this prize money received for the slogan to Crook County Post No. 29, American Legion, to be added to the Community Memorial Building fund, for which the boys have been working so hard. The Legion boys appreciate the spirit in which the donation was given, and it has but renewed spirit into their dreams of making an appropriate memorial building a near reality.

²⁵⁶ Beaverton Times, September 2, 1921, pg. 4, image 4

²⁵⁷ Morning Oregonian, November 12, 1921, pg. 6, image 6

²⁵⁸ Crook County Journal, January 6, 1921, image 1

FEBRUARY

AMERICAN LEGION HAS GOOD MEETING²⁵⁹

AT the February meeting of Crook County Post, American Legion, held last Monday night M.J. Skipworth resigned as adjutant of the local post. Floyd Fessler was elected to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Skipworth's resignation.

It was decided to have a "hard time ball" at the Club Hall on the night of the 25th of this month, and committees were appointed to arrange all details, as it was planned to give the affair as much publicity as possible in order to get a big attendance.

Twenty-five cents a month was decided upon as the fee for junior memberships in the Legion Club. The junior members are to consist of high school boys and the club will be open to them on all week days from four to eight o'clock in the afternoon, Sundays and evenings being reserved for the convenience of senior members paying the full membership fee of 50 cents a month.

The very efficient way in which Eric Gordon has managed the affairs of the club was enthusiastically discussed by various members present at the meeting. Mr. Gordon was especially commended for the success he has had in keeping minors from smoking in the club building, and in otherwise keeping order.

MARCH

LEGION HAS BUSY MEETING²⁶⁰

QUITE a large amount of business was talked over at the Monday night meeting of Crook County Post, American Legion.

A very spirited discussion was had about the advisability of throwing the privileges of the club open to Legion members on the nights of meetings, free of charge. It was finally decided that one night of the two monthly meetings would be free and the other would be pay, but that on these two nights the building would be open to Legion members only. This will do away with all interruptions from the outside, and make the meetings more exclusive.

At the request of the mayor, lady's night on the alleys during the first week of the month will be changed to Monday or Wednesday. The mayor stated that the activities of the ladies so nearby kept the councilmen from concentrating on business. Council night is the first Tuesday of the month. It will be left to the ladies next Tuesday night, as to whether they would rather meet on Monday or on Wednesday night during council work.

It was also decided to ask the orchestra to try and finish practicing by eight o'clock, which was the original agreement, as this also interferes with council meetings.

The finance committee reported that the books showed \$300 to the good. The executive committee was therefore empowered to buy the long-wanted colors, so that they will be here by Decoration Day.

It was also decided to have the executive committee appoint a flying squadron, whose duties will be the calling upon members whose dues are delinquent. The only way to be saved from a visit by the squadron, is to pay up the dues right away before they have a chance to come.

Clean-up day was discussed, and it was decided to clean up the tennis courts, camp grounds, and the building in general in co-operation with the clean-up spirit which is in town this spring.

It was reported that the American Legion Junior club is going strong, with an enrollment of 40 members.

²⁵⁹ Crook County Journal, February 10, 1921, image 1

²⁶⁰ Crook County Journal, March 10, 1921, pg. 8, image 8

APRIL

LEGION MEET HAS A GOOD TURNOUT²⁶¹

A GOOD crowd turned out to attend the American Legion meeting last Monday night.

A donation was made from the treasury to be sent to American Legion headquarters to be used in decorating the graves of American heroes on foreign soil.

A large number of silk poppies were ordered, and these will be sold on Memorial Day, the proceeds to go into the treasury of the post.

MAY

THE Legion in Prineville, Ore., has taken over the hall formerly owned by the Prineville Commercial Club and has formed a social club. Dues are fifty cents a month.²⁶²

MEMORIAL EXERCISES AT M.E. CHURCH²⁶³

MEMORIAL DAY services will be observed on Sunday, May 29th, it is announced by the Crook County Post of the American Legion.

At 10:30 the ex-service men will meet at the court house. The officers in charge of the program for the day, request that they come in uniforms. However, if the members have no regular uniforms, they are expected to attend just the same.

Rev. M.R. Gallaher will deliver the Memorial Address at the M.E. church at 11 o'clock. Special music will also be provided.

After the services at the church, a procession will be formed and will proceed to the cemetery, headed by the local post of the American Legion. The usual services will be held at the cemetery, after which the graves will be decorated.

Everyone is invited to attend the service, which means former soldiers of the United States as well as citizens of the community.

Cars will be on hand to care for the veterans and others who are not provided for, so that they may be able to attend the services at both places, the church and the cemetery.

JUNE

SKIPWORTH OFF FOR LEGION MEET²⁶⁴

M.W. SKIPWORTH left this city Wednesday for Bend where he joined members of the American Legion Post there who were on their way to The Third Annual State Convention of the American Legion of Oregon, and the First State Convention of its Woman's Auxiliary which meets in the armory at Eugene, Oregon on July 1st and 2nd.

The Legion representatives from Bend are planning to make the trip by autos and are [taking the McKenzie Pass route](#). They will start Thursday morning.

Mr. Skipworth and Donald M. Graham, who is now in Portland, are the two representatives from Prineville.

²⁶¹ Crook County Journal, April 21, 1921, image 1

²⁶² The American Legion Weekly, May 6, 1921

²⁶³ Crook County Journal, May 26, 1921, Special Development Edition, Section Nine, image 65

²⁶⁴ Crook County Journal, June 30, 1921, image 1

Delegates from over a hundred posts of the Legion will be on hand at Eugene, and questions of national and western interest will be taken up.

DECEMBER

MEMBERS of the Crook county post of the Legion in Prineville have opened their club rooms, with Eric Gordon in charge. A bowling team has been organized and it will enter a league composed of business men's teams. The club rooms of the post have been fitted up with reading tables, easy chairs and pool tables.²⁶⁵

PRINEVILLE PARTY RESERVES TABLES

*Many Plan to Attend Legion's New Years' Celebration –
Preparations Well Under Way*

"**RESERVE** three of the best tables" is the wire received by local Legionnaires from a Prineville party which expects to attend the New Years' celebration at the American Legion building here on Saturday night. Many people from all over Central Oregon, who remember the Tours of Paris show given by the Legion here in July, are planning to attend the New Years' eve party.

Beginning today, the auditorium will be closed so that the Legion men may proceed with decorating the building for the year's biggest party. The tables to be used on the main floor are being assembled rapidly, and other preparations are in progress.²⁶⁶

Post 30

City: Gresham

Names: Gresham (1919)

Post 31

City: Rainier

Names: Rainier (1919); Rainier-Noble

MAY

MRS. W.A. EIVERS and Mrs. Paul Bartholomy, of Portland, recently participated in the organization of a women's auxiliary at Rainier, Oreg. Mrs. A.L. Clark was chosen president of the new organization.²⁶⁷

EDWARD SHEEHAN, Rainier Noble post, has been appointed assistant director of the industrial insurance division of the Washington state department of labor under Major EC. Gill.²⁶⁸

Post 32

City: Cottage Grove

Names: Calvin Funk (1919)

²⁶⁵ The Sunday Oregonian, December 18, 1921, Section two, pg. 24, image 48

²⁶⁶ The Bend Bulletin, December 29, 1921, Weekly Edition, pg. 8, image 8

²⁶⁷ The Pacific Legion, May 1921, pg. 24

²⁶⁸ The Pacific Legion, May 1921, pg. 24

FEBRUARY

W.S. McCALEB is now commander of Cottage Grove, Oregon, post, having been chosen at the annual election of officers.²⁶⁹

Post 33

City: Independence

Names: Independence (1919)

Charter Date August 10, 1920

FEBRUARY

LEGION AUXILIARY TO BE ORGANIZED AT INDEPENDENCE²⁷⁰

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Feb. 12 – Wives, mothers and sisters of members of the Independence Post, American Legion are eligible to become members of a women's auxiliary to the American Legion which will be organized in this city next Thursday evening. The meeting will be held in the Legion headquarters and a lunch will be served. The proposition has caused considerable interest in this vicinity and it is believed that a large charter membership will be the result of efforts on the part of members of the Independence Post and their wives and sisters.

MARCH

INDEPENDENCE post of the American Legion is to have an auxiliary. Twenty-six women have signed the application for a charter.²⁷¹

Post 34 Bay Area

City: North Bend

Names: North Bend (1919)

DECEMBER

DR. Phil Keizer of North Bend has a war trophy which is unique in character. It is a handsomely embossed memorial card upon which has been printed "In Memoriam of Captain Phil Keizer, First Gas and Flame Regiment, Who Died August 13, 1918. (Signed) John J. Pershing. The memoriam goes on to tell of the brave deeds and exploits of Captain Keizer before he "died."

The joke of the matter is that when doing personnel work for his regiment Dr. Keizer made out a list of men who had lost their lives in his unit. He signed his name at the bottom and when the records were made up a memorial card was printed in his name.²⁷²

Post 35 Julian Lowe

City: Vale

Names: Malheur County (1919); Julian Lowe (1919)

²⁶⁹ The Pacific Legion, February 1921, pg. 31

²⁷⁰ Capital Journal, February 12, 1921, pg. 2, image 2

²⁷¹ Beaverton Times, March 11, 1921, pg. 3, image 3

²⁷² The Sunday Oregonian, December 18, 1921, Section Two, pg. 24, image 48

DECEMBER

LEGION ELECTION MONDAY²⁷³

The annual election of Julian Lowe Post, American Legion, will be held in the old Legion hall in Vale Monday evening at 8 o'clock and every member of the post is urged to be present.

NEW LEGION OFFICERS²⁷⁴

*ELECTION OF JULIAN LOWE POST HELD
IN LEGION HALL MONDAY EVENING*

THE annual election of Julian Lowe Post of the American Legion was held at the old Legion Hall Monday night and Everett J. Boggs was elected Post Commander, Paul Moran was elected Vice-Commander and Oscar Daley, Adjutant and Finance Officer.

The Legion will hold a joint entertainment for members and members of the Auxiliary and other friends in the near future and Dr. F. J. Brown, Dr. H.W. Steenhammer and C.K. Crandall were appointed on a committee to arrange for the entertainment.

TWO DANCES CHRISTMAS WEEK²⁷⁵

Holidays Will Be Ushered in and Out by Two Hops at Vale Hall

TWO dances will be given at the Vale dance hall for the enjoyment of all during the week of holidays, besides the social affair to be given by the American Legion next Wednesday evening.

The first public dance will be Saturday, December 24, and the other on the following Saturday, December 31.

LEGIONAIRES TO HAVE FROLIC²⁷⁶

Stunts of Unusual Fun Will Feature Entertainment Wednesday Evening

NEXT Wednesday evening at the old American Legion Hall members of the American Legion and the Auxiliary and their friends will frolic at an unusually "funny" party. The committee in charge are keeping quiet about what they intend to do to the guests, but it is hinted that it will take stout hearts to withstand the ordeal.

Delicious refreshments will be served, the invitations declare, and you are warned that you will have a good time.

LEGION CHRISTMAS PARTY²⁷⁷

THE old Legion Hall was the scene of a merry Christmas party Wednesday evening. Members of the Legion, the Auxiliary, and their friends were invited guests, and a nice crowd attended. The Hall was prettily decorated in evergreen.

The committee arranged a very entertaining evening, and everything went off in fine order. Several contest games were played that were very interesting. Dancing was also a feature of the entertainment. After spending a most enjoyable evening refreshments were served by Mrs. L.R. Schroeder, chairman of the

²⁷³ Malheur Enterprise, December 10, 1921, image 1

²⁷⁴ Malheur Enterprise, December 17, 1921, image 1

²⁷⁵ Malheur Enterprise, December 24, 1921, image 1

²⁷⁶ Malheur Enterprise, December 24, 1921, image 1

²⁷⁷ Malheur Enterprise, December 31, 1921, image 1

Auxiliary committee. The committee who planned the evening consisted of Charles Crandall, Dr. Frank Brown and Dr. H.W. Steelhammer, assisted by L.R. Schroeder.

Post 36

City: Coquille

Names: Coquille (1919)

Post 37

City: Hermiston

Names: Hermiston (1919)

JUNE

CARL VOYEN was chosen commander of Hermiston, Or., post at the annual election.²⁷⁸

Post 38

City: Myrtle Point

Names: Myrtle Point (1919)

Post 39

City: Elgin

Names: Elgin (1919)

Charter Date: 1 August 1920 (Permanent)²⁷⁹

Post 40 G. Even Reed

City: Springfield

Names: Springfield (1919); G. Even Reed

JANUARY

SPRINGFIELD POST NO. 40²⁸⁰

AT a special meeting of the Springfield Post No. 40, American Legion, Dec. 30, the following officers were elected for the new year; Commander, Bert Snook; Vice-Commander, Lee Tennis; Adjutant, Percy Tyson; Finance officer, Verdun May; Chaplain, F.B. Hamlin, Historian, Harold Perkins; Executive Committee, Levi Neet, Norman Anderson, Sam Tyler, Carl Senseney and Earl Neats. At the regular meeting of the Post Friday, Jan. 7, the above officers will be installed.

The meeting last Friday night terminated into a watch party and also a feed prepared by the Lady's' auxiliary, several staying till midnight to welcome the new year.

The long looked for band instruments arrived, and Mr. Perfect will be with us at the next meeting to give the first lesson, so make it a point to be there and get a start together.

²⁷⁸ The Pacific Legion, June 1921, pg. 31

²⁷⁹ From Post Charter located at HQ Department of Oregon

²⁸⁰ The Springfield News, January 6, 1921, pg. 2, image 2

MARCH

SMALL ATTENDANCE AT LEGION BAND CONCERT²⁸¹

The small but appreciative audience that attended the Legion band concert at the Christian church is typical of the support given any home enterprise. The concert was well rendered and merited a larger attendance.

The boys formed at Steven's hall and proceeded to the church to the tune of a lively march where, under the leadership of Mr. Perfect, they rendered operas as well as popular music in a way that shows that they have not practiced the last four months in vain.

Mr. Perfect stated that it was the best band concert Springfield has ever had. They are planning another concert in the near future.

APRIL

THE Women's Auxiliary of the Eugene Post of the American Legion invited the ladies of the Springfield Legion to meet with them Monday night. Those who were able to accept the invitation report a very fine meeting which included a short interesting program followed by a social hour.²⁸²

SPRINGFIELD LEGION CORNET BAND IS NAME DECIDED UPON²⁸³

LAST Friday evening at the W.O.W. hall, members of the 4L's and the American Legion, business men and farmers to the number of twenty-five met and completed the organization of the band to the extent of choosing the name of Springfield Legion Cornet Band as their official title, and elected the following officers: Fred Louk, president; Carl Senseney, secretary-treasurer; Lee Clark, librarian; Fred Lemley, manager and Levi Neet, asst. manager.

