

Legion Does Constructive Work Locally During 1931

CELEBRATIONS BACK BY POST

**Determined, Successful
Drive Made to Send Win-
ning Drum Corps East**

The year 1931 in the life of Capital Post number 9 has passed into history. It has been marked by the absence of sudden flaring activities and has been marked with sane, constructive work.

One of the earliest activities to be started was the junior baseball. Four teams appeared in Salem and played off a small series. From these a team was selected that carried on to the state finals in Corvallis with Oliver Huston as the manager. In the state finals the Marion county group lost to Portland, two games out of three.

For the first time in many years in 1931 the people of this community enjoyed a real old-fashioned Fourth of July at the state fair grounds. Under the direction of J. T. Delaney a real program was staged lasting from the early morning salute until the end of the gorgeous fireworks display late at night. Something was doing all the time, with a program, automobile races, horse races, carnival attractions, boxing bouts and side shows.

During the period Capital Post No. 9 Drum Corps members were busy practicing for the State convention of the American Legion to be held in Corvallis in August. Complete new equipment was purchased by the Post and was worn for the first time at the convention where the Salem corps won first place. Sending the corps to the National convention at Detroit, Michigan, was the next problem. A determined drive was made for funds and with the state department putting up half the money the necessary amount was raised. At Detroit in the preliminary contest Fate entered into the competition and removed the cap from one of the drummers. As a result Salem, recognized as one of the best corps at the convention was ranked twelfth and out of further competition. Although deprived of the chance to compete, invaluable advertising was done for Salem and Oregon at Detroit and all along the route of the trip as many appearances were made. "Rudy" Shultz of Portland was the musical director of the corps and Paul Burris the drill master.

The Armistice day celebration took on larger proportions this year than ever. No direct solicitation was made of the merchants for the sale of tickets and the program really started on the evening of November 10 with a football game between Leslie and Parrish Junior high schools. Then came dancing and wrestling matches. On November 11, one of the largest parades to be staged in Salem wended its way through the streets and a program was held at the monument on the court house lawn with Judge James Campbell as the speaker. In the afternoon Willamette university defeated Linfield college at football in a very exciting game. Dances and theatre parties marked the close of the celebration.

Service rehabilitation and relief work have occupied a great deal of attention of Post members during the past year. This work was directed at first by Reynolds Ohmart and for the past three months by Waldo Mills. There has been much unemployment and many families to be supplied with necessities. There have been many disabled to help and the service committee has been exceptionally busy.

Many other activities have occupied the time and attention of the members of Capital Post, such as Americanization work, child welfare work, community service, Boy Scout and legislative problems. The Legion men and women have also found time to actively participate in the affairs of city, state and nation. In all the work during the year the members of Capital Post No. 9 have been loyally aided by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 9, whose president was Mrs. W. P. Watkins and now is Mrs. M. J. Melchoir.

What to expect for 1932? That is a question very difficult to answer. A most peculiar situation confronts the entire world today, however, whatever it is the American Legion stands ready to do its part now the same as when the world war threatened the country.

Already a great quantity of service and welfare work confronts the Post and Auxiliary. Fifty families are now receiving care from the two organizations.

During 1932 comes the Bi-centennial celebration of the birthday of George Washington. Already a committee with O. D. Adams as the chairman, has been named and is busy on the plans that this Post may properly participate.

