

Fair Skies Smile on Capitol as Convention Starts Here

1000 ATTEND OPENING MEET

Welcome to Visiting Legionnaires Extended by Salem Post

Never did convention in Salem open with such a setting and with the powers of the sky smiling down in such accord as combined to put into true festive mood the fully thousand persons who gathered at the state house grounds at 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning for the opening public ceremonies of the 11th annual state American Legion convention. Ceremonies were held from the Willson park band stand, decked in national attire for the occasion, Douglas McKay, commander of Capital Post No. 9 opened ceremonies, colors were borne to the stand, Department Chaplain Duncan P. Cameron delivered the invocation, following which Carl Gabrielson, master of ceremonies, brought welcome from Capital Post and introduced the speakers. Of particular interest was the speech of Ben S. Fisher of Marshfield, department commander of the Legion.

Expressions of welcome to Salem were delivered by Mayor T. A. Livesley, Governor I. L. Patterson, in welcoming the hundreds of legionnaires and auxiliary members, declared the legion to be the biggest and best organization in the state; an organization making good and doing good in all the activities it has undertaken.

Auxiliary President Gives Official Response
Mrs. Jessie Kelly, state auxiliary president, responded in behalf of her organization, expressing pleasure because meeting places had been arranged at the "majestic old state house" and trusting "that when the din and noise of the convention dies away, Salem will think as much of us as we think of Salem."

Mrs. J. H. Hoyal of Douglas, Arizona, national vice-commander of the auxiliary, said she was tremendously pleased to be in this beautiful state, and spoke briefly of the work of her organizations.

Accomplishments Are Cited By Fisher

"The strength of our department rests not in membership alone, but in the accomplishments we do," declared Ben S. Fisher, department commander, who later said that "we of the American Legion would rather be remembered by the deeds we do today than by the deeds we did during the World War; we would rather be remembered by the widows we help today than the widows we made during the war; and by the orphans we help today than by the orphans we made during the war; by the buildings we erect today than by the buildings we destroyed during the war."

Hospitalization Program Mentioned

Fisher spoke briefly on the outstanding accomplishments of the department during the year, stressing the hundred per cent hospitalization effected in the new veterans' hospital at Portland—the most unique and complete veterans' hospital in the country. The boys' program sponsored by the department has been second to none in the national, with 85 of the 91 state posts sponsoring the scout work and the junior baseball program. Oregon legionnaires, who have assisted in establishing 35 aviation fields, have led the country in this program, in proportion to number of members in the state.

The drum corps and community service programs were also mentioned as accomplishments of the year.

Music for the ceremonies was furnished the Albany Legion band and the Salem Cherrians band. The Salem civic male chorus sang two selections.

SOME MERCHANTS VOICE COMPLAINTS

Two complaints regarding conduct of the convention, one applying to routes of march and another to business men's cooperations were registered by a few Salem merchants Thursday.

The first complaint was made by Commercial street merchants who said they had been slighted when parades were not routed past their places of business.

Several local merchants protested that all stores should close throughout the entire afternoon Friday. One cited the case of Silvertown which was to close during the entire afternoon to attend an affair held away from the own home community.

Weather Service Is Aid to Planes

WICHITA—Western Air Express liners, which operate daily between Los Angeles and Kansas City via Wichita, have been greatly benefited by the 24-hour weather bureau service which the Department of Commerce recently inaugurated. The new service provides for the broadcasting of weather reports in this vicinity eight times daily. These reports are relayed via the Western Air Express radio system, under the direction of Herbert Hoover, Jr., radio technician, at all stations along the line.

Legion Auxiliary Finishes Busy Day Holding Sessions In State Senate Chamber

Delegates Hear Reports from Department Officers and Chairmen of Committees; Constitutional Amendments up

Delayed in their program by numerous interruptions, officers and delegates to the ninth annual state convention of the American Legion Auxiliary completed their first day's sessions Thursday in the state senate chamber at the state capitol building with the reading of numerous reports from department officers and committee chairmen. Further reports are scheduled for today's sessions, constitutional amendments will be voted on, and presentation will be made of five trophy cups and three myrtlewood gavels and blocks offered for prizes in the state membership contest.