A majority of the members are fellows who have had several years' experience, thereby placing them beyond the title of amateurs. After practicing only three months. Mr. Perfect, the leader, states that it is the best band right now that Springfield ever had.

The boys are planning a concert in the near future and we feel certain that they will prove worthy of Mr. Perfect's statement.

MAY

IF there is anything in a name the Legion band of Springfield, Ore., Post ought to have a high rating among the musical outfits formed in the organization. Its director is A. Perfect.²⁸⁴

LOCAL WOMAN IS ELECTED LEGION AUXILIARY TREASURER²⁸⁵

AT the recent American Legion convention in Portland, a tentative state organization of Women's Auxiliary formed with the following officers: Mrs. W.A. Eivers, of Portland, president; Mrs. Fields, of Eugene, vice-president; Mrs. Hirschner, of Salem, Secretary; Mrs. M.B. Huntley, of Springfield, treasurer.

The auxiliary will meet July 1 and 2 along with the Legion convention in Eugene. There are 38 auxiliary posts in the state at present.

²⁸¹ The Springfield News, March 31, 1921, image 1

²⁸² The Springfield News, April 14, 1921, image 1

²⁸³ The Springfield News, April 21, 1921, image 1

²⁸⁴ The American Legion Weekly, May 6, 1921

²⁸⁵ The Springfield News, May 12, 1921, image1

JUNE

DECORATION DAY IN SPRINGFIELD²⁸⁶

THE Decoration Day exercises were under the direction of the American Legion, the Grand Army men assisting. The two posts and other citizens gathered at the park at 9:30, formed a procession of automobiles and proceeded to Laurel Hill cemetery. The veterans gathered at the reservation, and Capt. F.B. Hamlin, chaplain of the Legion read the burial service of the Legion. At the conclusion, committees from the Legion, with G.A.R. men for guides decorated the graves.

After the return from Laurel Hill, a deputation from the Legion went to the Mt. Vernon cemetery, and decorated the graves there.

At 2 p.m. the band, followed by the veterans, marched to the mill race, on 2nd street, where the naval decoration ceremony took place. Rev. Walter L. Bailey was pressed into service on short notice, and made a brief address, which has been greatly praised. He also offered prayer.

At 2:30 the company gathered at the stand for program, with Capt. Hamlin as master of ceremonies.

The prayer and benediction were by Rev. W.L. Bailey.

Lincoln's Gettysburg address was read by W.F. Walker.

A male quartette sang "In Dreamless Sleep."

An address was made by Col John M. Williams, of Eugene. It consisted largely of a review of the country's wars from the beginning.

"Flanders' Field" was read by Miss Mabel Humphrey.

The "Star Spangled Banner" was rendered by the band and audience. The band furnished music throughout the day.

FUNERAL AND BURIAL OF GEORGE F. MEATS²⁸⁷

THE casket containing the remains of Corporal George F. Meats reached Springfield last Sunday evening, and was kept in Walkers undertaking parlors until the funeral, at 2 p.m. yesterday. It was draped with the American flag on all its journey from France. The funeral was held in the M.E. Church. A large congregation was present. The American Legion of which his three brothers are members, had general charge, acting as pallbearers and furnishing the firing squad. The G.A.R. attended in a body. Rev. F.E. Fisher of Dallas, Oregon, formerly pastor of the Evangelical church in Eugene, and an old friend of the family, preached the sermon.

The body was buried in Laurel Hill cemetery, near his former home.

He was born in Benton County, Oregon, April 6, 1885. Came with his parents into the neighborhood where they now live, July 5, 1904.

Fred, as he was commonly called, enlisted for service on the Mexican border in August 1916; served there about six months with Battery A, Oregon Field Artillery; was mustered into the federal service early in 1917; and went over seas Jan. 19, 1918. He served in the Artillery in some of the heaviest engagements in Northern France. He was decorated with the Croix de Guerre for meritorious service in support of a French division at Juvigny, Sept. 3 to 6. He was seriously gassed in this action but recovered. He afterwards had influenza, followed by pneumonia, from which he died in a hospital Jan. 31, 1919. The circumstances of his death left no question about the identity of his body.

²⁸⁶ The Springfield News, June 2, 1921, image 1

²⁸⁷ The Springfield News, June 2, 1921, image 1

He is survived by his parents, Geo. H. and Alice Meats; three brothers, Jesse, Earl C., and Vernon L; and four sisters, Mrs. Ivy Davidson, Mrs. Bessie Weed, Mrs. Edna Gardner and Mrs. Mabel Neet. All live in this immediate vicinity except Mrs. Weed, who lives near Timber, Tillamook county.

AUGUST

FOUNTAIN'S BODY IS BURIED HERE²⁸⁸

Pvt. James M. Fountain's Body Laid to Rest in Native Soil

THE body of James M. Fountain arrived in Portland on the morning of Wednesday, July 27, with a shipment of 44 bodies of American soldiers, exhumed in France, and sent to the United States for reinternment. His body was brought to Springfield that evening, and kept in Walker's undertaking parlors until 2:30 p.m. Sunday, when the funeral services were held. A great many people came to attend the funeral than could be crowded into the chapel.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. T.D. Yarnes. A military escort, under the command of Capt. Hamlin, was furnished by the American Legion post at the chapel and the grave. The burial service of the Legion was read at the grave by Chaplain F.B. Hamlin. The body was laid to its final rest in Laurel Hill cemetery.

Private James Merle Fountain, 5th Regt., U.M.C., lost his life in the battle of Champagne, or Blanc Mont Ridge. It was here that some of the most vicious fighting of the whole war was waged; and as they had gone through Belleau woods, Soissons and St. Mihiel, so the always faithful "devil dogs" went into Blanc Mont Ridge the morning of Oct. 3. Private Fountain with them, always advancing, through that day, that night, and up to the next day, when a bullet from a German rifle, during a counter attack, pierced his abdomen.

Pvt. Fountain was immediately evacuated to the rear by hospital attendants, given first aid treatment and sent by ambulance to Evacuation Hospital No. 5 at Le Verne, France. From the nature of the wound, it was found he could not live, and during the following morning Oct. 5, he died. He was buried in a little cemetery not far from the hospital, in the little town of Le Verne. His grave was marked with a cross, upon which are two metal disks: one with his name, company and regiment; the other with the American flag.

To the above notes of his record may be added that Private Fountain was cited for bravery at the battle of Soissons, July 18, 1918.

Deceased was a member of the W.O.W. at Walterville.

OCTOBER

ARMISTICE DAY TO BE CELEBRATED²⁸⁹

BY cooperation of the chamber of commerce, the ladies' civic club and the American Legion a fitting celebration of Armistice Day in Springfield is being arranged for. Each home owner in the town is to be asked to plant an ornamental tree of some kind, on the parking of the home property where practicable, to be known as a "memorial" tree. A committee from the Chamber of Commerce and the Civic club will visit the homes and make arrangement for this feature of the day. The planting will be done in the morning.

A program for the celebration proper, prepared by the general headquarters of the American Legion, is in the hands of the local committee. The choice of the speaker of the day and the assignment of the various features of the program will be announced next week.

²⁸⁸ The Springfield News, August 4, 1921, image 1

²⁸⁹ The Springfield News, October 20, 1921, image 1

The celebration program will be in the hands of the American Legion, assisted by the G.A.R. and the Spanish war veterans.

Post 41

City: Baker City

Names: Baker (1919); Baker City

Post 42

City: St. Helens

Names: St. Helens (1919); Columbia (1920)

JANUARY

JUSTIN H. WILKINS of St. Helens, Oregon, has received a citation from the War Department for his service overseas. Wilkins was a private in Company E, thirty-seventh engineers, and was wounded in action.²⁹⁰

FEBRUARY

SPECIAL MEETING OF AMERICAN LEGION²⁹¹

WILLIAM Russel, adjutant pro ten of Columbia Post, American Legion, requests the Mist to give notice that there will be a special meeting of Columbia Post No. 42 on Monday night, February 14th. Much business of importance is to be taken up including the question of the bonus to ex-service men. A full attendance of members is desired.

MARCH

IN MEMORIAM²⁹²

WHEREAS, one of our dearly beloved brothers, Harry F. Peterson of St. Helens, Oregon, who has at all times held the highest respect and esteem of all with whom he came in contact , and who has always shown himself to be possessed of that sterling quality of manhood, one hundred per cent Americanism, most vital to our nation, answered the call of his Keeper, to our great sorrow on the 18th day of February in the year of 1921.

Resolved, that Columbia Post of the American Legion extend to the bereaved father and relatives of our most beloved brother, Harry F. Peterson, its heartfelt sympathy and condolence in this, their greatest loss. Columbia Post No. 42, The American Legion.

By J.H. Wellington, Commander

APRIL

AMERICAN LEGION ON JAP QUESTION²⁹³

AT their regular meeting Monday night, Columbia Post 42, The American Legion went on record as being opposed to the employment of Japanese in any capacity in this vicinity. The matter was brought up

²⁹⁰ The Pacific Legion, January 1921, pg. 31

²⁹¹ St. Helens Mist, February 11, 1921, image 1

²⁹² St. Helens Mist, March 11, 1921, pg. 3, image 3

²⁹³ St. Helens Mist, April 8, 1921, image 1

because it was reported that several Japanese have recently been employed in this vicinity. The meeting was largely attended and several of the members expressed their views in no uncertain manner, and the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved; That Columbia Post No. 42, The American Legion goes on record as opposed to the employment of Japanese in any capacity, believing there is an ample supply of white labor to fill all the positions now open and in all lines of business and further believing that the employment of a few Japanese is only a forerunner of the establishment of a colony, and we point to the situation which now exists in many California cities and communities and in Seattle and surrounding country as examples of what can be expected.

MAY

MRS. A. J. Deming was in Portland Saturday as a representative of St. Helens to the caucus of the Ladies' auxiliaries of the American Legion for the purpose of organizing a state assembly. The meeting was quite successful, and a state organization effected.²⁹⁴

EXERCISES HELD ON DOCK²⁹⁵

Civil War Veteran Delivers Address at St. Helens

ST. HELENS, Or., May 30 – (Special) – Eli Shaffer, civil war veteran, delivered the principle address at Memorial Day services in the city hall this afternoon. An audience of several hundred attended. The day's programme was under the direction of Columbia post, American Legion, assisted by the Grand Army of the Republic. Members of the legion and civil war veterans marched to the city dock, where patriotic exercises were held. Later the veterans went to the city hall to hear addresses. J.H. Wellington, post commander, was a speaker.

Several hundred persons marched to the cemetery after the exercises, and graves were decorated. All business in St. Helens suspended to pay tribute to the heroic dead.

JUNE

AT A recent meeting of Columbia Post 42, the American Legion, Commander J.H. Wellington was elected delegate to the American Legion convention which will be held in Eugene on July 1 and 2. William Russell was selected as alternate. The Legion Auxiliary appointed Mrs. William Russell as representative for the Auxiliary.

The cooked food sale held by the ladies of the American Legion auxiliary at the Chamber of Commerce rooms Saturday afternoon was a success and eager buyers cleaned up the stock of appetizing articles soon after the sale started. A neat sum was realized.²⁹⁶

JULY

A women's auxiliary was recently formed at St. Helens, Ore., with Mrs. A.J. Deming as president.²⁹⁷

SEPTEMBER

²⁹⁴ St. Helens Mist, May 6, 1921, pg. 10, image 10

²⁹⁵ Morning Oregonian, May 31, 1921, pg. 9 image 9

²⁹⁶ St. Helens Mist, June 17, 1921, pg. 10, image 8

²⁹⁷ St. Helens Mist, 1921

SOLDIERS' BODY RESTS AT HOME²⁹⁸

THE battle-scarred fields of France or the cemetery there where thousands of American Soldiers sleep, will not be the last resting place of Albert Salmi. Columbia county soldier who fell in battle, but instead, he will rest near his home and his grave will be watched over and cared for by those he loved and fought for. His body is expected to arrive at Kerry today and the funeral services will be held in the Maccabee hall at Westport Sunday afternoon.

American Legion Posts at Clatskanie and Wauna will have joint charge of the funeral and it is probable that a number of the members of Columbia Post No. 42 will also attend the funeral of a departed comrade.

Albert Salmi was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Salmi and was one of the soldiers to be drawn in the first draft. Soon after arriving at Camp Lewis he was sent overseas and made the supreme sacrifice in one of the major engagements when the American forces were driving the Huns out of France.

Commander Wellington asks that any member of Columbia Post desiring to attend the funeral to notify him.

OCTOBER

COMMANDER J.H. Wellington of Columbia post 42, American Legion, informs the Mist that no special program has been arranged for the celebration of Armistice day in St. Helens. Members of the post, however, have been talking of having a dance the night of November 11, and the Legion Auxiliary will co-operate with the post in the event that a decision is made to have the dance. At the next meeting of the post the matter will be decided upon.²⁹⁹

NOVEMBER

COLUMBIA COUNTY TO BE ADVERTISED³⁰⁰

THE weekly meeting of members and directors of the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce was held on Monday noon at a lunch at the Larabee Hotel, and considerable business of importance was transacted.

Considerable discussion was had regarding site and building for a new library, rest room and quarters for the American Legion. A committee was appointed to ascertain if these activities and possibly others could be placed under one roof to the mutual advantage of all.

DECEMBER

AMERICAN LEGION POST ELECTS NEW OFFICERS³⁰¹

*Walden Dillard Elected as Commander for Ensuing Year –
Ladies' Auxiliary Elects Officers and Gives Banquet to Post Members.*

IT IS said that old habits are not soon forgotten, and it is a self-evident fact, from the gathering at Odd Fellows hall Monday night, that the American Legion men of St. Helens haven't forgotten the clarion sound of the "chow" call. The boys were there in force and brought along their war-time appetites.

²⁹⁸ St. Helens Mist, September 9, 1921, image 1

²⁹⁹ St. Helens Mist, October 28, 1921, pg. 10, image 10

³⁰⁰ St. Helens Mist, November 18, 1921, image 1

³⁰¹ St. Helens Mist, December 9, 1921, image 1

The banquet was a most pleasant side issue, the chief business of the evening being the election of officers in both Columbia Post, No. 42, the American Legion, and the Ladies' auxiliary. The newly elected officers in both organizations will be installed at the first meeting in January.

