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Drive Is Under Way To Promote Growth Of D A V

South Oakland Chapter Conducts
Program For More Membership

A membership drive for South Oakland Chapter No. 19, Disabled American Veterans of the World War is being conducted under the leadership of Junior Vice Commander Wm. G. Williams, who wishes to draw the attention of all disabled veterans to the following:

The purpose of the D. A. V. W. W., which has been granted a National Charter of Incorporation by the Congress of the United States, shall be to uphold and maintain the constitution and laws of the United States; to realize the true American ideal and aims for which we fought, to protect and advance the interest and welfare of all World War veterans, who were wounded, gassed, injured, or disabled during or by reason of such military service; to co-operate with the Veterans' Administration and all other public and private agencies devoted to the cause of relieving, improving and advancing the physical and mental conditions, care and medical treatment, health and economic interests of all such handicapped veterans; to stimulate a feeling of mutual devotion, helpfulness and comradeship among all veterans; and to encourage in all people that spirit of tolerance and understanding, which will tend to guard against future wars.

Any person who, at any time between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918, was in the military or naval service of the United States at the time of enlistment or at the time of application for membership, served in the active military or naval service of any of the governments associated with the United States during the World War, and was wounded, gassed, injured or disabled, actually or legally, during or by reason of such service and who was discharged therefrom not dishonorably, shall be eligible to membership in this organization.

Disabled veterans wishing further information are asked to contact Mr. Williams at 259 Drayton, Ferndale, or Commander H. F. Ball, Jr., at 226 E. Drayton, Ferndale.

PONTIAC POST OF VFW IS ACTIVE IN VETERAN WORK

Veterans of Foreign Wars in Pontiac have an unusually active organization, with a post headquarters and a continuous program of events that keeps the veterans interested in public and the public aware of their activities. They are ever alert to perform any service which calls to them as ex-service men.

A large group of the City of Pontiac Post No. 1370, gathered in one of the coldest days of the winter, Sunday February 5, to journey to Algonac for the purpose of providing a military funeral for a veteran, Charles Byrd. A rifle squad was provided, with Senior Vice-Commander Claude Kirkham as captain, Commander Earl Hall as senior vice-commander, and Past Commander William H. Brown as junior vice-commander. During the ceremony, which was a joint United Spanish War Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars ceremony, a beautiful offering of flowers from friends and veterans' organizations was in evidence.

The Pontiac Post is proud of its handsomely-uniformed drill team, which is attired as follows: VFW cap, white shirt, blue coat, blue tie, blue silk sash with eight blue tassels, white duck trousers and black shoes. The team wears this uniform when called upon.

At the VFW hall, 15-17 E. Lawrence street, Pontiac, the Post held a well-attended shadow play on Saturday night, February 25. Shadows of odd and interesting shapes were seen, and a good time was had by all.

Officers of City of Pontiac Post No. 1370, VFW are: Earl W. Hall, commander; Claude G. Kirkham, senior vice-commander and publicity officer; Henry T. Toth, quartermaster; Maynard Quick, adjutant.

Ferndale VFW Women's Drum Corps, Only One In Michigan, Wins Cup

Distinguished as the only women's Drum and Bugle Corps of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Michigan, the corps of the Paul W. Hornaday Auxiliary, Ferndale recently achieved a verily loving cup for the highest rating on inspection of uniform and equipment, in the contest recently staged in the Detroit Naval Armory under the auspices of the Naval Reserve and Southwestern Michigan Drum and Bugle corps association.

The presentation was made by Lieutenant Commander M. R. Worley of the Naval Reserve. This was a rather unusual and desirable award for the corps formed only six months ago.

Members of the Corps are Emily

Rochester Post Remodels Home

Legionnaires And Auxiliary Put
New Plumbing And Fixtures In

Homer Wing Post No. 172, American Legion of Rochester is in the process of modernizing and redecorating its headquarters, which soon will present a fine appearance to visitors. The Post has its headquarters in the first school building ever built in Avon Township, Minn. which Rochester is now. Along with this favorable historical connection, however, the building presented some handicaps due to its age, being without modern features of any kind. It was thus until the active "boys and girls" of Rochester's Legion Post and Auxiliary went to work on it. The men have installed new plumbing and new cupboards in the kitchen. They have decorated the interior of both rooms of the old schoolhouse. The women have played their part by refurbishing the rooms in attractive wicker furniture.

The first public affair in the newly-renovated headquarters will take place within the near future, the date to be determined as soon as the work is finished. It will be a radio program and card party for the benefit of the decorated interior of the building. The event will be out of the ordinary in that it will present a "radio program" enacted in the presence of the audience. Music will be furnished by a group of Auxiliary women, playing instruments as follows: Mrs. Fred Halback, pianist; Mrs. Brownell, violinist; Mrs. Clyde Murdock, drummer; Mrs. Mary Fairchild, saxophone; Mrs. Ruth Bradley, bass violin; Mrs. Harold Dean, trombone; Mrs. Harvold Weaver is announcer.

