

Vets Start March on Klamath for Convention Opening Thursday

LEGION CONCLAVE WILL BE LARGEST IN SEVERAL YEARS

Annual Parade Scheduled for 9 P. M. Thursday—French Cafe to Be Feature—Drum Corps Vie Friday

August 10 will see the highways, airways and railroads leading to Klamath Falls, the American Legion State convention city, filled with traffic.

Thousands of Legionnaires, members of the Auxiliary and many other visitors from all parts of the coast will gather in southern Oregon August 10, 11 and 12, for the 15th annual Oregon State convention.

From present indications the attendance will break all records and the Klamath convalescence will assume the proportions of a Pacific Coast convention.

Klamath Falls' strategic location, a few miles north of the state boundary between Oregon and California, assures the largest attendance of California Legionnaires ever participating in an Oregon state convention.

Hundreds of the "native sons" have already planned to be present and to bring with them several drum corps to participate in the parades and street stunts.

The fact that the California Legion convention will be held in Pasadena this year has made it prohibitive for many northern California Legion and Auxiliary members to make the long trip south; hence their decision to take part in the Oregon convention.

Klamath Plans Big Time. After many months of preparation the big three-day convention program is complete from start to finish. The members of Klamath post No. 8 and the Auxiliary, aided by the entire citizenship of Klamath county have been working diligently for several months to perfect every detail of the elaborate entertainment schedule which is bound to score a hit with every visitor.

Starting Thursday morning, August 10, and continuing through Saturday night, the Klamath veterans promise that there will be something doing every minute of the three days and nights.

Among the high spots of the convention program will be the state championship Legion drum corps contest, the official convention parade, the state championship junior baseball tournament, midnight matinee, big time wrestling card, "40 and 8" Grand Wreck, Auxiliary state music contest, water carnival and speedboat regatta and a big free barbecue.

In addition, there will be street stunts and open air entertainment at all hours of the day and night. Stirring martial music by 15 drum corps and bands will provide plenty of pep for the World War veterans as they again march together in the official convention parade at 9 p. m. Thursday. The big parade will be held at night this year for the first time, and will be a spectacular event with torchlights, flares and red fire throughout the line of march.

The night parade also will insure cool comfort for the spectators as well as those who participate in this colorful Legion procession.

Champion Corps Coming. Among the outstanding musical organizations to be heard at the Klamath convention will be the famous Salem drum corps, winners of the State and National championships in 1932, and headed by the national champion drum major, Chas. Whittmore.

The Salem corps will not compete in the state contest this year, but will appear in special exhibitions and the convention parade. Many other well known drum corps and bands from all parts of Oregon and northern California will assist in creating a typical military atmosphere found only at an American Legion convention.

French Cafe Feature. One of the many unique features of the convention will be a replica of a quaint old French cafe, to be located in the basement banquet room of the Pelican Grill. This cafe, which is sponsored by Klamath veterans of the "40 and 8" society, will never close, and promises to be the favorite hangout for the World War veterans who will be reminded of the carefree moments spent in France while enjoying brief rest periods between battles.

Light lunches and beer will be served and perhaps an occasional bottle of legal wine. There will be French waiters and barmaids, cabaret singers, Apache dancers and plenty of entertainment features typical of the old-time French cafe. A fine new hardwood dance floor has just been completed and patrons will be able to dance both day and night.

WARRANT ISSUED FOR O'CONNELL KIDNAPER

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 9.—(AP)—District Attorney John T. Delaney announced today a warrant had been issued for arrest of Manney Strewel charging him with the kidnaping of Lieut. John J. O'Connell, Jr. Strewel acted as go-between in delivering the \$40,000 ransom money and arranging for young O'Connell's release.