The new official personnel of Columbia Post for the ensuing year will be as follows: Walden Dillard, commander; Harry L. Kurtz, vice commander; Wm. Russell, adjutant; Wm. Bjorkman, finance officer; Rev. Father Clancy, chaplain; J.H. Baker, historian.

In the Ladies' Auxiliary the new officers are as follows: Mrs. A.J. Deming, president; Mrs. Carl Aamand, vice-president; Mrs. H.L. Kurtz, secretary; Miss B. Jordan, treasurer.

The incoming commander, Walden Dillard, is a recent graduate of law and is associated with his father in the practice of that profession in this city. He was among the first to answer the call of his country in the world war and saw active service overseas. He is an exemplary young man and his comrades showed their faith in his ability to make good as leader of the post by unanimously electing him as commander.

The retiring commander, J.H. Wellington, has had an uphill pull during the past year to keep the post on its feet. He has been a hard worker, at time discourage, but the fruits of his labors are apparent, and Columbia Post is now taking on new life, for which a large measure of thanks is due Commander Wellington.

After the disposal of routine business, the ex-service men gathered in a dining room whose tables were loaded with – not “stew” and beans – a bounteous supply of delicious sandwiches and cake galore and coffee, the like of which no army cook was ever able to prepare. This spread was given by the ladies of the auxiliary and is but a forerunner of what is to come along this line in the future.

Commander Wellington acting as toastmaster called upon many of the members, nearly all of whom made a few remarks. And the ladies were not overlooked in the short speech making. Mrs. Deming, the president spoke briefly and promised the whole-hearted support of the ladies' organization in the upbuilding of the American Legion. Others spoke enthusiastically of their desire to see the Legion progress.

At the meeting in January Columbia Post will entertain the ladies with a banquet.

AMERICAN LEGION WILL MEET JANUARY 9TH³⁰²

*Columbia Post No. 42 to Install Recently Elected Officers –
Plans to be Made for Coming Year's Work – Members Urged to be Present*

COLUMBIA Post No. 42 of the American Legion will hold an open meeting on Monday, January 9 at 89 o'clock in the county court room in the court house at St. Helens. At this meeting the regular annual installation of officers will take place, as well as will much other business of interest and importance to the post. New applications for membership will be received and dues of old members for the ensuring year will be payable. The post commander wishes to call to the attention of all ex-service men the necessity of submitting their discharges along with applications for membership in the American Legion.

Columbia Post No. 42 includes the districts of Scappoose, Chapman, Yankton, Deer Island, Columbia City, and St. Helens, and the surrounding territory, and the members of this post wish to make it known to all ex-service men located or visiting with these districts that their presence is heartily welcome and desired at this meeting.

“One of the biggest tasks for the coming year will be that of securing the enactment of the Legion Federal adjusted compensation bill in congress. With the united and moral and financial support of ex-service men this can be accomplished, but there can be no assurance of success without the united support of all interested.” Commander-Elect W.W. Dillard stated.³⁰³

³⁰² St. Helens Mist, December 30, 1921, image 1

³⁰³ St. Helens Mist, December 30, 1921, image 1

Post 43**City:** La Grande**Names:** La Grande (1919)**NOVEMBER*****BONUS HOME BUILT***³⁰⁴

THE first home built in La Grande, Ore., as a result of the soldier aid bill being passed at the last session of the legislature has been occupied. Otis Palmer, a veteran of the war, who saw service with the Rainbow Division in France, and who was one of the first Oregon boys to enlist, is the owner of the home. Mr. Palmer secured an advance of the cash necessary to build the home on condition that he take advantage of the loan as soon as it shall be available. After building the house he was married in his new home.

DECEMBER

THE La Grande American Legion post will erect a memorial tablet in honor of the soldiers from Union county who made the supreme sacrifice during the war.³⁰⁵

The annual meeting of the American Legion in La Grande was held recently. A banquet was served, officers elected, and the organization of an auxiliary was discussed. The post is planning the erection of a memorial in honor of the men of Union county who fell during the war.³⁰⁶

Post 44 Ray Johnson**City:** Redmond**Names:** Ray Johnson (1919)**Post 45****City:** Amity (1927)**Names:** Amity (1919) Robert Loop**DECEMBER**

AN auxiliary of the American Legion will be formed in Amity on the evening of December 22.³⁰⁷

Post 46**City:** Woodburn**Names:** Woodburn (1919)**JANUARY**

EUGENE Moshberger has been elected commander of the Woodburn post of the American Legion for the coming year – an excellent choice.³⁰⁸

³⁰⁴ The Pacific Legion, November 1921, pg. 74

³⁰⁵ Beaverton Times, December 23, 1921, pg. 2, image 2

³⁰⁶ The Pacific Legion, December 25, 1921, Section Two, pg. 12, image 24

³⁰⁷ The Sunday Oregonian, December 18, 1921, Section Two, pg. 24, image 48

³⁰⁸ Aurora Observer, January 20, 1921, image 3

AUGUST

FUNERAL OF FRED EHLEN³⁰⁹

FIFTEEN hundred people attended the funeral of Fred Ehlen last Sunday. The services were held at the Keil cemetery and conducted by the American Legion Post of Woodburn. The body arrived here last Thursday from its long trip across the ocean; the casket draped in a beautiful American flag.

Fred Ehlen was born in Aurora, July 13, 1898 and died Oct. 6, 1919, from wounds received in action, at the 127th Field hospital in Bois de Sheurin, state of Muese, France. The young soldier was well known and greatly liked by all in this community and the large attendance at the funeral was in respect of the honor our heroes are held by all.

Post 47

City: Tillamook

Names: Tillamook (1919)

Post 48

City: Dufur (1919)

Names: Dufur (1919)

DECEMBER

DUFUR post of the American Legion has held its annual election of officers. Those chosen for the ensuing year are Angus H. McLeod, commander; Warren Stanley, J.M. Easton and L.C. Bleim, vice-commanders; Albert C. Huff, finance officer; D.C. Evans, adjutant; Hugh C. Mulkins, sergeant-at-arms, and Lester J. Hendricks, historian. Steps are being taken to organize a post of the women's auxiliary.³¹⁰

Post: 49 Santiam

City: Mill City

Names: Santiam (1919)

APRIL

NELSON J. SANFORD was a recent visitor at the Oregon State legion office, coming to get information and particulars on the formation of a legion post at Mill City.³¹¹

Post 49 Sherman

City: Kent (1927); Moro

Post 50

City: Union

Names: (1919)

³⁰⁹ Aurora Observer, August 25, 1921, image 1

³¹⁰ The Sunday Oregonian, December 25, 1921, Section Two, pg. 12, image 24

³¹¹ The Pacific Legion, April 1921, pg. 24

Post 50 Williams Valley

City: Williams

Post 51 Santiam

City: Lebanon

Names: Santiam (1919)

MAY

DR. ROLAND B. MILLER was chosen commander of Lebanon, Ore., post at a recent election.³¹²

Post 52

City: North Powder

Names: North Powder (1919)

Post 53 Lake County

City: Lakeview (1924)

Names: Lakeview (1919)

NOVEMBER

“FLASHES OF ACTION, “the new war films showing the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 42d and 91st divisions will be shown tomorrow and Tuesday nights by lake county post at Lakeview. At a recent election of the post Carl Pendleton was chosen commander; G.C. Bagley, adjutant; W.V. Miller, finance officer, and N.A. Christensen, chaplain. The executive committee was chosen as follows: M.K. Gunther, Charles Arzner, W.H. Fish and N.A. Christensen.³¹³

DECEMBER

AT a recent election of Lake County post, Lakeview, Ore., Carl Pendleton was chosen commander and G.C. Bagley, adjutant.³¹⁴

Post 54

City: Toledo

Names: Alden Abbey (1919)

JANUARY

OUTCOME OF SPECIAL LEGION MEETING³¹⁵

THE outcome of the special meeting of the American Legion, January 16th, was gratifying. The Post voted unanimously in favor of the Farm or Home Loan and were very much opposed to the cash bonus of \$15 for each month of service. The meeting considered the question from the standpoint of the voters and taxpayers and from the opposite angle, that of themselves who are to be directly benefited. It was decided the cash bonus would be a big financial burden to the state and therefore undesirable. Also, that the Farm

³¹² The Pacific Legion, May 1921, pg. 24

³¹³ The Pacific Legion, November 20, 1921, Section Two, image 44

³¹⁴ The Pacific Legion, December 1921, pg. 12

³¹⁵ Lincoln County Leader, January 21, 1921, image 1

or Home Loan would do more lasting and permanent good without handicapping the state with further big bond issues, which everyone wishes to be reduced as far as practicable.

BIG CROWD ATTENDS LEGION CALICO DANCE³¹⁶

THE Calico dance given by the local Legion in the Club House last Saturday evening proved a big success. Quite a number were there from Yaquina and Siletz and a few from Elk City. More new gowns were in evidence than we ever saw at one time before. This accounts for the ladies being happy, as they each had a new dress, and the men were happy because the purchase of the gowns had not put much of a crimp in their financial resources.

Sandwiches, doughnuts and coffee were served to the hungry dancers, on the balcony.

THANKS³¹⁷

IN behalf of the American Legion we wish to thank those three persons who were present at the Calico Dance last Saturday evening and who donated the sum of \$6 to the Post. It makes the Legion feel that its efforts are meeting with favor with the dancing public.

We also wish to thank the public at large for their attendance and co-operation in the several dances this Post as given in the past.

The next Post dance will be February 22nd, Washington's Birthday.

Post Commander,
Dance Committee.

FEBRUARY

MR. Lockwood of Winant was up to the American Legion dance Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Fay Plank were down from Elk City Tuesday evening attending the Washington Birthday dance given by the American Legion.³¹⁸

MARCH

THE American Legion will give their biggest and best dance on the evening of the 19th, a week from Saturday. Music has been secured from Corvallis and the supper will be furnished by the Eastern Star.

This Big Time is to celebrate the formal taking over of the Club House by the American Legion – the Ladies Civic Club and the City Council having turned over all their rights in the Club House to the Legion.

It is expected that many will be present from Newport, Elk City and Siletz and a good time is assured everybody present by the local Post. Posters are now out announcing this event.³¹⁹

APRIL

LEGION TO MEET SUNDAY³²⁰

APRIL 3rd is the regular monthly meeting time of Alden Abbey Post No. 54, - all members and visiting members. Of the Legion are cordially invited to attend.

³¹⁶ Lincoln County Leader, January 28, 1921, image 1

³¹⁷ Lincoln County Leader, January 28, 1921, image 1

³¹⁸ Lincoln County Leader, February 25, 1921, pg. 4, image 4

³¹⁹ Lincoln County Leader, March 11, 1921, image 1

³²⁰ Lincoln County Leader, April 1, 1921, image 1

A Club House Committee should be appointed by the Post and also the vacancy of the office of Adjutant should be filled at this meeting; and some other matters are to receive the attention of the Post Commander.

JUNE

AMERICAN LEGION TO APPOINT DELEGATES³²¹

MEMBERS of Alden Abbey Post No. 54 American Legion, are hereby given notice that there will be a meeting Sunday, June 5th, at the office of the County assessor, in the Court House to select delegates to the Annual Convention of the State to be held this year at Eugene in the first week of July. Visiting brothers welcome. 2. P.M.

JULY

AMERICAN LEGION³²²

POST Adjutant Patterson is mailing cards to all Legion members this week in an effort to secure the names of all who plan to attend the two-day Yachats picnic so that arrangements can be made for their accommodation. The Legion expects to have a good time and a profitable trip.

SEPTEMBER

MEETING OF THE LEGION ATTENDED BY MANY

THE call meeting of Alden Abbey Post No. 54, The American Legion, held on Wednesday evening, at the Legion Club House, Toledo was well attended. Besides members of this post and visiting comrades, a large number of ex-service men not affiliated were out to the meeting. In spite of the muddy roads some came from distant points. Logadon (Orton) and Siletz was well represented as well as the communities up Big Elk and Yaquina rivers. After the usual business of the post was disposed of, Lieut.-Colonel Archie Van Cleve, a prominent member of Portland Post No. 1, was introduced as speaker of the evening. Comrade Van Cleve gave an interesting and instructive talk on affairs of interest to ex-service, clearing up a number of points that had been tried out and proven of worth in the Post of Portland.

Applications for the bonus were all taken during the evening and another supply has been sent for. Membership blanks were also in demand and quite a number were filled out.³²³

The body of Paul Washington arrived here on Friday evening and on Sunday at 3 o'clock P.M. the casket was taken from the home to the M.E. Church where a short but patriotic address was delivered by Rev. Walter Ross, pastor. The speaker said the young soldier had made the supreme sacrifice in that he had given up his life for his country and the liberty of the world. He was one of the heroes that fell in action at the front line. The funeral was a military one conducted by Alden Abbey Post No. 54, The American Legion of Toledo, assisted by the Second Platoon of the Coast Artillery and ex-service men of Siletz, all working together cooperatively. Ex-Lieutenant C.F. Lockwood, a member of the Legion, had charge of the military escort of firing squad. The interment took place in the Siletz cemetery. Ellwood Towner, ex-Marine, sounded Taps. The floral offerings were very beautiful and profuse. It was a very dark and rainy day, but the citizens and ex-service men turned out almost in a body. The beautiful ritualistic service of the Legion was read by the commander of the Post. Paul Washington was the son of Isaac and Emily Washington, born in Siletz,

³²¹ Lincoln County Leader, June 3, 1921, pg. 3 image 3

³²² Lincoln County Leader, July 22, 1921, image 1

³²³ Lincoln County Leader, September 23, 1921, image 1

February 9th, 1894. He was educated at Chemawa, Cushman Wash. He enlisted in the service of his country, October 4th, 1917, and was assigned to Co. G, 361 Infantry, October 26th, 1917. He was transferred to France in Co. G and first went into action on the morning of September 26th, 1918 as part of the right wing of the 91st Division in the Argonne drive. The line from which Co. G. went over the top is one mile southwest of Avocourt near the edge on the south of the Argonne. Paul was attached to the Headquarters platoon as signalman and runner. On the morning of October 28th as Col G was forming into line, along the Epinonville line, known by the soldiers as "Death's Curve" a high explosive exploded, killing Paul and three comrades. Paul had not been feeling well – and on the morning of his death he had told his commander "I don't feel very well but will stay with it to the end," showing his high character and his devotion and loyalty to duty. These heroes who went over the top and bared their breasts against the missiles of the big guns of the Huns for country and Liberty will adorn the pages of history as heroes to coming generations. Paul was buried beside his brother, Andrew, who was also a soldier who died on his way home from France, being gassed.³²⁴

OCTOBER

PATROLMAN Joe Bokau, who came here from Bulgaria but is now a member of the American Legion at Toledo, has been notified that he is sole heir to an estate of 3,600,000 lev. Before the war this would have amounted to \$750,000 in American money, but at the present rate of exchange is \$40,000. Patrolman Bokau says, "I fought for this country, and I'll stay and enjoy my \$40,000 here."³²⁵

ARMISTICE DAY DANCE³²⁶

THE American Legion is sparing no expense to make their dance on the evening of November 11th a grand success. They have engaged the All-Star Orchestra of Salem to furnish the music. This orchestra played at Newport during the summer where they were immensely popular and played at Toledo during the county fair where they demonstrated their ability in a highly approved manner. This is clearly one of the best orchestras in the State and the Legion Boys are to be commended in delivering the goods when it comes to putting over a good dance or entertainment. This dance will undoubtedly be patronized by Newport, Siletz, Elk City and all the surrounding country and will be "some dance."

