



Baker Installs

BAKER—Three sixty members of Baker Post No. 41 American Legion opened the 1924 work here recently, holding their first semi-monthly meeting in the Elkhorn temple. The meeting was a most enthusiastic affair, involving the installation of the newly elected officers, the initiation of a large class of candidates followed by a banquet and ending with a buffet lunch.

Stanley Grew, first vice-commander of the local post last year was installed as commander, W. B. Goodenough as first vice-commander, and Norvin Coulter as third vice-commander. Roy Cook, commander of the post in 1923 was installed as finance officer, with Frank Matzger, Mitchell Gilliam and Henry Burke as members of the executive committee. Rex L. Lord, who was re-elected to the office of post chaplain was also installed. A visiting delegation from Portland Post, Frank D. Hunt Jr., conducted the installation work. Carl M. Bennett was installed as employment officer. Eighteen candidates were given the impressive initiation ceremony of Justice, Freedom, Democracy and Loyalty, thus adding to the membership roll of the local post which has an active year ahead.

A short business meeting followed the initiation and Kenneth L. Crockett was appointed publicity officer. Men called called the session and a regular spread was enjoyed.

Irving Rand, elected adjutant of the post to succeed W. C. Kelley, was not present for the installation and Commander Kelly acted as adjutant. The Hindman school second vice commander was also absent and it is expected both officers will be installed at the next meeting.

Following are the members of the post who were initiated last night:

William Radabaugh, E. J. Hawley, B. C. Langford, E. L. Taylor, Ben Talbot, Ernest Carter, Gordon Neault, Sam Kiskamp, Louis Osborn, H. E. Beckwith, Fred Wadman, N. D. Pederson, Harry Swan, William Osborn, Harry Myers, Joe Moore, T. A. Crandall.

(By a La Grande Legionnaire)

The La Grande Post presented State Commander Fred Kiddle a life membership to the American Legion as a token of their esteem and acknowledgment of the many years of faithful service of Mr. Kiddle in local and state Legion affairs. The presentation was made by the Post Commander, Ralph Huron.

What promises to be the final fight on the matter of adjusted compensation is now coming before congress. Both sides to the question readily agree that this is the last time the matter of adjusted compensation will come up, that the decision in this session will be final. The A.L.C. feel that if they can keep the bill from passing that it will be defeated, as they do not think it would be brought up at a future congress.

The Pro's also agree that this is the final presentation of the bill, as they are hopeful that it will carry through congress and become a law during the session.

National Commander John H.

Quinn says "All I ask of any fair minded person is that he read the provision at this bill."

Every American World War veteran up to and including the grade of captain in the Army and the Marine Corps and lieutenant in the Navy is entitled to an adjusted service credit of \$1.25 a day for service overseas or at sea, and of \$1 day for home service by the terms of the Adjusted Compensation Bill now before Congress.

From this credit, which every veteran can readily compute for himself if he remembers the important dates of his service career, must be deducted \$50, representing the discharge bonus given every man on leaving the service. Service must be computed between the dates April 6, 1917, and July 1, 1921. The maximum adjusted service credit to which a veteran is entitled is \$500 for home service and \$625 for foreign service.

The bill contains the following provisions:

1. Adjusted Service Pay. This, the only cash feature provided for in the Adjusted Compensation Bill, is payable only to men whose adjusted service credit, after deducting the \$50 discharge bonus, comes to \$50 or less. Roughly, it affects only men who served less than four months. This provision must be accepted by veterans who are not entitled to more than \$50.

2. Adjusted Service Certificate. These certificates are paid-up endowment insurance policies payable at the end of twenty years to the veteran if he is still alive, or, if he dies in the interval, to his estate.

The certificate would have a redemption value at the end of the twenty-year period of the adjusted service credit plus twenty percent of the whole plus 4 percent interest compounded annually. This would come to 3.615 the value of the adjusted service credit. Adjusted service certificates would have a loan value on the following basis: For the first three years the certificate holder would be allowed to borrow from a bank fifty percent of the value of his adjusted service credit plus the interest thereon at 4 percent compounded annually. From three to six years the loan percentage of the certificate he could borrow 55 percent of his credit plus interest, after six years 65 percent plus interest. In case of failure to make payments on these loans when due the veteran would not lose his certificate. The Secretary of the Treasury would be required to take them up and resell them by paying loan and interest, this provision to run in effect during the twenty-year life of the certificate.

