

PONTIAC LEGION POSTS MINSTRELS PRESENT 8 SHOWS

One of the finest jobs of service this year is being done by "The Minstrelers" of Cook-Nelson Post, American Legion of Pontiac, who have recently performed in eight schools around Pontiac for benefit of welfare activities in those communities. The Pontiac minstrelers travel to each place without charge and have assisted greatly various veterans' organizations in raising funds for welfare work.

Among the schools whose milk fund have been aided thus far are Delonson, Clarkston, Auburn Heights, Whitfield, and Waterford Center, with an appearance scheduled at Keego Harbor, March 10, under the auspices of Heart of the Lakes Post 270, VFV.

Two programs have been given to aid Y. M. C. A. work for the unemployed. A gala performance on March 24 in Pontiac High School with added attractions is planned by this group which is attaining county-wide distinction.

Citizenship award medals were presented to a boy and girl in the 9-A graduating class of each of the city Junior High Schools; the post rewarding the boys and the unit the girls. The medals are awarded on points of courage, honor, leadership and scholarship for boys, and the same for girls except the quality of companionship is substituted for honor. These are made semi-annually to encourage better standards of citizenship among Junior High Schools. Presented by Judge John P. Colden at Washington, W. Harry Protiva at Eastern, and Don R. McDonald at Lincoln.

St. Patrick's Day, March 17, at 8 p. m. is to be a gala night for members of various groups of Cook-Nelson No. 20. Open house and entertainment are being provided under chairmanship of Leon J. Forsyth. The committees are: Drum and Bugle Corps, Ivan B. Royal; Forty and Eight, R. L. Rouse; Auxiliary, Mrs. Aaron J. Legion; Com. Don R. McDonald.

Cook-Nelson post holds a monthly dinner at 6:30 on the second Monday of each month for all Legionnaires and Auxiliary members at a nominal charge. 25c. The Auxiliary have volunteered services. Regular meetings will follow.

The dinner on March 6 was attended by 100. Attractive flowering trees and shrubs were used about rooms and tables were decorated in Irish Motif. Mrs. Marvin A. Redmond was assisted by Mrs. Irvy George, Mrs. George Neill, Mrs. Archie McKillop, Mrs. Ogie Minard, Mrs. E. E. Orsden, Mrs. John Austin, Mrs. Flora O'Brien, Miss Harriet Johnson.

A hard time dance and entertainment was given February 4 for the Drum corps members and wives. There was much merriment in costumes. Music for dancing was by Dusenberg Orchestra; dance "Drum and Bugle" by Norma Jean Arms; monologue by W. Pilcher; solo Chet Arms, Midnight supper.

A costume dance and supper was held March 4 at Legion home in honor of winning platoon, under Sgt. Norman Cox.

On Monday, March 6, the entire corps appeared on the stage at Strand theatre and gave a program at the showing of "The Big Drive."

Cook-Nelson Post recently has adopted a plan whereby members may pay dues on an installment basis.

A show troupe has been staged on an unusually fine minstrel show each Friday evening at the various schools in the city and county to raise money for the Legion Milk Fund sponsored by Cook-Nelson Post. There were 165 undernourished school children when this work was again resumed this year.

Ben Smith, chairman, Leo Walton, Wm. Drouin, Ben Evans, and Ocie House. Several men have obtained employment through their efforts. The Legion office at the Legion Home is used by the committee and some one of the committee are on duty from 9 to 3 o'clock each day.

A Past Commander's Night is being planned and as soon as a speaker can be obtained the details of this affair will be announced later.

The Post was entertained at the last meeting of the 17th District and those who were present stated it was the most successful meeting they had ever attended since the organization of the Oakland County Council. A very fine program was put on and the Legion Home was packed beyond capacity.

A forceful talk was given by Louis B. Ward on the responsibilities of the individual today. He urged the people of America to be awake to the dangers they are facing. He stated that America's enemies will not be fought on the battlefields as at Gettysburg, or on the fields of France but by a deep study and rearranging of our economic system, our foreign trade and our potential power of production.

Mrs. H. P. Gofredson addressed the Auxiliary section.

DAV WELCOMES VETS REGARDLESS OF DUES PAYMENT

During these trying days of financial distress caused by unemployment there are many eligible veterans who, because they are unable to afford the annual dues of \$2.50, feel that they would not attend the meetings of the DAV. The members of Pontiac Chapter No. 16 are sincerely interested in the welfare of their former buddies, and earnestly request them to come to these meetings which are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. The fourth Wednesday is always an open meeting night and is open to them. On the second Wednesday of each month a social party is held, but usually, partially open, especially if there is something of interest to discuss; and there generally is something of interest to all disabled veterans.

The Michigan State Department of the DAV has recently purchased \$400.00 of government clothing from the navy department, which will be available in the near future. It is a great boon to disabled veterans who can afford to buy them. The prices range from 5 cents to 75 cents. Pontiac Chapter No. 16 will give this clothing to those who are unable to purchase it.

The Ladies Auxiliary of Pontiac Chapter No. 16 D. A. V. W. conducted their annual installation of officers on Wednesday, March 8th, at 8:00 p. m.