NOVEMBER

MR. and Mrs. F.L. Plank of Newport were up to the Legion dance here Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Mahoney of Siletz were over to the Legion dance last Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Andersen were over from the Siletz Friday taking in the Legion dance. Mr. and Mrs. Updike of Winant were in the city Friday evening attending the Legion dance. C.O. Hawkins and wife, and L.C. Smith and wife drove up from Newport Friday to the big Legion dance.³²⁷

DECEMBER

AMERICAN LEGION TO MEET DECEMBER 21

Alden Abbey Post No. 54 American Legion will hold a meeting Wednesday evening, December 21st.

³²⁴ Lincoln County Leader, September 23, 1921, image 1

³²⁵ Lincoln County Leader, October 7, 1921, image 1

³²⁶ Lincoln County Leader, October 28, 1921, image 1

³²⁷ Lincoln County Leader, November 18, 1921, pg.4, image 4

Come see the Clean Up Squad and remain until evening and attend the meeting.³²⁸

THE population of Toledo will more than double during the coming year. The mill will give employment to 300 men, and if most of these have families, say only four to the family, that means 1200 people, which added to the 800 now here, makes a respectable little city of 2000 inhabitants.

WANTS CLUB BUILDING

The company has arranged with the American Legion to take over the Club House, which will be at once fitted up for officers' quarters. In return for same they will give the Legion lumber for a new building and a money consideration besides, the Legion also retaining the electric fixtures, fireplaces, etc.³²⁹

LEGION ELECTS OFFICERS³³⁰

AT the meeting of Alden Abbey Post No. 54, American Legion this week, the following officers were elected: Commander, E.P. Stocker; Vice-Commander, Fenton Starr; Adjutant and Historian, W.K. Patterson; Finance and Employment Officer, G.B. McCluskey; Chaplain, Clarence Ofstedahl; Sergeant at Arms, Herbert Kyniston; Publicity Officer K.H. Hayden; Americanism Officer, G. Jacobson.

LEGION EXTENDS THANKS³³¹

A VOTE of thanks is extended to all those who gave their assistance to the American Legion to make the Armistice Day dance the success it was. Wednesday evening was our first official meeting since the dance which explains our delayed action in this matter.

Publicity Officer

Post 55

City: Mosier

Names: Mosier (1919)

JANUARY

L.J. MERRILL, adjutant of the Mosier, Oregon, post, was a recent visitor at the Oregon state office and talked over matters of organization.³³²

Post 56 Argonne

City: Sherwood

Names: Argonne (1919)

Post 57 Lester C. Rees

City: Newberg

Names: Lester C. Rees (1919)

³²⁸ Lincoln County Leader, December 16, 1921, image 1

³²⁹ Lincoln County Leader, December 16, 1921, image 1

³³⁰ Lincoln County Leader, December 23, 1921, image 1

³³¹ Lincoln County Leader, December 23, 1921, pg. 5 image 3

³³² The Pacific Legion, December 1921, pg. 11

OCTOBER

LESTER C. Rees post No. 57, American Legion of Newberg, will erect a new club building soon.³³³

MEMBERS of the American Legion in Newberg are championing a movement for the erection of a large auditorium with swimming tank, gymnasium and club rooms, according to P.E. Overued, who recently visited state headquarters of the legion. The proposed building will be 100 by 100 and will be located on one of the main streets of the city. Mr. Overued, Dr. J.S. Rankin and Leonard Gower have been appointed to work out plans for the auditorium.³³⁴

NEW Year's Eve in Newberg will be celebrated by the American Legion with a big dinner and entertainment. Ex-cooks and kitchen police will be called into action. The post has contracted to purchase a lot on which to erect a community building and the funds from the New Year entertainment will go toward a purchase price fund.³³⁵

POST 58

City: Staton

CHARTER DATE: May 3, 1928

Post 59 Francis M. Yost

City: Florence

Names: Francis M. Yost

Post 59 Laughlin-Orr

City: Yamhill (1924)

Names: Yamhill (1919); Laughlin-Orr

FEBRUARY

ALBERT S. NELSON, adjutant of the Laughlin-Orr post of Yamhill, was a recent visitor in Portland.³³⁶

Post 60

City: Shaniko

Names: Shaniko (1919)

Post 61 Tri-Counties

City: Junction City

Names: Junction City (1924)

Post 62

City: Reedsport (1919)

³³³ Aurora Observer, October 13, 1921, image 5

³³⁴ The Sunday Oregonian, December 18, Section Two, pg. 24, image 48

³³⁵ The Pacific Legion, December 25, 1921, Section Two, pg. 12, image 24

³³⁶ The Pacific Legion, February 1921, pg. 31

OCTOBER

TO date 80 ex-service men at Reedsport have applied for the soldiers' bonus, 70 percent of whom want the home and farm loan.³³⁷

DECEMBER

WALLACE BENSON, one of the leading attorneys of Douglas county, has been elected commander of the Reedsport post of the American Legion. Other officers chosen are as follows: Frank Taylor, first vice-commander; David Rackleff, second vice-commander; Leland Rackleff, adjutant; Ronald Woodruff, finance officer; Ray Cairns, Karl Stone, Stanley Chamin and Floyd Bartlett, executive committee. The post is planning a ball to be held on New Year's Eve.³³⁸

Post 63 Harney County

City: Burns

Names: Harney County (1919)

Post 64

City: Milwaukee (1919)

Names:

Post 65

City: Clatskanie

Names: John Culbertson (1919)

Post 66

City: Cove (1924)

Names: Cove (1919)³³⁹

FEBRUARY

COVE, Oregon, post is making records. On Christmas day Earl Rand, ex-service man, was married to Miss Luella Kries and on the first of the year Leonard Millman, formerly with the marine guard of the American legation at Peking, China, and Miss Clara Gardner were married. Ray Barker and James Harris, two other returned soldiers, are married and Thomas Harris, who was with the lost battalion in France, is not only weeded but the father of a fine baby boy.³⁴⁰

JUNE

MRS. MAY KELLY was recently elected commander of the women's auxiliary of Cove, Or., post.³⁴¹

DECEMBER

³³⁷ Beaverton Times, October 14, 1921, pg. 2, image 2

³³⁸ The Pacific Legion, December 25, 1921, Section Two, pg. 12, image 24

³³⁹ The Pacific Legion, December 1919, pg. 32

³⁴⁰ The Pacific Legion, February 1921, pg. 31

³⁴¹ The Pacific Legion, June 1921, pg. 31

COVE POST of the American Legion will install its officers elected for 1922 at a banquet to be held on the night of January 7. The women folk of the city will participate and an "army feed" will be served. The officers to be installed are: Darrell Fulp, commander; Merrill Rundall, vice-commander; Meritte Alexander, vice-commander; Thomas C. Hefty, adjutant, and Clyde Howatter, finance officer.³⁴²

Post 67

City: Ontario

Names: Ontario (1919)

Post 68

City: Wauna

NAME: Louis Larsen

NOVEMBER

LOUIS Larson post of the Legion is preparing to stage the well-known A.E.F. play, "Sittin' Pretty," within the near future in the town hall of Wauna, Or. H.N. Boyd, finance officer, was in Portland recently and outlined the winter plans for the organization.³⁴³

Post 69

City: Athena (1924); Rogue River

Post Names: Athena Weston (1919)

FEBRUARY

ONE of the most pleasant and successful dances ever given by Athena-Weston Post, American Legion took place Saturday evening at Legion hall, Weston. It was an invitation affair, and Pendleton, Athena and Walla Walla were well represented. Payant's orchestra furnished music.³⁴⁴

MARCH

THAT sterling actress, Clara Kimball Young, will be seen at Memorial hall, Weston, next Tuesday evening in her splendid new photo drama, "The Forbidden Woman." This wonderfully lavish screen drama, together with a good comedy, will be put on as a benefit for Athena-Weston Post, American Legion.

APRIL

ATHENA-WESTON Post, American Legion, will give a dance at the opera house tomorrow evening, three hundred invitations having been sent out for the occasion.³⁴⁵

³⁴² The Pacific Legion, December 25, 1921, Section Two, pg. 12, image 24

³⁴³ The Sunday Oregonian, November 20, 1921, Section Two, image 44

³⁴⁴ The Weston Leader, February 25, 1921, image 3

³⁴⁵ The Weston Leader, April 1, 1921, image 1

POST WILL GIVE STREET DANCE³⁴⁶

ATHENA-WESTON American Legion Post is contemplating giving a street dance in Athena in the near future for both social and financial reasons. Permission will be asked of the city council for privilege of using a portion of one of the downtown paved streets for the dance.

It is proposed to sell tickets to the dance at one dollar each, and a ticket entitles the holder thereof to dance and will also give him one share on a Stradivara phonograph valued at \$350. With the phonograph will go records to the amount of \$25. The phonograph will be awarded the shareholder of a ticket by a method in fairness to all shareholders and by no means associated with lottery practices.

A number of Legion Posts in the Northwest, in order to raise funds are disposing of automobiles, musical instruments, etc., at the present time on the basis of selling shares. A Portland Post is now selling shares in a Stutz automobile and the Post at Milton has a Ford car up for disposal by the same method.

The Athena-Weston Post is in need of funds to finance the current expenses of the organization. At a meeting held Monday night, the members adopted the above plan.

WITH a downtown window beautifully decorated with the stars and stripes and trophies of the World War, and for the center piece the splendid phonograph put up for disposal on the share-selling plan by Athena-Weston American Legion Post, the driving for selling shares is now in full swing.³⁴⁷

Post 70 Glenn Morrison

City: Cave Junction

Post 70 Powers

City: Powers

Names: Powers (1919)

Post 71 Chris Schultz

City: Moro

Post 72 Kruse

City: Wallowa

Post 73

City: Maupin

Names: Kent(?)

(Kent Post Gets 1928 Model Officers)³⁴⁸

Post 74

City: Estacada

CHARTER DATE: December 1, 1920

Names: Carl Douglas

³⁴⁶ The Weston Leader, April 1, 1921, image 1

³⁴⁷ The Weston Leader, April 15, 1921, image 1

³⁴⁸ The Pacific Legion March 1928, pg. 17

JANUARY

SYLVESTER E. Lawrence, past commander of the Carl Douglas post of Estacada, paid a call at the Oregon department office recently.³⁴⁹

JUNE

ESTACADA honored the memory of America's heroic dead Monday with exercises in charge of the American Legion. The program began at 10:30 at the grand stand in the park. The speakers of the day were Mayor Stephens of this place and O.B. Eby of Oregon City. A parade was formed at the school grounds containing old soldiers, of which there were four present, the American Legion and school children. A number of girls coached by Miss Lelia Howe, gave a flag drill. Mrs. Morton-Moore read "Flanders's Fields" and there was music by an orchestra composed of Mrs. R.G. McCall and Messrs. Ahlberg, Berchett, Erickson and Adlon. In the afternoon the American Legion marched to the cemetery and placed tokens of remembrance on the graves of their soldier dead. All business houses were closed and decorated, and Old Glory floated from the city's flagstaff on Broadway.³⁵⁰

DECEMBER

S.E. LAWRENCE, former commander of the American Legion in Estacada was in Portland Thursday. He was a first lieutenant with the 162d infantry in France during the war.³⁵¹

Post 75

City: Sheridan

Charter date:

APRIL

MISS OLIVE MARK is the president of the newly organized auxiliary at Sheridan, Oregon. Thirty members were enrolled the opening night.³⁵²

Post 76

City: Aurora

Names: Jonas & Edwin Deetz

FEBRUARY

AN IMPORTANT MEETING FOR EX-SERVICE MEN³⁵³

A meeting of ex-service men and women will be held Saturday evening, February 26, at the Woodburn Armory, to meet the "FLYING SQUADRON," a committee from the American Legion the U.S. Public Health Service and the U.S. Army.

³⁴⁹ The Pacific Legion, December 1921, pg. 11

³⁵⁰ Oregon City Enterprise, June 3, 1921, pg. 2, image 2

³⁵¹ The Pacific Legion, December 25, 1921, Section Two, pg. 12, image 24

³⁵² The Pacific Legion, April 1921, pg. 24

³⁵³ Aurora Observer, February 24, 1921, image 1

This committee wants to get in personal touch with all ex-service men – to adjust their claims, and to take applications for the “Victory Medal,” and to make known to the men their rights under the War Risk Act and their eligibility to vocational training; outstanding claims against the government will be adjusted. This meeting is of vital importance, and as the committee cannot stop at all towns, ex-service men of Aurora and vicinity should attend the Woodburn meeting.

Those desiring to apply for the “Victory Medal” should take their discharge papers with them. All claims for back pay, re-enlistment pay, clothing allowance, travel pay, lost baggage, allotments, insurance etc., will be handled. Any “Buddie” sick or injured should appear at the meeting, if it is possible – Woodburn Armory, February 26, 8 p.m.

Post 76

City: Port Orford

Post 77 Ellis Tracy

City: John Day

DECEMBER

GRANT county at present has one post of the American Legion, the Ellis Tracy post. However, posts are being organized at Dayville, John Day, Prairie City and Canyon City. The work of organization is being carried on under the direction T.E. Knox, adjutant of the existing post. The state committee now has the organization of additional posts under consideration.³⁵⁴

Post 78 Henry Cooper

City: Richland

Names: Henry Cooper (1920)

Post 79

City: Nyssa

Names:

Charter Date:

DECEMBER

C.F. Faust has been elected commander of the reorganized post of the American Legion at Nyssa. Robert Browning was chosen as adjutant. Committees have been appointed to carry on the work of the post during the coming year. It is planned to have an auxiliary formed in the city.³⁵⁵

Post 80

City:

Names: Gate City Post No. 80 of Huntington

Charter Date:

Post 84

City Cresswell

³⁵⁴ The Sunday Oregonian, December 11, 1921, Section Two, pg. 22, image 46

³⁵⁵ The Sunday Oregonian, December 11, 1921, Section Two, pg. 22, image 46

APRIL

A **WOMAN'S** auxiliary of the American Legion had been organized at Creswell.³⁵⁶

Post 85

City: Gold Beach

Names: Clem Atkinson

DECEMBER

AT a recent meeting Clem Atkinson post of the legion at Gold beach, officers for the coming year were chosen.

