

# Drum Corps Contest Friday to Draw From Entire Valley

## Dramatic Event, Contest to Come At Local Field

### Corps Coming From all Parts of State; Close Competition Predicted for Big Annual Contest

Unquestionably the most dramatic event of the busy three-day convention will be the state drum corps competition which will be held Friday night on Olinger field where fully 7000 people are expected to witness a dozen corps from all parts of the state vie for \$200 in cash awards and five much coveted trophy cups, each of which spell distinction for the post which receives them.

Promptly at 7 o'clock the exercises at Olinger field will be under way with a band concert by the Legion organization from Albany and the 182nd Infantry band from Portland. When the drum corps start their parade shortly thereafter a colorful spectacle never before witnessed in Salem will be on in full swing.

With their place decided by lot, corps after corps from the various parts of Oregon will march in perfect ranks while the drum major sets a cadence at which inspiring maneuvers will be executed. At least three pieces are to be played by each corps, and under the rules of the contest, two of the pieces must be played while the legion corps are in motion.

Men Natively Dressed  
Natively dressed legionnaires, trained to a fine edge by months of hard practice, each corps eager to outdo its opponent, while a crowd assuredly sufficient to pack the grandstand at Olinger field and to occupy the thousands of bleacher seats provided for the affair—that is the picture which presents itself as the drum corps competition is foreseen.  
The competition is easily the most spectacular single event of the convention program viewed from the variety of interests which it appeals to—and attendance at the affair is expected to be drawn from points all over the valley. Men and women have written to legion leaders here that they expect to witness the drum corps competition as one of the great features of the legion convention.

## Legionnaire Of Roseburg Said Biggest

(Special to The Statesman)  
ROSEBURG, August 5.—Umppqua Post number 16 will be well represented in Salem at the American Legion convention as but one member the Roseburg post number 553 and is cited as being the largest legion post for a city of this size in America.  
Delegates to the Salem convention are: J. A. Denn, J. A. Soules, Glenn McAllister, E. A. Post, Frank Hillis, Vincent O'Brien, George Caskey, John E. Flurry, The alternates are: Guy Cordon, R. D. Bridges, C. G. Ferrier, A. M. Thone, A. B. Cacy, Richard Busch, Rudolph Ritzman, Woodley Stephenson.

