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Cook-Nelson Post May Win Prize In Activity Contest

Pontiac Legionnaires Make Score Of 870 Out Of Possible 1000 Points

Scoring 870 out of a possible 1,000 points in the Annual Community Service and Post Activity report, Cook-Nelson Post No. 20, of Pontiac, is making a strong bid for an award from Headquarters. Announcement of the awards will be made at the Convention of the Legion.

National awards are: for first place, a citation for distinguished service; for second place, a citation for meritorious service; for third place, a citation for community service.

In addition to this, a set of colors, an American flag and a banner, will be given to the district in the State making the most favorable report. The new trophy, worth \$50, is to be contested for yearly and will be marked each year to show all winning districts.

The Pontiac Post has participated in many worth while events during the year. They took an active part in a junior baseball program, sponsoring a team that won the District championship and was defeated only once, locally.

It sponsored a Boy Scout troop, a Sea Scout troop, and a junior and senior rifle corps. One of the most important things done by the Post during the last year was the erecting of a war memorial and the dedicating of 300 lots, donated by Perry Mount Park Cemetery, to Oakland County Veterans. They received much praise in the District for this work.

Another worthwhile movement that the Cook-Nelson Post has been carrying on during the year, is the education of aliens who desire to become citizens of the United States. Many classes were held by the Post in which a large number of aliens benefited materially.

There are many other public spirited campaigns in which the Post has taken part. A welfare clothing drive was sponsored by the Pontiac Legionnaires. A drive for emergency funds to be used in welfare work, was also carried on. Both of these were very successful.

One of the biggest jobs tackled by the Cook-Nelson Post was that of proper veterans' relief. This entailed the adjusting of many claims, and as there were more demands this year than ever before, due to financial conditions in the country, a great deal of work and correspondence was necessitated.

Besides the programs already mentioned, the Post has conducted a "Get Out and Vote" campaign, has sponsored a Memorial Day program and parade, an Armistice Day Parade, and has taken part in many military funerals.

A drum corps has been organized that, although only 10 months old, has done quite a number of things by its splendid leader, R. C. Koehler, the Corps has already won two cups and placed second in a contest held in Detroit.

At the last meeting of the Post the following resolution was passed:

"Resolved: that Cook-Nelson Post No. 20 of the American Legion (Continued on page eight)

Endorsed By District For Vice-Commander



LLOYD STANLEY.

Endorse Stanley For State Place

Birmingham Man Is Supported By District For Vice-Commander

Endorsement of Past Commander Lloyd Stanley of Charles Edwards Post No. 14 of Birmingham as a candidate for vice-commander of the Department of Michigan was one of several resolutions adopted at the last Seventeenth District meeting before the Convention which opens Sunday.

Comrade Stanley has been active for a number of years in all phases of Legion work, particularly in the Boy Scout movement. By his personal efforts he has raised the Boy Scout movement in Michigan above that of any other State. He has been chairman of the Boy Scout activities of the Department for the past four years, and was chairman of the National Convention Corporation department for Boy Scouts last year.

Comrade Stanley has been commander of his home post three times. He is historian for the District and is now compiling part of the Department history. Delegates from the District were instructed to vote at the Convention for prompt payment of Adjusted Compensation Certificates. They were also instructed to vote for the Department of Michigan favoring the repeal of the 18th Amendment.

Another resolution adopted was that "the 17th district and its posts co-operate with Wayne and Oakland County Councils in securing funds and other forms of subsistence for the B. E. F. and that we send such funds and supplies to the B. E. F. through the present agency established by the Oakland and Wayne County Councils.

A resolution endorsing Dr. Raymond Tuck for resident physician at the Otter Lake Billie if it becomes necessary or advisable to place a doctor there, was adopted, and forwarded to Department headquarters by Adjutant P. F. Combee.

CARRIER CHOSEN FOR HIGH OFFICE IN 17th DISTRICT



MYRON J. CARRIER

For the first time in a dozen years of service and leadership in affairs of the American Legion and other veterans' organizations, (Continued on page eight)

Over 100 Attend District Meeting, Elect Officers

Unanimous Choices Give New Leaders Assurance Of Full Support

New officers of the Seventeenth District, American Legion, will enter upon their duties for the coming year assured of the unanimous support and wholehearted co-operation of every one of their comrades. This was evident in the election held at the final District meeting of the year, the new officers being chosen without opposition and receiving the unanimous vote of the District.