The men who will lead the organization in 1922 are: James W. Wheeler, commander; B.K. Lawson, vice-commander; F.J. Huntley, adjutant, and John O. Melville, treasurer. An entertainment committee composed of B.K. Lawson, Ignatius Redmond, F.J. Huntley and Sidney J. Walker, was appointed by the new commander. The post contemplates staging a number of entertainments during the winter.³⁵⁷

Post 86

City: Imber

Names: Harry K. Larson

Charter Date:

Post 87

City: Heppner

JUNE

HEPPNER post American Legion to erect concrete building.³⁵⁸

NOVEMBER

CAPTAIN "Jim" F. Cooke, of Heppner, Ore., who organized a cavalry company at Pendleton at the outbreak of the World War and served many months in France, is passing around the cigars. On October 6, Richard Joseph Cooke arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cooke, and was named after his grandfather, Bishop Richard J. Cooke, formerly of Portland. Mrs. Cooke was Frances Davenport, daughter of Mrs. L.E. Davenport, of Portland. The proud father is making an enviable record of sales for the Standard Oil company.³⁵⁹

Post 90

City: Banks

Charter Date: December 28, 1920

³⁵⁶ The Weston Leader, April 22, 1921, image 1

³⁵⁷ The Sunday Oregonian, December 18, 1921, Section Two, pg. 24, image 48

³⁵⁸ The Springfield News, June 9, 1921, image 1

³⁵⁹ The Pacific Legion, November 1921, pg. 92

JANUARY

THE American Legion organized a post at Banks last week, and 29 ex-service men were enrolled.³⁶⁰

MAY

THE women's auxiliary of Banks, Ore., post recently elected Mrs. Oscar Benefiel president.³⁶¹

DECEMBER

BANKS post of the legion is planning to produce an American expeditionary force play some time soon. A committee appointed to arrange for the affair has under consideration "Sittin' Pretty" or Dustin' Em Off," according to R.A. Wilcox, post adjutant.³⁶²

Post 91 Frank E. Brown

City: Wasco

Post 93

City: Molalla

JANUARY

MOLALLA TO HAVE POST³⁶³

The service men of Molalla have made application for a post of the American Legion. Charter will be received within two weeks from the national headquarters, Post will be the ninety-third post in this department.

APRIL

{See Oregon City Post 5, April 1, 1921}

BEN CHINDGREN was recently elected commander of the Molalla, Oregon Post.³⁶⁴

Post 95

City: Ione

Charter Date:

MAY

IONE post of the American Legion will hold a carnival July 4 and 5.³⁶⁵

Post 97

City: Lincoln City

³⁶⁰ Beaverton Times, January 14, 1921, pg. 2, image 2

³⁶¹ The Pacific Legion, May 1921, pg. 24

³⁶² The Pacific Legion, December 25, 1921, Section Two, pg. 12, image 24

³⁶³ Aurora Observer, January 20, 1921, image 1

³⁶⁴ The Pacific Legion, April 1921, pg. 24

³⁶⁵ Beaverton Times, May 27, 1921, pg. 4, image 4

Charter Date: April 6, 1998

Post 99

City: Seaside

Charter Date

MAY

SEASIDE post of the American Legion is making arrangements to hold a carnival in June.³⁶⁶

MOTORISTS THROG SEASIDE³⁶⁷

Crowds One of Largest in History of Resort

SEASIDE, Or., May 30 – (Special) – Seaside experienced this Decoration day one of the largest crowds in the history of the place, although one of the most orderly. Weather was clear, roads are good and people from the outside are enjoying the surf. There are campers along the Necanicum river south of Seaside for four to five miles. The only thing to mar the pleasure of the tourists was the detour through Ocean View cemetery. The heavy travel made the road very dusty and some machines had difficulty in getting through the sand.

County officials assure the residents of Seaside that the new cutoff will be ready within a short time. A steady stream of automobiles left for Portland all day today. As the Seaside post, American Legion, was only recently organized, memorial exercises were held in Astoria with that post.

Post 104

City: Boardman

Charter Date:

Names: Boardman (1919), Elmer C. Mefford Post 104 (1921)

SEPTEMBER

STEPS FOR AMERICAN LEGION POST TAKEN³⁶⁸

THE American legion boys have taken steps to secure a post for this district. A meeting was held Monday night in the school house, and a temporary organization was affected with Stanley Hatch as temporary commander, and W.A. Price as temporary secretary.

A vigorous campaign will be carried on in the districts from Arlington to Umatilla for the organization of a strong post.

Plans are already on foot for the proper observance of Armistice Day, November 11th. This date is doubly suggestive this year as it also marks the beginning of the disarmament conference at Washington, and at noon a nationwide pause of two minutes is called in observance of memorial to the unknown soldier dead.

NOVEMBER

AMERICAN LEGION NEWS³⁶⁹

³⁶⁶ Beaverton Times, May 27, 1921, pg. 4, image 4

³⁶⁷ Morning Oregonian, May 31, 1921, pg. 9, image 9

³⁶⁸ The Boardman Mirror, September 30, 1921, image 1

³⁶⁹ The Boardman Mirror, November 4, 1921, image 1

THE American Legion Boardman Post No. 104, held a special meeting on **November 1**, at which plans for an Armistice Day program were completed. A Guard Mount will be held by the members of the Post at 11 a.m., Nov. 11th. At 8:30 p.m. a program will be given in the school Auditorium, consisting of speaking, singing, and a few skits depicting army life on the front lines.

Everybody is cordially invited.

The Post requested Mrs. Stewart to take up the matter of organizing a Women's Auxiliary.

DON'T miss the Boardman Legion dance Saturday night.³⁷⁰

BOARDMAN POST OF AMERICAN LEGION FITTINGLY OBSERVES ARMISTICE DAY³⁷¹

The observance of Armistice Day closed Friday night with a program by the American Legion, Post No. 104. Special features were community sing, portrayal of camp life including the pup tent, the crap game, camp songs and the difficulties of the doughboy experienced in getting something to eat in a French restaurant. The address of the evening was delivered by Col. Emmet Callahan of Boardman and Portland, and it was most enthusiastically received. Special music was furnished by the Boardman quartet.

A large star made of chrysanthemums was displayed at the front of the stage. The floral design was the handiwork of Mrs. Alice Dingman and a gift to the legion.

STANLEY HATCH was elected temporary commander recently when a Legion post was organized at Boardman, Ore. A vigorous campaign covering Arlington, Heppner Junction, Irrigon, Umatilla and Boardman, is to be carried on for members in the new post.³⁷²

DECEMBER

LEGION GIVES MASK BALL³⁷³

THE Masquerade Ball given by the American Legion in the Auditorium December 17th was greatly enjoyed by all in attendance. The prize for the best impersonation was won by Nate Macomber, representing Charlie Chaplin. He sure looked the part. Vonen Keyes, by the aid of all of his mothers' pillows, waltzed away with the box of candy given for the best clown. Edna Broyles and Della Olson, representing Red Cross nurses, were judged as having the most original costumes.

NAME OF LEGION POST CHANGED AT MEETING – NOW ELMER C. MEFFORD³⁷⁴

AT a special meeting of the Boardman Post of the American Legion called December 19th the following business was transacted: William Finnell presented his resignation as Post Finance officer as he was leaving for Spokane, Wash. His resignation was accepted, and a vote of thanks given for his services to the Post. H.V. Binns was elected his successor. It was decided to change the name of the Post from Boardman Post 104, to the Elmer C. Mefford Post 104, in honor of its deceased comrade. This name will be placed on the permanent charter.

The program committee is planning to put on a play after the holidays.

³⁷⁰ The Boardman Mirror, November 4, 1921, image 4

³⁷¹ The Boardman Mirror, November 18, 1921, image 1

³⁷² The Pacific Legion, November 1921, pg. 92

³⁷³ The Boardman Mirror, December 23, 1921, image 1

³⁷⁴ The Boardman Mirror, December 23, 1921, image 1

Post 105**City:** Pilot Rock**Charter Date:** (1921)**Names:** Parks-Casteel No. 105 (1921)**DECEMBER**

SANFORD SIEGRIST has been named commander and W.E. King, adjutant, of Oregon's newest post, Parks-Casteel No. 105 of Pilot Rock.³⁷⁵

FRIED chicken will be the main idea of the bill of fare that will be placed before the members of the recently-organized post of the American Legion when they meet this week at Pilot Rock in a grand "blowout." There will be a short programme of entertainment. The post was the last one organized in the state.³⁷⁶

Post 107**City:** Sisters**Charter Date:****Post 124****City:** Beaverton**Charter Date:****AUGUST**

THE funeral of Corporal Donald James Sutherland, United States Marine Corps, killed July 18, 1918, while in action, was held Sunday of last week at the Baptist church, conducted by Rev. E.A. Smith. The remains were escorted to the cemetery by the American Legion and last military honors paid with a firing squad and a trumpeter to sound the last call. Donald was a son of Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Sutherland, and his body was among a number of soldiers which reached here the Thursday before.³⁷⁷

THE funeral of Frank Prohaska, Beaverton boy who was killed in action in France in 1918, was held in Portland Saturday afternoon under the auspices of the American Legion and was largely attended by friends of the family and former service men. The American Legion also took part in the services held at the grave of Omar Akin, whose funeral was held here Saturday afternoon.³⁷⁸

WILL START PAYING CLAIMS ON THANKSGIVING

THE State Bonus Commission has sent the local post of the American Legion word that with their co-operation the commission will be able to start paying claims by Thanksgiving. The commission has decided to send all of the application blanks to the different posts throughout the state for distribution to the ex-service persons who want to take advantage of the Bonus law. These blanks should be here about September first and all those who want them should see some of the officers of the Legion.

³⁷⁵ The Pacific Legion, December 1921, pg. 11

³⁷⁶ The Sunday Oregonian, December 11, 1921, Section Two, pg. 22, image 46

³⁷⁷ Beaverton Times, August 5, 1921, image 1

³⁷⁸ Beaverton Times, August 5, 1921, pg.3, image 3

The local post is going to open an office and have a man on duty all the time for the next two months to help the men make out their application blanks. This work is being done by the American Legion to expedite the payment of these claims and to keep the cost of administration of the Bonus bill down as low as possible. The officers of the local post ask the cooperation of everyone interested.³⁷⁹

SEPTEMBER

THE funeral service of the late private Russell E. Carter, 1st Division, 18th Infantry Co. M., was held at the Baptist church last Sunday at 2:30 p.m. The body arrived in this city the previous Thursday. Rev. E.A. Smith conducted the service, assisted by the American Legion.³⁸⁰

EX-SERVICE MEN MAY FORM BEAVERTON POST³⁸¹

Meeting Will Be Held in Cady-Pegg Hardware Store Tuesday Evening to Discuss Matter

ATTENTION! All you ex-Service Men! Do you want a post of the American Legion in Beaverton? If you do, come out Tuesday evening and express your views. Or if you think best not to form a post here, come out and tell us so.

{unreadable} Cormac Snow local resident and Portland attorney and Willis Cady, local merchant, have issued a call for a meeting at the Cady-Pegg hardware store for Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock to discuss the matter and all ex-service men are cordially urged to come out and express their views fully. If it is the wish of the majority of the men living here to have a local post an application for a charter will be made. So come out and express your opinion.

DECEMBER

AMERICAN LEGION WILL MEET TUESDAY

TUESDAY night the local members of the American Legion will meet at the Cady-Pegg store for the purpose of filling out applications for a local charter. All men who saw service in any branch of the service in the late war are urged to be present.³⁸²

AMERICAN LEGION POST IS FORMED

A large number of ex-service men met at Cady's store Tuesday evening and sent in a formal application for a charter for an American Legion Post for Beaverton. An election was held with results as follows: Post Commander, Elmer Stipe; Vice-Commander L.A. Kennedy; Adjutant, Willis Cady; Finance Officer, McCormac Snow; Historian, Harry Barnes; Chaplain, Lester Davies; Sergeant at Arms, Robert Summers; Executive Committee, Albert Erickson, Harry F. Eliander and Willard Skidmore. It is hoped that the Post will be running smoothly by the first of the year and it is also hoped that all the ex-service men in and around Beaverton will join up to make this one of the largest and best Posts in Washington County.³⁸³

Post 125

City: Madras

Names: John Schloss

Charter Date:

³⁷⁹ Beaverton Times, August 28, 1921, pg. 4, image 4

³⁸⁰ Beaverton Times, September 9, 1921, pg.3, image 3

³⁸¹ Beaverton Times, September 23, 1921, image 1

³⁸² Beaverton times, December 2, 1921, image 1

³⁸³ Beaverton Times, December 9, 1921, image 1

Post 135

City: Wamic

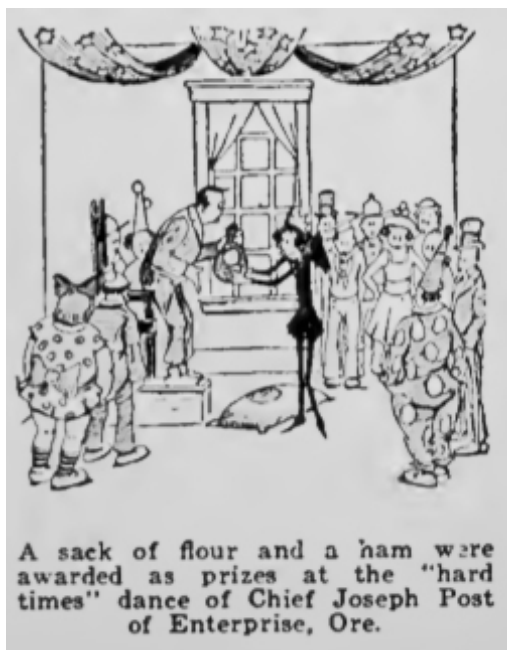
Names: Badger Post (1920)

Post 157

City: Enterprise (1919); Joseph

Names: Enterprise Chief Joseph (1919); Wallowa Lake Joseph

JANUARY



MY NOTES

BROWNSVILLE – It has fallen to the lot of the American Legion post recently organized here by the efforts of Jesse R. Hinman, ex-commander of the Astoria Post, to inaugurate a movement which will give Brownsville a community hall.³⁸⁴

BROWNSVILLE – In spite of the opposition of ministers of Brownsville, members of Calapooia post of the American Legion have been able to raise more than two-thirds of the required \$2500 for the erection of a club house and community building. Most of the civic bodies have indorsed the movement for the building and David C. Cook, post commander, has appointed a committee of citizens to work in conjunction with the veterans. The building will have a gymnasium and basketball court, in addition to club rooms.³⁸⁵

³⁸⁴ Aurora Observer, September 15, 1921, image 9

³⁸⁵ The Sunday Oregonian, October 30, 1921, Section Two, pg. 24, image 46

Brownsville – Organization of a new post of the American Legion at Brownsville, Or., is planned by Jesse R. Hinman, past commander of Clatsop post of Astoria, who recently purchased the Brownsville times. Hinman was active in the anti-radical fight in Astoria in which the legion took issue with Finnish reds.³⁸⁶

SCAPPOOSE – Veterans of the war who reside in Scappoose have under way plans for the formation of an American Legion post in their town. At a recent meeting a temporary organization was perfected.³⁸⁷

STANFIELD – W.G. Wallace, Victor H. Martin and Robert Hanley are incorporators of the Stanfield, Ore., Post.³⁸⁸

Town named after Robert N. Stanfield us senator March 4 1921 – March 4 1927

Portland - A new American Legion post is being formed by S.P. Stewart, 1275 East Thirty-first street North, telephone 328-03, and Dr. John G. Abele, city health officer. The post is to take in Alberta, Woodlawn, Kenton, St. Johns and the Jefferson high school district. Petitions have been sent out and the proper number of signatures have been received. The place of meeting has not yet been decided.³⁸⁹

Jordan Valley – The 100th Post, Bert Fenwich Post No. ??

