

## MEN'S BROTHERHOOD OF OF METHODIST CHURCH HOLD FINE MEET

The regular monthly meeting of the Methodist Men's Brotherhood of Turner was held in the church Tuesday evening, February 3. We were pleased to have as visitors, Rev. M. A. Groves, Mr. Griffith and Mr. Baker of West Salem.

The program consisted of group singing, devotional which was led by M. A. Groves in the absence of the regular chaplain, H. S. Bond, who was confined at home on account of illness, the business meeting, and an interesting talk by Bryan H. Conley, commander of Marion Post 661, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Salem.

Some items of special interest decided upon were:

That in the near future one volley ball night be set aside as a general get-together night, which will include volleyball, some other games and stunts and refreshments. The committee appointed by President Ivan Hadley for this occasion consists of Lawrence Roberts, Rev. W. S. Burgoyne and D. E. Parkes.

That the Brotherhood sponsor an anniversary and homecoming service. C. A. Bear and F. C. Gunning were appointed a committee to work with the pastor in arranging such a service. In this service will be included the history of the Turner M. E. church, talks by some of the pioneers of the church, with possibly a social hour and basket lunch at noon.

Mr. Conley's talk on the veteran, his work and aims in times of peace and the purposes of veterans' organizations was interesting, instructive and well received.

In speaking of the veteran, Mr. Conley said: "The veteran is a man disillusioned. As a boy full of hope, pride and ambition he marched away; as a brave man he fought, bled and died on the field of battle; as a true man he returned from whence he came, unheralded and unsung, his job too often filled by one not quite so ambitious; his health, too often, broken by the hardships and exposures of battle; his spirit, too often, demoralized by promises unfulfilled. Yet to him, alone, is given an insight into the price of American freedom and upon him is thrust the responsibility of demanding that that price shall not have been paid in vain.

"In order to perpetuate the ideal thus attained, to teach them to younger citizens the veteran has organized along various lines. . . ."

In speaking of rehabilitation of veterans Mr. Conley pointed out that out of the average pay of \$30.00 per month an average of \$15.00 was deducted for care of this family and \$6.50 for insurance premium, leaving the soldier less than \$10 which he could call his own; that instead of material assistance the veteran was given credit for \$1.00 per day for domestic service and \$1.25 per day for foreign service, payable in twenty years at 4 per cent interest; that the veterans have been dying at the rate of 70 per day and the average veteran will not live to enjoy this small part of his just dues. Immediate payment of these adjusted service certificates would aid materially in helping the veteran in his own rehabilitation.

Closely allied to rehabilitation is the care of disabled veterans and widows and orphans of disabled or deceased veterans. To this end the V. F. W. maintains a national home at Eaton Rapids, Michigan. The cottage plan is used throughout, and entire families of permanently disabled veterans, or widows and orphans are cared for here. By this plan the children are kept with their mothers.

Another great work of the veterans is Americanization. To absorb the immigrants into our social and political life, and to combat the undesirable traits and propoganda which are coming to our shores is a task of national importance. To assist in this work and teach immigrants true Americanism classes are conducted by the veterans.

The local veterans are also inter-

ested in boys. A Boy Scout troop is under their supervision.

In speaking of peace: "To the veteran the word peace is a benediction. To me it is that condition in which one's soul is in attune with his Maker and whose spirit is content with love and confidence in his fellow man.

"There could be no better setting for a picture of peace than that of the fields of Flanders. Let us go back to one August evening in 1914. Let us picture in imagination the field of a happy peasant. The sun was just setting in a glorious ball of fire and out from it was cast beautiful rays of gold. Chewing contently the oxen are leisurely making their way to a night's rest. Then afar from the belfry the Angelus sound and each man and maid bows their head in a moments prayer of thanksgiving to their Maker. Then silently they too go to a night of earned rest. There was peace, happiness and contentment.

"The morrow broke and with it came the ominous rumble of cannon, tread of marching men, horror and desolation. On the field where but yesterday peace reigned supreme

there was now murder, rapine and butchery. They could not cry peace,

because there was no peace."

Quoting from Hon. Patrick J. Hurley, secretary of war: "National de-

fense like insurance must be commensurate with that which we desire to protect."

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