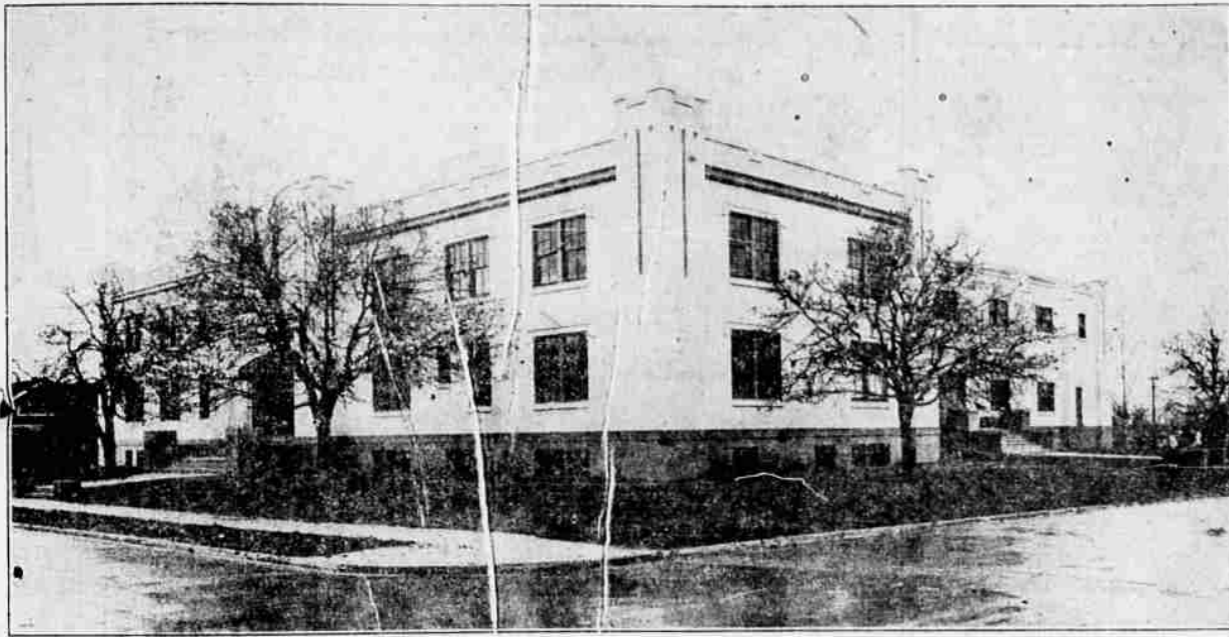


### Armory Building Scene of Convention Opening Today



The three-day convale of the American Legion and Auxiliary members in Oregon was formally opened this morning at the Armory. The meeting was a public affair and a large crowd attended.

## ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM FOR LEGION DELEGATES A CONTINUOUS AND VARIED ONE UP TO THE VERY LAST MOMENT

A more elaborate entertainment program could hardly have been planned than has been completed for the American Legion convention opening here today, with thousands of former doughboys present from all parts of the state. Much time has been spent on its preparation and visitors in Medford for the three days of the convention will find no dull moments during their visit.

The program began officially this afternoon at the county fairgrounds south of Medford with a stunt contest and an extraordinary air circus as the features, with promises to include acts never before seen in southern Oregon. The air circus, with Steeple V. Hall, state chairman of the American Legion aeronautical committee, in charge, is being conducted under the rules of the National Aeronautical association and has for weeks been announced as being something radically different in the local aviation world. Approximately 20 military and commercial planes were scheduled to take part in the various contests of the afternoon, including races, stunt contests, parachute drops and dead-stick landings.

A special feature announced for this afternoon is the aerial bombing of a village built on the fairgrounds, giving spectators first hand information on methods of modern warfare.

Tonight will include in its entertainment program the American Legion Auxiliary and in a 8 o'clock parade with electrically lighted floats and sky illumination by flares on flying airplanes. The parade will be followed by several special dances at open air pavilions in and near Medford. The Medford Legion Auxiliary reception at the University club for the visitors will also be held tonight.

While tomorrow's program will be filled with events practically every minute, the big events of the day will take place at the fairgrounds, where tomorrow evening, 17 drum corps from all parts of Oregon will take part in their annual state contest for the Bealey cup, emblematic of the state championship. Other trophies will also be given. The competition will take place in front of the grandstand

under brilliant lights as it did last year when a number of Legion drum corps were entrants in a contest during the Jubilee of Visions Realized.

Drum corps have been practicing for the contest for months, including the Medford corps, and will give an unforgettable demonstration of perfect drill work and drum and bugle playing. The Salem drum corps, which last year won the championship, is expected to bid high for honors this year and practically all eyes are turned toward the Salem corps.

Another feature of tomorrow's program is one of the most elaborate and expensive pyrotechnical displays ever attempted in Oregon.