Paisley

112 posts in Feb 23

³⁸⁶ The Sunday Oregonian, July 24, 1921, Section1, pg. 15, image 15

³⁸⁷ The Sunday Oregonian, December 18, 1921, Section Two, pg. 24 image 48

³⁸⁸ The Pacific Legion, April 1921, pg. 24

³⁸⁹ The Sunday Oregonian, November 20, 1921, Section Two, image 44 (Could this be the second Portland Post? 116?)

BIOGRAPHIES

Oregon Commanders

WILLIAM S. GILBERT 1920-1921

CROIX DE GUERRE FOR CHAPLAIN³⁹⁰

OREGON – Rev. William S Gilbert, pastor of First church, Astoria, chaplain in the United State army, has been awarded the Croix de guerre with silver star the French government. The citation accompanying the decoration reads, “With the probation of the commander in chief of the American Expeditionary Forces in France, the marshal of France, commander in chief of the French armies in the east cites in the order of the division: Chaplain Gilbert, William S., Major of the corps of chaplains, A.E.F. attached to the French army helped to maintain at a very high level the morale of the troops he accompanied.

(Signed) Petan.” Major Gilbert was mustered out of the service Aug. 2, and had resumed his duties as pastor.



*Photo 3 The Reverend
William S. Gilbert of Astoria*

G. LANE GOODELL 1921-1922

LANE GOODELL, commander of the American Legion, department of Oregon, was vice-commander of the department in 1920-21 and has been an active worker in the ranks since the organization of the Legion in the state.

He was born in Cheyenne, Wyoming, May 26, 1887; moved to Portland with his parents at the age of 10 years, attended public schools in that city and attended Stanford university for three years, specializing in civil engineering. When the earthquake of 1906 shook down the university "Blue" Goodell, as he was known to his friends, took up insurance work. He has been employed in Oregon as special agent for the Continental Insurance company since the war.

At the outbreak of the war Commander Goodell enrolled in the first officers' training camp at the Presidio, San Francisco. In August 1917, he received his commission as first lieutenant of artillery and was sent overseas immediately. Landing at St. Nazaire, he was ordered to Fontainbleau to a French artillery school. In brief form, his further war service was as follows:

Assigned to 2d Division, January 1, 1918, 12th F. A.; trained at Valdenhon, near Swiss border; moved to Verdun front first week in March, 1918; stayed until middle of May, when ordered to relieve 1st Division at Chateau Thierry; detached June 1 to attend Saumur artillery school; rejoined outfit September 1; participated in St. Mihiel drive and Meuse-Argonne; started march to Germany November 17, crossing Rhine December 13; delayed commission as captain arrived in February, 1919; seven weeks spent in hospital; arrived in New York May 10, 1919; discharged June 2, 1919.³⁹¹



³⁹⁰ The Continent, July 3, 1919

³⁹¹ The Pacific Legion, November 1921, pg. 46

Admiral Sir David Beatty

THE commander-in-chief of the entire grand fleet of England, “the mistress of the seas,” Admiral Sir David Beatty comes “amongst us” as a comrade. American men who served with the Sixth Battle Squadron, a part of the grand fleet in the North Sea during the recent war, know something of the personality and inspiration of leadership that is emanated from the “infant prodigy” of England’s navy.

At the age of 50 years, Admiral Beatty is the youngest Admiral in the British navy. He also was the youngest Captain back in the days when he was starting on his progress upward.

“Don’t forget your comrades of the mist,” was the Admiral’s parting word to the American sailors on board the New York, just as they were leaving the North Sea after the war was over.

The Admiral of the grand fleet, “our comrade of the mist,” is with us again to renew the spirit of mutual ideals and understanding. In our own land of sunshine and Indian summer. From the North Sea, where he was entrusted with the guardianship of the cause, when American and British tars together braved the dangers of the foe and the gale of the elements, the first sea-lord of Great Britain is here to meet with the men of America who helped his make history in the World War.

It was in that common task of booting the Kaiser for a goal and putting a crimp in his imperial majesty, the clown prince, that has made a great comradeship of allied soldiers that has made a great comradeship of allied soldiers and sailors. The Admiral with his cap pulled down a little a-tilt over a keen eye that bespeaks a strength of character and a sternness moderated by good nature, is an embodiment of England and the virtues that Americans found in their service with stalwart cousins of a common race and tongue. As a song of the able seaman, the hero of “Pinafore:”

*“He himself has said it,
And it’s greatly to his credit
That he is an Englishman.”*

Admiral Beatty married an American girl. Lady Beatty formerly was Ethel Field, only daughter of the late Marshal Field, of Chicago.³⁹²



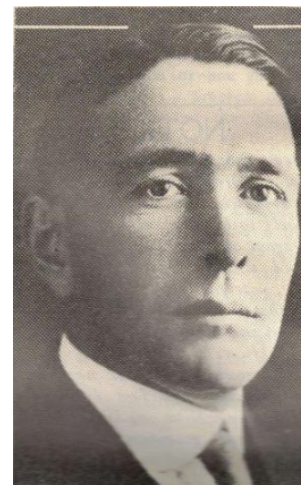
³⁹² The Official Program, Third Nation Convention, American Legion, October 31 – November 1 & 2 Kansas City, Mo

George A. Coddling

Vice Commander American Legion of Oregon

GEORGE A. CODDING

Of Medford, vice commander of the Oregon department of the American Legion, has the distinction of being commissioned lieutenant after he was discharged from the service. Coddling enlisted for service in the world war in November 1917, at Vancouver barracks and in December was assigned to the 155th aero squadron, leaving overseas in February 1918. He spent from March to September in England, when his squadron was moved to France. He remained in France until his organization was ordered home in February 1919. Two months later, in April, he was discharged from the service and in July 1919, received commission as lieutenant, for which he had been recommended November 2, 1918. He is now second lieutenant in the aviation service signal officer reserve corps. During the entire period of his enlistment he held the rank of sergeant, first class.



P.W. COOKINGHAM

Finance Officer American Legion,
Department of Oregon

Since the organization of the American Legion in Oregon, Prescott W. Cookingham has filled the office of Department Finance Officer. His reelection at state conventions always has been by unanimous vote.

Mr. Cookingham graduated from Portland Academy in 1907, from Princeton University in 1911 and from the Harvard Law School in 1914. After graduation from Harvard he entered the law firm of Wood, Montague & Hunt in Portland. In 1916 he became a member of the firm under the name of Wood, Montague, Hunt & Cookingham.

At the outbreak of the world war, Mr. Cookingham applied for admission to the first officers' training camp at the Presidio, San Francisco, was recommended to attend but not ordered to report. He applied for the second officers' training camp but was not recommended. In December 1917, he enlisted in the Signal Corps and was assigned for duty with the Spruce Production Division in Portland.

Mr. Cookingham was made a sergeant on January 1, 1918, a second lieutenant, February 14, 1918, and captain in the air service on July 6, 1918. He was discharged in January 1919.

Since his discharge Mr. Cookingham has been acting as General Counsel for the Ladd & Tilton bank of Portland.



GEN. ARMANDO DIAZ

Commander in chief of the Italian armies, the man who retrieved his country's military fortunes after the costly and amazing disaster of M. Caporetto, in which the Austro-Germans captured more than 200,000 Italian soldiers and 700 guns, was the Phil Sheridan of the great war.

When all the world was bewailing the debacle on the Isonzo front late in October 1917, and declaring that "Italy, like Russia, is out of the war," a silent, tenacious and daring Italian soldier, with the spirit displayed by the great American cavalry leader at Winchester, arose to snatch victory from defeat. It was Diaz's smashing tactics that drove the invader from beautiful Venice and brought about the collapse of Austria. This was followed shortly by the downfall of the Hohenzollern dynasty, and the surrender of Germany.³⁹³



BENJAMIN FULTZ DORRIS

Was born February 9, 1890, in Farmington, Washington. After graduation from the University of Oregon in 1915 Ben was with the Southern Pacific Railroad, based in Eugene. He enlisted and was a First lieutenant in the 91st Division AEF. He fought and was wounded in Europe, receiving a Belgian citation as well as the Silver Star and Purple Heart.

After his recovery from his wounds, Ben engaged in farming with his uncle in Springfield, and helped in developing the Dorris filbert orchards. He married Clysta (Kay) Cornett Ankeny in October 1929. Ben was a Mason, and for many years active in the American Legion, being commander of Eugene Post #63, as well as a member of the national honor society, Forty and Eight.

Was the choice of the American Legion of Oregon as representative at the funeral ceremonies for the unknown doughboy of the A.E.F. to be held at Arlington Cemetery, Washington, D.C., on Armistice day. The selection was affirmed by national headquarters of the Legion.



EDWARD J. ELVERS

Department Adjutant of The American Legion in Oregon was born in Portland, Oregon, on April 20, 1890.

He entered the National Guard of the state of Oregon as private in Company H, 3rd Oregon Infantry, on August 3, 1910. Served in successive grades in the ranks until commissioned a second lieutenant October 30, 1913, from duty sergeant. Commissioned first lieutenant December 31, 1914. Commissioned a captain in the National Guard and assigned to command the machine gun company of the Third Oregon Infantry, March 28, 1916. Served on the Mexican border during the summer of 1916 and answered the call for the world war March 25, 1917. Served on duty with the A. E. F. from December 1917, to February 1919.

Prior to the war Mr. Eivers followed salesmanship and was in the employ of the Vogan Candy Company at the time of call for world war service. On return from the war he attended the St. Louis caucus of The American Legion on its preliminary organization in the United States and was elected by the delegates

³⁹³ The Official Program, Third Nation Convention, American Legion, October 31 – November 1 & 2 Kansas City, Mo.

to the caucus as the first temporary chairman of The American Legion in the state of Oregon. After the caucus, he served as a representative of the mayor of the city of Portland in arranging the details and handling the reception of the troops coming through Portland for discharge. Soon after came the formation of the first post of The American Legion in Oregon, located in the city of Portland. Mr. Eivers took up the organization work throughout the state under an arrangement with the Community Service, Inc., being employed as an organizer loaned to The American Legion.

The first caucus of The American Legion, Department of Oregon, elected Mr. Eivers as state adjutant, to which office he has been re-elected by the last two state conventions. He can truthfully be called a pioneer of The American Legion in the state of Oregon.³⁹⁴

FREDRICK WILLIAM GALBRAITH, JR.

THE LEGION'S LOSS

Fredrick William Galbraith, Jr. (1874 – 1921)

THE life of Commander Galbraith was the price paid by the American Legion for the magnificent accomplishments of his administration; for the late Commander actually gave his life in the service of the American Legion. It is a story well worth the retelling.

During the evening of June 8, 1921, while at National Headquarters, the Commander received a telegram from A. E. Hutchings, general chairman of the committee which arranged this great convention. It was an urgent appeal for Colonel Galbraith's presence the following day at a conference arranged by Mr. Hutchings with the representatives of the great railroad companies. Upon the results of that conference hinged the outcome of the tremendous efforts that had been exerted to the end of obtaining passenger rate concessions for Legionnaires to the Kansas City convention. The Commander wired Mr. Hutchings that he would be at the conference the following morning.



That evening he was one of the speakers at a meeting held at the Indianapolis Country Club. Being the last on the program Colonel Galbraith left that meeting shortly after midnight, and with a minimum time allowance to board the Chicago train, was speeding towards the Indianapolis railroad station in a motor car when the accident occurred which shocked the nation and deprived the American Legion of its leader.

The dramatic manner in which Colonel Galbraith's life was taken wrought a profound impression upon the railroad officials when they gathered 'for the conference in Chicago the following morning. When Mr. Hutchings stood before them and in brief sentences related the tragedy that had befallen the man who was to have appeared before them to plead the Legion's cause, the first great obstacle that had barred the way to the one cent a mile rate was removed in a twinkling.

Colonel Galbraith's death was the dramatic close to a life that had been dedicated to the service of his comrades, and it has truly been said that he gave his life in the performance of his duty to God and Country. - The Editor.

Commander Galbraith was in his forty-seventh year when he died. He was over forty when he became a soldier by joining the First Ohio Infantry. He was its colonel when, in 1917, it became the 147th Infantry. He led it over-seas, through the war and back. He was wounded in the Argonne. He won the D. S. C., the cross of the Legion d'Honneur and the Croix de Guerre. Immediately upon his return to his home in

³⁹⁴ The Pacific Legion, November 1921, pg. 39

Cincinnati he became active in The American Legion. He was commander of the Department of Ohio when he was elected National Commander. (From The American Legion Weekly, June 17, 1921.)³⁹⁵

HARDING SENDS CONDOLENCE

President Lauds Commander for Services to Country.

WASHINGTON, June 9 – President Harding telegraphed a message of sympathy today to Mrs. F.W. Galbraith Jr., widow of the national commander of the American Legion, killed in an automobile accident early today.

