

Third Convention for Gabrielson

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The 10-year intervals since the end of World War I recall exciting memories for American Legionnaire Carl D. Gabrielson of Salem.

It was back in 1919 that young Lieutenant Gabrielson returned to the United States after serving with the 27th infantry regiment attached to the allied expeditionary force in Siberia.

In 1929 he was general chairman of the first state American Legion convention ever held in Salem.

Ten years later Salem was host city a second time and again it was Gabrielson who served as convention chairman.

Vice Chairman
And now, in 1949, he is vice-chairman of Salem's third convention and freely predicts that, "successful as our past two conventions were, this one will top any meet ever held in the state."

Gabrielson, who has attended a majority of Legion conventions held throughout the state, recalls the address given by Louis Johnson in 1939 as one of the highlights of the year in Salem.

Johnson, present secretary of defense in President Truman's cabinet, then was assistant secretary of war.

"He gave us a pep talk on patriotism I'll never forget," Gabrielson said, "and his theme was a steady influence when Hitler marched into Poland a month later."

Ideals Unchanged
The aims and ideals of the Legion have remained unchanged

Heading Conclaves 'Old Stuff' for Him



Carl Gabrielson, Salem, vice-chairman of the committee in charge of the Oregon American Legion's 1949 convention in Salem which starts Wednesday, August 3.

since Paul V. McNutt outlined them for the 1929 convention in Salem, Gabrielson said.

"Service to the disabled, child welfare, Americanism and national defense — in that order — are the aims today as in '29," he said.

Gabrielson recalls that the era of national prohibition didn't keep the 1929 convention from being just as exciting and hilarious as the gathering ten years later in Salem.

No Dampener on Festivities
"Legion conventions are always lively affairs, and dry laws couldn't put a dampener on festivities in 1929," he said.

But the vice-chairman does recall with a laugh the experiment of Ray Stumbo with the "dugouts" which sold beer in 1939.

"Stumbo, who died several years ago, was manager of the Hollywood theatre and a real showman. But we all told him he was off on the wrong track when he wanted to charge 10 cents admission to the dugouts that year," Gabrielson said.

"After all, we reasoned that dugouts were like restaurants. You don't charge admission to go buy a meal," he explained.

"But when the convention ended Stumbo had talked 9,000 people into paying a dime apiece for the privilege of paying more money to buy a glass of beer."

Employment Service Of Portland Shows American Legion Film

PORTLAND — Fred C. King, president of King Brothers, 3500 S. E. 17th Avenue, purchased a moving picture projector for the use of the Veterans Employment Service, to enable its personnel to show the American Legion picture, "No Help Wanted," to employers, civic and fraternal groups throughout the state.

The staff of the Veterans Employment Service, all members of the American Legion, under the direction of Richard Smurthwaite, will show this unusual film encouraging the employment of handicapped veterans to any Legion post or community group upon request.

Each new shell coil of the chambered nautilus is exactly three times the size of the previous coil.

Salem Offers Sightseeing, Recreation to Legionnaires

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Welcome, visiting Legionnaires! Here you are in Salem — "the host with the most," as it says on your official souvenir program. Perhaps you'll find time during your busy stay here to drive around the Salem area and give pause to that statement.

Salem fairly abounds with things to do and see. A majority of Oregon's state institutions are here. Follow any road and a point of interest or a panoramic view will suddenly pop up in front of you.

If you're the systematic type a pamphlet prepared by the Salem Chamber of Commerce should be helpful. Four scenic trips are diagrammed with driving times that vary from 20 minutes to two hours.

One of them is a drive-by tour of state institutions. It starts at the state capitol and takes you past the following: Fairview home, Hillcrest girls' school, tuberculosis hospital, Cottage farms, penitentiary, forestry building and state hospital.

For a quick birds-eye view of the city with the Cascades in the background, here's a suggestion: On leaving the Legion club (where the French box-car is located) drive south one block, then turn right on Candalaria boulevard. Go right up the hill for a glimpse of some of Salem's heavier homes, as well as an excellent view.

Guided tours of the state capitol building are conducted every hour that offices there are open. Inquire at the secretary of state's office for the guide.

The already-mentioned Oregon state penitentiary may be visited Wednesday or Friday at 9 a.m., or 2 p.m. Also on Monday, if you are staying over. The tour takes about two hours.

Across the street from the penitentiary, the interior of the state forestry building is a must for lovers of fine woods. Its unique

Park Head Leaves Job At Silverton

SILVERTON — C. E. Granger, Silverton park superintendent since May 1, resigned as of August 1, and E. E. Olson was named

pannelled displays of Oregon woods are of national repute. Are you the baggy-tweeds-and-BOOKS type? Then you'll want to visit the state library. It's the white marble building in front, and just west of the state capitol. Half-a-million volumes are shelved there, and don't miss the Oregon room where virtually all works about Oregon or by Oregon authors are to be found.

If you can't attend the state fair, at least you can see the grounds. They are "close in." Go north on 18th street and you'll run right into the place, or drive there via the Pacific highway and Silverton road.

Sports? Besides your own convention contests, the Salem Senators will play a Western International league foe every night this week at Waters field here. And "hot rod" races are scheduled Saturday night at Hollywood bowl.

HUBBS BETTER
SILVERTON — George W. Hubbs, who has been critically ill at the Silverton hospital since a heart attack on July 27, was reported considerably improved Tuesday, although he is still in the oxygen tent.

The spotted skunk is often called the hydrophobia skunk, but has not been proved to be more susceptible to hydrophobia than the common skunk or most other mammals.

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to take his place; Granger, formerly a cabinetmaker, has accepted a position in that line again, he reported in turning in his resignation.

Reports of the superintendent show that the Coolidge & McClaine park and its newer addition where the swimming pool is located, has accommodated an unusually large number of visitors this summer and that several large groups are registered for future Sundays this summer.

One of the larger groups will be the Silverton Oldtimers association to meet Sunday, August 7. This gathering will be dedicated to Llewellyn Davenport who investigated the founding of the association three years ago, and who died here three weeks ago.

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