Legion Conclave Program

Wednesday, August 9. 1:00 p. m.—Registration of Delegates, Alternates and Visitors (all day). 6:00 p. m.—Meeting of Committee on Credentials (B. P. O. E. temple). 7:30 p. m.—Meeting of Department Executive Committee (B. P. O. E. temple). 9:00 p. m.—Dances. Thursday, August 10. 7:00 a. m.—Registration of Delegates, Alternates and Visitors. 9:00 a. m.—Public Opening Ceremonies (Pelican Theater). (1) Call to Order, Department Commander J. B. "Jack" Eskli; (2) Advancement of Colors, Dept. Sergeant-at-Arms S. M. Hullin; (3) Invocation, Department Chaplain Joseph R. Jeffery; (4) Selection, National Champion Drum Corps, Capital Post No. 9, Salem; (5) Address of Welcome—(a) William R. Canton, Commander Klamath Post No. 8; (b) Mrs. Edna Russell, President Klamath Unit No. 8; (c) Hon. Willis E. Mahoney, Mayor of Klamath Falls; (6) Selection, Quartette Klamath Post No. 8; (7) Response to Address of Welcome—(a) Mrs. Alice George, Department President, American Legion Auxiliary; (b) E. J. Bayless, Grand Chief de Gare, 40 and 8; (8) Selection, National Champion Auxiliary Glee Club, Rose City Unit No. 35; Portland; (9) Address, Frank E. Samuel, Indianapolis, National Adjutant American Legion; (10) Selection, National Champion Auxiliary Trio, Capital Unit No. 9, Salem; (11) Recess (Legion, Auxiliary and 40 and 8 retiring to respective convention halls). 10:30 a. m.—Convention Session (B. P. O. E. temple). 1—Report of: (a) Committee on Credentials (preliminary); (b) Committee on Credentials; (c) Department Commander; (d) Department Finance Officer; (e) National Committeeman; (f) Department Chaplain; (g) Department Historian; (h) Department Judge Advocate. 2—Reading of: (a) Constitutional Amendments; (b) Communications. 3—Receiving Resolutions. 4—Reports of State Standing Committee

Chairmen: (a) Aeronautics, Americanization, Boy Scout, Child Welfare, Community Service, Hospitalization, Junior Baseball, Legislation, Membership, Publication Advisory Board and Rehabilitation. 5—Reports of State Special Committee Chairmen: (a) Drum Corps, Employment and Relief, P.O.A., Foreign Relations, Highway Safety, Marksmanship, National Defense, Publicity, Radio, Reforestation, State Aid and Transportation. 1:00 p. m.—Adjournment Legion Convention Session. 1:30 p. m.—Elimination State Junior Baseball Tournament, Fair Grounds (two games). 3:30 p. m.—Individual Buglers' Contest, Fair Grounds (between first and second Junior games). 5:00 p. m.—Grand Convention Parade (three sections—Legion, 40 and 8 and Civic). 9:30 p. m.—Dances. (Local sightseeing trips of interest throughout entire day.) Friday, August 11. 9:00 a. m.—Legion Convention Session (B. P. O. E. temple). 1—Report of Committee on Credentials (final). 2—Introduction of Distinguished Guests. 3—Report of Time and Place Committee. 4—Address. 5—Selection, American Legion Band. 6—Report of Convention Committees. 1:00 p. m.—Adjournment. 1:30 p. m.—Final State Junior Baseball Tournament, Fair Grounds (two games). 3:30 p. m.—Individual State Drummer's Contest, Fair Grounds (between first and second Junior games). 8:00 p. m.—State Drum Corps Contest, Fair Grounds. 10:30 p. m.—Public Dance, Fair Grounds. (Local sightseeing trips of interest throughout entire day.) Saturday, August 12. 9:00 a. m.—Legion Convention Session (B. P. O. E. temple). 1—Report of: (a) Convention Committees. 2—Unfinished Business. 3—Introduction of Distinguished Guests. 4—Address 5—Nomination and Election of Officers: (a) Delegates and Alternates to Chicago National Convention; (b) Department Commander; (c) Department Vice-Commander; (d) Department Finance Officer; (e) Department Chaplain; (f) National Committeeman (two-year term); (g) District Commanders (seven to elect). 6—Retirement of Colors. 7—Adjournment, sine die. 3:00 p. m.—Meeting of Department Executive Committee (B. P. O. E. temple). 9:00 p. m.—Public Dances. (Local sightseeing trips of interest throughout entire day.)



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