Objects of Group Outlined by Chief

Better understanding of the peace time program of service sponsored by the auxiliary, and the building and expanding of the foundation that has been so well fortified in the last ten years of the organization's existence, were declared to be the two main objects of her work during the past year by Mrs. Jessie Kelly of Baker, department president, in her report submitted to the convention Thursday afternoon. The past year was outstanding in constructive programs and achievement, according to Mrs. Kelly's report. New units at Dayville, Ione and Portland have been added to the state organization during the period, and one unit, that at Boardman, has surrendered its charter, making 78 units in the department. The state auxiliary has 66 more members than last year; \$1,500 has been expended in the auxiliary's hospitalization program; \$1,600 for child welfare work; and \$1,700 in providing Christmas cheer for veterans in proceeds from the poppy sale at the hospitals and their families. \$9,076.89 as compared to \$6,987.45 received last year. Mrs. Kelly stressed the effective work done by Mrs. Georgia Weber as state hospitalization chairman, by Mrs. Elsie Graham as chairman of the state child welfare committee, and that accomplished by Mrs. S. S. George as chairman of the community service committee.

Healthful Financed Condition Showed

Reports read by Mrs. Mable McInturf of Marshfield in her capacity as department secretary and treasurer, show an increase in funds over last year of \$3,843.98, and a bank balance of \$16,042.29. Other reports were submitted by Mrs. Mary Chaney of Medford, department vice-president; Mrs. Otto W. Heider of Sheridan, committee woman from district 1; Mrs. Paul Gemmill of Heppner, committee woman from district 2; Mrs. Allen J. Cleveland of Salem, department historian; and from the rules and finance committees.

The premier constitutional amendment to be considered today will be that changing the national committee woman from the department president to that of the junior past president. This amendment is being considered at the request of the national organization, the duties of the national committee woman requiring a department president to be absent from her state a number of times throughout her year of office. If this amendment is adopted, Mrs. Kelly will serve a second year as national committee woman.

Other reports to be considered today will be from the following committees: Membership, Americanism, community service, publicity, legislative and guardian-

ship, hospital, child welfare, poppy, constitutional amendments, finance, until activities, music, resolutions and recommendations. A breakfast and party for secretaries, past secretaries, treasurers and past treasurers will be held at the Gray Belle this morning at 7 o'clock.

The convention opened Thursday morning with roll call, advancement of the colors by the Salem unit drill team, the pledge to the flag, the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, and an invocation by the department chaplain, Mrs. L. C. Gatchell of Lebanon.

National Vice-President Introduced at Meeting

Mrs. Wilma Hoyal of Douglas, Arizona, national vice-president of the western division and national representative to the Oregon convention, was introduced by Mrs. Joyce Ficklen, Jr., of Georgia, who read

The convention attendance prize was awarded to the Clatsop unit. Greetings to the convention from the Veterans of Foreign Wars were extended by Mrs. Beale Kelly of Portland, national council member of that organization. The Portland woman also presented a beautiful bouquet to the American Legion Auxiliary president.

Patriotic Songs are Sung by Assembly

War time songs and patriotic melodies were sung under the leadership of Miss Lena Belle Tartar, director of the Salem unit's glee club and quartet, while the convention awaited the report of the credentials committee. At the opening of the afternoon session, Miss Tartar gave several vocal solos with Mrs. Walter Zozel at the piano. At the conclusion of the session Thursday afternoon, visiting delegates were entertained at a garden party at the home of Mrs. Clifford Brown.

Convention committees named by Mrs. Kelly for the three day session are as follows:

Credentials: Mrs. LeDoris Cobb, Prineville, chairman; Mrs. Lena Brosherton, Albany; Mrs. Stella Kroeger, Hillsboro; Mrs. Richard Way, Elmendorf; Mrs. J. J. Heas, Grants Pass.

Resolutions and Recommendations: Mrs. Otto Heider, Sheridan, chairman; Mrs. Lucille Wilson, Heppner.

Hospital: Mrs. George Weber, Portland, chairman; Mrs. Belle Bloom, Albany; Mrs. Marie Todd, Hermiston; Mrs. Laura Gatchell, Lebanon; Mrs. Georgia Martin, Pendleton; Mrs. Hazel Van Orsdal, Salem; Mrs. Arzyle Jones, St. Helens; Mrs. Edna J. Maloney, Wauna; Mrs. Bobby McNair, Ashland; Mrs. Genavieve Brewer, Redmond; Mrs. Helen Schmidt, Sherwood.