There will be numerous other activities which will arise during the year and in which the Legion will take a part. There will be community enterprises, Boy Scout work, Americanization work, the Fourth of July celebration, the Armistice day celebration and the National convention in Portland. The 1932 National convention of the American Legion, which is to be held in Portland during September, will bring many thousands of visitors to this state. Capital Post will endeavor to see that a goodly portion of these visit the city of Salem. Plans are already made to bring this about. A committee has been named, consisting of J. T. Delaney, Douglas McKay, E. M. Page and Carl Gabrielson, to work to the end that Salem is properly and adequately represented at the National convention. During the greater portion of

70 Per Cent Growth Noted in '31 In Scout Work, O. P. West Says Summer Camp Marks High Spot; December Court of Honors Draws Many Notables

Depression or no, and despite lack of financial resources, Cascade area, Boy Scouts of America, in 1931 experienced a growth in membership of approximately 70 per cent, according to O. P. West, Scout executive who directed the Boy Scout activities. The fall registration alone was 600 in contrast with 400 in September, 1930. Nineteen thirty-one for Salem Scouts was a banner year with many outstanding events. Leading the list was the celebration of Scouting's 21st birthday. On the movement's birthday in February 21 Scouts and 21 men interested in boys called on Governor Julius L. Meier at the statehouse. After delivering a tribute to Scouting, the governor was presented by Marie Langford with a new Boy Scout handbook.

42 Men in Master's Course
During the winter months 42 men enrolled in a 16-week course to prepare themselves for becoming Scoutmasters. Thirty-six of that number received their diplomas. The classes were held at Willamette university with the cooperation of the physical education department.

Early in the spring Scouts throughout the area began training in preparation for one of the stellar events of the year, the annual field rally. On June 7, the night before the rally, 275 Scouts set up their tents for an overnight stay in Willson park and demonstrated to a crowd of 3000 onlookers their regular troop activities. The rally was held successfully on the following day.

Came summer, and the end of school. Not disbanding for the season as do many organizations, the Scouts in July set out for their camp on the Little North Fork of the Santiam river. Although fewer boys attended camp in 1931 than previously, those who did participate declared it the best camp ever held. Overnight hikes, swimming, fishing, preparation for advancement kept them busy continually.

300 Boys Better Rank
With summer past, attention in Cascade area was turned to fall

registration, organization of new troops and study for advancement at the courts of honor which were held each month at the county courthouse. A total of 300 boys improved their rankings at these courts. Many of them earned a large number of awards.

The December court, held in the house of representatives and presided over by Judge H. H. Belt, George Rossman and J. U. Campbell of the state supreme court, saw the advancement of 44 boys in the presence of some 350 parents and friends.

To the Boy Scouts was awarded the honor on Armistice day of having the highest percentage of their membership march in the American Legion parade. In addition to marching, the boys assisted the War Mothers and elderly soldiers.

Good Done at Holidays
Thanksgiving and Christmas times brought to Scouts the opportunity of making the most of their traditional daily good deeds. On the former day many baskets of food were prepared and delivered to needy families. Immediately after Christmas Scouts of Salem and Chemawa canvassed city for foodstuffs and old clothing to be distributed by Community Service to indigent persons.

The year ended with Cascade area larger not only in membership but also in territory. With the disbanding of the old Ben Lincoln area, Linn county with its many active troops was taken into Cascade area in December.

A. C. Hans, president of the area during 1931, this month will relinquish his duties to the incoming president, J. T. Delaney. Other officers for 1932 are: W. L. Phillips, Scout commissioner; Willard Wirtz, treasurer, and O. P. West, Scout executive. With the interest now being shown in Scouting by both the boys and their parents, and the prospect of adequate financial backing as the result of the special solicitation now going on, the forecast for 1932 is that the year will be even more successful than was 1931.

Salem Kiwanis Club Possesses Ten Year Service Record

**Local Group has Sponsored Many Projects
For Betterment of Capital City**

During its more than ten years existence as an active service club in the capital city, Salem Kiwanis has more than justified itself as a real force in the civic progress of the city and its surrounding territory. On October 21, 1931, Salem Kiwanis celebrated its tenth anniversary and the results of its work during that period are clearly apparent in the city schools, parks, playgrounds and other civic assets.

Probably the outstanding single accomplishment during that time was the sponsoring of the city planning and zoning commission. Until Kiwanis took up the proper regulation of the city's rapid expansion, the natural beauty which its pioneer founders had bequeathed it and in their foresight had safeguarded, by establishing broad boulevards flanked with numerous shade trees and evergreen parks and squares, was threatened with stifling surrounding suburbs with narrow and crooked thoroughfares.

