



17th District Legion News



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Michigan Legion Is Among 35 On Record For Bonus

Delegates Going To National Convention Instructed To Vote For Payment

Michigan delegates to the national convention of the American Legion at Portland, Ore., on Sept. 12 to 15 will be among representatives from 35 other states who have gone on record as favoring immediate cash payment of the adjusted compensation certificates to war veterans. Michigan delegates have behind them a mandate from their state department corresponding to most of the others, that they vote and work for the passage of a resolution by the national convention which would put the national organization squarely in support of legislation by the next session of Congress.

The bonus resolution attracted most attention among the Legionnaires at the convention, but other important resolutions were passed by the department assembly.

The convention endorsed National Committeeman Raymond J. Kelly of Michigan for national commander of the American Legion.

The Legion reaffirmed its stand taken on prohibition at the 1931 national convention and recommended that the "convention request its national commander and national executive committee.

Get "Previews" Of Two Convention Choices

Readers of the Seventeenth District Legion News had a "preview" last month of two comrades who have since gained high places in Legion affairs. In the August issue appeared pictures of John V. Gilmore of Detroit, who was elected department commander at the state convention at Kalamazoo and of Comrade Lloyd L. Stanley of Birmingham, who was elected state vice-commander at the convention.

Also in the August issue was a photo of the Pontiac Drum and Bugle Corps, which was second place and \$100 at the department and first place at the State Fair Wednesday evening.

through proper channels, to take all possible effective steps to bring about the introduction and passage" of a referendum on the Eighteenth Amendment at the next session of congress. A recommendation that the state legislature enact a law or laws granting the same homestead exemption privilege to World War veterans as the extended Spanish War Veterans.

Legislation authorizing the United States veterans administration to contract with local hospitals for care of veterans in need of surgical or medical treatment was endorsed by the convention with the further recommendation that local boards of competent medical men be appointed to care for the veterans upon proper authorization.

Not To Cut Dues

The convention turned down a proposal to reduce departmental dues from 75 cents to 50 cents. The majority report recommended the dues be left at 75 cents.

Recommending support of the navy, first line defense, the army, "the backbone of the fighting forces," and the air service, described as a factor which will become decisive in future protection, it adopted a series of resolutions presented by its national committee chairman, Rowland W. Fixel, Detroit.

Among these resolutions was one recommending that naval cruisers be restored on the Great Lakes for the training of naval reservists.

The convention, in another resolution, went on record as favoring appropriations by congress suitable for the adequate training of reserve officers and enlisted men. It also recommended adequate personnel.

It also approved a resolution addressed to the National Defense Act of 1920, to the extent of the act's minimum requirements.

A resolution adopted by the convention was that the education of war orphans be made a major activity of the American Legion of Michigan.

Birmingham Woman New State Treasurer



Arnold Photo
MRS. THELMA BAILEY

17th District Woman Chosen

Mrs. Thelma E. Bailey Is Unanimously Named State Treasurer Of Auxiliary

Mrs. Thelma E. Bailey of Birmingham, in the 17th District, is the new American Legion Auxiliary state treasurer, having been unanimously elected at the Departmental Convention recently held in Kalamazoo.

Mrs. Bailey is a charter member of the Charities Unit of the Auxiliary in Birmingham. She has filled every office in her unit including three years as secretary and two years as president. This past year she has served the State Department of the Trophy and Awards Committee.

At the final business meeting of the fiscal year June 21st, the Birmingham Auxiliary unanimously endorsed Mrs. Bailey for the State office. At the Sixth District Convention held in Northville July 16th, she was given the endorsement of the district.

Active Month Is Seen For Northville Post

Lloyd H. Green Post, No. 147, Northville

Now we are entering into the season where work becomes a pleasure and with it will come the desire to make things hum in the Post. The end of this month will find our new officers elected, dues being collected and many Post and Auxiliary activities being planned. With our new home available for all fall and winter parties and get-togethers, we are sitting pretty and invite all district members to visit us at any special or regular events in the future.

A report has not been made on the success of the parking lots at the Northville Fair but under the committee we are sure that some "dough" will be added to the treasury, and it will be welcome.

Another resolution asked that all child welfare agencies put into action the conclusions of the White House conference on child health and protection, was adopted.

