

The American Legion

News: Local, State, National

Call for First Caucus of Women's Auxiliaries Is To Be Issued Soon by Commander Blakeslee

Governor Edwards of N. J. Urges Veterans to Apply for Their Victory Medals Without Delay

Women auxiliaries of the American Legion posts of the New York department are growing so rapidly that it is believed Charles G. Blakeslee, department commander, will issue, within a few days, a call for the first caucus of this important branch of the veterans' organization.

Not only are new members being acquired by the auxiliaries of ready organized but several posts recently announced the formation of their own auxiliaries. Miss Ray C. Sawyer, executive secretary of the department, to whom Commander Blakeslee assigned the important task of perfecting the auxiliary, is awaiting the receipt of further returns before recommending that the call for a caucus be issued.

It is probable that the caucus will take place in the latter part of February, or the early part of March, at Albany, or some other up-state city, and the women relatives of veterans are expected to be instrumental in signing up thousands of new members for the Legion itself. It is predicted by Miss Sawyer that as soon as women relatives of veterans, who do not belong to the Legion, learn of the social advantages the auxiliary offers, they will insist that their menfolk enroll in the Legion. This, she said yesterday, should help materially in the organization's membership drive.

Spurn Victory Medals

For some reason there is a feeling of indifference among thousands of war veterans toward the Victory Medal, the government's gift in recognition of their service with the army, navy or Marine Corps. This apathetic attitude has caused Governor Edwards, of New Jersey, to issue a proclamation calling upon veterans to apply for the medal without delay.

"The Victory Medal," the Governor says, "represents valorous service and a high conception of American citizenship. It bespeaks a nation's gratitude for those self-sacrificing ideals which make a nation great."

He urges all veterans in New Jersey to assist the War Department in the distribution of the mementoes.

Sports Boomed in Bay State

A committee, composed of several noted athlete-veterans in Massachusetts, is planning to promote an athletic organization to encourage wholesome sport among ex-service men. The members of the committee are:

John J. Lane, formerly baseball official, chairman; Frank Cavanaugh, Boston College football star; "Tack" Hardwick, Harvard athlete; Joseph F. Conway, vice-president of the National A. A. U.; Larry Bankart, Yale football coach; Lawrence Leonard and John Herbert.

An effort will be made to arrange a

series of tournaments and meets with teams representing other states.

Name Publicity Officers

Some time ago it was urged by state headquarters that posts appoint publicity officers immediately, attention being called at that time to the importance of that office, particularly as it has to do with the membership drive this month.

To date only ten or twelve of the more than 930 posts of the state have made such appointments and forwarded the names of these officers to state headquarters. The result is that the state publicity committee, which had planned to do productive work during the membership campaign, is unorganized and cannot function as it should.

Post commanders are urged to appoint these publicity officers without delay, or to have them elected. News of the activities of your posts, Commander Blakeslee points out, cannot be disseminated unless your own publicity officer does it for you. There will be a meeting of the post publicity officers of greater New York as soon as the posts take action on this all-important issue.

Bronx Memorial Assured

All the obstacles confronting the Bronx County memorial committee have been overcome finally, and that borough is assured of one of the most impressive war memorials in the country.

When this committee, of which Daniel P. Sullivan, of 2973 Marion Avenue, is chairman, first announced its plan to place memorial plaques bearing the names of soldiers of the Bronx who had died in the war on each of the trees along the Grand Concourse, the project met with decided opposition from certain groups. The committee, however, did not despair, and succeeded in having the Board of Aldermen appropriate sufficient funds to pay for the tree guards. This left the payment for the plaques to the Bronx County Legion, and they have assumed this obligation.

Thus the Legionnaires are themselves paying for a memorial to their comrades despite the fact that a fund of \$14,000 contributed by citizens remains untouched in the hands of a citizens' committee in that borough. Chairman Sullivan and John A. Greene, registrar of the committee, are compiling an authentic list of the fatalities and the plaques will be struck off without delay. It is planned to dedicate this great memorial of more than 1,400 trees, each a living symbol of sacrifice, on Memorial Day.

LEGION NOTES

In order to expedite action on the Federal adjusted compensation measure, now before the Senate Finance Committee, it is likely that a referendum will be taken among members of the Legion throughout the country. It will be taken to determine which of the four plans for compensation the members will claim, so that the senate may get an idea of what the cost is to be to the government.

Oregon's state committee has passed a resolution favoring legislation to prevent land holdings by Orientals in that state.

Pindale, Wyoming, claims a Legion post further from a railway than any other in the United States. It is 110

miles from the nearest railroad and has thirty-five members, and represents 500 square miles of territory.

Of 200 cases handled by the war risk officer of the Norfolk, Va., Post last year, a great majority were settled successfully. Compensation was allowed in sixty-three out of sixty-six claims, and \$446,000 worth of insurance was reinstated.

POST ACTIVITIES

Members of the Walter Heckman Post will meet to-night at the Vauxhall Club, 177th Street and Bathgate Avenue, for the purpose of adjusting plans for their proposed theatrical week.

The 82d Division Association will meet to-night in K. of C. Hall, 305 East Twenty-third Street. Officers will be elected.

