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## Appeal Is Made For Big Effort On Membership

District Committeeman Stresses  
Needed For Union Among  
All Veterans

An urgent appeal to Legionnaires and Post officers of the Seventeenth District for a strong effort to better the District's membership record is made by Committeeman Joseph MacGregor, who states that the reports thus far indicate a necessity for immediate action on the part of posts in practically every community.

Economic conditions and other factors have caused the District's membership report thus far to be somewhat of a disappointment. Committeeman MacGregor says, "Let this year of all years, asserts the District leader, is the time for veterans to stick together and put forth united effort. With adversaries attacking the vital parts of the veteran organization program, it is most essential that there be no weakening on the part of the ex-servicemen's groups. We held the lines in war, now we must fight together and hold our lines in time of peace, for our unfortunate buddies' might be an slogan for the present situation.

Two things have chiefly caused the small membership roster of the District posts this year in comparison with last year, Committeeman MacGregor believes. First is the financial situation. "Although we can all understand this difficulty," says the Committeeman, "we must fight to overcome the odds and make sacrifices if need be to hold up our membership. Membership, enrolled and active members, are the backbone of the Legion.

Another factor not so difficult to overcome, says MacGregor, is that some adjutants may have been a bit lax in sending in the names of members promptly. This should be done at once, he urges, in justice both to the members and to the organization. If new members are received and their names are not sent in promptly, they do not receive their Legion magazine to which they are entitled, and other benefits of the organization.

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## BIRMINGHAM POST TAKES STEPS TO GET LEGION HOME

Charles Edwards Post No. 14, American Legion of Birmingham may soon be billeted in a new Legion home, if negotiations with the city fathers and the owners of the Post materialize. The Post officers have an eye on a highly suitable place which they are considering leasing for a term of years.

Either the Post has been operating in the Birmingham Community House, but its activities have been handicapped by limitations that would not be present if they had headquarters of their own. As every Buddy knows, says the Birmingham boys, "There's no place like home."

The Post leaders are looking forward, if their negotiations succeed, to having their February events in the new home. February will be an active month with Charles Edwards Post, with the Oakland County Council meeting scheduled there for Thursday, February 2, and the Post planning a number of events of its own.

Important business is occupying the attention of the Birmingham veterans. A proposed new Constitution and By-Laws were presented at the meeting on January 18, and will be up for adoption at the next meeting, on February 16. At the January 18 meeting, the Post unanimously adopted a resolution on maintaining the naval reserve, and sent copies to all Michigan congressmen.

The Post is planning at St. Valentine's Dance, with the date tentatively set for Washington's birthday. The Auxiliary is to have a card party at which a quilt will be raffled off, on a date in February yet to be set.

Comrade Asa Cooley has returned from Great Lakes Naval Hospital, fully recovered from an operation for removal of shrapnel.

## Berkley Post Plans Dance To Raise Fund

American Legion Post No. 371 of Berkley is planning a benefit dance to raise funds for welfare work. Members of the Post intend to make this dance as successful as the first one held by the Post, in November at the Berkley High School.

All Post members have been enlisted in a drive for new members and greater post activity. Every member is enthusiastic about these projects and is working hard to put them over. Elmer D. Craine is Commander of the Post and E. R. Baldwin is Adjutant.

## V. F. W. Men Will Get French Medal

Hornaday Post Of Ferndale To  
Have Mass Meeting And  
Rally

The Paul W. Hornaday Post No. 1407, Veterans of Foreign Wars, of Ferndale, is planning a mass meeting and rally to be held sometime during the month of May. It is the purpose of the Post at this mass meeting to present to some fifteen veterans of the World War, now residing in Ferndale, both the order of the Purple Heart and the Veteran's Medal.

This latter medal is a presentation of the French Government to those veterans who served with the A. E. F. at Verdun, France during the French government's stubborn defense against the German Army.

Suitable ceremonies at this presentation will be presided over by officers of the Department of Michigan, V. F. W. and it is anticipated Monsieur Leon Morang, French consul in Detroit will be present to take part in the presentation of the medals.

Officers of the order, including Clyde Stabler, Welfare Officer of the local Post, who will be in charge of the necessary application forms.

A Ritual Degree Team has been organized by this Post, under the able leadership of Floyd Arnold, and it is anticipated that in the very near future that the team will be ready to accept assignments for the ritualistic work of this organization.

At a meeting of the Paul Hornaday Post No. 1407, held on Wednesday evening, December 26th in the O. O. F. Hall, present visiting comrades of the South Lyon Post were present. Among this visiting delegation was Comrade Woodward, who is 88 years of age, and who says he is still able to hold his own with the younger members.

High Squires was formally elected Commander of the newly formed Oakland County Council at a meeting of the Oakland County Overseas Veterans Association held in Pontiac on December 22nd, 1932.

