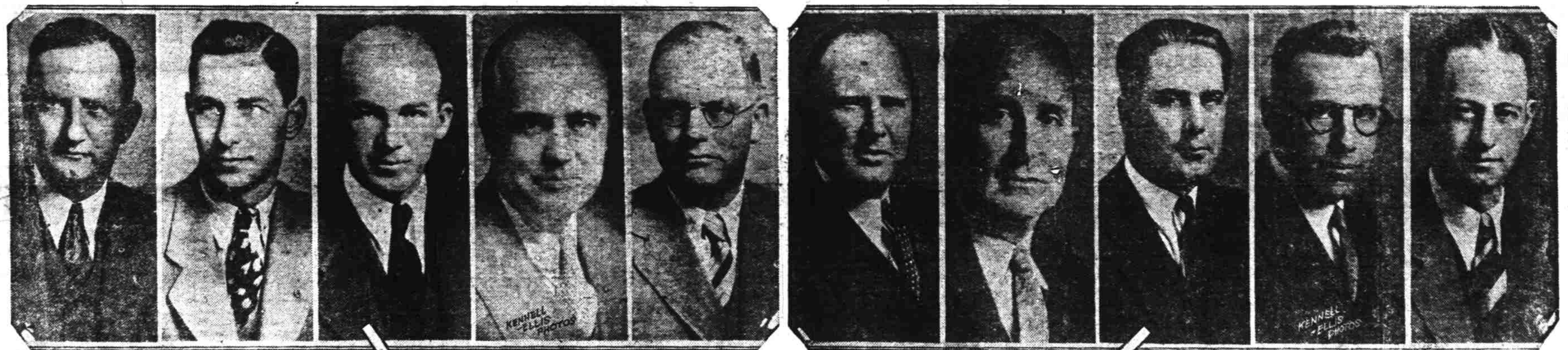


Here are the Big Ten of the Salem Legion, Who Planned the Convention



Carl Gabrielson Chairman, H. G. Mison Secretary, J. J. Elliott Housing, Brazier Small Finance, Lewis P. Campbell Entertainment, Willis E. Vincent Registration, Frank M. Moore Publicity, Walter Zosel Transportation, C. B. McCullough Civic Help, H. E. Shade Drum Corps

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INTENSE PROGRAM AWAITS VISITORS

POLITICAL POT BEGINS TO BOIL

Quartet of Candidates are Talked for Post of Commander

By OLIVE DOAK
Legion politics began to boil Wednesday night and for the first time this year some spunk seemed to be injected into the election plans with special interest being manifested in who is to command the organization for the next 12 months. Sid George district executive committeeman from district No. 3, Eugene, and auditor in the state industrial accident department, seems to be a strong bet for high honors.

Hugh Brady, attorney-at-law in La Grande is up for the commandship this year after having been beaten out of the vice-commandship last year on a technicality in Legion rulings which holds that no Legionnaire may hold either a state or national government elective job and a Legion office at the same time. Brady was justice of the peace in La Grande.

The reason behind this ruling is that the Legion is legislative rather than political and by keeping its officials free from political taint its aim will be more nearly reached.

Appointive Posts Not Included
There are at least three "suspects" for election to office this year who hold state jobs but they are appointive and it is heard, as such, do not count under the ruling.

Don Graham of Prineville, attorney at law and at present vice-commander of the Legion is also being persistently mentioned for commandship by his friends. Evidently he knows something about the plans.

There are indications which point to a dark horse on the commander slate, owing to situation which exists in a district where delegates are numerous and votes count. If that movement gets under way the logical man to cement the forces seems to be Irl McSherry of Tillamook, editor of the Tillamook Headlights, past vice-commander, and present executive committeeman. Although he has persistently refused to listen to the idea it is hazarded in certain quarters that he would not refuse to be a peace-maker. In case this situation does arise and McSherry does refuse to consider the office, the dark horse man becomes hidden in the obscurity of political figuring.

So far these four seem to be the only high-powered candidates for commandship although there are several less mentioned ones among whom are "Bill" Kelly, Baker, Don McLeod, Hood River, Joe Carson, Portland; Ed Bayliss, Sheridan; Charles Johnson, Silverton; Paul McDonald, Medford; Douglas McKay, Salem.