The women will present in addition to their musical program, a one-act play, and there will be recitations given.

Rochester was host to the 17th District on February 22, the Legionnaires enjoyed their evening greatly.

Holly Auxiliary Is Active Organization

Amel Swartz Auxiliary No. 149, of Holly, Mrs. Rose Bazzard President, has been active during the past months with welfare work Red Cross and benevolent bridge party which netted \$12 on March 2 it sponsored a colonial silver tea. The next meeting will be a \$3.00 supper and several new members will receive the obligation.

Marjorie Hagerty, Secy.

LET'S RULL TOGETHER

Veterans' organizations throughout the State have adopted, as part of their program a "Buy American" movement to stimulate employment and improve conditions throughout the country. Posts and Auxiliaries of this section are pushing forward strongly on the movement.

The same idea may well be applied to our communities, for as the "Buy American" movement is being carried on in this State and County, in this edition are shown some of the many advantages of buying in Oakland County on the part of every resident.

In this number appear brief interviews with business and professional men of the county in an endeavor to encourage "Buy in Oakland County" and to further familiarize the people with the services offered by various Oakland County firms.

Many firms have, through the representation of this edition, demonstrated their willingness to co-operate in this endeavor to improve conditions in this district.

Real values, both in merchandise and in services, are offered by these concerns and are truly deserving of our careful consideration in the matter of fulfilling our various requirements.

Ask Reopening Of Applications For State Bonus

Ferndale VFW Past Resco.
Intention To Aid Veterans Who
Missed Payment

A resolution asking that the Michigan State bonus act be reopened for a period to permit veterans entitled to this compensation who have not received it to make application, has been passed and sent to State officials by Paul W. Hornaday Post No. 1407, VFW of Ferndale. Copies of the resolution have been sent to Gov. Comstock, Senator Andrew L. Moore, Rep. Melvin Lee and the Judge Advocate.

The resolution recites that many veterans were out of the State during the application period for the bonus, and have never received it. The resolution points out that when the legislation is enacted, it was argued in its favor that all veterans entitled to it would receive the compensation. The application period was closed a little over a year ago.

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Hold Carnival
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Carl Jensen was chairman of the committee in charge.

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As a tribute to his active interest in veteran affairs, a large number of veterans of various organizations, including the Spanish War Veterans, VFW and American Legion, banded together the coldest day of the winter to journey to Algonac for the burial services. A number of ex-service men from Fort Huron were also present. A full military funeral was given under the direction of H. J. Pattison, of Kimball Camp.

Another loss to the Pontiac Camp was that of Harry Crawford, prominent in Pontiac business circles for years, who died prior to the decease of Mr. Byrd. Mr. Crawford had before his death manifested an increased interest in the activities of the Spanish War Veterans, and his comrades feel that they have lost one who might have much value to the organization.

The Spanish War Veterans' group is happy, however, over one circumstance, and that is that they will soon have back among them their ever-active and alert adjutant, George W. Bailey. Commander Bailey, who has been at the Hospital, Groenewald, Illinois, for a series of operations, has recuperated rapidly and is expected home soon to take his usual keen interest in veterans' work. A letter from him is published elsewhere in this issue.

Clarkston Post Is Doing Welfare Work

Campbell-Richmond Post No. 63, American Legion of Clarkston is carrying on its welfare work through trying times.

Believing that this essential community service should continue under any circumstances. A card party held last week was successful in adding to the Post's welfare fund. Clarkston is a place of much community spirit, and the Legion Post and Auxiliary, though "marking time" at the moment, expect to be sponsoring some enterprises of worth to both the veteran organizations and the community in the near future.

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Berkley Legion Post Plans Reorganization

Berkley Post 371 is planning a re-organization. A petition is being circulated. Enough signatures have already been obtained to satisfy those in charge that it will go over.

A meeting will be called in the very near future for organization. We will be glad to hear from any eligible to membership who have not been called upon.

The Berkley Auxiliary Post No. 371 has been having, after afternoon card parties once a month which have been very successful.

The Ladies Auxiliary have planned a 500 card party, March 9th at 2 p. m. with a silver collection at the home of Bernadette McDonald, 2723 Garden Avenue.

Mrs. Irene Parkin, Secy.

New Legion Home In Birmingham

Charles Edwards Post Occupies
Large Headquarters; Plan
Opening Ball

By Roy Montgomery
Publicity Officer

The Charles Edwards Post of Birmingham has at last obtained a permanent memorial home. It is a large residence of 14 rooms and full basement on the west side of Woodward Avenue, between Merrill and Brown Street and opposite the Birmingham Theatre.

This home is large enough to set 30 tables of bridge, or for a dance, 150 couples on the first floor; a meeting room, Commandant's and Adjutant's room, Commandant's Quarters on third floor or in basement. The House Committee are as follows: Chairman, Jack Taylor; Franklin O. Day, Louis Hoffman, Joe Ely and J. B. Minton.