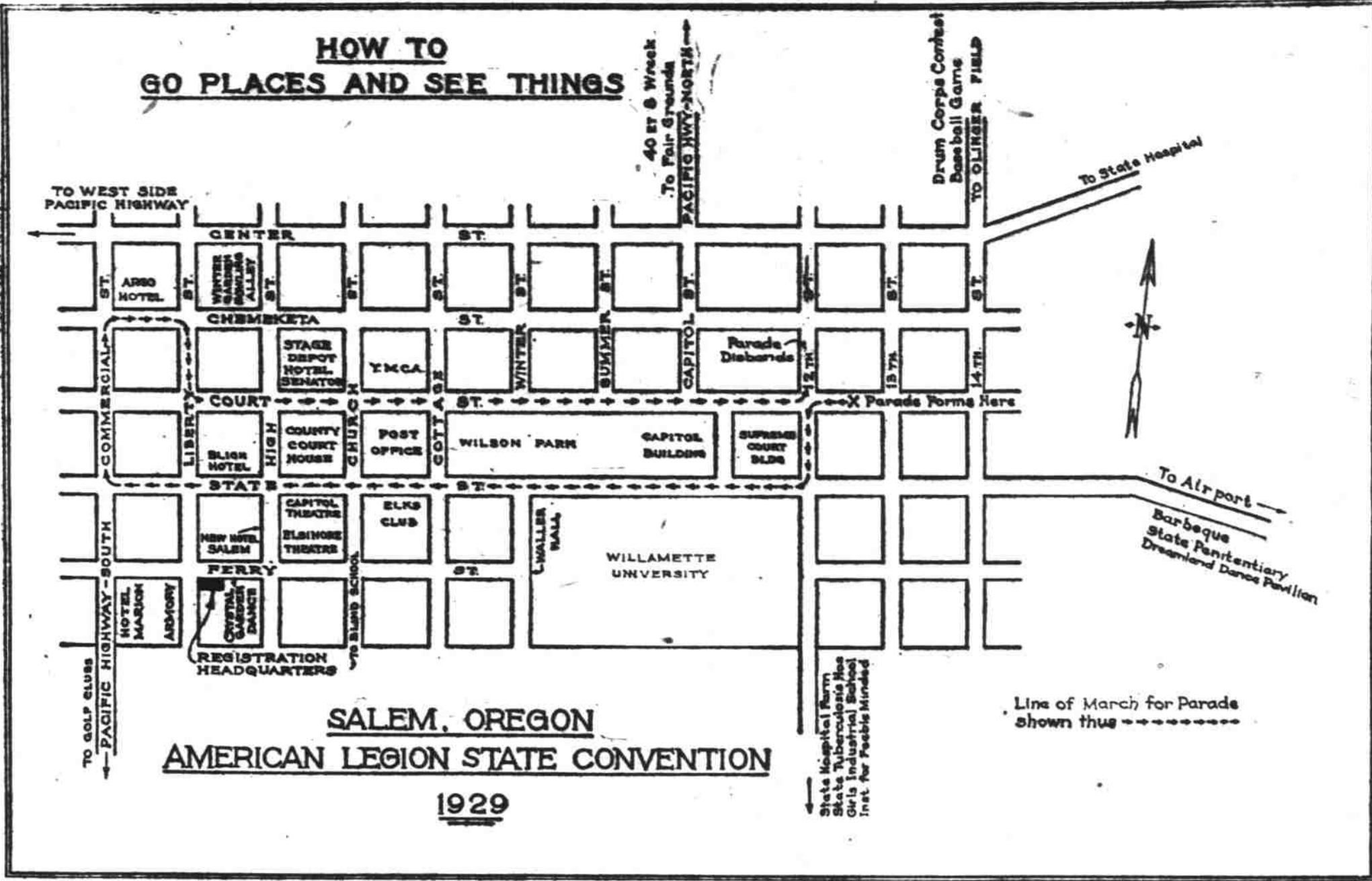
Post Record Good  
During the past year Umppqua post's record of community service is exceptionally fine. The Roseburg airport was sponsored by the post. Options were secured on the land, the measure was passed by the city council and bonds were voted and sold. In a very short time now the Roseburg airport will be completed. Compensation was secured during the year for 46 ex-service men and 20 men were admitted to the veterans hospital as a result of the efforts of this post. A strong contender for the Junior League baseball championship was the Douglas county team, and an extremely fine boy scout troop is sponsored by the Roseburg post.  
The officers of Umppqua post number 16, are: J. A. Denn, commander; E. A. Post, first vice-commander; J. A. Soules, 2nd vice-commander; Chas. G. Ferrier, finance officer; Rev. E. P. Rannels, chaplain; John Flurry, historian; George Trapells, sergeant-at-arms; James M. Fletcher is adjutant.

## "Fod" Maison is On Job Day and Night for Weeks

The man who has had most to do with the preparations for Salem's entertainment of the eleventh American Legion convention of Oregon, is H. G. "Fod" Maison, executive secretary of the convention commission. For weeks he has devoted much time to the work, and for the last two weeks prior to the convention, has maintained an office in the armory, from which all convention business was handled.  
Mr. Maison has been prominent in American Legion affairs in Oregon throughout the history of the organization. He was one of the "trailblazers" in planning the convention at Prineville three years ago, which a member of the post there. Last year he was commander of the local post.

Bebe Daniels and Fatsy Ruth Miller, motion picture actresses, are being taught to fly in Los Angeles.

### Map Shows Downtown District of City of Salem



## DIFFICULT JOB BEFORE JUDGES

### Every Phase of Drum Corps Activity to be Subject of Scrutiny

It is a scientific job which presents itself to the judges at the American Legion drum corps competition Friday night when upwards of 12 posts send their crack corps out on Olinger field to do their best to take honors from among the picked representatives of the posts of Oregon.  
Three special points are stressed: The drum major, his uniform and demeanor; the marching and maneuvers of each corps and the music and repertoire they follow.  
In each division a possible 400 points may be won and a perfect corps would thus score 1200 points.  
The three divisions and the points awarded under each are as follows:  
I. Drum Major - Uniform, Judge No. 1. Possible 400 points.  
1. Drum Major:  
(a) Bearing ..... 50 points  
(b) Commands ..... 75 points  
(c) Execution ..... 75 points  
(d) Uniform ..... 50 points  
2. Uniforms:  
(a) Completeness and uniformity of wearing ..... 50 points  
(b) Neatness ..... 75 points  
(c) Individual fit ..... 25 points  
II. Marching and Maneuvers, Judges Nos. 2 and 3. Possible 400 points, each judge.  
1. Alignment:  
(a) Bugles ..... 50 points  
(b) Drums ..... 50 points  
(c) Pipes ..... 50 points  
(d) Ranks ..... 50 points  
2. Maneuvers:  
(a) Execution of commands ..... 50 points  
(b) Turns ..... 75 points  
(c) Starting and Halting ..... 50 points  
(d) Cadence ..... 50 points  
(e) 123 ..... 50 points  
III. Music and Repertoire, Judges Nos. 4 and 5. Possible 400 points, each judge.  
1. Attack:  
(a) Drums ..... 50 points  
(b) Bugles ..... 50 points  
2. Release:  
(a) Drums ..... 50 points  
(b) Bugles ..... 50 points  
3. Repertoire:  
(a) Drum Parts ..... 50 points  
(b) Bugle Parts ..... 50 points  
(c) Ensemble ..... 100 points  
Total possible points ..... 1200