3. Vocational Training Aid. This provision allows the veteran to acquire his adjusted service on city or suburban homes, or purchase or make payments on city homes or farms or pay off land-l indebtedness may receive for this special purpose adjusted service credit based on length of service increased by twenty-five per cent. It may readily be seen that the cost of this measure will not require such a great amount of actual cash outlay as most people seem to think. The estimated average yearly cost of adjusted compensation for the first three years is only \$30,000,000. To those who

are inclined to be in favor of Secretary Mellon's Tax-Saving program let us say that the Treasury department estimated surplus at the end of the present fiscal year at \$329,000,000 and this amount less the estimated average yearly cost of the Adjusted Compensation of \$30,000,000 would leave a difference of \$299,000,000. It may readily be seen that the Government may pay its fighting men and at the same time reduce taxes a quarter of a billion dollars.

La Grande Post wants 200 or more members in good standing before the next state executive meeting at Portland, on January 13th. The Post is now putting on a campaign and wants every ex-serviceman in La Grande and surrounding communities to become affiliated with our Post.

The two membership teams, one led by Post Post Commander, Ralph Huron, and one by Post Commander, Roy Williams, are progressing very nicely, and have a number of new members to their credit. The campaign ends on January 13th, the losing team to treat the winners at a banquet to be decided later.

Legion Chief Defends Bonus

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Making reply for the American Legion to opponents of adjusted compensation, John H. Quinn, national commander, in a letter addressed to representatives in congress, accused employers of coercing their ex-servicemen employees into writing letters to senators and congressmen in opposition to the proposed adjusted compensation bill.

The anti-bonus propagandists, said Commander Quinn, "take as their slogan, everything for the disabled; nothing for the able-bodied." Yet not one of these has ever appeared before congress to urge passage of legislation for the disabled during the four years the American Legion has made the disabled men's cause its own.

Bonuses Propagandists

"The organizers of the present unfair barrage of propaganda," the letter continues, "are boasting of being able to delay congressional action on the adjusted compensation bill so that their propaganda may, through its force, cause members of congress to desert the soldier's cause. Five years ago the American doughboy went over the top in spite of the barrage of steel falling around him. He stood his ground then, and he has every confidence that American senators and representatives will stand their ground and not desert him because of a mere barrage of organized propaganda."

"The adjusted compensation bill is now in the ways, and means committee of the house of representatives. The American Legion respectfully urges the congress to have the bill brought before the house immediately for ac-

tion, and to demonstrate to the country its determination to fulfill the nation's obligations to its defender."

"The country can afford to meet this obligation. It should meet it promptly and without delay. It is perfectly evident that congress can enact the adjusted compensation bill and also provide for substantial reduction in taxes. The American Legion has the confidence that congress will enact this inevitable legislation."

FORMER PROMISE RESIDENT DEAD

PROMISE, Or. (Special)—Mrs. Chan Carper visited Saturday at the home of Mrs. E. Paulson.

Mrs. and Mrs. Elmer Bennett and Mrs. Lee Smith took dinner Sunday at the John Carper home.

Chas. Carper's children are dinner Sunday with Mrs. Chan Bennett and children.

Harold Carper went to Maxville Monday, where he will help Jesse Garrett saw wood.

William A. Reed is on the sick list. He returned from Maxville Tuesday.

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Mrs. Lee Smith returned to Maxville Monday, but her daughter, Theresa, remained with her sister and will attend school in district No. 49.

The Misses Alice and Doris Footberg have been on the sick list since the holidays, but think that they will be able to return to school at Wallawa Monday.

Miss Myrtle Olsen of Lostine, arrived on Tuesday's stage and began teaching the Riverside school Wednesday. Her sister, Miss Ella, accompanied her and is spending a few days here. Miss Olsen is according to William Reed's.

Charles Garbett and two sons, Ralph and Duane, left Wednesday for Oregon City, where they will visit Mr. Garbett's father, who is 82 years old. Mrs. Marshall Fleishman will remain with Mrs. Garbett during their absence.

Word reached here last week through the Wallawa Sun that Bert Southwick died at his home in South Boise, Idaho, December 19, of pneumonia. Mr. Southwick was 77 years old and for nineteen years Wallawa county.

was a resident of Promise, during which time he taught school in organized and will meet every Sat. to attend and take part.

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