Bridges Built by Kiwanis
The system of attractive permanent bridges which now have been installed received its first encouragement and enthusiastic support from the Salem Kiwanis club. How many people know that the Associated charities was sponsored and organized by the Salem Kiwanis club? That the summer playground system now well organized and maintained was first initiated and sponsored by Salem Kiwanis? That the club was one of the first organizations in the city to give its whole hearted support to the plan to erect both the Parrish and Leslie Junior high schools now such an important part of the city's school system?

Salem Kiwanis members, however, probably take greatest pride in the fact that it was largely through the club's efforts that the Commonwealth Fund of New York City was first interested in Salem and Marion county with the result that the Marion county health demonstration was established bringing to the community the intellectual assistance of that great institution and the most modern and the best medical assistance available to the school children of the county as well as thousands of dollars of outside money over a period of more than six years.

The club has also interested itself in 1931 the destinies of Capital Post No. 9 were guided by E. M. Page, commander; Irl S. McSherry, vice commander; E. F. Slade, finance officer; L. A. Hamilton, adjutant; Earl Williams, chaplain; Joe Marcroft, historian; Herman Brown, sergeant-at-arms; Don Wiggins, quartermaster; Douglas McKay, Carl Gabrielson, O. E. Palmateer, Clifford Moynihan and J. T. Delaney members of the executive committee.

On the first of October a new set of officers assumed the reins as follows: J. T. Delaney, vice commander; Arthur Bates, finance officer; William Bliven, adjutant; Rev. G. W. Rutsch, chaplain; Joe Marcroft, historian; George Averitt, sergeant-at-arms; George Fellers, quartermaster; Douglas McKay, F. M. Page, Carl Gabrielson, Roy Keene and L. P. Campbell, members of executive committee.

1931 HIGHLIGHT IS DIAL PHONES

**Pacific Telephone Company
Spends \$850,000 Modern
Service in Salem**

Completion and placing in service of Salem's new dial telephone office was the highlight of the past year for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company.

This project, which was one of the major activities of the company in Oregon during the year, culminated officially with the "cut-over" from the old manual office to the new dial office, in the new building at 740 State street, at midnight, April 4.

The work of creating this new service for Salem had extended over a period of two years at a total cost of more than \$850,000. Salem was given a modern, up-to-date telephone service second to none on the Pacific coast, and became the only city outside of Portland in the state to "dial."

As the year closed the Salem district showed a loss of less than 200 telephones or a percentage loss which was one of the smallest of any of the larger cities in the state. The year in retrospect thus reveals that Salem withstood the effects of the world wide depression quite well; that is, if telephone installations are to be accepted as a criterion of business activity. The number of telephones at the end of the year was slightly less than 6850, as compared with slightly more, than 7000 when the year started. The 6850 figure, however, represented a substantial growth over 1929 when, on January 1 of that year, there were but 6638 telephones.

A bright spot during the past year, according to H. V. Collins, district manager, was the inauguration of the telephone company's service and sales program, with every employee actively undertaking sales work. This program, based on the assumption that telephone growth is a real community asset, was featured by an open house with demonstrations at the telephone building. That the new telephone building, with its tons of intricate equipment, proved interesting to Salem people is found in the fact that more than 7000 have visited the office during the year.

Another development of the old year was the creation of the Salem district with Salem as the headquarters for the mid-Willamette territory of the telephone company, and with Mr. Collins as district manager. Except for the usual replacements and betterments no large outlay is planned by the company in the Salem district for 1932, according to Mr. Collins. Gross construction for new work, betterments and replacements in the state by the telephone company during 1931 totaled approximately \$2,110,000. In 1932 these expenditures will approximate \$1,900,000, according to estimates by telephone officials, and Salem will share in this total.