All Veterans Posts in the 17th District are invited to attend the Grand Opening Ball at the New Birmingham Memorial Home on March 17th at 8:00 p. m. Dancing, cards and refreshments.

The First Annual Past Commander's event in the Charles Edwards Post was held at the Birmingham Community House on Wednesday evening, February 15. The meeting was called to order by Commander Earl Hall and adjutant after the regular monthly meeting the Drum and Bugle Corps furnished musical entertainment.

During the evening all past commanders of the Post were presented with Past Commander's Badges by Commander Earl Hall. Alpine who was the first adjutant of the local post. A number of Reserve officers of this area were present and Col. Mills of Birmingham spoke for them. He received with hearty applause Col. Mills is a Legionnaire of the Birmingham Post. Comrade Rex Humphrey of Detroit and Judge Gadola, speakers of the evening and were enjoyed very much by those present. The first annual Past Commander's Night, held by Commander Dave Levinson, was a huge success and we all hope it will be repeated next year.

On February 22nd, 1933, Charles Edwards Post No. 14 of Birmingham, lost its commander, when "Dave" Levinson handed the executive board his formal resignation because of the fact that he has filed his petition as a candidate for municipal judge in the City of Birmingham.

The Birmingham Post will feel this loss deeply. But as long as we have a comrade like Dave Levinson as a member we know that his fine diplomacy and his excellent business judgment shall still be available and every member of his post realizes what an asset he has been in helping to bring an almost dormant Post up to one of the largest and most active in the 17th District.

The executive committee of Charles Edwards Post No. 14 of Birmingham in session on Wednesday evening, February 22nd, 1933 appointed Past Commander Ernest Buttraw as acting commander of this Post. The entire Post extends their congratulations to Commander Buttraw as he is well known to all as the Commander of 1932 the most successful year the Post ever had.

Funeral Services for Comrade Robert T. Bethel were held at the Bell Funeral Home on East Maple Avenue, Birmingham on February 13th, after which the remains were taken to St. Louis, Mo., for interment.

Crowd Of 1,500 Drawn To Hear Talks On N. E. L.

Hazel Park Puts Over One Of
Largest Meetings In County
History

Hazel Park's Legion Post, William H. Campbell No. 25, has recently added to its many recent achievements the sponsoring of one of the largest rallies ever held by any organization in Oakland County. This post of 60 members drew together in Lacey School Auditorium, Hazel Park, a gathering of over 1,500 people to hear two speakers talk on the National Economy League. Every inch of space in the auditorium was packed and large numbers, unable to get in, stood outside.

In addition to the speeches, there was an interesting program by Legion musical organizations during the evening. The event, on February 28, gave the Hazel Park post much prestige in the eyes of the community.

Two Speak

Two speakers from Detroit rallied those attending with a graphic disclosure of the activities of the National Economy League, and made telling points in regard to taxation, the veterans, and the League. The speakers were Nicholas Salowich, past commander of the George Washington Post, Detroit, and one of the most active Legionnaires in this part of Michigan, and Jack R. C. Cann, editor of the Wayne County Legion News.

The audience was comprised of men and women from all sections of the southern part of Oakland County. The Post advertised the meeting very extensively, distributing handbills, putting posters on automobiles of members, and by other methods. The Legionnaires succeeded, through the rally, in bringing hundreds of people to a clearer understanding of the veteran in relation to the country as a whole, resulting in a more favorable attitude toward the veterans' aims.

The noted Highland Park Drum and Bugle Corps, one of the outstanding corps in the county, participated as did the Hazel Park Legion quartette. Wm. H. Campbell Post's own. The Post has sponsored this quartette which has been provided with full uniform. The quartette made a big hit with the audience.

Comrade Cook was presented with the Order of the Purple Heart during the evening.

Plan Minstrel Show
The Hazel Park Post is following up its achievement in regard to the rally with another community event, a minstrel show to be given Friday and Saturday nights, March 10 and 11. Unable to obtain an outside minstrel troupe on these dates, the Post "dug in" and has developed its own show.

The show will be given in Lacey School Auditorium, Hazel Park, and the proceeds will be used for child welfare and to buy American flags for the schools. The Post's next big event is to be the 17th District meeting, on Friday evening, March 24, when the Post and Auxiliary will be hosts to the Legion Posts and Auxiliaries of the District. A banquet is planned, the place to be announced later, with a good time to follow the dinner.

The Post has taken an active interest in public affairs for its community. It sponsored a drive to "get out the vote" for the Roy W. Oakley primary election Monday, and the heavy poll which was past is attributed in part, at least, to the work of the Hazel Park boys. On March 3, the Post held a party to which all primary candidates of all parties were invited, and attendance reached the 800-mark. Much good feeling between the various candidates was developed.

The Hazel Park Post is proud of its record, for in the midst of hard times it claims the largest and most active membership since it was organized, with 60 on the roster. This has been due to the untiring work of "some" "live wires" who took hold of Post affairs some time ago, and determined to make their post deserve the title of "the biggest little post in the 17th District."

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