## Medford Drum Corps On Hand

Pear City Sends Special Car Leaving There Late Wednesday  
MEDFORD, Aug. 7.—The Medford delegation to the American Legion State Convention at Salem will leave the Pear city this evening of Wednesday, August 7, via special car on the Southern Pacific, and will include the regularly elected delegates and alternates, as well as the post drum corps of 23 members.  
Delegates representing Medford Post include: N. C. Chaney, H. L. Bromley, S. V. Hall, E. C. Ferguson, John Homer and Leon M. Brown.  
Alternates are: Paul B. McDonald, Ed Leach, Ed Weber, L. C. Garlock, Geo. Coddling, C. T. Baker and Dr. F. G. Bunch.  
The drum corps representing Medford Post has been practicing at extra sessions during the past month in order to make as good as possible an appearance at the state competition which will be held at Olinger field on the evening of August 9. Additional musical selections written and directed by F. Wilson Waite, music instructor, have been perfected and the corps expects to give a good account of itself in the competition.  
A total of 30 legionnaires and guests will comprise the Medford contingent headed by Commander E. C. Ferguson, O. O. Alexander, ex-mayor of the city of Medford, who has attended the last four conventions with the Medford group, will again be among those present, although not a legionnaire.

## McKenzie Best Posted Man on Legion Affairs

Men weight will be given in the business sessions of the legion convention, to the opinions of "Vic" McKenzie of Salem, for the reason that through his membership on the national executive committee, he is the best posted man in Oregon on the affairs of the national organization.  
Mr. McKenzie has held this office for the last two years, making two trips annually to the Indianapolis headquarters and also attending the national conventions. Several years ago he was commander of Capital Post No. 9.

## Radio Used for Telling Story Of Big Meet

One of the forms of advertising used for the state convention has been the radio.  
Several weeks ago a program featuring a negro quartet from was featured over KGW at Portland.  
Monday "Fod" Maison left his office at the armory here long enough to go to Corvallis and speak over KOAC. Maison told in as much detail as his time permitted, the story of the coming convention.

## Final Rules and Regulations On Drum Corps Contest

TIME AND PLACE  
Olinger field, Salem, August 8, 1929. All corps must report to the committee in charge at least 15 minutes prior to the time set for the competition.  
Supervision  
The contest will be under the supervision of the state department drum corps committee.  
Entry  
Any American legion post in Oregon may enter its drum corps provided that every member is a legionnaire in good standing.  
Parade  
All organizations entering the contest must participate in the convention parade.  
Meeting of Representatives  
At noon on August 8 representatives of all corps, including managers and drum majors shall meet with the department drum corps committee to receive final, complete instructions.  
Judges  
Five judges and three alternate judges will be selected by the department drum corps committee for the competition. One shall judge drum majors and uniforms; two shall judge marching and maneuvers and two shall judge music and repertoire.  
Equipment  
The equipment of corps during the contest shall be limited to drums, bugles, files and cymbals.  
Colors, Standard and Medals  
The national colors shall not be in motion except when the corps are entering or leaving the field. The wearing of service medals is optional with the corps.  
Cadence  
Corps will be required to march and play at a cadence of 128 to 132 steps a minute.  
Conduct of Corps  
Fifteen minutes shall be allowed for each corps in the competition. Each corps must execute at least four distinct maneuvers and play at least three pieces, two of which must be played while maneuvering.  
Awards and points in judging given separately.

## ELABORATE DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS HERE

### Feature Following Drum Corps Drill Demands Outlay of About \$1,000

An elaborate display of fireworks, assembled here at a cost approximating \$1000, will be a special attraction at Friday night's competition between the crack drum corps of the legion posts of Oregon.  
Produced by the Hitts Fireworks company of Seattle, the display will be one of the best ever seen in Salem.  
The theme of the display will be a reproduction of No Man's land, and worked out in the display will be an exhibition of several fine patterns including a flag pattern, a legion emblem pattern and other features.  
Aerial bombs dropped from time to time will feature the display.