A resolution asking that each Legion post study its own local child welfare situation. A resolution aimed against the National Economy League which, according to the resolution, has announced as one of its objectives the effort to curtail expenditures to veterans, was adopted.

A resolution recommending that aliens requiring welfare in each community be subjects of investigation, and that efforts be directed to have those aliens apply for naturalization papers or else run the risk of deportation, was approved.

This committee also submitted a resolution bitterly condemning the attempts of the communists and other radical organizations to incite revolution and destroy the government, and the convention adopted the resolution.

The Legion went on record as favoring the five-day week working basis. The report urged that the Legion post make sure that Legion members obtain their full share of jobs and that permanent employment officers be adopted by the units.

Reports Of State Meeting Brought Home By Legion

Legionnaires Who Attended Convention Have Much To Tell "Buddies"

Legionnaires of the Seventeenth District who attended the departmental convention at Kalamazoo have been busy telling their "buddies" who stayed home about the biggest and best department meeting ever held in Michigan, with the "Coke City" interest this year because two of its posts had corps competing, the heavy grist of business at the convention sessions, including election of officers, provided material for every Legionnaire to discuss and to store away in his memory.

Much satisfaction is felt by the District in the fact that its candidate, Lloyd L. Stanley of Birmingham, won one of the state vice posts, in the most spirited contest of the convention. The election of John V. Gilmore of Detroit as commander, which was unanimous when the name of Leo Robinson of Union City was withdrawn, elevated to the highest office a Legionnaire well and favorably known to the Seventeenth District. Commander Gilmore was a speaker at the July meeting of the district at Pontiac.

Important resolutions were passed at the convention and are detailed in another column of this issue.

The Legionnaires fortunate enough to get to the convention will long remember the parade, participated in by over 3,000 Legionnaires and Auxiliary members, accompanied by 23 drum and bugle corps and eight bands, and observed a crowd estimated at 30,000. The parade was reviewed by Gov. Wilbur M. Brucker and Commander Leslie P. Keegan.

Over 10,000 saw and heard the Pontiac Drum and Bugle Corps outfit win second place and the Birmingham corps win tenth place in the colorful contests at Western State Teachers College athletic field Sunday afternoon and evening.

Two reports of interest were made by Adjutant Byers, who stated that 19 new posts had been organized in the State in the past year and two posts reorganized. There are now 302 in the State. Vice Commander Lloyd Stanley reported to the convention that Boy Scout activities, which are under his direction, have grown rapidly, with 92 scout units in the state sponsored by the Legion, whereas in 1931 there were 69 and in 1929 only 26.

SALE IS PLANNED TO AID DISABLED AMERICAN VETS

Women's Auxiliary To Elect Officers For Coming Year At Next Meeting

Plans are being completed for the annual sale of Forged-Me-Not's by South Oakland Chapter No. 19 of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, which will be held on September 23-24.

The sale, held once each year for the Chapter's welfare work, is solely for the purpose of "helping the disabled to help themselves."

As this is a particularly difficult time for the disabled, Norris Arnold, of Ferndale, chairman of the Forged-Me-Not campaign, asks the generous support of all the Legion during the two days that the sale will be conducted.

The South Oakland Chapter which has members in Royal Oak, Berkley, Pleasant Ridge, Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham, and Detroit, met for the first time in their new headquarters at 1137 S. Washington, Royal Oak, on September 2. Formerly they met at Eagle's Hall, Ferndale.

The next meeting will be held Friday, September 16.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Chapter will elect officers at the next regular meeting, to be held at 8 o'clock, Friday, at the new headquarters. At their last meeting, the Auxiliary uniform was completed with the selection of a white tam with red lettering.

Drum And Bugle Corps Of Pontiac Wins First Place At State Fair

Cook-Nelson Post of Pontiac's fast-stepping Drum and Bugle Corps, pride of the 17th District, filled its hundreds of enthusiastic followers with joy Wednesday

State Fair Drum and Bugle Corps Contest Results:

1. Cook-Nelson Post, Pontiac, percentage-86.56.
2. David Vincent Post, Highland Park, percentage-84.00.
3. Fred W. Beaudry Post, Detroit, percentage-83.46.

