

Salem Has Largest Membership in any City Under 50,000

LOCAL CORPS IS NOT IN CONTEST

Salem Men, However, Want To go South for National Meet This Fall

(Cont'd. from Page 1, sec. 2.) were held in the Brown warehouse on Front street March 17, and a little more than a month later the services of Alexander Kilgour of Portland were obtained as drum corps leader—the only paid man in the group. In June, 1924, the drum corps made its first public appearance at the state department convention in Portland. Palm beach suits were the first uniform. Other activity for that year included participation in local parades.

The drum corps first put itself on the map at district conferences when in January, 1925, it appeared at the conference in Corvallis attired in horizontal black and white striped uniforms. Practices and interest grew, and on April 30 of that year the services of Rudy Schultz of Portland were obtained through efforts of Oscar Steelhammer and Clifford W. Brown. If the late Mr. Brown attended the financial needs of the young corps, no less to Rudy Schultz and to his instruction goes credit for placing the unit in its present limelight, asserts the manager.

Place in Limelight Won Within Year.

New uniforms, worn for the first time in the Decoration day parade, climaxed the first half of 1925, and in the last half of that year, honors began to come in. The organization, 28 strong by that time, put its competitive foot forward in the Prineville convention—June 25, 26, 27—and came home with first place, annexing a prize of \$175 and a silver trophy. The same month, the drum corps won first place in the Portland Rose festival, competing with seven other corps.

In January, 1926, the corps obtained suitable quarters in the armory for storing equipment and for practice. By this time the corps had become such an important part of the post that the late George P. Griffith moved that a committee be appointed to handle drum corps affairs. That committee for the present year includes: Max Page, chairman; Carl Gabrielson and Dave Shade.

First Place Won at Coos Bay Contest

The corps repeated its success of the previous year at the 1926 state convention at Coos Bay, taking first place, \$150 in cash and a \$50 trophy cup with a score of 88 and a quarter points. Eugene placed second and Bend third that year. In October that year, Salem corps again made highest percentage in competition with other drum corps from the state, this time at the state fair. McMinnville scored second and Portland third that time.

The drum corps' first taste of radio broadcasting came in October, 1926, when the group played over KGW at the republican rally in Portland.

Attendance at district conferences, death of Sam Robertson, drum corps member and tribute to him; picnic at Silverton; and participation in Merrykahn parade in Portland Rose festival and award of blue ribbon for largest attendance were pleasant and sad highlights of early 1927.

The members, clad in bright new uniforms, were introduced to a crowd of 6,000 students at a band concert in Wilson park July 19. Following the concert, the drum corps marched to serenade the late George P. Griffith, who was confined to his bed.

La Grande Convention Seca Third Title Won

The third straight state title was won at La Grande convention that year by the 23 men and two colorbearers who constituted the Capitol Post corps. The Salem group also won the stunt prize. Ten corps were competing that year. Bend taking second and Portland third. After the state convention, things were quite enough, except for occasional trips and cooperation with the city in the armistice parade, until December. That month two things happened: the Post moved to rend its drum corps to San Antonio,

Official Legion Auxiliary Program

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

7:30 A. M. Registration of all Delegates and Alternates with Dept. Secretary. Senate Chamber, State Capitol.

8:00 A. M. Call to order by Department President, Mrs. Jessie Kelly. Advancement of Colors. Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to Flag.

Invocation, Mrs. L. C. Gatchell, Dept. Chaplain. "Star Spangled Banner" and Community Singing, led by Miss Lena Belle Tartar. Report of Credentials Committee. Report of Committee on Committees.

10:00 A. M. Mass meeting with Legion for Convention Opening Ceremonies.

11:00 A. M. Meetings of all Convention Committees. Committee Rooms, Eaton Hall, Willamette University.

12:00 Noon Recess for Lunch.

1:00 P. M. Call to order by Department President, Mrs. Jessie Kelly.

Community Singing. Special Music. Reports of Rules Committee, Department President, National Committee woman.

Department Vice-President, Department Secretary, Department Treasurer. Department Finance Committee, Department Historian, District Committee woman, Districts 1, 2 and 3, Constitutional Amendments, Membership, Americanism, Community Service, Publicity, Legislative and Guardianship.

8:30 P. M. Retirement of Colors and Adjournment.

4 to 6 P. M. Garden Party at the home of Mrs. Clifford Brown.

5:00 P. M. Barbecue and Dedication of Air port at Air Port.

7:30 P. M. Glee Club and Quartet Concert and Legion Initiation Contest.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

7:00 A. M. Breakfast and Parley for Secretaries, Past Secretaries, Treasurers and Past Treasurers at the Gray Belle.

9:00 A. M. Call to order by Department President, Mrs. Jessie Kelly. Advancement of Colors. Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to Flag.

\$1,500 being set aside to finance the trip; and the first drum corps banquet was held as the climax to an attendance percentage over a period of six weeks. The bachelors were offered in attendance, scoring 96 per cent, as a consequence of which drummer paid for the banquet. At the banquet the blanket campaign movement which Salemites will readily recall was inaugurated to help raise funds for the trip south.

Corps Works Toward San Antonio Goal

Last year the San Antonio trip was the big thing, with its long preparatory periods of drill; the city's acclaim—high hopes on leave-taking and jubilation on re-elimination contest and final second place, which placed \$750 prize money to the post's credit.

Earlier last year, the corps took part in the national music week program, helped entertain a caravan from California, assisted in welcoming national Commander Spafford and appeared at the annual convention in Medford. At the latter, Portland took first place by a sixth of a point, Salem placing second and Marshfield third. The Salem corps won the music cup at the convention, and Portland took second.