## ROCHESTER POST HELPS THE NEEDY OF COMMUNITY

Twenty-three baskets of nourishing and healthful foodstuffs were being distributed in the city and vicinity at Christmas-time as a result of the activities of Homer Wing Post, No. 172 and Auxiliary. The baskets held from \$4.50 to \$5.00 each, or over \$100 in all. The veterans and ladies co-operated with welfare officials to prevent duplication of assistance.

Funds for the work were raised by means of a minstrel show presented in the high school auditorium. The men participated in the show, but the ladies did the singing. Over 200 were on to see the boys "do their stuff."

In an effort to stimulate membership, the Post is giving a series of parties about once a month. The last of these was a potluck meal and card party, with luncheon, was held. At the next party it is expected to present an accomplished magician who will entertain those present. The Post hopes to be able to arrange an event for the night of Washington's Birthday, at which time the magician may appear.

All ex-service men are being invited to these affairs, so that they may become acquainted and interested in joining the Legion.

## Milk Fund Work Helps Children Of The County

Legion Committee Directs Effort  
To Feed Undernourished  
Boys And Girls

Undernourished school children of Oakland County are being given a chance to grow into strong, healthy American citizens through the efforts of Cook-Nelson Post, American Legion, of Pontiac, in providing them with hot milk and hot lunches.

This tremendous project is in charge of a milk fund committee consisting of Dr. W. K. Volk, chairman; Dr. M. M. Jones, Dr. Floyd H. DeCamp, E. J. Smith, Charles Cole and Lynn T. Allen.

Contribution bottles, quart milk bottles, emblem of the undertaking, are being placed in stores and other public places in order that the public might share in this worthy enterprise. Contributions are solicited and all money so received is being used to pay for free milk and hot lunches in the district in which the contribution is made.

Each bottle has a top with a coin slot and sealed with sealing wax. The bottle is properly labeled and numbered and registered.

Bottles will be opened by a milk fund representative, the store proprietor and a representative of the nearby school. A careful record of all money received is to be kept in order that each neighborhood school benefits from the money its patrons contribute.

About 5000 bottles are to be placed throughout the county. In addition to the bottle contribution the Legion is presenting a minstrel show and holding a series of benefit bridge parties to further increase the fund.

## HAZEL PARK POST SHOWS ACTIVITY IN VET AFFAIRS

Hazel Park Post, American Legion has been showing an unusual amount of activity during the past month, going far beyond the normal routine of members held Thomas McCarty of University Post, Detroit, give a pep talk on membership drives at the meeting of the Post on Friday, January 12.

The very successful 17th District Meeting with entertainment, music and dinner was held at John H. and 1012 Mile Road, Hazel Park as a result of the hard work of the Post members in charge.

The Post welfare fund was increased considerably by receipts from a variety show held at the Lacey School Auditorium on Friday, January 20.

About 400 attended and everyone was satisfied both with the entertainment and with the amount of money raised. Comrade Dean Bell was chairman of the entertainment committee.

A Post minstrel show as successful as the variety show is being planned for the near future. The Post took charge of burial services for Comrade Charles J. Mailoux, of Hazel Park, and a member of Leaned Post, Detroit, on Tuesday, January 17 at Annapolis, Canada.

The burial services were attended by eight Post members and Frank McClain, Service Officer, was in charge. Because of customs technicians, a funeral casket burial was not able to be held.

LEAGION AUXILIARY NOTES  
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## New Officers In Charge Of County Council Affairs

MacGregor New Leader Of Oakland Group; During First  
Vice-Commander

Oakland County Council of Veterans will hold its first meeting under the guidance of new officers on Thursday evening, February 2, at the community house in Birmingham. The meeting will be conducted by the new commander, Joseph MacGregor of Birmingham, who is also committeeman of the Seventeenth District, American Legion.

Commander MacGregor was advanced from the position of senior vice-commander, which he held during 1932, at the election held at the January meeting. Other officers elected were:

William Doring, V. F. W. Pontiac, senior vice-commander.  
William Greiner, D. A. Y. W. Pontiac, junior vice-commander.  
Clark W. Bowers, U. S. W. V. Pontiac, treasurer.

The officers were installed immediately by Dr. C. H. Boring of Royal Oak, past commander of Frank Wendlandt Post, American Legion. The meeting took place at Royal Oak, with 30 attending.

Commander MacGregor has appointed as chaplain Earl Hill of the Oakland Veterans Post, past commander of Frank Wendlandt Post, American Legion. The meeting took place at Royal Oak, with 30 attending.

Printed copies of the Constitution and by-laws, as published in the Oakland Veteran last fall, have been provided the Council. Comrade Doring made a detailed report on the work of the cemetery committee, which is endeavoring to formulate rules and regulations for burials and grave maintenance. The committee is endeavoring to continue its work being praised for its activity thus far.