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Legionnaires of the Cook-Nelson Post in the District were confident that the Pontiac boys were due for a first-place victory, and the corps did not disappoint them.

Cook-Nelson's outfit under the inspiring leadership of Drum Major R. C. Koehler, turned the tables on Fred Beaudry Post of Detroit, which nosed out Pontiac for first place in a southeast Michigan contest some time ago. Pontiac, which has shown an astonishing improvement and perfection in technique with each public appearance, topped not only Beaudry's corps, which was relegated to third place, but also Highland Park's well-drilled organization.

Carl P. Payson Post of Monroe won first place in the Class A category. The Pontiac Drum and Bugle Corps missed first place in the contest held at the State convention by a hair. At least, they lost by hairs, members of the Cook-Nelson Post No. 20, present at the convention maintain.

Military appearance and music were the bases on which the ten corps that were competing in the finals were to be judged upon. The officials could not stand the judges' post their heads together; they could not make the final verdict. One outfit went ahead on one score, tied on another, and tied on the third. It took her a bad day for the judges.

Capt. T. C. Beck, on duty with the organized reserves at Detroit and at Camp Custer this summer, selected on duty of military appearance. He looked the corps over several times. Every uniform was perfect, hats were all on straight, all buttons were buttoned, every man in perfect standing at attention. Finally Captain Beck had an idea. He walked around to the back of the outfits. Then Battle Creek won and Pontiac came second.

The night before every man in the Battle Creek Corps had got a military haircut. Captain Beck, who has been in the army since the Spanish-American war, saw the uniforms shaved necks, and a hair for making the final verdict, and saved the day for the judges. Birmingham's new Corps won a place, being named tenth.

COOK-NELSON POST TO NAME OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR

New officers for Cook-Nelson Post No. 20 of Pontiac will be elected on October 3. A nominating committee, chosen at the last regular meeting of the Post and consisting of Carl Keller, Ben Smith, R. C. Koehler, Ivan Royal and J. E. Sanders will present the slate at that time.

Commander Thomas A. Brady has resigned as head of the Pontiac Post because, as he is running for public office, he did not feel free to make the hold office in the Legion. His resignation has been accepted and a letter of thanks sent to him for his splendid cooperation and willing efforts during his administration. Vice-Commander MacDonald will finish out the term.

The Post expressed its appreciation for the work done by Commander Stanley during his term of office by supporting him for Department Vice-Commander and was one of the factors in Stanley's victory.

Cook-Nelson Post was well represented at the Convention and members saw the drum and bugle corps win second place in the contest, beaten only by the veteran outfit from Battle Creek, and first champions. The decision



DRUM MAJOR R. C. KOEHLER
Pontiac Drum and Bugle Corps

Two Posts Elect 1932-3 Officers

Myron H. Beals Post No. 32 Of Northville Will Install New Leaders

Officers of the Myron H. Beals Post No. 32 of Plymouth were elected at the last meeting and will be installed at a banquet to be held at some time in the near future. The date for this occasion has not been set as yet because it is not wished to conflict with the election of officers of the Auxiliary.

The new officers are: Commander, Harry D. Barnes, first Vice-Commander, Alsenlard Havey; second Vice-Commander, Bertram Goodwill; Adjutant, William Keeler; Sergeant-at-Arms, Chauncey B. Evans; Welfare Officer, Floyd Eckles; Historian, C. Donald Ryder.

Members of the Myron H. Beals Post urge all comrades and members of the Auxiliary of the Seventeenth District to attend their meetings, which are held on the third Friday of each month.

HAZEL PARK TO INSTALL

The William H. Campbell Post No. 25 of Hazel Park recently completed plans for installing new officers on September 8. The new officers are as follows:

H. E. Childress, commander; E. P. Farnsworth, and W. F. Forster, first and second vice commanders respectively; A. E. Deveau, adjutant; M. P. Babichak, finance officer; R. K. Buntjog, post chaplain; J. L. Hagedorn, Sgt.-of-arms; L. H. Roberts, post historian.