Lloyd Williamson Now Drum Major

Shortly before the San Antonio trip, Lloyd Williamson of Medford was engaged as drum major, succeeding Carl Hingens, resigned. Williamson made the trip to San Antonio with the corps, and although still living in Medford, comes to join them for important events. Major Frank Jirak is substitute for Williamson. If a trip to Louisville materializes this year, and the corps believes it will, Williamson will go.

During the corps' history, there has been but a 25 per cent turnover in personnel. Present members are: buglers—Byron Lieusallen, Mr. Cooper, Roy Baker, Clyde Riches, Frank Jurak, R. Patter-

Invocation, Mrs. L. C. Gatchell, Dept. Chaplain.

Community Singing. Special Music.

Roll Call.

Reports of Hospital, Child Welfare, Poppy, Constitutional Amendments, Finance, Unit Activities and Music Committees.

10:45 A. M. Special Music.

Report of Resolutions and Recommendations Committees.

12:00 Noon Recess for Lunch.

1:00 P. M. Community Singing.

Report of Trophies and Awards Committee and Awarding of Department Prizes, Trophies and Citations.

Retirement of Colors.

8:30 P. M. Glee Club and Quartet Competition (Waller Hall, Willamette Univ.).

Memorial Service, Waller Hall, Willamette University, Carl B. Fenton Unit of Dallas in charge.

5:30 P. M. Dinner and Parley for Presidents and Past Presidents at Elks' Club.

7:30 P. M. Drum Corps Contest followed by fireworks (Ohinger Field).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

8:00 A. M. Call to order by Department President, Mrs. Jessie Kelly.

Advancement of colors. Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to Flag.

Invocation, Mrs. L. C. Gatchell, Department Chaplain.

"Star Spangled Banner" and Community Singing led by Miss Lena Belle Tartar.

Special Music.

Roll Call.

Committee Reports.

District Caucus Meetings.

Election of Department Officers—President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Historian, District Committee women, delegates and alternates to National Convention.

Special Music.

Unfinished Business.

New Business.

Retirement of Colors.

Adjournment.

2:30 P. M. Convention Parade.

FAIRGROUND TO HAVE NEW STAND

In Addition to Taking Care of Race Spectators, Exhibits to be Housed

Strictly modern in every respect, the new \$150,000 grandstand now under construction at the Oregon State Fair grounds, will be one of the finest of such structures of its size anywhere on the Pacific coast.

The building is entirely of concrete and steel throughout, and is 90x330 feet, with a seating capacity of over 6,000. F. Marion Stokes, of Portland, is the architect, and construction is under the Hansen Construction company, also of Portland.

An excellent view of the Lone Oak race track, famous all over Oregon for its thrilling contests, will be afforded from the grandstand, which faces the east. Due to the size of the building, it protruded out on the mile track about 20 feet, rendering it unavailable for racing. However, the half-mile track is in excellent condition for this year's contests. It is hoped that a new mile track will be constructed in the near future.

Exhibits to be Numerous.

The new grandstand is a dual building, and will not only seat the crowds during the races, but will house many of the exhibits.

All of the state booths, those of the deaf and blind schools, the boys' and girls' industrial schools, the asylum, feeble minded school and the tuberculosis hospital, will be there, as well as a number of commercial exhibits.

Entrance to the building will be in the center, on inclined ramps, rather than stairways, which will give the crowd a view of the exhibits. It will be plenty wide enough to accommodate a large number of persons.

After completion of the building, which will be around September 1, concrete sidewalks will be built, and new paving will be put on the automobile road.

Dedication ceremonies will be Monday, September 23, the opening day of the fair.

Salem Center of Education Group

Salem is the center of numerous education institutions, chief of which in the standpoint of time is Willamette university, the outgrowth of the Oregon Institute which was started in 1834.

The city possesses a strong senior high school centrally located, two junior high schools, nine grade schools and in addition several denominational schools. These include Sacred Heart academy, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran, St. Vincent de Paul parochial school, the Livingstone Seventh Day Adventist school. In addition there is the Kimball School of Theology.

The Commodore Perry home,stead at Wakefield, R. I., has been opened to the public.

He'll Attend



Senator Fred Steiwer who will be in Salem throughout the entire convention.

SEVEN HELPS TO AIR TRAFFIC ARE SHOWN

New York—As a guide for those who plan now or in the future to use the service provided by lines of commercial air transportation, Harry F. Guggenheim, president of the Daniel Guggenheim Fund for the promotion of Aeronautics, has compiled a list of commandments which he maintains the potential air traveler has a right to demand of the company he patronizes. They are as follows:

1. Multi-engine planes capable of continuing flight on the disability of one engine.
2. Two pilots licensed by the federal government.
3. Planes and engines licensed by the federal government.
4. Adequate landing facilities over the route to be flown.
5. Intensive weather report service over the route to be covered.
6. Wireless or at least a visual communication system between the plane and the airway.
7. Last and most important of all, responsibility of the operators of the air service.

Hobson Directs Men's Chorus at Legion Conclave

The Salem Civic male chorus makes its first debut locally as one of the features on the convention program. Professor E. W. Hobson, director, has been working on the program being prepared for the convention for a number of weeks and a pleasing repertoire of numbers is anticipated by legion men.

Between 20 and 30 Salem men are in the chorus which is to be a permanent Salem organization, appearing frequently at community events.

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