

## V. F. W. Delegates Report Good Convention Held At Grants Pass

Delegation from the local V. F. W. post to the department encampment at Grants Pass, the last part of last week, consisted of Post Commander Henry Benson, Arthur Benson and Brainard. All three of the delegates report an interesting and informative session and that all were present.

Louis E. Starr, a Portland lawyer, who gave a stirring and up-to-the minute address which was later broadcast all over the country, subject of which being of vital interest not only to his audience but the nation at large.

Commander Starr told of his writing President Truman, requesting Henry Wallace's foreign tour be curbed by cancelling his passport, that Starr's actions had been misquoted by the press, and that he would not reveal the

President's reply without authority. Starr was especially outspoken in his views on national pitalization and care o veterans needing assistance.

An outstanding feature of the sessions was the refusal to submit floor discussions of resolutions not restricted to veterans alone. These topics included resolutions in reference to apprenticeship in labor groups, the sales tax, return of OPA, and similar matters. It was remarkable that most of these topics were disposed of in committee and the group's committees sustained all their decisions.

There was a spirited contest between Salem and Pendleton for the 1948 encampment, with Pendleton winning due to preponderance of votes from the small delegations of outlying posts. The Pendleton delegation promised a truly western Oregon show which some of the "Let 'Er Buck" boys immediately staged in miniature.

Grants Pass chief of police publicly stated that this VFW convention was the most orderly in his experience.

A notable feature of the gathering was the number of young veterans, many of whom were named to important posts in the higher offices. Older veterans expressed pleasure that the young chaps were showing such enthusiasm. Two of this group, Commander Hart and his program chairman, Conradi, were publicly congratulated and thanked, individually, for the excellent show they put on.

There was also a large gathering of ladies who held their meetings at the high school auditorium, with national and state officials present.

A special feature at one of the veterans sessions was when a young lady, of about 15, presented, on the stage, to National Commander Starr, a gift from the Daughters of VFW. This gift was supreme surprise to both the national commander and delegates, and was expressed in a leaping hug and kiss.

The local veterans and auxiliary members made a great hit at the encampment with the distribution of about 7000 lily blooms which were handed to everyone. Gathered the morning the delegates left, these blooms were placed, each with a card, in every hotel room, on hotel dining tables and in the lobbies, and at every banquet table place where around 600 were served.

These blooms, too, were distributed freely on the streets, with cards. Local delegates were referred to as "Lily Men from Brookings." Before the encampment broke up, the ladies made sure that Pendleton would see that Pendleton would see that "blooms from Brookings" would be the main piece for decorations at the encampment in June, 1948.

### Firemen Plan Dance For Friday, July 5

To bolster finances of the volunteer fire department that so many necessary items may be purchased between now and the time money will be forthcoming from taxes for the rural fire prevention district, a dance is planned by the firemen for Friday evening, July 5.

The GI band will furnish the music, and a lunch will be served at midnight.

Advance sale of tickets will be carried on by the firemen, and everyone of the district is urged to buy, in order to help the department out of its present financial straits.

### V. F. W., Auxiliary To Enjoy Beach Party, Sun.

V. F. W. members, as well as all Auxiliary ladies, are reminded of the forthcoming pot luck beach party, set for 5 p. m. Sun-

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