



They'll Run the Big Show—Leaders of the 31st annual Oregon American Legion convention, which meets in Salem all this week, are pictured above. Top left, is B. E. (Kelly) Owens of Salem, department commander, who will preside over all business sessions of the American Legion, as well as all joint sessions between the Legion and auxiliary; top right, Dr. M. E. Cooper of Klamath Falls, grand chef de gare of 40 at 8, who will preside over all sessions of the 40 at 8; bottom left, John C. Kerrick, general chairman of the convention, who has headed all the preparation and planning for the big event; bottom right, Onas S. Olson, executive secretary and registrar for the convention, upon whose shoulders lies the huge task of registering all delegates.



Speak Thursday—Governor Douglas McKay (top) and Salem Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom (bottom) will both appear in Thursday morning's joint session of the American Legion convention in the Elsinore theater. McKay will give one of the addresses of the morning, and Elfstrom will offer the official welcome to the Legionnaires from the city of Salem.

Legion Offers Public Service

The American Legion asks for few favors, and performs many of them.

Permanent projects sponsored by the Legion and designed to help others are numerous and effective.

The huge Legion junior baseball setup, which is familiar to nearly everyone, is one of the leading factors today in curbing juvenile delinquency, as well as laying the foundation for the future career of many big league ball players.

The boys' state, held in Oregon and OSC each summer, is a project of the American Legion.

Essay contests for boys and girls are sponsored by Legion posts throughout the country, and medals given to winning penmen.

Another youth project is the oratorical contests, conducted with cooperation of public and private schools, with a \$2,000 college scholarship to the national champion.

Public service to all is given by the Legion in its anti-subversive activities commission. Capt. William B. Browne of Portland, who aided in fighting Nazi propaganda in Germany during the war, is still active in this field of work, and will head a seminar on communism at 8 o'clock Thursday night in the Chamber of Commerce. The seminar will be limited to Legion members only.

The Legion committees on Americanism aid new citizens to become better acquainted with the governmental and economic conditions in the United States. Newcomers are also welcomed into communities by similar committees in each Legion post.

Taking care of disabled persons is another Legion project which no one will deny is worthwhile. One of the major items of business confronting the 31st annual state convention in Salem this week is the consideration of raising additional funds to care for the disabled.

Salem's Oldest Post Outstanding in Nation

A meeting of a handful of Salem World War veterans on April 15, 1919, grew into the creation and development of Capital Post No. 9, now second largest Legion post in Oregon with a membership of nearly 1,700.

Ben W. Olcott, then governor of Oregon, presided over the initial meeting. The post received its actual charter on July 28, 1919, with an original membership of 16.

Since that time, Capital Post has never stopped expanding, except for a temporary slump during the depression. Even yet applications for new memberships continue to pour in at Capital Post's fabulous clubhouse at 2650 South Commercial street.

From the very beginning, Capital Post has been active in civic affairs for the good of the city, state and nation in general. **Memorials Placed**

Among the very first projects completed by Capital Post was the placing of two memorial stones on the Marion county courthouse lawn. The local Legion post was also instrumental in helping acquire the "Over the Top" statue.

In its first 10 years of existence, Capital Post organized its famous drum corps which went on to win national honors. On through the years, Capital Post distinguished itself through a long list of accomplishments that came about only through the hard work of its members.

It was Capital Post No. 9 that actually originated the bill that allowed World War II veterans to join the American Legion. Capital Post drew up the resolution, took it to the state convention, and from there it went to the national convention where it passed and immediately drew young members into the Legion by the thousands.

Home One of Finest

The American Legion club on South Commercial, one of the

finest dining spots in the city and one of the finest Legion clubhouses on the coast, was purchased by Capital Post during the last two years.

Charles H. Huggins is present commander of Capital Post.

Past commanders, in the order of their terms of office, are Robin D. Day, W. Carlton Smith, B. F. Pound, Joe Minton, George Griffith, Carl D. Gabrielson, Clifford Brown, Vic McKenzie, Lyle Dunsmoore, H. G. Maison, Douglas McKay, A. C. Bishop, O. E. Palmateer, E. M. Page, Irl S. McSherry, Allan Carson, Claude McKinney, Verden E. Hockett, King S. Bartlett, George Averett, Glen Porter, Brazier Small, A. M. Johnson, Ray J. Stumbo, Fred Gahlsdorf, Ira Pilcher, John Olson, B. E. Owens, I. N. Bacon, Rex Kimmell, and Lawrence Osterman.

Ralph Reed Receives Master Mason Degree

Independence — The master Mason degree was conferred on Ralph Reed at a regular meeting of Lyon lodge No. 29, AF & AM, at the Masonic hall. Rex Gildow and Edward Harnsberger conferred the degree with the assistance of a degree team. Lloyd Hughes gave the lecture and charge.

The meeting was presided over by Edward Dunkel, master of the lodge. This will be the last meeting until fall, as the lodge is taking the usual summer vacation.

Club Open All Day

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will all be served at the Capital Post No. 9 headquarters at 2650 South Commercial street during convention week. Breakfasts are available from 6:30 to 10 a.m., luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and dinner from 6:00 to 12:00 p.m. The club will remain open until 2:00 a.m. for a la carte service.

Swedish railway equipment factories can now make 2,650 freight cars a year.

Silverton Cannery Will Handle Prunes

Silverton — Clyde McKillop, field supervisor for the Kolstad canneries of Silverton, is announcing that a prune pack will be put up this fall, the first in several years.

Prune contracts have been signed with orchardists in the Scotts Mills and Silverton sections.

The local plant is opening this week on bean packs.

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