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American Legion Holds Past Commanders Banquet

At the Past Commanders' banquet this week it was discovered that George Thrasher was the oldest past commander present. He served for the year 1929 and was the third commander of the post.

Elwood Hussey said he served as commander in 1931, was the first adjutant for many years, and led the struggle to obtain the Post No. 70 charter.

Cecil Slack was elected as commander in 1939 and through his efforts the jubilee became a success. It was discovered during his year that the Glenn Morrison Post was the oldest civic organization in the Illinois Valley.

Art Kellert became commander in 1936 and during his administration the post adopted its first child welfare program. It was discovered that Art followed Elwood Hussey as the second district commander for southern Oregon.

Blake Miller was elected as commander in 1941, and during his term the mortgage on the hall was paid off.

Clyde Hays beat Les Henry by one vote in 1938 and became commander at a time when the Valley was suffering from the depression. The CCC boys started a good fight in the dance hall that year, which started all the commanders reminiscing.

Les Henry was paid the honor of commander in 1942. He has since held the office of vice commander for 7 years and dance chairman for 8 years.

George Bonner became commander in 1946 at a time when commanders did their own janitor work. George remembered that the roof was like a sieve and Les Henry bored holes in the dance floor to let the water out, then poured gasoline on the floor and set it afire to dry out by dance time. The smoke brought many townspeople out to help put out the fire.

Clem Arnold served the greater part of two years, 1947 and 1948, to aid Elwood Hussey during his years as commander. Most of the improvements to the building were because the Valley was prospering. Clem Arnold later became chief de gare of the 40th e. s. At the present time this high office is held by George Bonner.

Tex Clifford was the first World War II member to make commander, in 1949. Tex had a little trouble with the skating rink in the hall. He helped dedicate the Illinois Valley high school, sponsored Beaver Boy State, the basketball team, and the jubilee was a financial success.

It was discovered and recorded on a tape recording machine that out of 23 possible past commanders of the post, only 14 are still around today. Some have passed away and some have moved away. There were 10 past commanders present at the dinner who recorded their speeches to be used by the historian and present commander in bringing the history and progress of the Valley and post up to date.

Toastmaster Ken Deaton and Mrs. Deaton prepared and served the first past commanders' banquet the post has ever held. All of the commanders present agreed it should be an annual affair, produced every year by the commander in office, because the information obtained is valuable as guidance for American Legion work.

What kind of a church would my church be — If all of the church members were just like me? Let's build that new Baptist church together.

News Of Selma

(Mrs. Fritz Krauss)

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Koehler of Salem showed pictures and gave an interesting talk on Central America at the church last Wednesday evening. Mr. Koehler was stationed in Panama during the war and now he and his wife and two daughters are going back there as missionaries.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Burr, daughter Carol and son Alan spent several days in Portland last week.

J. V. Prewitt has gone to Los Angeles to visit his mother and sister. He has been here with his son and family, the L. J. Prewitts.

Mrs. Cora Prentice is "back home to stay" after visiting around for a couple of years with her sons in Washington and daughters in California.

Mrs. Carl Jacobson is in Thomas, Oklahoma, where she is attending a family reunion in honor of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wiswell have sold their property here and will go north to Cottage Grove and Scappoose where they have relatives. The Wiswells have lived here for quite a few years. Earl Brooks bought their place.

The Wiswells' nephew, Evan Brothers, sold his property also.

Legion Auxiliary News

The meeting of February 20 was opened with President Myrtle Clifford presiding. Materials for Easter dresses for children of hospitalized veterans was passed out to various members. Child Welfare Chairman Irene McCasland announced sewing day, March 13, will be a special day for finishing the Easter dresses. Josephine Elmore will be present with the necessary equipment for making buttonholes. Anyone wishing to finish Easter garment at that time is requested to be present.

District conference will be held at Grants Pass March 16 at 2 p. m. There will be a banquet at 6:30 p. m.

Legislative Chairman Joy Kellert asked all members to write congressmen urging them to vote for the universal military training bill. A committee will be appointed to work on opposition to the parts of the Hoover commission recommendations applying to veterans affairs.

Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays were observed at the meeting. Juniors participating in the program were Karen and Carol Elmore, Sandra Slack and Moon-yeen Deaton.