The Legionnaires rounded out their year's schedule with one of the largest and most enthusiastic gatherings ever held in the District. Over one hundred members from nearly every post in the District participated in the meeting at the home of Cook-Nelson Post No. 20, Pontiac, on the evening of July 22, electing officers and transacting other important business in addition to the election. Committee Ernest Ogden presided.

MacGregor Named Alternate Joseph MacGregor, alternate committee member during the past year, was nominated for advancement to committee member by Comrade Myron Carrier of Pontiac. All posts "passed" until the last, Royal Oak, was reached, when comrade Harry J. Merritt made the choice unanimous by support of the nomination.

Comrade Carrier nominated for alternate committee member by Comrade Benjamin Smith of Pontiac, had no opposition other than his own objections, which were overruled, and Comrade Merritt on behalf of Royal Oak, made his election also unanimous.

Not only was Finance officer Floyd Eckles of Plymouth unanimously re-elected on motion of Comrade Smith, but he was accorded an expression of appreciation for his splendid work in caring for the District finances. Officers reported on the exceptionally fine condition of the District accounts due to the good work of the finance officer.

Commander Clyde Murdock of Homer Wing Post No. 72 of Rochester was unanimous choice for sergeant-at-arms. The one officer which was an exception to the rule of unanimous choice was that of chaplain, Comrade H. A. White of Northville nominated Comrade R. C. Koehler of Pontiac, who upon Comrade Benjamin Smith offered the name of Commander E. C. Burtraw of Charles Edwards Post No. 14 of Birmingham, and the battle was on. When discussion of the merits of the two candidates gave indications of lasting for an alarming length of time, Committee member Ogden called a recess to permit some real electing.

The candidates themselves were reportedly reported to be working hard, each for election of his opponent. When the session was called to order again, and the smoke of battle cleared, it was found that Comrade Burtraw was the new chaplain by a vote of 10 to 9.

The financial report was read and approved. A resolution was adopted whereby the "Seventeenth District Legion News," published as a section of The Farmington Enterprise, was approved and the paper adopted as the official publication of the District.

National Committee member Raymond J. Kelly of Detroit was present and spoke on the workings of the National Executive Committee and also on the fight for immediate payment of adjusted compensation certificates. Vice-Commander John W. Gilmore of Detroit spoke on State Legion affairs.

Adopt Resolution The resolutions committee reported a number of resolutions which were adopted, and which are reprinted in another column on this page. There will be no August meeting of the District, due to the State Convention but the September meeting will be held as usual. Ample notice will be given of place of meeting.

Seventeenth District Department of Michigan

Ernest E. Ogden . . . Committee member
Joseph MacGregor . . . Alternate
Paul Combee Adjutant
Frank Roberts Sgt.-at-Arms
Benj. F. Smith Publicity Officer
The meeting adjourned Friday of each month at designated Posts throughout District

New Committeeman Of The 17th District



JOSEPH MACGREGOR

New Leader Is Active Worker

Birmingham Past Commander Receives Highest Honor Of Seventeenth District

Joseph F. MacGregor, for the past 11 years active in the affairs of Charles Edwards Post Number 14, of Birmingham, was awarded the highest honor of the Seventeenth District at the monthly meeting at Pontiac, when he was unanimously elected Committee member for the District.

Mr. MacGregor was nominated by Myron J. Carrier of Farmington. As no other candidates were brought forward, he was declared elected unanimously. Mr. Carrier was later named Alternate Committee member.

Mr. MacGregor enlisted as a private in the army on April 19, 1917 and was assigned to the 6th of Birmingham, was awarded the highest honor of the Seventeenth District at the monthly meeting at Pontiac, when he was unanimously elected Committee member for the District.

He was overseas from July 1917 to May 1919 and took an active part in Lys, Aisen, Mouse and Aragonne offensives. He was honorably discharged from Camp Custer on May 8, 1919.

Becoming a member of the Charles Edwards Post in 1921, Mr. MacGregor almost at once became active in the affairs of the Legion. He was Post Commander in 1923-1924 and District Secretary in 1924.

Last year he served as Alternate Committee member, the second highest honor that the organization can award. Mr. MacGregor was born in Detroit on August 5, 1893. He is now living at 179 Catalpa Drive, in Birmingham.

