

Eugene Throng Hears National Leader Speak

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and other influences seeking to wreck our form of government.

Positive Program

The American Legion has a positive Americanism program functioning, the national head stated in reviewing some other activities of the organization. Boy Scouts are operated in a majority of the departments, and the Legion, next to the Methodist and Catholic churches sponsors more Boy Scouts troops than any other group, he said.

Membership today, reaching 1,065,000, is 30,000 greater than at this time last year, Commander Warner said in telling of the work among the more than 12,000 posts in the country.

He paid high tribute to Oregon's department commander, Captain Alfred P. Kelley, for the record that this state now has an all-time high membership and for its useful activities. The American Legion, too, still considers of fundamental, primary importance, the rehabilitation work for its members, the national head stated.

Welcome Given

Preceding Commander Warner's talks, Sam C. Bond, acting mayor of Eugene, extended a warm and



by JOHN CLINTON

Well, my friend the absent-minded professor has been at it again. Yesterday afternoon the professor's wife

was called to the telephone. The professor, it seemed, was stranded 30 miles from home in a strange community, thoroughly and completely broke, and out of gas!

Yes, he had some money somewhere, but he couldn't remember where! ... and would she please come and get him, or send him some money so he could get some gas and come home?

I drove her out to get the professor, and on the way back I stopped at a Union Oil station and had him fill out an application for a Union National Credit Card. That will take care of running out of gas and money at the same time.

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American Legion Program For Tuesday, July 22:

- 9:00 a. m. Convention business session—Elks lodge room. Advancement of Colors: Department Sergeant-at-Arms Wayne Arnold and Asst. Lyle King. Invocation: Department Chaplain, Rev. Joseph J. Dixon.
- Introduction of Distinguished Guests. Address: Jos. K. Carson "Civilian Defense." Report of: Committees on Credentials (Final), Time and Place and Trophy and Awards. Reading of: Constitutional Amendments, Communications.
- Reports of Convention Committees: Americanism—Constitution and Constitutional Laws—Legislative—Finance—Post Activities and Organization—Publicity and Publication—Resolutions—Veterans' Welfare and State Aid.
- Adjournment of Convention Session.
- Dugout—180 West 8th Ave. All afternoon and evening.
- 7:30 p. m. Annual Convention Parade.
- 8:00 p. m. Drum Corps Contest (Junior and Senior) Civic Stadium, 20th and Willamette.
- 9:00 p. m. Official Legion Dance—The Holland.

Legion Auxiliary Program For Tuesday, July 22:

- 7:00 a. m. Breakfast for Secretaries, Treasurers, Past and Present, Osburn hotel.
- 9:00 a. m. Call to Order, Laura Goode, Department President. Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to Flag, Star Spangled Banner. Invocation: Winifred McLucas, Department chaplain.
- Introduction of Convention Chairman: Nola Moon; Introduction of Convention Committee Chairmen by Mrs. Moon.
- Greetings from Department Commander, Alfred P. Kelley.
- Presentation of winning Musical Group. Roll Call of Units.
- Reading of Convention Minutes of previous day. Report of Officers: Department President: Mrs. Laure Goode; Department Treasurer: Dorothy Templar; Department Finance Officer: Edith Brown.
- Constitution and By-Laws, second reading: Mrs. Marjorie Antrim.
- Nomination of Department Officers.
- Report of Convention Committees: Americanism, Laurie Palmer; Child Welfare, Vivian Urie and Madge Dixon; Community Service, Elgin Kooper; Employment, Barbara Rhodes; Hospital, Laura Smith and Bess Riegel; Junior Activities, DeLaurice Helming; Girls State, Ruby Bergvik; Legislative, Neva LaForge; Recs: Luncheon served at First Methodist church.
- 1:00 p. m. Membership, Sylvia Southard; Music, Wilda Thorn; National Defense, Lydia Horsfall; National News, Ada Cox; Poppy Poster, Ruth Perlman; Poppy, Mae Whitcomb; Publicity, Anne Powell; Radio, Dewey May Yates; Auxiliary Home, Sylvia Southard; Rehabilitation Commission, James West; Resolutions and Recommendations.
- Awarding of Daily Attendance Prize, donated by Newport Unit No. 116.
- Recess.
- 3:30 p. m. Tour of Museum on Campus and Chase Gardens.
- 7:00 p. m. Annual Convention Parade.
- 8:30 p. m. Drum Corps and Band Exhibition (Junior and Senior).
- 12:00 p. m. Stunt Show, Rex Theater.