District President Hazel Henry gave a talk on flag etiquette.

Paul A. Hatton, director of Camp White gave an interesting speech to the post and unit about the benefits available to all veterans.

The Camp White "turn-about" party will be February 29 at 7:30 p. m. At that time patients of Camp White will entertain members of the American Legion and Auxiliary.

LOCAL

Word has been received from Mrs. Sara Wertz that she has recovered from her illness and wishes to thank all the kind friends in the Valley who sent encouragement her way. Mrs. Wertz was formerly a teacher at Kerby school.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Oakland, California
February 24, 1952

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Dear Mr. Editor:

I read with interest your view on the recent case of the Sing Sheng family in San Francisco.

This is not the problem of "Who Casts The First Stone" but "When Are We Going To Stop Throwing Them."

It seems to me, the crux of his matter is as you pointed out in your editorial — "Now the Shengs might be the finest neighbors in the world, but are they worth the financial sacrifice suffered by every other member of the community?"

Isn't it about time that we as individuals realize there is something more in this troubled old world "than the Almighty Dollar"? How can we expect to get out of the present international (and domestic) mess unless we start to LIVE the principles this country has expounded to the world as their only hope of salvation? I say let's have less dollar diplomacy and more Christianity. Maybe the Sheng case is a small start towards the solution of serious social difficulties.

As far as the Southwood real estate values are concerned, I'm in favor of anything that brings prices down to something near their real values. We should have many cries of "Shame" when we see the cracker boxes that bring fantastic prices all over our country. Nothing is too good for our veterans (of which Mr. Sheng is one) we said not so long ago, UNTIL they came home. But when they looked for a house to purchase the lid was off, who cares if the roof leaks as long as the down payment is high enough.

"And it's all over nothing" you say. What happened to those Chinese who had YOU for a neighbor? Are they still sober, quiet, industrious and sociable? Not the ones who migrated to Korea! Maybe your friendship didn't have enough \$\$\$ attached. Or maybe they are mad because you reduced their property values.

All this fuss to keep the community "pure" and what happened? Low and behold they had one of their own with a "slant" to his eyes. Mr. Belmer B. Shepley, a "hapa haole — a half Hawaiian" was already living in Southwood and the property values went UP.

Yours sincerely,
dm

Illinois Valley Garden Club Lays Plans For Plant Sale

The ladies of the Illinois Valley Garden club are planning a plant sale to be held Saturday, March 15 from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Included will be many kinds of choice perennials, shrubs and annuals. There will also be home-made candy for sale.

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MOBILITY FOR TODAY—YOUR AUTOMOBILE

By Marguerite Mickelsen

How old is the car you're driving nowadays? A year? Two years? Five? Is it a pre-war model?

Have you thought about it lately? Essential transportation for Americans depends on the good condition of the nation's automobiles. Civilian defense people are keenly aware of the truth of that statement.

An emergency that demanded widespread use of automobiles could mean serious trouble if these cars were to fail.

Furthermore, since 71 per cent of all American families depend on their cars for essential transportation, and of this number 52 per cent for the purpose of making a living, it could be serious even without an outside emergency.

It may surprise you to learn that you're an exception if you're driving a new automobile. Of the 49 million cars now operating, more than half (51.4%, to be exact) average 10 years of age.

In spite of record production in the post-war years, the greatest in history, less than half of the passenger cars now being driven could be called even relatively new cars.

Your new car dealer, the man who sold you your car, recently joined fellow dealers in the National Automobile Dealers Association to conduct a nationwide survey—and found some interesting things.

This survey showed that the great majority of car-owning families turn to their new car dealers for maintenance service—feeling that factory trained mechanics know their makes of cars best. The study also showed that car owners approve of the repair and maintenance work done by these specialists.

But these dealers really wanted criticism that would guide them in improving their services. They asked for it—and got it.

Working with their association, they're now busy acting on constructive suggestions to be sure they're ready and able to maintain those aging but essential cars.

"The automobile is essential today," one civic-minded dealer said, "and we want to be sure that adequate production will replace aging cars—that car owners know our service departments are well equipped to maintain these essential cars—and that we use nothing but the finest replacement parts."

These dealers, thinking of national and community welfare, as well as conscientious improvement of their own establishments, want to be sure they are not found inadequate in any emergency.

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