

CORVALLIS ON HAND TO MEET

Withycombe Post Sends Big Delegation to Guests Of This City

CORVALLIS, Aug. 7.—Withycombe Post No. 11, Corvallis, will be at the state convention in full force with five delegates and five alternates. Many other members of the post will attend during the convention. The Corvallis drum and bugle corps, uniformed and equipped during the past year, will compete in the drum corps contest Friday evening and will appear in the parade Friday morning. Corvallis post is also entering a golf team in the convention tournament.

The service men of the college town have followed the community service program as outlined by the state officers, and signal accomplishments have been completed. In his annual report to the state department, Captain H. Lester Barrett, commander, submits as the post's greatest achievement, the instilling in the membership of the post, their responsibility as Legionnaires to their community as citizens. This has been accomplished through a definite program of service work throughout the year, Captain Barrett says, which has kept the collective and industrial mind of the post on service work.

Many Activities Included
This program has included such activities as the annual Legion Air derby at Corvallis, including sponsorship and impetus at the airport there; the conduct of a successful Automobile and Industrial show, in the absence of a county fair in Benton county; the complete equipment of the drum and bugle corps as a community advertising factor; the acquisition of a permanent home for the Legion for the express purpose of binding more closely the post membership in continued community service work; and the creation of a substantial fund for playground equipment and maintenance on the various school grounds of the city.

The Corvallis post membership numbers 277, against 176 last year, and over the top on the allotment of 210, the quota given the post by the department at the beginning of the year.

Delegates Picked Confab
Delegates to the Salem convention here Thursday, Friday and Saturday are: Captain H. Lester Barrett, commander; Dr. Floyd C. Rowland, commander for next year; Francis Ziegler, immediate past commander; John Bauer and E. K. Weston, alternates; Roger Q. Mills, Sandy McHugh, A. L. Keeney, Dana Straw, manager of the drum and bugle corps, and Arthur von Lebe. Members of the golf team from Corvallis are C. G. Blakeley, winner of the state Lions club tournament at Tillamook, captain; Carl Lohell, E. G. Queensberry and William J. (Bill) Williams.

FOUR TROPHIES ARE OFFERED TO CORPS

No less than four trophies in addition to the \$200 have been provided for honor winners in the big legion drum corp competition Friday night.

The Clifford W. Brown trophy, a cherished memento to Salem Legionnaires who knew its donor and who previously held the cup here, goes to the drum corps scoring highest in general competition. The trophy is now held by Portland Post No. 1.

The trophy offered by the Sieberling-Lucas company of Portland is to be awarded to the corps making the best score in the musical division. This trophy is now held by Capitol Post No. 9.

The trophy offered by the Beasley Military academy goes to the corps making the best score in the marching section. This trophy is now held by the Calvin Funk post of Cottage Grove.

To the best drum major in the contest goes the Abrahamson trophy which is now held by Ray C. Williams of the LaGrande post, who won the honor in 1928.

When setting annual plants, don't make the mistake of haphazard planting. Plants should not be planted any old way, but should be carefully arranged, together that will clash with each other.

Help For Service Men Great Motive In Legion's Work

Development of Good Citizens, Help for Boys in Community, These are Among the Aims of Great Organization

It is not uncommon to hear some well meaning individual express some such idea as "Why an American Legion?" They will explain that the war is over and the sooner we let that part of our national activity become history and cause its grim terrible-ness to be faded by forgetfulness the better off we will be. And they will add that about the only thing the legion is good for is to get the men who served in the World War together regularly and keep the idea of war alive in their consciousness.

These opinions may be sincere but they are erroneous, and like all such opinions they are based upon ignorance and are appallingly unfair. The American Legion has a tremendous work to do and it is doing it as it fought the war—saying little either before it acts or afterward. No one has ever been much annoyed by long tales of bravery and achievement told by the men we know who helped to fight to regain world peace. If we found out about what they did we had to work for the information. So with the Legion—it is not advertising its activities.

Hard Lessons Learned
What it is doing is attempting to put to good advantage some hard learned lessons which came as part of the heritage from the war. For instance, its members learned that the majority of American men are not physically developed to withstand galling tests for physical strength; they learned that for all our vaunted education an astounding number of our men were sadly wanting in that basic demand of any republic; they learned that while there was a creditable showing of war time patriotism there was not sufficient deep-seated understanding of the needs of national life on the part of the "mass" to insure his peace-time working toward the best interests of the nation and the ultimate development of honorable peace among nations. The legion has learned this last short-coming a lack of "Americanism."

Most vital of all, they learned that the untouched brother will remember while service is needed—perhaps he will remember—but that when the excitement is over and services are no longer needed those who got hurt in the melee are very apt to have to fight for attention when they need it. Therefore we find the legion pushing hospitalization and reconstruction for the luckless veteran "buddies."

Hospitalization Carried On
The great American public has dismissed the war so completely from its mind that it fails to realize what the American Legion knows—that there are in veteran, special veteran, and civilian hospitals for the year ending in June 1928, 25,899 buddies as in contrast to 25,310 the year before. When the figures are announced for this year the number will be still larger. The public does not know that these hospitals admitted for examination and treatment, 73,270 World war patients during the past year and that over 1,099,803 complaints for compensation have been filed which would compose about 20% of all those men who served in the American forces.

Neither does the public know that during the fiscal year ending June 1928, \$2,542,103 had been paid to dependents of 86,634 veterans who died in action or in hospitals since the war ended.

"What has the American Legion to do with this?" Well, it has a committee in every post in each of the 48 states whose sole business it is to look after getting the proper attention to the service men who need aid.