The fireworks will be discharged from Olinger field just beyond the drill ground provided for the legion drum corps.

## EUGENE DRUM CORPS READY FOR AFFAIR

### Rejuvenated Outfit Says It Will do Its Best to Win Honors

EUGENE, Aug. 6.—(Special to The Statesman)—Reorganized and full of pep for competition during the state American Legion convention at Salem next week, the Eugene post drum and bugle corps of 25 members will invade the capital city Friday, August 9.  
At a meeting of the executive committee of the post it was voted to send the corps to the state session. The corps will take part in the parade Friday and will enter the drum and bugle corps competition in the evening.  
Bert Gray is manager and Russell Vincent is drum major. The Eugene post drum corps some time ago was practically disbanded and it was not believed that it would enter the state convention this year.  
Although out of practice from several months of inactivity, the corps will go into the Salem gathering and do its best. Although no honors are expected in competition with the many post corps of various parts of the state, last fall, the Eugene veterans are confident that the Eugene post will be well represented both in parade and contest.  
The Eugene post will be represented at Salem by the largest delegation ever to attend a state convention of the Legion in this state with the exception of the meeting here in 1921.  
Aside from the six delegates and post officers, the new officers of the drum and bugle corps, there will

be a large number of Legionnaires at Salem from here, according to Charles Warlock, post commander.  
**Bleachers Will Hold Crowd at Corps Tourney**  
Special arrangements for seating the crowd which is expected to witness the drum corps competition have been made by the committee in charge.  
Bleachers from the Multnomah club in Portland have been borrowed through the courtesy of James Richardson, manager of the club. Bleachers from Willamette university are being used through the courtesy of "Spec" Keene, coach.

## Big Building to Be Erected for Offices of State

Visitors to the city will be interested in the building projects under way. The steel framework which may be seen on State street is the structural frame for the new telephone building for Salem. It will have three stories and basement and will be used to take care of the growing volume of telephone business in the Salem district.  
Out Court street on the state capitol grounds work is just starting for the new state office building. It will be a five story structure in style similar to the supreme court building on the same block. The new building will house many of the state offices now scattered about Salem and in Portland.  
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## 3 DANCES WILL BE GOING DAILY

### Golf Matches, Bowling Tourney and Junior Ball Games Other Features

"Something doing every minute," is the plan of the American Legion entertainment committee, under the direction of Lewis P. Campbell as chairman.  
Beginning with the dances Wednesday night the fun will continue through to include the final dances on Saturday night. Three dance halls, Dreamland, Crystal Garden and the armory will go every night. Dreamland has been re-finished and made ready for the occasion and the floor will accommodate approximately 1000 people. A. C. "Biddy" Bishop has charge of the dance arrangements while W. J. Brasseur is supervising Crystal Garden and Herman Brown and R. H. Bassett have charge of Dreamland.  
Plans for the parade are in charge of Major E. V. Wooten, Thos. Rilea and Jos. Sehur. Stunts and the stunt competition are under the direction of Oliver Huston, Jas. Goodwin and Nowell Williams.  
Carle Abrams in Charge  
Carle Abrams is in charge of ceremonies and John Beaky is seeing that signs are frequent and correct. Graham Sharkey is in charge of the golf tournament and V. M. Stolker is managing the bowling contest.  
Bert Victor is head man in arranging details of the airport dedication while King Bartlett, John Gram and C. L. Parmenter are managing the barbeque.  
Much interest is being manifest over the state in the Junior base ball championship and the final game promises to be a real thriller. Details of the contest are being handled by Roy Keene and Lyle Bartholomew.  
Midnight shows will be given on Thursday and Friday evenings at the Capitol theatre at which all uniformed men will be admitted free.  
The finals in the stunt contest will be staged at Olinger field on Friday at 2:30 o'clock.

## Things Nearly Are Ready for Drum Corps

Handling a state drum corps competition is in no sense a fun job! It takes a lot of work and much planning and that is the reason the committee of five which has been working on the big event has had a real task on its hands.  
Ted Baker of Medford has been chairman of the committee in charge of the competition; Ben Davis of Marshfield, Dave Slade of Salem, Ted Luther of Portland and Mutt Williamson of Medford have been the other four members of the committee detailed to the job of "putting over" the drum corps competition. Slade, secretary of the group, has been doubly busy not only with the secretarial duties but due to the fact that he has been on the ground in Salem and charged with the responsibility of carrying out the immediate details of arranging for the contest.

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