“Please know of my sympathy in the great and sudden sorrow which has come to you,” the message said. “It was my fortune to know Colonel Galbraith, not alone as the national commander of the American Legion but as a fellow citizen of Ohio, and I have highly valued his commanding personality, his tireless zeal and his intense devotion to country and his companions in arms. The legion and the nation share with you the great loss which has come so suddenly.”³⁹⁶

GALBRAITH BRAVE IN BATTLE

Decoration Conferred by French and Belgian Governments

CINCINNATI, June 9 – Colonel Fred W. Galbraith was one of the best-known citizens of Cincinnati of recent years. He engaged in the paper specialty business in Cincinnati up to the time of the entrance of the United States in the world war.

He was chosen colonel of the old First regiment, Ohio National Guard, and when the war broke out he recruited that regiment to war strength and it was mustered into federal service as the 147th regiment, 37th division of the United States army. At its head he went overseas and took a prominent part in the battles of St. Mihiel, the Argonne and later in Belgium.

For personal bravery on the field of battle he was decorated by the French and Belgian governments and was honored by the United States government.

Colonel Galbraith was about 50 years old. He leaves a widow and two children.³⁹⁷

DEATH SHOCKS PERSHING

NEW YORK, June 8 – The American Legion today made public the following telegram sent Mrs. Frederick W. Galbraith by General Pershing: “I am shocked beyond words at the death of your distinguished husband. His loss will be irreparable. You have my deepest personal sympathy.”³⁹⁸

³⁹⁵ The Official Program, Third Nation Convention, American Legion, October 31 – November 1 & 2 Kansas City, Mo

³⁹⁶ Morning Oregonian, June 10, 1921, pg. 2, image 2

³⁹⁷ Morning Oregonian, June 10, 1921, pg. 2, image 2

³⁹⁸ Morning Oregonian, June 10, 1921, pg. 2, image 2

GENERAL BARON JACQUES

WE will now salute a hero of Liege and Dixmunde. When anguished Belgium in her dark hour stood to the defense of civilization, Baron Jacques can be looked to as one of the elements that entered into the struggle to make a victory from what seemed to be an impossible situation.

When general mobilization was ordered in the defense of Belgium at the beginning of the German invasion, he organized the defense of Vise and played a hero's role in the battles of Liege and Antwerp. He was wounded twice at Dixmunde. Since the war he has been decorated by all the allied nations.

General Jacques is one of the most popular officers in the Belgian army. He first gained recognition in campaigns in the Belgian Congo.³⁹⁹



HENRY D. LINDSLEY

Past first commander of the American Legion temporary organization before the first national convention.

ADMIRAL HENRY T. MAYO

Admiral Mayo was born in Burlington, Vermont, December 8, 1858, and graduated from the United States naval academy in 1875. He was commissioned as rear admiral in June 1893, serving on various vessels and also on the coast and naval survey previous to being appointed commandant of the Mare Island navy yard and aid for personnel of the navy department. In 1913 he was commander of the fourth division of the Atlantic fleet and was later in charge of the battleship squadron of the same fleet in 1915.

He was promoted to admiral in 1916 and given command of the Atlantic fleet, using as his flagship the Pennsylvania. He created quite a stir in demanding an apology from the Mexican commodore at Tampico, Mexico, who refused to salute the American flag with 21 guns and make amends for the arrest of the paymaster and crew of the dispatch boat Dolphin.

He was commander of the Atlantic fleet during the entire period of the world war, the command including all vessels in United States and European waters. In 1917 he represented this country at the naval conference, afterward making a tour of inspection of United States naval activities in Great Britain, France and Italy. In 1919 he hauled down his flag of commander-in-chief of the fleet and his commission was reverted back to his original rank of rear admiral.⁴⁰⁰

GEORGE A. WHITE

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National Executive Committeeman American Legion of Oregon

GEORGE A. WHITE, member of the National Executive Committee for Oregon, has the distinction of having been one of the two founders of the American Legion in France. He was also the first National

³⁹⁹ The Official Program, Third Nation Convention, American Legion, October 31 – November 1 & 2 Kansas City, Mo

⁴⁰⁰ Capital Journal, November 7, 1921, image 1

⁴⁰¹ The Pacific Legion, November 1921, pg. 38

Adjutant of the Legion overseas and, according to the American Legion Weekly, "The infant Legion literally grew up in his quarters in France."

When Mr. White got back from long service on the other side in June of 1919 he started that first historic Legion investigation of neglect of the disabled buddies and the facts as he gave them out to the press of the country made a national sensation which started things moving for better treatment of the disabled vets. He stuck with it until after the old Vocational Board had been dismissed and returned to Washington for the Legion's session with Congress which put the first Sweet bill through.

Mr. White has lived in Oregon for nearly a quarter century, coming as a youth from Illinois where he was born in 1880. Most of his years in Oregon were spent in the newspaper business. He was appointed adjutant general in 1915. When the Mexican border trouble came along in 1916 and he had mobilized the Oregon troops, he resigned as a brigadier general to take a commission as captain of the Oregon cavalry troop.

After his return from border service he was reappointed adjutant general of the state and at once began getting ready for "war with Germany." Most people laughed at these preparations, but the result was that when the war came Oregon was ready and there followed the series of "Oregon firsts," that put the state on the map.

When he had organized all the state's war activities, Mr. White again left his berth as a state official under a leave of absence for the period of the war and, joining the army, went overseas with the Forty-First Division in the fall of 1917. He put in eighteen months on the other side, participated in the Second Marne and Argonne and was promoted to Colonel and decorated for his services. After being discharged from the army he spent several months helping organize the Legion before returning to his work in Oregon. He is now adjutant general of the state, member of the Bonus Commission and a member of the Board of Directors of the Legion Publishing Corporation of New York.

GEORGE R. WILBUR

Oregon State Executive Committeeman

GEORGE RUSSEL WILBUR, the only member of the Oregon state executive committee of the American Legion to hold office for a third consecutive time, is a member of Hood River post, No. 22. At every state convention of the Legion he has been elected to hold the position of state executive committeeman. He was a member of the committee staging the recent climb up Mount Hood, in which prominent Legionnaires from all over Oregon were. In attendance, as well as members of the World War veterans' state aid commission and Governor Olcott.

Wilbur was born at Ponca, Nebraska, March 15, 1879. He became a private in Company M, Second Nebraska Volunteer Infantry, in 1898, and joined the Oregon National Guard, Coast Artillery, as captain of the Twelfth company, Oregon Coast Artillery, August 1916. Wilbur entered actual service with this company July 25, 1917, mobilizing at Fort Stevens, Oregon. Thereafter he served as captain at Fort Stevens, Oregon; Canby, Washington, and Caswell, North Carolina. He was transferred to an overseas unit in October 1918, as captain, Battery B, 38th Artillery, C. A. C., serving therewith at Camp Eustis and Camp Stewart, Virginia, and at Fort Hamilton, New York. Wilbur was discharged at Fort Hamilton, New York, December 19, 1918.⁴⁰²

⁴⁰² The Pacific Legion, November 1921, pg. 81

PHOTO GALLERY



Legionnaires of Bend, Ore., didn't exactly go through fire and flood to reach the department convention at Eugene, but their car did get stuck in a midsummer snowdrift (above) on the crest of the Cascade Mountains, and once they had to buckle to and build a bridge across the White River to avoid a 480-mile detour (left). Despite these handicaps, they made the 120-mile journey in twelve hours

Photo 4 The American Legion Weekly, September 16, 1921



The Third National Convention of The American Legion in session, in Convention Hall, Kansas, Missouri. The delegates occupy the main floor; the galleries, with every seat taken, are filled with interested spectators. National Commander Emery, standing in the center of the platform, is presiding. Directly behind him clearly distinguished by their lighter uniforms are seated General Pershing and Marshal Foch.





The thrills of scaling snow-capped Mount Hood in midsummer, enjoyed by 150 mountain climbers under the guidance of Hood River (OR) Post, next year will be open to any Legionnaire who wants to go. Hood River Post will invite all Legion outfits in the country to send representatives to the 1922 climb. Tied together by ropes and with their faces painted to guard against sun blister, the climbers to the left and above had an experience long to be remembered. The governor, Secretary of State, Adjutant-General and a number of other Oregon officials were on the Legion's expedition

Photo 5 The American Legion Weekly, September 23, 1921

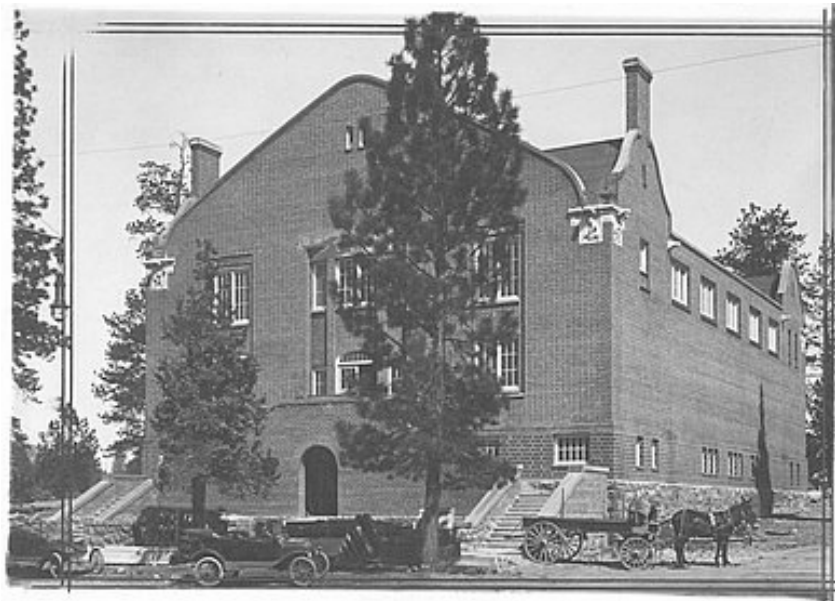


Photo 6 Bend Amateur Athletic Club



Photo 7 Vista House in foreground and Crown Point Chalet upper center



Photo 8 Crown Point Chalet (Photo Gary Randall, Brightwood, OR)



Photo 9 Crown Point Chalet (Photo by Gary Randall, Brightwood, OR)



Photo 10 Galbraith Funeral

His last parade. The body of Colonel Frederick W. Galbraith, Jr., national commander of the American Legion on a gun caisson, escorted by boys who served under him in France, pass thru the streets of Cincinnati to the cemetery, where the coffin was placed in a vault preparatory to burial in Arlington Nation cemetery.

Col. Galbraith was killed in an automobile accident in Indianapolis last Thursday. Thousands paid homage to the dead soldier as the body way in state in the Music hall in Cincinnati, his home city.⁴⁰³



Photo 11 One of the two splendidly furnished buildings occupied by Oregon Veterans in Portland. The grounds are among the most beautiful in a city of homes.



Oregon Governor
Ben W. Olcott



Oregon Secretary of State
Sam Kozer

⁴⁰³ Capital Journal, June 20, 1921, pg. 6, image 6



Membership "Button"



ABBREVIATIONS

- A.E.F.** Allied Expeditionary Force
- A.L.** – American Legion
- A.L.A.** – American Legion Auxiliary
- B.A.A.C.** – Bend Amateur Athletic Club
- B.W.R.I.** – Bureau of War Risk Insurance
- C.A.C.** – Coast Artillery Corps
- F.B.V.E.** – Federal Board for Veteran Education
- G.A.R.** – Grand Army of the Republic
- G.H.Q.** – General Headquarters
- G.S.** – General Staff
- I.W.W.** – The Industrial Workers of the World
- J.W.B.** – Jewish Welfare Board
- K. of C.** – Knights of Columbus
- L.O.C.** – See S.O.S.
- O.N.G.** – Oregon National Guard
- S.O.S.** – SOS evolved out of an earlier organization, the L.O.C.: Line of Communications.
- W.O.W.** – Woodmen of the World
- W.W. 1** – World War One
- Y.M.C.A.** – Young Men’s Christian Association

GLOSSARY

ADJUTANT-GENERAL – the chief administrative officer of an army who is responsible especially for the administration and preservation of personnel records. Is the General in charge of a state National Guard.

BEND AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB – Before the building officially opened to the public, it was annexed as an auxiliary hospital during the influenza epidemic of 1918. Forty cots were set up in the gymnasium to accommodate those who contracted the flu.

When the club officially opened the building on May 30, 1919, it was dedicated to the veterans of World War I. The main floor doubled as a gymnasium and was the largest auditorium in town, with two balconies that could seat 1,200 people. The second floor had a lounge and a library, with lava rock fireplaces at each end of the building. A heavily padded wrestling room was on the third floor. The basement contained a caretaker's apartment, a bowling alley, a billiard room, 600 lockers, showers, and a 60-foot pool with seating for 100 spectators. The interior color scheme was black and red.

The building's ownership passed to the YMCA in 1919 and to the American Legion in 1921. The Bend School District assumed control in 1923, built Bend High School next door soon afterward, and began using the building as a gymnasium.

BUREAU OF WAR RISK INSURANCE – (See War Risk Insurance Bureau.)

CHAPEAUS – French for Hat

CHAUTAUQUA – was an adult education movement in the United States, highly popular in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Various traveling shows and local assemblies that provided popular education combined with entertainment in the form of lectures, concerts, and plays, and that were modeled after activities at the Chautauqua Institution of western New York.

DEPARTMENT – The name of the American Legion State organization, i.e. Department of Oregon. It consists of Districts and Posts.

DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT – The person responsible for the day-to-day running of the Department. This includes, administrative type work, financial duties, and coordination of Department functions. Worked closely with the Department Commander to ensure the Department was running as the Department Commander wished. This position is normally a paid employee.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER – Elected for a one-year term to run the Department (CEO).

DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE – Appointed for a one-year term by the Department Commander to oversee any legal issues and make recommendations on the following of procedures.

DEPARTMENT FINANCE OFFICER – Elected for a one-year term by the Department Executive Committee to oversee the Department's finances.

DEPARTMENT VICE-COMMANDER – Elected for a one-year term to assist the Department Commander and to fill in for the Commander when he is not present.

FEDERAL BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL (EDUCATION) TRAINING – The Smith-Hughes Act provides a scheme of cooperation between the Federal Government and the States for the promotion of vocational education in the fields of agriculture, trade, home economics, and industry.⁴⁰⁴

FLATIRON BUILDING – The Flatiron Building, is a historic two-story building in downtown Portland, Oregon. This small building has a triangular footprint, as it sits at the end of a triangular lot bounded by West Burnside, SW Stark, and 12th Streets.

From its inception, the building's size has played part in how it has been promoted. When opened, it was said to be the "smallest commercial building on the West Coast".