Germany Claim Gains In Russian Drive

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agency, said numerous Soviet divisions were encircled in the region north of Vitebsk, on the central front, and that Russian troops had suffered heavy casualties in gain attempts to break out of the Nazi ring.

Soviet dispatches from the front gave a different picture, citing numerous instances of fierce Russian defense and reporting that in one sector, a Red tank unit smashed through a screen of German armored forces to scatter a large concentration of Nazi infantry.

Moscow had a 45-minute air raid alarm starting at 10 a. m., but no bombs fell.

From the Kremlin, Premier Joseph Stalin's high command reported violent overnight battles on the north, central and south war-fronts, and it was indicated that the three Nazi drives pointed at Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev had been effectively stalled.

Hitler's field headquarters asserted that German forces still were plunging ahead, with numerous Red army units encircled or destroyed.

In the southern theater, the Nazi high command said "German, Rumanian and Hungarian troops are pursuing the defeated enemy" in a drive into the Soviet Ukraine.

Governor Addresses Legion Convention

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ing for adequate military and naval defense, and the equal support by all for those establishments, and for its fight against subversive influences.

It has been a satisfactory feeling to know that in all the major communities of Oregon there has been an organized and well directed patriotism through the work of such groups as the Legion, he said.

The governor highlighted the work being done in Oregon under the national defense program, and to care for problems as they arise with the speed-up in our industries and activities.

Mentioning the state guard, authorized by the legislature, Governor Sprague said he and the state Legion commander, Alfred P. Kelley, had had several "friendly and gentlemanly differences" over the time for setting up the state guard. Places have been designated, the commanding officer named, and all set in readiness for such a state guard to be formed and mobilized within 24 hours notice, Governor Sprague added. He assured there would be no lack of diligence on his part, or no lack of alertness on the part of the state police to be aware of the situations and possibilities as they might come to divert the state in its defense interests.

Grave times are ahead, taxes for defense will be higher, we may suffer many dislocations, labor may not be as abundant as it is now and we may all have to work harder ourselves, there will be deprivations, and strains of confusion, but they will be times when loyalty will be needed more than ever, the governor said, adding there can be no peace until the crushing of Hitlerism around the world. There can be no sympathy with compromise, appeasement, or negotiated peace, because there cannot be any real peace until Hitlerism is stamped out, he added.

The women's bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor was established in 1920.

A new Chinese-language daily, the Sun Yat-sen Times, has been started in Manila.

The origin of "dog days" goes back to ancient Egypt.

President Urges Draft Stretch as Dangers Spread

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said, "that I should officially report to the congress what the congress undoubtedly knows: That the international situation is not less grave but is far more grave than it was a year ago."

"It is so grave, in my opinion, and in the opinion of all who are conversant with the facts, that the arms should be maintained in effective strength and without diminution of its effective numbers."

Therefore, he said, it would be taking a grave national risk unless congress were to make possible the maintenance of the present, full, effective strength of the army during the coming year and give training to as many additional Americans as possible.

"Tragic Error"

He added that it would be a "tragic error" to eliminate about two-thirds of the trained soldiers and three-fourths of officer personnel.

The steps which the chief executive took to underscore the administration's desire for extended service during a period of world crisis was considered to some extent an acknowledgement of a strong opposition existent in congress. Compromises have been advanced.