Government Aid Supplemented
True, the government has established a large and expensive system, the veterans' bureau, to care for these conditions. Yes, and the government has extensive prison inspectors, and committees to care for prison conditions, one of which is overcrowding, but its largest prison, Leavenworth, has had over 3000 inmates when it was only equipped to handle a

BUSY PROGRAM AWAITS CROWD

Wide Range of Entertainment Provided for Visiting Guests

(Cont'd. from Page 1, sec. 2.) reports and addresses. The committee on selection of the meeting place and time for the 14th annual convention will make its report as the chief business of the meeting. Convention committee will also report, and then the meeting will be given over to addresses by distinguished guests and visiting department officials. The meeting will adjourn at 1:30 o'clock.

Other events arranged for the morning hours include the bowling tournament which is to get under way at the Winter Garden, 333 North High street, at 9:00 o'clock, sight-seeing trips from 10 to 11 o'clock, cars to start the tours from the armory, and more post stunts on downtown streets beginning at 11 o'clock and lasting until noon.

Sports in Afternoon
In the afternoon, an unusual feature of the sporting program, the state championship junior baseball game, will start at Olinger field, 14th and B streets, at 2:30 o'clock. Stunt finals for survivors of the post stunts held downtown Thursday and Friday mornings also will be held on the field at this time.

The auxiliary glee club contest will take many cohorts of each auxiliary to Waller hall, on the Willamette university campus, at 3:30 o'clock Friday afternoon. Spectacular event of the entire three-day session and the one which is invariably synonymous with legion conventions, comes at 7 o'clock Friday evening. It is the drum corps contest, to take place on Olinger field. A pretentious display of fireworks will add to this exciting occasion.

Public dances from 9 o'clock on and midnight matinees at the Capitol and Elsinore theatres at 11:30 will be held again Friday night. And for Legionnaires who haven't yet called it a day, an informal parade will form at 12:30 a. m. on Liberty street at the armory. "Come as you please" is the order for the latest—or earliest—event on the program.

Convention Parade Feature
Election of officers Saturday morning and the convention parade Saturday afternoon will be the particular feature of the final day of the confab. Program for that day will get under way at 9 o'clock in the morning with the closing business session at the capitol. Order of business follows: advancement of colors, invocation, report of trophy and awards committee; addresses by distinguished guests; unfinished business; election of officers, including: delegates to the national convention at Louisville, department commander, department vice-commander, department finance officer, department chaplain, national committeeman to serve two years, and department executive committeeman, seven to be elected. Following retirement of colors and benediction, convention adjournment will be taken.

The bowling tournament started Friday morning will continue Saturday, beginning at 9 o'clock in the morning, and at the same hour the Legionnaires' golf tournament will get under way at the Salem golf club. Sight seeing trips, cars leaving the armory, will be made from 10 to 11 o'clock that morning and at 11 o'clock the department commander will present trophy and prize awards contested for during the convention. Presentation will take place in the hall of representatives.

The convention parade will be highlight of the afternoon, the scores of decorated entries to form on Court street at 2:30 o'clock for the procession east on 12th street.

The new executive committee will hold a session at 4:30 o'clock and public dances at 9 o'clock will complete the convention business and entertainment.

Sight-seeing trips to neighboring cities have been arranged for Sunday, automobiles to leave Salem at 8 o'clock that morning, for the visitors and delegates who are remaining over.

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Students Plane Crashes in Field

CAMPBELLSVILLE, Ky., Aug. 7.—(AP)—A barnstorming student pilot's airplane crashed in the center of the business district here late today and the young flier and two Campbellsville business men were killed.

The dead are Francis Mitchell, 25, the pilot, Louisville; Carl E. Carter, 23, drug store owner; and Elmer Courts, 23, clerk in Carter's store.

GLEE CLUBS TO VIE AT CONTEST FRIDAY

Waller Hall, on Willamette Campus, Scene for Rivalry

The music competition which is always a feature of the American Legion Auxiliary convention, will be held Friday afternoon, August 9 in Waller hall, on the Willamette university campus beginning at 3:30 o'clock.

Both glee clubs and quartettes from the various auxiliary units will compete. Capitol Post unit of Salem will sing as a courtesy but will not enter into the competition. Last year this group won all-state honors but as the host-

ess group will not compete this year. Quartettes from Sheridan, St. Helens, McMinnville, Medford and Hood River will vie for the Lydia Horsfall silver trophy which will be awarded to the ladies' quartette judged best.

Official Number Chosen
Each quartette will sing one number of its own choosing while the state competition number is "The Indian Mountain Song" by Cadman.

The winning glee club will also be awarded a silver trophy. Each club is to sing a number of their own choosing while the competition number is "The Great Awakening" by Cramer and Barlow.

The judges will be three prominent Salem musicians, all experienced in judging ensemble singing.

In addition to the silver trophies \$25 in cash will be given the winning glee club and \$10 in cash to the winning quartette.

Both competition numbers are particularly difficult and each competing group has been working for some time preparing for the contest. Much is expected of the Oregon group and the state competition numbers are far more difficult than those of the national contest. The national quartette competition number is "Lassie o' Mine."

Pacific Flyer to Get Flying Cross

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Ninth area headquarters announced today that Captain Ernest L. Smith, who, with Emory Bronte in July 1927, flew an airplane across the Pacific to the Island of Molokai, Hawaii, will receive the distinguished flying cross for his achievement. Major General Hines, commandant, will present the decoration at a ceremony at Crissy Field, Aug. 15.



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