The board consists of Earl Shisler, Carl Zenoni and J. J. Pappin. The post's picnic was held at Dodge Park No. 4, Sunday, August 28th. The features of the day were a base ball game between the post and the Scout troop. The latter was the guests of the post. A picnic dinner was held at 1:30 p. m. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Spanish War Veterans Hold Reunion At Picnic

Hundreds of Michigan veterans of the Spanish-American War mobilized again at their old camp grounds at Island Lake near Brighton, on Sunday, Sept. 4, for the first time since the memorable days of '98, when a mammoth reunion and picnic was staged to reunite the Spanish-American War veterans of the State.

The Michigan state commander of the United Spanish-American War Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion were present.

Governor Brucker spoke in the afternoon.

was extremely close, Battle Creek scoring 97 points and Pontiac, 94. The Corps was awarded \$175 in cash.

Much of the credit for the showing made by the Corps belongs to Corps Commander R. C. Koehler, who received second prize for drum major and was given a silver baton. Koehler is outstanding in the difficult maneuvers and the spelling out of "Cook-Nelson Post No. 20, American Legion" and the field gave the Corps many points.

A picnic was held in honor of the "crack" outfit at Cass Lake, Sunday.

District To Open Year With Meet At Birmingham

Auxiliary Of Seventeenth District May Hold Meeting At Same Time

Charles Edwards Post No. 14 of Birmingham will be the host of the 17th District at the first meeting of the 1932-33 year, which will be held at the Community House in Birmingham on Friday, Sept. 23.

It is probable that the newly organized 17th District of the Auxiliary will hold its initial meeting at the same time in accordance with the mandate of the Auxiliary State Convention.

Lloyd L. Stanley, a member of Charles Edwards Post, who has been given the 6th, 7th, 16th, and 17th Districts to preside over for the year, according to a recent announcement by Dept. Commander John W. Gilmore, installs the newly elected officers of the Hazel Park Post on Thursday.

The Charles Edwards Post will hold its election of officers on September 21 at the Community House. The Auxiliary unit will hold its annual election the night before, September 20.

Members of the Birmingham Post feel that they may well be proud of the rapid improvement made by their newly organized Drum and Bugle Corps.

A recent report from the Conn Instrument Co. states that according to their records, the Charles Edwards Post's Drum and Bugle Corps is the youngest Corps in Legion history to qualify for any State Finals Competition.

The Corps made two public appearances during the past week. On Friday evening, September 2nd, they appeared at the Welfare Carnival sponsored by the Exchange Clubs of Royal Oak and Berkley. This event was held at Woodward Avenue and Catalpa Street. On Saturday the Corps took part in the Peach Festival held at Romeo.

It did not compete Wednesday on Veterans Day at the State Fair as the rules allowed Corps less than one year older than the Post Corps to compete for the same prizes.

On Saturday evening, August 27th, the Corps paraded the town square in the Ice Cream Social being sponsored that evening by the Bennaville Avenue Methodist Church.

Comrade J. Howard Wendorff is acting as Commander of the Drum and Bugle Corps during September due to the absence of Commander J. B. Minton, who with Mrs. Minton is attending the National Convention at Portland, Oregon. Comrade Minton is the delegate from the 17th District.

The Auxiliary of Birmingham Post has been unusually active during the past few months. At Bake Sale, held September 3, was very successful and a Pot luncheon to be held at the home of Mrs. Leon Mix at Wolverine Lake on Wednesday, September 14, at 1 o'clock, is expected to be well attended. The wives, and sisters of all Legionnaires are invited and urged to attend.

One of the most active women of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Leah MacGregor, who is the retiring District Committeewoman, has been elected as a delegate to the National Convention of the organization.

FARMINGTON POST IS SUCCESSFUL IN ANNUAL GALA DAY

For the seventh successive time, Labor Day was Gala Day for Farmington, hundreds of people turning out to enjoy themselves at the annual event sponsored by Groves-Walker Post No. 346 of the American Legion.

In spite of the depression, the Post was able to clear several hundred dollars. Many dimes and quarters went quickly into circulation as onlookers boarded the Ferris wheel, the merry-go-round, or stepped up to the midway.

The Pontiac Drum and Bugle Corps, which has already received a State-wide reputation, furnished the music for the occasion, aided by the Farmington Community Band. The Corps paraded through town several times and went through a series of maneuvers and drills.

Members of Groves-Walker post are pleased with the results of Gala Day and already are beginning to plan for next year.