Extensive Service to Public Is Offered by State Library Increased Use of Books Characteristic of the Present Period; Helps Sought

The state library this year has shipped approximately 192,000 books into various parts of the state in answer to requests of Oregon residents. If these 192,000 books, each of them averaging eight inches in height, were laid end to end, tip touching tip, along the Pacific highway from the state house toward Portland, the book line would reach more than 25 miles—as far as Aurora.

These books went to people in all walks of life, in all parts of the state. One teacher wrote that the books for her school went in 23 miles by pack horse! They have been used in lonely forest rangers' cabins, in isolated ranch homes, within prison walls, as well as in thousands of Oregon homes, schools, clubs, granges, churches, in small villages and on the farms of the more closely settled parts of the state. Within the week one enthusiastic patron returned her books to the state library with the comment "It's a life saving service."

Now as never before people are turning to books and libraries for help in feeling their way through these troubled times, for books of information and vocation, as well as for those recreational books which keep up the morale, and lend their steadying influence to character and personality of individuals and communities.

Letters such as the following have come frequently during the fall and early winter: "Please send us a traveling library. I have a small bookcase and could promise the very best of care. People who are out of work and have troubles and cares must have something to divert the attention

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part of the time." Six hundred and fifty of these traveling libraries—collections of 50 books planned for the use of old and young, have gone to communities for a six months period, there to bring pleasure and profit to the whole community.

More than 3200 packages of carefully selected books have been sent to the schools of the state. Many of these packages were groups of from 15 to 25 books which were carefully designed to tempt the children to a love of reading. Other collections were for high schools, boys and girls, or debate groups, who this year have been intent upon the subject of unemployment insurance.

Typical of the many letters asking for books on the world's economic problems is a letter just received from a town of 350 people in eastern Oregon: "I would also like Vebelen's 'The Vested Interests and the Common Man' or Tawney, 'The Acquisitive Society,' or a more recently published equivalent." Or this letter from a small mill community: "To begin with, I want a book that deals with business management, one that will explain the secrets of financing a factory or a mill, particularly, a lumber mill. I do not know the name of any book that has what I want but there surely must be one or two that will help. Also, I want a book of the same type that deals particularly with personnel management."

"So much for the indefinite. I also want: Tausig, F. W. 'Principles of Economics,' Hamilton and Hale, 'Control of Wages,' or if you don't have this particular book, one like it: Friday, David: 'Profits, Wages and Prices,' and 'Money and Banking' by any good author."

Challenge Is Met
These heavy demands upon the state library are but a reflection of the increased demands made upon public libraries all over the state. The librarian from one of the larger county libraries wrote "We have never had to call upon the state library so much for help, and have never appreciated it as we have in this last year."

Libraries all over Oregon are now as never before, meeting the challenge of the times by offering those books which promote intelligent thinking, and by maintaining the morale of the many who

PRODUCTION 25 PER CENT UP IN MILLS

**Kay Plant Made More Modern;
new Cloth Dryer and
Office for 1932**

Improvement in both business and plant was the keynote of the Kay Woolen Mill during 1931, and will continue to be the same during 1932, C. A. Page, manager, declared.

A 25 per cent increase in the production of cloth was noted during the year just passed.

come for books of inspiration and recreation.

Improvement in the plant included the excavation of the remainder of the basement of the plant on South 12th street, increasing its space by 15 per cent. Two big changes slated for 1932 are the installation sometime this month of a Heathcoat cloth mangle, to be placed in the basement, and the erection of a new office building on the site of the old one.

During the lag-end part of last year, the Kay mill produced about 1,000 yards of cloth a day. Its mill force remained the same, with approximately 110 people working four days a week.

Sales during 1931, the manager reported, were steady but were small and for spot delivery. "We used to receive large orders months in advance, but last year, everyone seemed to wait until the last minute before ordering what they needed. Then they wanted the order within three or four days," Page said.

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