

MEDFORD LEGION POST HAS GROWN FROM A MEMBERSHIP OF 15 TO MEMBERSHIP OF 684

The organization of the Medford Post No. 15, American Legion, which is now entertaining the posts from all parts of the state at their annual convention, dates back to a meeting of World War veterans held at the Hotel Holland on the evening of July 16, 1919, with 15 veterans present, the foundation of the present strong post.

An application for a charter for the new post was signed by the following Medford men, some of whom have moved away during the past nine years:

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| L. Dewey Pardin | Geary E. Garrett |
| Carlton Martin | R. N. Hays |
| Thomas G. Bushong | George E. Gates |
| Wilfred G. Miksche | Robert B. Grjeve |
| George A. Coddling | Clark J. Walker |
| Paul M. Leonard | Arthur Peppy |
| Mark L. Coleman | Ralph Cowgill |
| Elbert F. Coleman | |

Soon after the application for a charter, the infant post began functioning, with Ralph P. Cowgill as the first commander, Trevo H. Lumsten, first vice-commander, and George A. Coddling, first adjutant. A copy of a report dated September 15, 1919, reveals that the post then had a membership of 115 members fully paid up and 85 signed up but not paid.

With the armory, present Legion headquarters, built at that time, early meetings were held at the Ellis Day and Rogue River University club for several months. Later post headquarters were established at the National Guard headquarters in the Natatorium building, the Hotel Holland and the local Red Cross headquarters. From September, 1920, until February, 1922, the post occupied a hall in the Medford Center building, after which it moved to the Barnetburg hall on East Main street.

There it remained until December 11, 1925, when the first meeting held in the new armory building on North Bartlett street, where it has continued ever since with the exception of the several months that the armory was occupied temporarily by the county offices while the new county court house and city hall was being constructed on North Central avenue.

The following have been post commanders since Ralph Cowgill, the first commander, George A. Coddling, 1920; Frank P. Farrell, 1921; Elmer E. Wilson, 1922; Carl Y. Tengwald, 1923; Paul H. McDonald, 1924; R. E. McElhoose, 1925; Fred W. Scheffel, 1926; Seely V. Hall, 1927; Horace Bromley, 1928.

Members who have been adjutants since George Coddling are as follows: Elmer E. Wilson, 1920; R. C. Holmes, Paul M. Leonard and Walter P. Dunlap, 1921; A. J. Cross, 1922 and 1923; Garlock, January 1924 to the present time.

In the nine years of its existence, the membership of the post has grown from 15 paid up strength to 684. The large growth was aided materially by a membership drive last year, which was in the form of a membership contest with Roseburg. The local post won the drive by an even 99 members.

The activities of the local Legion post have been many in Medford's civic life and it has long occupied a position of influence in this community in keeping with its strength. It has established a children's playground on East Main street, at one time its own golf course, takes an active interest in Boy Scout work and last year contributed labor to complete the Boy Scout camp in the Applegate country. It has also been taking an active interest in the Medford airport and has been behind every civic move it deemed of a desirable nature. It is believed that this post is warranted in claiming that it has attained a high degree of success in striving to follow after the high ideals of the great organization of which it is a part.

Land Opened in Oregon
SALEM, Ore. (AP)—More than 12,000 acres of land in Lake county will be open to entry by the general public on October 12, the general land office of the federal government announces. The lands are suitable for grazing during the spring, summer and fall and will carry from 15 to 20 head of cattle per 640 acres. Irrigation is problematical.

CHARTERS AERIAL AMBULANCE



Because his pain-wracked body could not stand the strain of a train or automobile ride, George Frost, former electrician of Minerva, O., chartered an airplane to carry him from Alliance, O., to Geneva, N. Y., where he was to undergo a delicate operation to mend his spine, which was broken when a railroad gasoline speeder struck his machine. Above, Frost ready to start on his journey. A judgment of \$25,000 against the railroad, which was awarded him, enabled Frost to charter the plane.

MAJOR LANPHER METHODIST PASTOR TO JOIN LINDY BARS THE W. C. T. U.

DETROIT, Aug. 2. (AP)—Major Thomas G. Lanpher will become vice-president in charge of operations of the newly formed Trans-continental Air Transport company of which Col. Charles A. Lindbergh is chairman of the board, as soon as his resignation from the army becomes effective. Major Lanpher's headquarters will be in New York, but he plans to spend most of his time flying over the country supervising the operations of the Trans-continental lines, he said. He will continue to maintain his home at Mount Clemens, near Selfridge field, where he has served for five years as commandant and flight commander.

GETTING ROOMS FOR LEGION MEN WAS A BIG JOB

Carl Tengwald, However, Had Job Done Several Days Before Convention—Only Few in Private Homes—Delegates Number 280.

What was expected to be one of the most difficult problems of the state American Legion convention—that of providing rooms for the delegates, visitors and members of the 17 drum corps and five bands, was solved by the local American Legion convention committee with but little trouble. Carl Y. Tengwald, chairman of the committee on housing, worked for sometime on the matter and several days before the convention began declared his work done.

It was for him and his committee to locate rooms for approximately 3000 visiting Legionnaires. Despite this large number, there is only a small proportion staying at private dwellings, more rooms being found available at the hotels than was at first expected. The drum corps have quarters in large rooms in various buildings of the city, including the Grater Club dining room, sample rooms of the Jackson, Holland and Medford hotels, basement of the Medford Grocery company and basement of the Ellis temple.

Rooms have also been provided for delegates and visitors of the American Legion Auxiliary which is holding its annual convention here also.

While 3000 American Legion members are visiting in Medford, only 280 are full fledged delegates and with the alternates, there is a total of 564 members directly interested in the official business of the convention, for which Legionnaires have been arriving from all parts of the state and some from various sections of the northwest, drawn by the wide spread publicity that has been given the convention.

The 4th S. Society, with 23 visitors in the state, is holding its convention session today, beginning this forenoon and will have its annual "week" tonight.

following the completion of the gates, including alternates and a legion convention, being representative of a larger organization, which takes the longest to complete, and today was well underway, with delegates reporting from their respective districts.

Speakership Expense
LONDON (AP)—John Henry Whitley, who has resigned as speaker of the house of commons, is said to have been obliged to spend \$125,000 of his private fortune in seven years of office-holding, despite a \$25,000 salary and a rent-free official residence.

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