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC – The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was a fraternal organization composed of veterans of the Union Army who served in the Civil War.

⁴⁰⁴ Bulletin No. 1, Federal Board for Vocational Education; Statement of Policies; 1917, GPO

GREAT WAR, THE – The war to end all wars, changed to World War 1, because of the “next” World War 2.

HARD TIMES DANCES – achieved peak popularity between the Panic of 1893 and the Stock Market Crash of 1929. They gave evidence of an emerging urban middle class with time and money to spare. Inspired by Civil War-era Calico Balls that raised money for soldiers and wartime widows, a Hard Times Dance is part fun and part fundraiser. In lieu of expensive silks and satins, women wore dresses made of cheap cotton calico, the idea being that the money saved could instead be donated to exemplify ideals such as kindness and wartime austerity.

HOMMES – French for horses

I.W.W. – The Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), members of which are commonly termed "Wobblies", is an international labor union that was founded in 1905 in Chicago, Illinois in the United States of America. The union combines general unionism with industrial unionism, as it is a general union whose members are further organized within the industry of their employment. The philosophy and tactics of the IWW are described as "revolutionary industrial unionism", with ties to both socialist and anarchist labor movements.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS – The Knights of Pythias is a fraternal organization and secret society founded in Washington, D.C., on 19 February 1864. The Knights of Pythias was the first fraternal organization to receive a charter under an act of the United States Congress. It was founded by Justus H. Rathbone, who had been inspired by a play by the Irish poet John Banim about the legend of Damon and Pythias. This legend illustrates the ideals of loyalty, honor, and friendship that are the center of the order.

POST – The gathering place of Legionnaires. Many *Posts* had their own building, while others met at local community centers, churches, schools and city buildings.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE – 1889, An Act of Congress established the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and formalized the Commissioned Corps as the uniformed services component of the Marine Hospital Service. 1902, The Marine Hospital Service expanded to the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service to reflect growing responsibilities. 1912, the name of the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service was shortened to the Public Health Service.⁴⁰⁵

S.O.S.– Services of Supply was the support chain of the American Expeditionary Forces in France, England, Italy and the Netherlands during World War I. It was activated on July 5, 1917 and inactivated on August 31, 1919.

SLACKERS – Civilian workers and/or immigrants that avoided going to war. Immigrants withdrew their application for citizenship.

SMOKER – Boxing or wrestling bouts featuring local competitors. The matches could be as informal as a makeshift boxing ring located within a circle of cars and illuminated by car headlights. Legion smokers were usually between local boxers, the prize money being distributed among home men, and all the profit was being put into the enlargement of their “club house.” The *Smoker* was usually an all-male event, however some were attended by women.

ST. LOUIS CAUCUS – The First American Legion Caucus held after the Paris Caucus in the United States.

STATE CHAIRMAN – See Department Commander

STATE SECRETARY – See Department Adjutant

STATE TREASURER – See Department Finance Officer

STATE VICE-CHAIRMAN – See Department Vice-Commander

UNITED STATES VETERANS' BUREAU – The medical care and rehabilitation of soldiers and sailors of the World War were originally accessory functions of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, the United States Public Health Service, and the Federal Board for Vocational Education, but had become the

⁴⁰⁵ Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service

predominant activities of the latter two organizations by the year 1919. The resultant great expansions of the divisions handling the veteran relief work overshadowed the parent organizations were cumbersome and unwieldy. A plan for decentralization and consolidation in districts of all the activities concerned was completed in February 1921.

The functions of these three organizations which were concerned in the compensation, medical care, and vocational education of veterans were invested in a new organization August 9, 1921, when Public Act No. 47, Sixty-seventh Congress, established the United States Veterans' Bureau. Decentralization was affected in order to expedite the work, and 14 district and 126 subdistrict offices were established within a few months. The authority to award insurance claims, compensation insurance, and vocational training was retained in the central office.⁴⁰⁶

VOITURES OF LA SOCIETE DES 40 HOMMES ET 8 CHEVAUX (40 & 8) – A society that originally was a part of The American Legion that had membership by invitation only. They supported the Nursing program and other Legion programs. The society is no longer supported by the American Legion after a difference on membership eligibility arose between the 40 & 8 and the American Legion.

WAR RISK INSURANCE BUREAU – This bureau was first established in 1914 under the Treasury Department to insure vessels against the hazards of war. Its functions were extended in June 1917, to include the insurance of certain maritime personnel, and in October 1917, were so radically extended that the insurance of the lives and physical ability of soldiers and sailors became its main function.

By an amendment in December 1919, the bureau was authorized to furnish to soldiers and sailors disabled by injuries "reasonable governmental medical, surgical, and hospital service and such supplies, including wheel chairs, artificial limbs, trusses and similar appliances as may be useful and reasonably necessary."

The United States Public Health Service was given charge of the medical aspect of the work of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, and this subject will therefore be covered under that service, although this section of the work remained under the nominal jurisdiction of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance.

WHITE FEATHER ROSTER – A roster containing the names of the aliens in a city, who cancelled their first citizenship papers to evade service under the flag of the country of their adoption.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS – Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, is a patriotic organization whose express purpose is to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, as their auxiliary organized at their request on July 25 and 26, 1883 in Denver, Colorado

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD – A community gathering place since the days of the Eugene city founder Eugene Skinner.

⁴⁰⁶ U.S. Army Medical Department, Office of Medical History, Section VI.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1

SELLING THE AMERICAN LEGION

By Robert A. Le Roux

National Field Representative, The American Legion

WE are living in an age of salesman ship wherein the very necessities of life are made the subject of extensive advertising. It is safe to say that 75 percent of the population of the United States has been "sold" through advertising on everything it eats and wears.

The stork delivery is carried out along scientific methods made famous by advertising; in your first days and months, nationally known baby's foods build you up. Advertising has led your parents to buy for you a crib and a baby carriage manufactured by specialists. You breakfast on widely-advertised breakfast foods, on trade marked grape fruit and oranges, and you are lured to dine at a restaurant which advertises its pleasant surroundings, splendid music and appetizing dishes.

You slumber on a mattress made famous through the use of printer's ink, and you garb yourself in clothing whose fashion plate displays in newspapers and periodicals have made you envious. Advertising follows you even to the grave, for undertakers are not sparing in telling the world of the "attractive" funerals they provide. Likewise, you must sell The American Legion if you expect your membership campaigns—department, post, or individual—to produce substantial and permanent results.

No business enterprise has ever proved a big success unless it was extensively advertised and sold to the buying public, and no organization has achieved the goal sought unless it was "old concretely and solely on its merits to its membership. Unfortunately, in the first months of our existence membership campaigns in The American Legion were undertaken haphazardly by individual posts, with absolutely no thought given other than to obtain the names of former service men and women to add to the rolls. Now, however, this has changed, until today former service men and women are being sold the Legion, with the result that more than three-fourths of those being enrolled at present are true Legionnaires in every sense of the word, enlisted with The American Legion for the sole purpose of working toward a goal of uplift, obtaining remedial legislation for our less fortunate comrades, readjustment to permit those who served their country in its hour of need to cope with the present-day situation, to assist the country, State and community in a program of progressiveness and to uphold the Constitution of the United States.

In accordance with instructions from national officers at National Headquarters, I have never failed in my suggestions to departments and posts to point out that the sale of the Legion to potential members is an absolute necessity. A prospective member should be shown how he can help in our great movement; how he is needed to participate in our hospitalization work; how civic betterment can better be obtained if we present a solid front, and how we can better assist our sick and disabled comrades through numbers in bringing to bear the justice of our demands. It has been my experience that whenever and wherever the ideals of the Legion are expounded in a straightforward manner, the organization is sold.

It has been my privilege in recent months to assist in membership campaigns in the States of Michigan, Washington, Idaho, Nevada and Wyoming. In all of these campaigns we adopted the zoning, or district, plan. Once the city or town was districted, the post commander would call into conference the two livest workers in his organization and appoint them division leaders, dividing the city into two divisions. The leaders would then select captains for teams to function in each district or zone. A mass meeting of all members of the post and of the Women's Auxiliary unit would be called, at which the plan would be outlined, and the team workers named.

Every Legion worker was given an Auxiliary member to work with him, and these two were assigned a stated number of blocks on which they were to make a house-to-house canvass. The individual teams were provided with cards on each of which they were to make a report of the house called at, inserting the names of the family residing there, with notations as to whether there were former service men or women at this address or whether any of the residents were women who were eligible to membership in the Auxiliary or who would be if their relatives were affiliated with the Legion.

This might appear to the uninitiated as entailing much unnecessary labor, but it should be borne in mind that once your campaign is ended, although it has taken several weeks or possibly months to complete, you have covered your town thoroughly and are armed with data of inestimable value to the organization. And you have not only sold the Legion to the former service men and women encountered, but you have also made your campaign do doubly effective work by making it one in which the Auxiliary participated, and you have sold the organization to the general public as well.

When the door bell was answered, the occupants of the household were informed that the two representatives called on behalf of The American Legion and The Women's Auxiliary and were engaged in making a survey of the city to assure themselves if former service men or women, either members of the G. A. R., the Spanish War Veterans or veterans of the World War, were in need, had failed to receive their compensations or could in any way be assisted by the joint organizations. An outline of the work of the Legion and of the Auxiliary was then given by the callers. The address of the Legion was given, and the request made that should the family ever hear of any cases wherein the Legion could be of assistance, they would assist by informing the Legion.

Even though memberships should be obtained in but one out of every twenty- five or fifty homes called at, picture for yourself the effect of such a constructive campaign. You have sold the Legion and the Auxiliary to the general public. You have informed this public of the ideals we seek, of what we have accomplished and what we hope to bring about in the future.

It was a noticeable fact that in one of the large Western cities where we conducted a campaign, a steady stream of applicants came to the post adjutant's office during the day with the statement that representatives of the Legion had called at their homes the night before and outlined the work of the Legion, and that, after discussing the matter with members of their families, they had concluded it was a mighty fine organization **to** become affiliated with. The application cards left at the homes of those eligible for membership would be filled out and payment cheerfully made, and in nine cases out of ten the statement would be made that the mother, wife, daughter or sister of the applicant was anxious to join the Women's Auxiliary.

Do not overlook any feature that will get you advertising, publicity and general propaganda when you are conducting a membership campaign. Have speakers give two-minute talks at the theatres; have speakers go before commercial and fraternal organizations to expound the merits of the Legion; get someone who knows news to handle your newspaper dope; be liberal in the use of advertising space in your daily and weekly newspapers. You've got a wonderful proposition to sell, one which millions of men would pay fabulous riches to purchase-if they could-and one whose praises you can laud to the greatest heights. You've got the good"" and all you need do is to go out into the highways and byways, corral your market and lay your cards on the table.⁴⁰⁷

{From the Editor: Things really don't change – September 1921}

⁴⁰⁷ The American Legion Weekly, September 16, 1921

APPENDIX 2

THE WILL OF THE ORGANIZED VETERAN

Ten hundred and seventy delegates, the elected representatives of the Legion in sixty-nine state, territories and foreign counties, formulated in their deliberations and ratified by their votes at the Third National Convention of The American Legion at Kansas City the scores of policies which will guide the Legion through 1922.⁴⁰⁸

⁴⁰⁸ The American Legion Weekly,

APPENDIX 3

Following is an article stating the Origin and purpose of Memorial Day which was instituted May 30, 1868.

The organization known as the Grand Army of the Republic is composed of the veteran soldiers, sailors and marines who carried the flag of the republic during the great rebellion of the 1861-65. This unique and patriotic association of the loyal soldiers of the nation came into being in 1866. It spread rapidly throughout the northern states and by 1868 it had achieved a nation-wide body with national headquarters at the national capitol, having department organizations embracing posts in cities and towns and membership of several hundred thousand. Its fundamental object was expressed in three words: "Fraternity, Charity, Loyalty."

In 1868 Gen. John A. Logan, who typified the highest example of the volunteer soldier, was commander-in-chief and I was adjutant general of this splendid organization. I will not now trace its growth and influence upon the national life during the half century it has been the nation's great school of patriotism. Its membership is rapidly yielding to the ravages of time and old age, and will in a few years cease to exist. But its spirit survives and will in the uncharted future of our beloved country continue to shed its inspiring influence so long as the sentiment of liberty and free government is the guiding motive of our people.

Early in May 1868, I received a letter from a comrade residing in Cincinnati, O., suggesting that in some of the countries of Europe it was the custom to strew with flowers in the springtime the graves of heroes who had fallen in defense of their country, and asked if such custom would not be appropriate to commemorate the services of our comrades who had given their lives that the nation might not perish. Upon reading this letter there seemed to me to open up a great opportunity through our organization to institute observances which might grow into a custom that would help to advance its great objects, and at the same time be a fitting means of perpetuating memories of our departed comrades.

Moved by the thought which had thus been inspired, I made a rough draft on May 5, 1868, of General Orders No. 11, and took it to General Logan at the House of Representatives, who promptly approved of its issuing, and after having inserted a paragraph directed me to issue the order at once.

My object was to have the ceremonies come in a spring month, but to postpone it to a date which would give opportunity for flowers to mature. The 31st of May that year fell upon Sunday, and so I named May 30. This is the true and only reason for having named May 30 as the date to be observed.

The order was given to The Associated Press, and was sent to all parts of the country as rapidly as telegraph and mail could convey it.

The day was observed by comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, aided by citizens, in 27 states of the Union, very imposing ceremonies were observed at the Arlington Cemetery in the District of Columbia, at which Gen. James A. Garfield afterward President of the United States, delivered the principal address.

Annually on the succeeding 30th day of May this tribute to the loyal heroes of the Civil War has been observed.

By usage and custom the observance has broadened out so as to include the graves of our dead of all previous wars, of the Spanish-American War and World War. Some touching and beautiful ceremonies were held overseas last Memorial Day as testimonials of love and respect for those who had died in the great World War in defense of liberty, self-government and the freedom of the seas. A very beautiful ceremony had been instituted, embracing the scattering abroad of flowers on the ocean in honor of the gallant sailors and marines who perished at sea.⁴⁰⁹

⁴⁰⁹ The Springfield news, May 26, 1921, image 1



“The Spirit of the American Doughboy”
Designed by E.M. Viquesney of Americus, GA.,
Which was selected from 147 suggestions
submitted to the National Committee
On Memorials as the Legion’s tribute to the
memory of the victims of the 1919 Armistice Day
parade at Centralia, Wash.
Fifty-two veterans posed for the statue,
and a jury of ex-service men passed on its detail.

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Henry D. Lindsley, past first commander of the American Legion temporary organization before the first national convention