ROCHESTER POST NO. 172 Homer Wing Post No. 172 in July held a carnival and Grand Prize drawing. Free barbecue sandwiches, games for old and young and a dance in the evening featured the affair. The entire proceeds were used to purchase uniforms for the Drum and Bugle corps. Watch us at the State Convention in Kalamazoo.

Large Delegation Is Going To Department Convention

Several Hundred Members Of Seventeenth District Are Preparing To Attend Annual Meeting At Kalamazoo

The coming week end will mark the height of the year's activities for Legionnaires of the Seventeenth District as well as of all others throughout the state with preparations for "the big push," the journey to the Department Convention, which opens Sunday morning at Kalamazoo. Several hundred members are expected to make up the Seventeenth District's representation at the Convention, with the District's largest post, Cook-Nelson No. 20 of Pontiac, alone likely to account for at least 100 in attendance.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, August 21, 22 and 23 are the official convention dates, but many will arrive on Saturday to register and get themselves billeted comfortably for the following three days of business and pleasures.

Kalamazoo, the townspeople and business-men, as well as Legionnaires, have been working for months on the convention, hoping to make it one that the veterans will put down as among the very best ever held by the Department. They have adopted a slogan "Fun, Food and Fellowship await you at Kalamazoo," and they intend to make good on it to the fullest extent. The local Legionnaires urge every member to "be there Buddies!", and the same urgent invitation is extended to the ladies of the Auxiliary.

Outstanding events on the program Sunday are a golf tournament, preliminaries and finals of the Drum and Bugle Corps contest, a free "mid-nite movie," and a "Grand Promenade, Parade, and Wreck."

Monday's features are the annual convention parade, a baseball game, the band contest, and the grand military ball.

Tuesday there will be election of officers and motor trips to picnic grounds.

The parade Monday will probably be the biggest yet together of the entire convention. When the order "eyes right" is given as the Legionnaires pass the reviewing stand, Governor Brucker, Senator James Couzens, and Senator Vandenberg, will be among the prominent figures of the State present who will salute the colors.

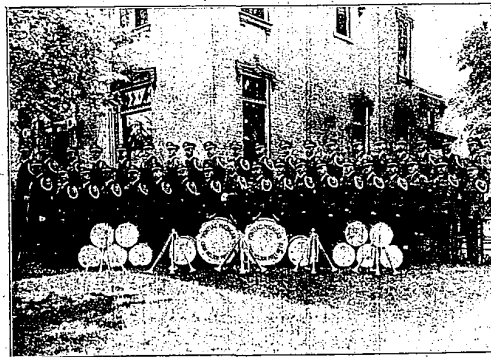
The reviewing stand will be placed in front of the Court House, in the center of the City. The 125 piece C. M. T. C. band, which will be at Camp Custer, during the days that the convention is being held, will be present Monday as a feature of the parade. The "Rube" band of Cadillac, and the German band of Muskegon will furnish entertainment.

The finals of the drum and bugle corps will be one of the most colorful events of the entire program. They will be held at the Western State Teacher's College football field, in the evening. The field will be lighted up by powerful lights which will help to bring out the colors of the "snap-py" uniforms. The level ground will be perfect for maneuvers of the outfits.

HAZEL PARK POST NO. 25 The next meeting will be Thursday, August 11th, at the Law office of Justice of Peace, Clarence Harkey, over the post office. At our last meeting, officers for next year were nominated and will be elected at the next meeting.

The Post has decided to organize a soft ball team, (but the players will be hard) Pecky Lewis was named as the manager. The Post named Dean L. Bell and Pecky Lewis delegates to the State Convention at Kalamazoo.

Pontiac Drum And Bugle Corps Seeks State Honors



Members of the fast-stepping Cook-Nelson Post Drum and Bugle Corps of Pontiac have their eyes on the first prize at Kalamazoo this year. This organization, begun only some ten months ago, took second place in its class at the recent South-East Michigan Corps contest. They finished third in the entire field. The Corps is commanded by Roland C. Koehler, a past commander of the Pontiac Post.

The Pontiac corps holds possession of a silver cup emblematic of the Seventeenth District championship, and is ready to meet challengers for the trophy.

Vice-Commander Is Speaker At Meeting



Vice-Commander John W. Gilmore of Detroit was a speaker at the meeting of the 17th District American Legion at Cook-Nelson Post No. 20 home at Pontiac.