

CHILD WELFARE IS AUXILIARY AIM

Supply of Clothing Kept on Hand to Assist Homes Which are Needy

Child welfare work is one of the major activities of the Salem American Legion Auxiliary and a great deal has been accomplished during the past year.

Mrs. Bess Watkins is chairman of the child welfare committee, and in addition to the local work more than \$50 worth of clothing has been sent to the state headquarters in Portland.

A supply of children's clothing is kept here in Salem and calls from those in need are very frequent. The ladies of the auxiliary sew for needy children and thus provide them with new clothing.

An important feature of the child welfare work is the caring for the wives and families of veterans who are in the hospital. Three or four calls of this nature are made each month. This committee also cares for families of veterans who are out of work, calls upon them and sees that their needs are supplied.

Holidays Busy Time

The veterans' children who are in the state tuberculosis hospital always come in for special attention from the child welfare group. Easter, Valentine's Day and other holidays dear to the heart of the youngsters are never overlooked, and the kiddies are made happy with appropriate gifts.

Another activity of the group is to secure federal compensation for the children of veterans and during the past year a great deal of work has been done.

An interesting case came to light recently illustrating the type of work being done. A report came in that a three weeks old baby whose parents were living in a nearby camp ground, was in a critical condition.

Auxiliary Saves Life
A visit to the camp disclosed the fact that the baby was only hovering on the brink of life and that immediate care was necessary. The little one was brought to the local auxiliary headquarters and a nurse was called. The local auxiliary bought one quart of milk each day for the baby and in a short time it had improved to such an extent that "it didn't look like the same baby," according to one of the ladies of the local unit.

Little publicity is given to the activities of the child welfare committee because of the very personal nature of the work, but those who know realize the great importance of the work.

PERMANENT HALL IN SALEM IS PROJECTED

Idea, Long Dormant, May Be Revived When Convention is Finished

Away back in the minds of some of the members of the Salem Legion post—much closer in the vision of other members of the legion—is the idea that Salem should have a permanent meeting hall for the legion, owned by the legion and administered for its use.

Several years ago the idea gained favor with the legion and a permanent endowment fund was started, a residue of which remains but for the last two years at least, other activities have occupied the attention of the post.

Last year the drum corps competition which took the Salem drum corps to San Antonio, Texas, where second honors for the entire United States were won by the legion, temporarily centered all attention on this activity.

Convention Big Objective
Then came the state convention to be held in Salem this summer and that alone was a sufficiently large objective to keep every member of the post alive to the possibilities and responsibilities of attempting the largest convention ever held in the state.

This objective has occupied the attention of the legion throughout the current year but with the finish of the convention, a new goal towards which the local post should work will be sought.

Heads Salem Auxiliary



Mrs. H. R. White who has been as busy as anyone wants to be in preparation for the convention here.

How Post Got State Meet is Pointed out

"How did the Legion happen to come to Salem for the 1929 convention?" Members of the convention commission of Capitol Post looked at each other. With perfect team work it told the story of the Yankee at a dinner party, explaining how he came to be wounded after the armistice had been signed: "It was in a cabaret and a fight started. I went out through a plate glass window—it seemed the only thing to do under the circumstances."

Started Before Medford
Before the Capitol post delegates left for Medford last year the chamber of commerce representing the business men of Salem had made a formal request that we ask for the next Legion convention for Salem, and they made certain gestures toward aid in financing it. Then again most of the coming guests for this convention had been looking at us with an expectant eye for the past three or four years. Salem has a lot to offer in the way of interest to state visitors, it is easy to reach, and it is near Portland—they would all enjoy coming here, and—well, it seemed the only thing to do under the circumstances to ask for the privilege of being host for the next convention.

"When do we act as host again? This is the 11th state convention. We expect to again entertain for the 11th."

LEGION IS INVITED TO MIDNIGHT SHOWS

The Elsinore theatre has announced that special midnight shows are to be offered at that theatre during the American Legion Convention in this city, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

These midnight shows are to be known as "Midnite Jamborees." The shows will start promptly at 11:30 p. m. and will include a big vaudeville bill, as well as other surprises.

L. Carlos Meier, premier organizer, has arranged a novelty organ presentation that promises to harmonize with the Legion activities. A big preview showing of one of the year's best talking productions is to be offered in conjunction with this program.

GOOD CITIZENS AIM OF LEGION

Dan Sowers Outlines How His Department Has Been Functioning

"Teaching the principles of good citizenship has always been one of the major activities of the American Legion," according to Dan Sowers, national director of Americanism for the legion. "Our organization was founded on the stalwart rock of patriotism and love of country, so it is only natural we should at all times evince a profound interest in the quality of our citizenship. The Americanism Commission was created for the purpose of formulating and directing a program of activities to achieve the desired results along this line.

"Early in our history we were impressed with the good that could be accomplished in working with the boys of the nation, those who in another generation will take over the reins of government. We saw that the Boy Scout movement was an ideal medium for this work and accordingly made the sponsoring of Scout troops by Legion posts an important part of our general Americanism program. This work has been highly successful and today Legion posts all over the nation are finding this activity a splendid avenue for Americanism effort.

"To supplement the Boy Scout work we launched a nation-wide junior baseball program for boys. We started this athletic competition on the theory that the principles of good sportsmanship and fair play as taught on the baseball diamond are closely akin to the principles of good citizenship. Last year 122,000 boys were out on the diamonds, and this year indications are that before the season is brought to a close nearly a half million boys will have taken part. Nothing could speak higher for the success of the activity.

"In this connection I want to express appreciation for the fine cooperation the department of Oregon has given us this year in the junior baseball movement. Your department did not enter any teams in the national competition last year, but the enthusiasm with which Oregon Legionnaires carried on the junior baseball activities this year is indeed commendable. It is in this spirit of service and cooperation that makes for the success of all Legion activities.