Americanism: Mrs. Harold Herabner, Hood River, chairman; Mrs. Beale Robinson, Amity; Mrs. Ora Duffield, Ashland; Mrs. T. W. Barber, Grants Pass; Mrs. Chris Kottol, Bend; Mrs. Pansy Bauer, Corvallis; Mrs. Lawrence Jubb, Eugene; Mrs. E. C. Young, Roseburg; Mrs. Vieve Coleman, Portland No. 1; Mrs. George O. Simpson, Arlington.

Membership: Mrs. King Bartlett, chairman, Salem; Mrs. Irene Humphreys, Medford; Mrs. E. E. Boatright, Portland No. 1; Mrs. J. A. Soules, Roseburg; Mrs. R. W. Browning, Klamath Falls; Mrs. T. M. Black, Milwau.

Publicity: Mrs. Alta Cery, Dallas, chairman; Mrs. Laura B. Kelley, Hermiston; Mrs. Anne Nolan, Prineville; Mrs. Julia Williams, Kerby; Mrs. Jean Stewart, Brownsville.

Rules: Mrs. Elsie Knox, Hood River, chairman; Mrs. B. O. Langwell, Baker; Mrs. M. B. Huntley of Springfield; Mrs. Frank Gardner, St. Helens and Mrs. O. E. Allen, Roseburg.

Constitutional Amendments: Mrs. Marie Walker, St. Helens, chairman; Mrs. Dorothy Eakin, Dallas; Mrs. Harold Wille, Eugene; Mrs. Ruth Parker, Medford; Mrs. Arlene Price, Medford; Mrs. Mildred Suider, La Grande.

Child Welfare: Mrs. Elsie Graham, Portland, chairman; Mrs. Priggs, Astoria; Mrs. Sylvia Wells, Heppner; Mrs.

NEW MAN NOW CHIEF OF YARD

John Ashley Hailed as One Who Knows Laundry Marks, Word

LONDON—(AP)—The criminals of Great Britain are trembling in their shirts. A man who knows his laundry marks, has become chief constable of Scotland Yard. It wasn't John Ashley who coined the old saying about murder will out, but it's John Ashley who knows, perhaps better than any man living, that it usually comes out in the wash. And now Ashley, the specialist in laundry marks, is chief constable of the Yard.

He succeeded Frederick Wensley, Britain's ace of detectives who retired August 1, after 42 years of service.

Unlike Wensley, who has the hawklike features of the perfect Sherlock Holmes, Ashley looks as mild as a Sunday school superintendent.

He entered his career of crime detection quite by accident: as a lad of 15 he crossed the path of a burglar with disastrous results to the burglar, and when a police magistrate complimented him on the clever capture young Ashley decided to make a regular thing of it. As soon as he could he joined the force.

For six years he worked in uniform; then they made him a detective. Later, as a divisional detective inspector, he solved one of the most perplexing murder mysteries in the history of the yard by bringing to justice Louis Volain, the Belgian butcher who murdered a French soldier's wife vis-

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Claggett said hunters were learning that game wardens do not exist simply to hand out penalties but rather to protect wild animal and bird life to make hunting more interesting for sportsmen. Public cooperation in the protection of wild life will make the state constantly more enjoyable as a hunter's paradise, according to Claggett.

Silvertown Will Turn Out Full Force for Game

Silvertown, Aug. 8.—Notices were posted Tuesday afternoon to the effect that Silvertown business houses will close Friday afternoon for the baseball game at Salem at which Silvertown Junior League will play for state championship. It is understood that a very large delegation of Silvertown folk will motor to the Capital city to witness the game.

AUXILIARY CHIEF SENDS GREETINGS

Mrs. Joyce Ficklen, Jr., of Indianapolis, Ind., national president of the American Legion Auxiliary, sent the following telegram of greetings to the Oregon State convention:

"I regret I am unable to extend in person the greetings of this national organization on this momentous occasion, but I am glad with you during the course of the year and seeing at first hand the fine things you are doing in your state. The national organization is proud of you and we know we may continue to look forward to auxiliary achievement in your department. Please accept my very best wishes for a successful and constructive convention."

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