Gabrielson Dark Horse
It seems more likely that some of those mentioned for commandship will land in other places. For instance for vice-commander there is Don McCleod who seems to have a much better chance as such than as commander. There seems to be a new "hope" for vice-commander which sprung into the limelight with the advent into Salem of some eastern Oregon posts. This is Carl

Local Drum Corps Declines to Take Part in Contests

NOT only Capitol Post No. 9, but the city of Salem and the state as well followed with excited interest the fortunes of the Salem drum corps when it went to San Antonio, Texas, last October to appear in the national convention drum corps competition—and came home crowned with glory and just one place removed from highest honors.

But while the Salem corps has made persistent and rapid strides until now it is safely Oregon's best drumming Legionnaires, it will play the gallant host during competition at the state convention here and watch from the sidelines. Not that it will not make its appearance during the three days, but with participation in parades and non-competitive contests.

Group Already Has Colorful History
The bare story of organization and advancement of the Salem corps, as gathered from H. E. "Dav" Shade who has been corps manager since that post was authorized in 1925, holds some interesting information.

Less than 30 days after Carl Hinges proposed on January 21, 1924, that Capitol Post organize and maintain a drum corps, the future 1928 holder of second

highest national honors was ready for rehearsals. The speed in outfitting and equipping was largely due to the financial assistance accorded by the late Clifford W. Brown. And Brown is one of the two men to whom the corps members give greatest credit for their success, for without his willing "god-fathership" in its formative years, the buglers and drummers would undoubtedly have spent more time wondering how the thing was to be accomplished than accomplishing it. The corps, of course, later reimbursed Brown's generosity.

Rehearsals Held In Brown's Warehouse
First rehearsals of the corps (Cont'd. on Page 6, Col. 1.)

ALBANY SENDS ITS CRACK BAND HERE

Bert Stevens and His Aggregation Lead Post Delegation

ALBANY, Ore., Aug. 7.—Albany's Legion delegation to the annual state convention at Salem will be headed by the local American Legion band, directed by Bert Stevens, which has been spreading the fame of the Albany post for the last three years.

When it is all together this band is the largest of any similar American Legion organization in the world. Inasmuch as the Albany band will be at Salem during the entire convention, however, it will muster only about 80 men at a time, for not all of the musicians can leave their work here during the whole time of the meetings.

It is probable that practically the entire post will attend the convention at one time or another. Because the distance from here to Salem permits driving to the scene of the event in less than an hour, Albany will send more men and women to the 1929 convention than it has ever sent to any affair of the kind.

To Reach the Airport

Go East State street past the highway machine shops, take first turn to right; then turn to left, on Turner Road, which goes right past the airport, which is on the right side of the road.

Follow the arrows.
Go slow over the temporary bridge across Mill creek near the penitentiary. Traffic officers will be on duty the day of the airport dedication.

Other routes: South on 21st to Turner road, turn to left.
Or east on Mission to 14th, south on 14th to Waller, turn left at Waller and on into Turner road.

The Albany post has fostered the band in lieu of a drum corps. Delegates elected by the post are Edwin Fortmille, F. C. Stelmacher and R. A. Talbot, the last named present commander. Alternates are P. A. Matheny, B. T. Brotherton and Charles Jones.

To see the former service men and their auxiliary members at work and play many Albany residents who are not members of either organization will go to Salem this week, taking advantage of their first opportunity to get a close-up view of an American Legion state convention.

TEX RANKIN OUT TO SET NEW AIR MARK

Flight From Canada to Mexico Scheduled for Sunday; 13 Hours Schedule

LONG BEACH, Wash., Aug. 7.—Having completed here with his tiny plane, a series of load tests which demonstrated he can easily take off with the 90 gallons of Richfield deemed requisite for the proposed "Three-Flag Flight," Tex Rankin announced today he is all set for his attempt next Sunday to hop from Vancouver, B. C., Canada, to Agua Caliente, B. C., Mexico, in 13 hours.

Rankin, nationally and internationally famous as a flier, further stated his start will be made from the trans-border Canadian city at 3 a. m. Sunday, August 11; that he expects to arrive at Agua Caliente, Mexico, just south of Tia Juana, at about 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Secrecy which has shrouded the particular plane which Rankin will use for the international hop was lifted in the disclosure here that it is a Great Lakes 2T-1 ship with but a 28-foot wingspread. It is powered with a 4-cylinder American-Cirrus engine and takes off in but 175 feet and lands in about the same distance or less.