But Mr. Roosevelt said he was not asking congress for specific language in a specific bill. He said that he hoped the legislators "will acknowledge this national emergency either for a specific period or until revocation by the congress or the president."

"Men in Ranks Know"

The chief executive said he was confident men in the ranks realized better than the public the "disastrous effect" which would result from permitting the present army to melt away and set back the training and expansion program at least six months.

Noting that last year's selective service legislation definitely provided that the one year training program could be extended by congressional action if a national danger later existed, the president added:

"I do not believe that the danger to American safety is less than it was one year ago when, so far as the army was concerned, the United States was in a woefully weak position. I do not believe that the danger to our national safety is only about the same as it was a year ago."

Danger . . . Greater

"I do believe—I know—that the danger today is infinitely greater. I do believe—I know—that in all truth we are in the midst of a national emergency."

In addition to recommending continued service, the president said he thought congress also should remove restrictions on the number of selectees inducted each year. The limit now is 800,000.

He also urged congress provide that employer be asked to continue keeping open jobs for men who have been held in the army.

He promised to direct the return to civil life of those whose retention on active duty would "impose undue hardship" and that guardsmen and selectees who had become 28 would be transferred from active service to a reserve component of the army as rapidly as possible.

Nation Imperiled

In his message, the president emphasized that the national interest of the United States and the other American republics was "definitely imperiled" by the war sweeping through Europe.

But occasionally individuals, he said, basing their opinions on unsupported evidence or no evidence at all, may with "honest intent" assert that the issue of Nazi domination closer to this hemisphere, while month by month their intrigues of propaganda and conspiracy have sought to weaken every link in the community of interest that should bind the Americas into a great western family."

An Old Story

"Each campaign has been based on a preliminary assurance of safety or non-aggression to the intended victim. Each campaign has been based on disarming fear and gaining time until the German government was fully ready to throw treaties and pacts to the winds and simultaneously to launch an attack in overwhelming force."

"Each elimination of a victim has brought the issue of Nazi domination closer to this hemisphere, while month by month their intrigues of propaganda and conspiracy have sought to weaken every link in the community of interest that should bind the Americas into a great western family."

Declaring he thought no branch of the government was willing to let America risk the fate which has destroyed independence of other nations, the chief executive said that "we Americans can not afford to speculate with the security of America."

He cited also "a definite responsibility" for the United States to aid every other western hemisphere democracy against attack from without and asserted that in his judgment it would be an act of "bad faith" toward our neighbors to weaken the army at this particular time.

Three Children Drown; Accidents Net 12 Injuries

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water at Swimmer's Delight. The third swimmer hurt was Gloria Dunham, Eugene, who dislocated her shoulder when she went over the rapids at the swimming area near the head of the millrace.

Injured by Car

A 12-year-old resident of Leaburg, Reece Buzzard, was in the Sacred Heart hospital Monday, recovering from injuries sustained when he was hit by a car driven by Mrs. John H. Warren, Vida, Monday morning at Leaburg.

The boy, riding a bicycle, was crossing from the old highway to the new road at Leaburg. Mrs. Warren, coming toward Eugene, collided with him. He suffered contusions and shock.

Edward Schaefer, a forest service worker, was treated for a sprained ankle Sunday. He stepped into a hole about 12 miles out in the woods on forest service work.

Hurt in Eugene

Eugene counted up seven automobile accidents and six persons injured.

Sunday at Fifteenth and Orchard, cars driven by Robert H. Clark, Rt. 3, Eugene, and Gene Allen, 11 W. Fifteenth, collided. Allen was taken to the Eugene hospital and treated for cuts, bruises and shock. Both cars were damaged.

Mrs. Alvin Hash, passenger in a car driven by John A. Hash, 1016 Kincaid, received back injuries and shock in an accident Sunday at Thirteenth and Agate. The Hash car collided with one driven by Karl L. Wagner, Florence apartments.