Three thousand guests attended the New Year's carnival given by the 13th Post at the armory in Brooklyn on New Year's Eve. Harry Van Aucken, post commander, led the grand march with Mrs. E. J. Franklin. The proceeds of the carnival will go to the wounded at Fox Hills Hospital.

Arthur Viens Post will meet to-night at Independence League Hall, 479 Tremont Avenue, and all ex-service men who are not members of the Legion are invited. The post's auxiliary will meet at the same place a week from to-night. On January 20 the post will give an entertainment at Hunt's Point Palace.

The first meeting of the new year for the George Dahlbender Post will be to-morrow evening at the Pioneer Club, 1324 Franklin Avenue, the Bronx. The auxiliary meets to-night at the home of Mrs. Philip K. Levy, 859 Home Street.

Corporal Sydney Rosenberg Post issues a swinging challenge to any duckpin bowling team in existence, Legion or non-Legion. Address Milton Hess, 906 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn.

Community spirit is reflected in the newest activity of the Washington Heights Post. Beginning Wednesday night, January 12, and each Wednesday night thereafter, there will be a basketball game and dance at the recreation center, 168th Street and Audubon Avenue. For games address J. P. Ryan, 506 West 172d Street.

The 305th Infantry Post meets to-morrow night at the 77th Division Club, 27 West Twenty-fifth Street.

Chelsea Post and Broadway Post have combined and taken over the duty of caring for the wounded veterans in the Polyclinic Hospital. There will be at least one entertainment a month outside of the hospital for the patients.

The woman's auxiliary of the 69th Regiment (the 165th Infantry) will give a euchre party next Friday evening at the armory, Lexington Avenue and Twenty-sixth Street, for the benefit of veterans.

Edith Cavell Post will give a dance in the Brooklyn Academy of Music on the evening of February 7.

Flatlands Post has elected the following officers: Commander, James Hayden; vice-commanders, Edward Teevan, Harry Horn and Richard Duggin; adjutant, Louis Appel, and treasurer, Harold Griffin.

Northport Post, of Northport, L. I., meets to-morrow in its new headquarters, Masonic Building.

The Le Roy-Ferris Post will hold a dance and reception on January 7 at 123 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn.

Holt and Nearing Debate the League At Cooper Union

Editor of the Independent Discovers That 90 P. C. of Audience Never Read Peace Treaty or Covenant

The question whether the United States should enter the League of Nations was debated yesterday at Cooper Union by Hamilton Holt, editor of The Independent, and Professor Scott Nearing, of the Rand School. Dr. Paul Kellogg, editor of The Survey, was chairman of the meeting, which was under the auspices of the Bronx Community Forum. About five hundred persons attended.

Mr. Holt advocated the entrance of the United States into the league as now constituted, on the ground that it held more hope for world peace and justice than anything else proposed. Professor Nearing took the position that there was no use trying to establish peace and justice until the capitalistic order was changed and, therefore, the United States should not bother about the league.

After ascertaining by a hands-up vote that 90 per cent of his audience had not read the peace treaty or the league covenant, Mr. Holt opened the debate by stating the provisions of the covenant, explaining it as "nothing but a scheme by which sovereign nations could act together unanimously better than they could otherwise." He said

that by providing such economic pressure as would have prevented the late war with Germany the league had modernized international law, heretofore advanced no further than law within the state in the tenth century.

Professor Nearing held, on the other hand, that the league was not at all up to date, having the conservatism of the Congress of Vienna and being unworkable as an organism of class governments in a time ripe for a federation of peoples. He argued that recent league meetings in Geneva did not consider Russia, which he called the "one great hope," or consider the "turmoil of the world," and said the league functioned as a combination of Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan and Belgium, dominating thirty-six smaller nations in secret conference, "not daring to let the world know their infamy."

"We were invited in," he said, "because we can do what the other great robber nations have done. We have our Hayti, Porto Rico and Philippines, and are of the great robber nations gone on to cure the world with their civilization, as they call it."

"We will have wars until there is some measure of economic justice in Europe. The only way for other nations to guarantee peace and justice is to follow the example of Russia."

Mr. Holt concluded by pointing to concrete things the league had accomplished and declaring it essential to begin with the nations as they were, take one step at a time and not expect immediately to end all evils and bring in all good.

New Film Effect Obtained Camera That Obliterates Distortion Demonstrated in Chicago

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Demonstration of the invention of a moving picture camera which, it was claimed, would eliminate distortion and eye strain and produce the same perspective and sym-

metry in pictures that would be visible if the objects photographed were seen in real life was made to-day by George

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In 1634 New Jersey's Population was "500 souls"

In 1634 England granted to Sir Edmund Floyd the country between Cape May and Long Island, called New Albion (one of the many early names of New Jersey.) Sir Edmund was made Governor, with the title of "Earl Palatine," because he had "amply and copiously peopled the country with five hundred persons."

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BUT most of the inflation is "out." The nations of the world will undoubtedly, before many months, readjust their relations. Necessity is compelling economy instead of extravagance. Expansion has ceased. The time to buy is when other people must sell, for then the buyer best serves himself and the community.

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