It will be staged immediately upon the close of the drum corps practice and will also take place in front of the grandstand. The fireworks display was purchased last spring and will even outdo the elaborate exhibition during the jubilee of last year.

Saturday's program will include the annual American Legion parade in the afternoon, during which all merchants will close their establishments. Every post in the state will be represented, in addition to the Dunsmuir, Cal., post, which sent its drum corps to this city to take part in the festivities. A boxing smoker has been arranged for the visiting Legionnaires at the Armory and will present some of southern Oregon's leading leather pushers in hectic affray. Like tonight and tomorrow night, there will also be dancing on the evening.

The Rogue Valley 18-hole golf course east of the city is open to the visitors and golf tournaments will be held all three days of the convention, with a tournament scheduled to be under way today.

Even after the close of the convention, visiting Legionnaires will find much to entertain them in southern Oregon, including the famous scenic and recreational attractions at Crater Lake, Diamond Lake, Lake of the Woods, the Oregon Caves, Prospect, Dead Indian Soda Springs and countless camping spots along the numerous southern valley and mountain streams. Visitors who came here by motor will find no trouble in reaching any of these destinations as fine auto roads lead to each, especially to Crater Lake, the road being oiled for its full length to the Crater Lake national park entrance.

An added feature to the entertainment program is a baseball game tomorrow afternoon at the fairgrounds diamond between the Salem baseball club and the Medford Merchants. Both teams are strong and determined to stave off defeat at any cost.

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Academy Attracts Many  
PARIS (AP)—Increasing hostility in French literary circles toward the Academy has seemed only to increase the number of persons seeking membership in that robed body. Twenty-seven candidates have entered their names for the seat vacated by the recent death of the dramatist, Francois de Crueil.

## IMPOSING LIST OF NOTABLES IN VALLEY TODAY

### High Officials in American Legion Circles Arrive to Take Part in State Convention — Governor and Senators to Be On Hand.

As well as being host to 3000 American Legion members who have been arriving in Medford for the past two days for the annual state convention, which opened this morning, Medford is also host to a long list of state-wide and national notables, with one from as far away as Miami, Fla. Without exception, the notable visitors plan to be in Medford all three days of the convention, which is now well under way.

Approximately 12 notables were expected, but of that number several have wired and written convention headquarters of their inability to attend.

From Miami, Fla., comes Charles Mills, national head of the 49 et 8 Societe last year.

John R. Quinn of Los Angeles, Cal., who has never missed an Oregon state convention, is on hand for the present convention. In 1924 he was the national commander of the American Legion and is still nationally known.

George Stout of Sacramento, secretary of the California veterans' welfare board, who served with Paul B. McDonald of this city in the World War, and George Hatfield, assistant United States attorney general, of San Francisco, are among other Californians who will be present. Stout, Hatfield and Quinn came by airplane scheduled to arrive early today.

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### Headquarters of Legionnaires



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PARIS (AP)—Thirty-five nations will be represented at the tenth annual student congress which will meet in Paris, August 9 to 25. It is expected that 100 official American delegates will attend and the total number of official delegates from the various countries will be 1000.

The object of the International Student Confederation, which sponsors the meeting, is to further the aims of students in the various countries and to render financial assistance when it is needed. It intends to raise a sum of money for the relief of Bulgarian students who have suffered by the recent earthquake.

## DRUMS THRILL THROUGH AGES

Among the thrills which convention visitors here at the coming American Legion convention in Medford will be one which has stirred the soul of man since first he learned to lift his front legs from the ground and walk erect—the thrill of the drum.

The pre-historic tribesman smote a hollow log with a rock and the resultant "boom" told the fellows of the approach of danger or called them to feast. As man's ingenuity increased, he stretched a hide across the end of the hollow log and obtained a louder and more satisfying noise.

Down through the ages the thrill of the drum has held its step. The Society of Ancient Musical Instruments of Paris recently gave a symphony for percussion instruments, the motif of which was carried by a quartet of tuned drums. The symphony was written over 200 years ago by a classical named Philidor.

Inspired by the music of the drums, our soldiers have marched to battle since the colonists flung the gasp to Britain's redcoats. The drummer boys of the Civil War were a picturesque but important part of that conflict, and in the World War the training camp rookies forgot the cold tongue of the drill master when he stepped out to the martial air of a military band. The rookie became a soldier then, and proud of it.

One of the few, the very few pleasant memories which the soldier of 1917 retained after his discharge provided the foundation for the present-day American Legion drum and bugle corps. The country's soldiers of the World War liked their martial music so well that today, 10 years later, practically every post of the great servicemen's organization has its own corps.

The thrill of the drum will play a prominent part in the convention, and if your throat tightens and your back hair has a tendency to bristle as the boys go swinging by, you will be merely reacting much as your ancestors did when their tribesmen beat upon a hollow log.



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