## AUXILIARY LOOKS FORWARD TO ITS FROLIC IN SPRING

Pontiac Post and Auxiliary Cook-Nelson No. 20 will be hosts on Saturday 27th, to seventeenth district and auxiliary members. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p. m. for 40 cents per plate. Much interest is being shown and a large crowd is anticipated.

District Committeeman MacGregor has invited State Commander John Gilmore to make the address of the evening. Mrs. Lida Murphy has invited Department Auxiliary President Mrs. H. E. Gottfredson, Department Secretaries Miss Bertha Praestel and Department Treasurer Mrs. Thelma Bailey. Mrs. Pearl Quernbeck, Detroit, Department Field Chairman, expected. Local auxiliary members will be served a Fidec Pageant.

Cook-Nelson Auxiliary unit at Pontiac entertained 154 children of post and unit members for a winter social at the community house. The post and unit gave a party for 92 children of unemployed ex-service men on December 21. Supper was served, games played, and Santa Claus appeared with gifts for all present. Baskets were generously filled for twelve families.

Plans are going forward for the Third Annual Spring Frolic of the Auxiliary Mrs. MacKinley W. Rogers is general chairman. The date will be the latter part of February. Full plans will be announced later.

## Clarkston Veterans Raise Welfare Fund

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## State Leaders To Attend District Meet Friday Eve

Department Officers Will Make  
Official Visit To Seventeenth  
District

Seventeenth District, American Legion and Auxiliary will be hosts to Department Officers of the Legion and Auxiliary in Pontiac on Friday evening, January 26, when Department Officers will make their annual visit to the District. The meeting will be held at the Cook-Nelson Post home on Auburn avenue, Pontiac, and a large attendance is anticipated.

It is expected that those attending will include the following: Department Commander John W. Gilmore, National Executive Committeeman Raymond L. Kelly, Department Adjutant Robert J. Byers, Vice Commander Lloyd L. Stanley of the Legion; Department President Mrs. Bess Gottfredson of Lowell, Dept. Secretary Mrs. Bertha Praestel, Detroit, Dept. Treasurer Mrs. Thelma Bailey, Birmingham, of the Auxiliary.

The cost of the dinner has been set low to encourage a large attendance, the price being 40 cents. Commander Gilmore will deliver an address. His topic has not been officially announced, but it is expected that he will speak on activities of the National Economy League.

Hazel Park Hosts  
Legionnaires of the District enjoyed a pleasant evening at Hazel Park on the occasion of the last District meeting, the Hazel Park boys putting on a program that is still remembered by those attending. The program indicated that the hosts had devoted a lot of time to preparing a fine entertainment, which included music by the Berkeley quartette, Hazel Park's own quartette, a pianist and a banjo player, and still another entertainment, with his own accompaniment on the piano. The Hazel Park boys know how to entertain in real style, says the buddies who were there.

The District is wholeheartedly behind the "Buy American" movement which was instituted last month at the annual meeting of post officers at Saginaw. Auto stickers urging everyone to "Buy American" will be printed and distributed through posts in various communities.

The "check" was made of a large piece of cardboard about two feet long and a foot high. It was signed by Mark Hurley, Commander, Ralph Walker, adjutant, and Theron Arms, finance officer. A friend of Heller at the nearby proving-ground had access to apparatus by which it was possible to make an exact reproduction of a smaller check, magnified the necessary number of times. Thus the three officers' signatures, though many times as large as ordinarily, were exactly like those on the regular check.

The check was made payable at First State Bank of Milford December 23. Each person using it had to endorse it. The check was given out in payment of a bill on December 5, and then until December 23, it changed hands about 100 times. It could not be put in the pocket, folded, or carried around, as each person receiving it used it as quickly as possible. It was used for the store four or five times. On December 23, it was brought into the bank, where the Legion's dollar was waiting.

The fast-moving check is now in the Legion headquarters as a souvenir. Milford Post also has won another distinction of a charitable nature. It has been recognized for its activities, it donated \$5.00 early in January to the Salvation Army, and has received a letter from that organization's Michigan headquarters saying this was the first contribution the Army has accepted from anyone in 1933.

Milford's post may feel especially proud because when it puts on its minstrel show in February, not only the acting but the writing of the show will have been done by "all home talent." Jack Bussey of the Milford post has written the entire script for the show, and it is reported to be a very clever piece of writing. Dates of the show are tentatively set for February 21 and 22 at Milford High School auditorium. Beharrels have started and the Post hopes to equal the record of 1932, when 1,000 were attracted to the shows. The funds raised will be used for welfare work.

The Milford Post has taken a leading part in aiding the needy, having made a \$450.00 cash donation to the milk fund for underfed children of the town. Other organizations have given similar help. Before Christmas, the Post distributed five baskets to the

We are talking of staging a show in the near future to raise money for a boy scout fund. This scout bugle corps under the management of Comrade White in making fine progress and we want to be able to help them when help is needed.

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