Public Ceremony in Park to Mark Opening of Meet

Wide Range of Entertainment Provided for Thousands of Men Who Will Come From All Parts of Oregon

BY GENEVIEVE MORGAN
ALL SALEM this morning extends informal greeting to the hundreds of delegates, alternates and visitors who are pouring into the city for the eleventh annual state convention of the American Legion—a three-day session of work and merry-making which bids fair to make this city of conventions out-do itself in entertainment and hospitality.

Following additional registration of delegates, alternates and visitors between 7:30 and 9:30 this morning at the Klett building, corner Liberty and Ferry streets, opening public ceremonies will be held at 9:30 o'clock at the Willson park band stand. Douglas McKay, commander of Capital Post, will call the gathering to order and advancement of colors will be made by Capital Post, after which Duncan P. Cameron, department chaplain, will give the invocation. Mrs. Hallie Parrish Hinges of Salem will sing the "Star Spangled Banner," followed by musical selections played by the Albany Legion band, largest post band in the state.

Addresses of welcome will then be extended from the Salem Legionnaires, the city and the state. Carl D. Gabrielson, general chairman convention commission, to convey greetings from Capital Post, and Mayor T. A. Livesley to welcome the visitors to the city. I. L. Patterson, governor of Oregon, will extend welcome, following which Mrs. Jessie Kelly, department president of the Legion Auxiliary, will respond. The Salem civic male chorus will sing, after which Ben S. Fisher, department commander, will introduce distinguished guests. The principal address for the public opening ceremony will close the initial gathering, this to be delivered by—

Sight-Seeing Planned
First sight-seeing trips over the city and to the state institutions will leave the armory this morning at 10 o'clock, returning in an hour and in time for the opening legion session, to be held in the hall of representatives at the state capitol. Order of business scheduled for this excursion includes: reports of committee on credentials, committee on committees, department commander and national committee chairman; reading of proposed constitutional amendments; and reading of communications. Adjourning will be taken at noon.

Barbecue Big Feature
The municipal airport will be the scene of the big barbecue, arranged for 5 o'clock this evening. Entertainment galore will be provided this evening, with the opening event to be the glee club concert and colorful ritualistic contest at Willson park, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. At 8:30 the 40 at 8 parade will form on Liberty street at the armory and just an hour later the traditional 40 at 8 week will be staged at the fairgrounds stadium.

Public dances, scheduled for 9 o'clock, will offer diversion and gayety and midnight matinees, beginning at the Elsinore and Capitol theatres at 11:30 o'clock, will climax the first day of the convention.

Colors to Head Parade
Legionnaires will start the second morning of the convales with a business session at the state capitol at 9 o'clock, order of events arranged for this to include: advancement of colors, invocation,

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Warm Greetings Are Extended to Visiting Veterans
Greetings to the Eleventh Annual Convention of the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary
In behalf of the business and professional men and women of Salem, I take this opportunity of extending to you, a most hearty welcome to our city. You are our guests, and we appreciate your coming. May your sojourn among us be long remembered as one of the happy occasions of your life.
B. E. Sisson,
President of the Salem Chamber of Commerce.