One of our major citizenship efforts has been to awaken the public consciousness and to bring about more individual interest in the affairs of government. The success of our get-out-the-vote campaign is reflected in the large increase of qualified voters who went to the polls at the last presidential election. The American Legion is not interested in partisan politics, but it is interested in seeing that the public officials elected and the public policies represent the majority.

Big Job of Housing All of Delegates Handled Well By Elliott's Committee

Hotels Turn Over All Available Rooms to Legion Boys; Hundreds of Salem Homes to Care for Guests

NO LITTLE part of preparing for the Legion convention has been handled by the housing committee, members of which have prevailed upon Salem hotels and homekeepers to save rooms for between 3,500 and 5,000 persons.

This is how the committee went about the matter, as gathered from J. J. "Jack" Elliott, chairman:

All hotels were asked weeks ago to turn over as many rooms as possible to the committee, the four main hotels responding with from 50 to 95 per cent of their rooms for a total accommodation for 600 persons, which meant anywhere from 2,900 to 4,400 left to handle.

Committee Handles Hotels

Hotels simply turned over numbers and rates for all rooms available to the committee, and registration in these four places—Marion, Senator, New Salem and Bligh—is being handled entirely from the committee. Delegates and visitors who arrive, must first report at registration headquarters in the Klett building, corner Liberty and Ferry street, for identification card and assignment to rooms whether in hotel or private home.

Hotels proving insufficient for such a crowd, the committee then advertised for rooms in Salem residences, and response was ready, with care of more than 2000 persons listed with the committee a week before the convention. Members of the local Auxiliary have called at and inspected every room listed from private residence, and report back to the committee the condition of the rooms. Many exceptionally nice rooms have been listed. And as late as the first day of the convention, the housing committee can still use all private residences offered so anyone having extra room can realize on it by calling 1015.

Uniform Home Rate Set

The committee set a uniform rate of a dollar a day per person for all rooms in private homes, the housekeeper signing agreement to this effect at the time the room was listed. The committee will collect for these rooms at time of registration, and will remit to the owner the day following the convention.

First reservations for the gathering started coming as far back as February, when C. A. Reynolds of Silverton sent in his room order. From early in March reservations were numerous with the committee. These early reservationists were acknowledged by card as they came and assignments sent out more recently. Reservations which have been coming in the past few days will not receive assignment until they

Brasier Small; reception, Mrs. Jesse George.
The sub-committee chairmen are: Decorations, Mrs. Frank Waters; hostess, Mrs. William Watkins; refreshments, Mrs. Chester Moffitt; trophies, and awards, Mrs. Helen Gregg.

295 DELEGATES TO ATTEND CONVENTION

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Ralph Deaville and Albert Jonsrud with C. C. Miller, R. D. Macey and H. A. Barnes alternates.
Cottage Grove, No. 23—P. L. Grania, John C. Miller, P. S. Bukowski and La. Belle Stewart with alternates F. O. Bennett, Ray N. Vinson, Grant J. Williams and Duncan P. Cameron.
Independence, No. 32—R. M. Walker and G. G. Godfrey with alternates Glen C. Smith and E. E. Addison.
North Bend, No. 31—Frank Black, Lyle B. Chappell and Charles W. Hulst and alternates Archie Wilson, Arthur Chapman and E. A. McNair.
Portland, No. 35—William Kletzer, George Koehn, Delmore Lester and George Sandy with Carroll Morrison, J. E. Feist, Lyle Dunsmoor and C. J. Shelton alternates.
Cannon Beach, No. 36—A. B. McLeod, Ray Jobb and Dr. G. E. Low with Dr. P. M. Drake, William A. Zosel and John C. Oeding alternates.
Hermiston, No. 37—Harry W. Kelley, J. E. Haliburton and Logan C. Todd with alternates James D. Todd, F. M. Baly and Harry Pelley.
Springfield, No. 40—F. H. Hamlin, Ira M. Peterson, M. B. Huntley and alternates J. M. Larson, William Yastay and Vern Woolley.
Baker, No. 41—R. Langrell, W. M. Lemmon, William C. Kelly and C. J. Walts with alternates E. P. Davy, George L. Jett, C. D. Potter and Joseph W. Eddy.
St. Helens, No. 42—Lon Christian, Carl Huston and W. J. Sullivan with alternates Joseph B. Gedney, Harold A. Sprague and Abe Chancellor.
La Grande, No. 43—Hugh E. Brady, C. V. Talbot, R. R. Huron, O. W. Palmer and Harry Sandos with Ralph Winters, Henry Melanson and J. A. Gjerno alternates.
Amity, No. 45—Soren Sorenson and

PATIES WILL BE PROGRAM FEATURE

Hal Hoss Says All is Ready For Visitors; Rooms For Committees

"Our host, some host," is the slogan of Capital Unit No. 9, of the American Legion auxiliary and it plans an indication the host is not an idle one.

Mrs. H. R. White, president of the unit has a commission of 15 women as heads of the various committees and every member of the unit has been doing her bit toward helping to make the tenth annual convention one long to be remembered by those who attend.

Mrs. King Bartlett is general chairman, Mrs. B. A. Victor financial secretary and Mrs. Paul Burris has charge of housing.

Mrs. Walter Zosel has charge of entertainment and music for the local unit and is also acting as state music chairman in the place of Mrs. Lydia Horsetall, who is too ill to be present.

Mrs. Clifford Brown has given the use of her lovely garden for the party for auxiliary delegates and is personally attending to many of the details of the affair. Other commissioners are: Publicity, Mrs. Ray DeGuire; transportation, Mrs. Earl Burch; presidents' dinner, Mrs. Allan Cleveland; secretaries' parley, Mrs.

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