Recovering from injuries Monday were Carl Wilson Jr., Jimmy Wilson, and Robert Downes, all of Springfield. They were hurt Saturday night when their car collided with one driven by Waldo E. Bixel, 295 N. Ash. Bixel also was injured, receiving minor cuts on his face.

Four other minor auto crackups were reported. Early Monday morning at Sixth and Willamette cars driven by Dwight Walton, 1908 Friendly, and William I. Lyons, Creswell, collided.

Sunday at Thirteenth and Mill cars driven by Reuben Truex, Langlois, Ore., and Milo N. Aeschlimann, Salem, crashed; at Nineteenth and Washington, Harry Mott, Gunter, Ore., and David E. Lefebvre, Portland, were involved in an accident.

Late Saturday, Fannie J. Walls, Rt. 2, Eugene, and Lillie M. Michael, 210 Washington, crashed.

Three more persons were hospitalized Sunday. Berdina May Gocher, Bethel, Ore., was taken to the Sacred Heart by city police, when she was discovered lying unconscious in the street at Thirteenth and Olive. Rose Mann, 1312 Lincoln, called city police, who said she suffered a heart attack.

J. Z. Fewell, a worker at the new city airport, suffered a badly crushed finger Sunday when he caught his hand in the rock crusher. Thomas Burnham, 6-year-old son of Tony Burnham, Baker, broke his arm in an accident Sunday when he fell.

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Fire Situation Is Under Control

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Rising humidity and lower temperatures Monday found the fire situation in the Willamette forest nearly under control, according to A. T. Moses, executive assistant.

Most serious blaze, that on Tumble creek northwest of Detroit, had burned over 150 acres but was still confined to an old burn area and had not spread to green timber. A crew of 325 men, many of these timber fallers, were working to remove the snags which were keeping the blaze going. Unless a wind comes up prospects are that the fire will be brought under control within the next few days.

All other fires in the Willamette forest were either out or under control, an estimated 12 small blazes still smoking.

A ten-day report from the office shows a total of 177 fires, all of which were caused by lightning. Of these, 168 burned less than a quarter of an acre, eight burned between a quarter and 10 acres, while only the Tumble Creek blaze reached over 100 acres.

Three or four crews were still out following up smokes reported in the Eastern Lane Fire Patrol area, according to Warden Jim Walker, but of the 60 lightning-caused fires during the last week all were out or under control he reported Monday morning.

By The Associated Press

The Pacific northwest forest fire situation was greatly improved today but still presented a serious threat to the area's large timber stands.

Largest blaze still raging in Washington was the Rapid river fire in the Snoqualmie national forest. It spread over more than 6,500 acres. It was believed under control but large crews of fire fighters were standing by in case the wind shifted.

In Oregon a change in the wind sent the McDowell creek fire in Linn county out of control again. The fire has already spread through 700 acres in the best tract of timber in the county.

Four members of the O. & C. land office staff in Eugene, K. A. Burkholder, Thomas Conklin, M. Larson, and W. Greenwell left early Monday morning for the McDowell creek fire in Linn county where two sections of O & C's best timber were in danger.

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Governor Sprague and Mr. Snell. Another well known Oregonian attending the convention is Mayor Earl Riley of Portland.

Rudy Nichols, department commander for the state of Washington, also was introduced from the speaker's platform, Monday.

Judd Stauffer, Eugene, immediate past department commander for the United Spanish War Veterans, was introduced to the Legionnaires Monday morning.

Mrs. Margaret Underwood, state president of the 8 and 40, fun and honor group within the Legion auxiliary, was presented to the crowd at the opening meeting.

Along with Ben F. Dorris, general convention chairman, about the busiest man in Eugene right

now is Carl R. Moore, department adjutant. When he was called to the speaker's platform, he was given a warm reception by the Legionnaires.

Another out-of-state official attending the convention is the state adjutant of the Legion, J. H. Moore.

A great admirer of mountains and scenery, its greenness, is Mrs. J. H. Moore, Albuquerque, New Mexico, national vice-president, who is representing the national auxiliary at the convention.

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