Program for Eleventh Annual State Convention

- Thursday, August 8**
- 7:30-9:30 A. M.—Registration of Delegates, Alternates and Visitors.
 - 9:30 A. M.—Public opening ceremonies, Willson Park Band Stand.
 1. Call to order, Douglas McKay, Commander Capital Post.
 2. Advancement of Colors, Capital Post.
 3. Invocation, Department Chaplain Duncan P. Cameron.
 4. "Star Spangled Banner"—Mrs. Hallie Parrish Hinges.
 5. Musical Selections (Albany Legion Band).
 6. Addresses of Welcome:
 - a. Carl D. Gabrielson, General Chairman Convention Commission.
 - b. T. A. Livesley, Mayor of Salem.
 - c. Honorable I. L. Patterson, Governor, State of Oregon.
 7. Response: Mrs. Jessie Kelly, Department President, A. L. Auxiliary.
 8. Vocal Selection, Salem Civic Male Chorus.
 9. Introduction of guests: Ben S. Fisher, Department Commander.
 10. Address.
 - 10:00-11:00 A. M.—Sight-seeing trips, Leaving Armory.
 - 11:00 A. M.—Opening Legion Sessions, Hall Representatives, Capitol Bldg.
 1. Reports of: Committee on Credentials, Department Commander, National Committeeman.
 2. Reading of Proposed Constitutional Amendments.
 3. Reading of Communications.
 - 11:00-12:00 A. M.—Post Stunts, downtown streets.
 - 12:00 M.—Adjournment (Meeting of Delegation Chairmen).
 - 12:30 P. M.—Drum Majors Luncheon, Marion Hotel.
 - 1:30 P. M.—Legion Business Session, Capitol Building.
 1. Receiving of Resolutions.
 2. Reports of Department Chaplain, Department Finance Officer, Department Historian, Department Judge Advocate; Chairman Aeronautics Committee, Chairman Americanization Committee, Chairman Boy Scout Committee, Chairman Child Welfare Committee, Chairman Community Service Committee, Chairman Hospitalization Committee, Chairman Land Committee, Chairman Legislation Committee, Chairman Membership Committee, Chairman Publication Advisory Board, Chairman Rehabilitation Committee, Chairman Transportation Committee, Chairman Baseball Committee, Chairman C. M. T. C. Committee, Chairman Convention Fact Finding Committee.
 - 1:30 P. M.—Band Concert, Willson Park.
 - 3:30 P. M.—Retirement of Colors and Adjournment.
 - 3:30 P. M.—Grand Promenade, 40 et 8, Elks Club.
 - 4:00 P. M.—Dedication Salem Municipal Airport. Exhibition Flying by Army Stunt Squadron.
 - 5:00 P. M.—Barbecue, Salem Municipal Airport.
 - 7:30 P. M.—Glee Club Concert and Ritualistic Contest, Willson Park.
 - 8:30 P. M.—Parade, 40 et 8, form on Liberty Street at Armory.
 - 9:00 P. M.—Public Dances.
 - 9:30 P. M.—40 et 8 Wreck, Stadium, Fairgrounds.
 - 11:30 P. M.—Midnight Matinees, Elsinore and Capitol Theatres.
- Friday, August 9**
- 9:00 A. M.—Legion Business Session, Capitol Building.
 1. Advancement of Colors.
 2. Invocation.
 3. Report of: Committee on Time and Place, Convention Committees.
 4. Addresses: (Distinguished Guests and Visiting Department Officials).
 - 9:00 A. M.—Bowling Tournament, Winter Garden, 333 N. High Street.
 - 10:00-11:00 A. M.—Sight-seeing trips, leaving Armory.
 - 11:00-12:00 A. M.—Post Stunts, downtown streets.
 - 12:00 M.—Band Concert, Willson Park.
 - 1:30 P. M.—Retirement of Colors and Adjournment.
 - 2:30 P. M.—State Championship Junior Baseball Game and Stunt Finals, Olinger Field.
 - 3:30 P. M.—Auxiliary Glee Club Contest, Waller Hall.
 - 7:00 P. M.—Drum Corps Contest and Fireworks, Olinger Field.
 - 9:00 P. M.—Public Dances.
 - 11:30 P. M.—Midnight Matinees, Capitol and Elsinore Theatres.
 - 12:30 A. M.—Informal Parade, form on Liberty, Armory (come as you please).
- Saturday, August 10**
- 9:00 A. M.—Legion Business Session, Capitol Building.
 1. Advancement of Colors.
 2. Invocation.
 3. Report of: Convention Committees: Trophy and Awards Committee.
 4. Addresses (Distinguished Guests).
 5. Unfinished Business.
 6. Election of Officers:
 - a. Delegates and Alternates to National Convention, Louisville.
 - b. Department Commander.
 - c. Department Vice-Commander.
 - d. Department Finance Officer.
 - e. Department Chaplain.
 - f. National Committeeman (2 year term).
 - g. Department Executive Committeemen (7 to elect).
 7. Retirement of Colors, Benediction and Adjournment.
 - 9:00 A. M.—Bowling Tournament.
 - 9:00 A. M.—Golf Tournament, Salem Golf Club.
 - 10:00-11:00 A. M.—Sight-seeing trips, leaving Armory.
 - 11:00 A. M.—Trophy and prize awards by Department Commander, Hall of Representatives.
 - 2:30 P. M.—Convention Parade (form on Court street east of Twelfth).
 - 4:30 P. M.—Meeting of new Executive Committee.
 - 9:00 P. M.—Public Dances.
 - Sunday, August 11—8:00 A. M.—Sight-seeing trips to neighboring cities.

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