NORTHVILLE POST GIVES SHOW FOR BOY SCOUT FUND

The Post sponsored a show for the benefit of the Boy Scout fund recently given by the city of Northville. A very clever juvenile entertainer, David Fogo, a circus magician. The profits are to be used in outfitting the Scout Drum and Bugle Corps. Comrades of the Post have been helping to outfit these boys to Detroit every week during the winter and the boys studied and practiced so diligently that they are now able to make a good appearance in public. They will be performing at the Memorial Day parade. We have solved the problem of providing outfit and Post members at a unit cost, by combining in several good luck supper proceedings the regular meetings. As we have decided to eat some where, we have decided that we may just as well pack the grub in a basket, carry it to the building and all break bread together.

We are planning a used furniture sale for the month of March and April. Comrade Yerkes has started the donations by offering complete truck loads of good use furniture. We are soliciting from the public and combine it all in a vacant store building on Main street. Direct sales will be made and the blow-off will be made and authority to the proceeds to go to the community welfare committee as well as any stock left over.

Just to keep all the officers busy, Comrade Yerkes managed to get the two Vice Commanders angry enough at each other to induce them to challenge each other to a membership contest. These boys have a complete list of names and authority to draft any and all paid members on their respective teams. The hotter these boys get the faster the membership will increase so we are throwing them raw meat to eat. Behave 'til next month.

MILFORD LEGION POSTS SELECTS A NEW COMMANDER

Ernest F. Oldenburg Post No. 216 American Legion of Milford has a new commander, Joseph H. Culham. Commander Culham succeeds Mark Hurley. The new commander has been vice-commander since the time of his taking charge of the Post's activities.

The Post, which created a good impression in the community with a series of social events, has started another series of four weekly nights. This is the second series of bridge and pedro tournaments held by the Post and open to the public. The first party of the second series netted \$15 for welfare work and the three remaining ones are expected to provide equal sums, thus aiding the Post's welfare work and affording entertainment to the community.

Tabulation showed that the "Red Hot Check" which the Legion Post set in motion in Milford to increase community consciousness and assist "trading in Milford" exchanged hands 123 times in less than three weeks.

The Post hopes to promote other community activities in the future.

The Post has a new comrade whom they have been glad to welcome to their ranks. He is Charles J. Rash, Past Commander of Erwin Priekstorn Post No. 46, of Ann Arbor. Mr. Rash is a business man, operating the Milford Food Market.

AUXILIARY UNIT AT HAZEL PARK IS VERY ACTIVE

The American Legion Auxiliary is an active organization in Hazel Park each member on its toes, eager to help in her small way and to promote the ideals of the organization. They are co-operating with the President, Mrs. Campbell in splendid way.

Our President, Mrs. Lovina Campbell of 1304 E. Pearl Street deserves a vote of thanks from the Auxiliary members for her untiring efforts in rounding up old members as well as writing up some new ones. We are very proud and justly, when we say that we have doubled our 1932 quota by February 7th, having a membership of 24 now.

Our sewing chairman, Mrs. Margaret Hagedorn, 355 E. Roberts also deserves a "thank you" from the Auxiliary for the splendid job of putting together the blocks to the "Over-all-Bow" quilt. She has proven very efficient.

More and better music is the aim of our Music chairman, Mrs. Anna Farnsworth, 23769 Hoover Street. She is being assisted in her music by Mrs. Carrie Kelly, who has the music program at Mrs. Erma Childress, who plays. The music program consists of singing seasonal songs as well as patriotic. Those that love music, come and help us.

Our Child Welfare Chairman, Mrs. The Miller, 712 Meyers Avenue E., has given much of her time to her work and already has helped 4 Veteran families. We are endeavoring to aid Veteran's families in need. This is one of the reasons that we are organized.

Mrs. Bertha Lewis is our Poppy-Sale Chairman. She is contemplating a Contest among Children of 12 years and upward. It is to be the Post-Drawings Contest. She is also our Legislative chairman and is keeping in touch with our Senators and Representatives.

Our penny-luncheons have proven a success. We are reminding our first luncheon at Mrs. Children's Home at 23361 Couzens Avenue, on January 5th, when 5 attended and the amount taken in was 77c. The next week, 30 attended the luncheon at Mrs. E. Pearl Street and the following week we met at Mrs. Deveau's home at 23417 Couzens Avenue, when about 35 attended. The members are determined to hold them at the Hazel Park Lutheran Church Corner 9 mile and Battelle, thru the courtesy of the Paul W. Czamskne. The public from all walks of life are invited to the luncheons. Teachers, politicians, office help, business men as well as the unemployed. The luncheons have been a God-send in these stressing times. The members have been generous in their contributions and Mrs. Cook, a non-member, very generously supplied the Auxiliary with the delicious chop suey that was served there. We are reminding you to help us help them.

We extend a welcome to all and promise you a good meal at small expense. The time is Thursday at 12 noon. Come all.

the honor with Mrs. Morden. Our membership chairman is Mrs. Marie Deveau, 297 Couzens Avenue. The new members that have joined us in that past month are Rose Czapp, Mabel Knox, Jennie Morden, Agnes Mailoux, Carrie Kelly, Aretta Deveau, and several others. Yelma Weldon, Jessie Sever and Mace Dickman with us again. Mrs. Mailoux of 81 Cherry St. was a nurse in the World War. We feel we are honored in having her in our organization also.

V. F. W. POST AT SOUTH LYON HAS 22 ON ITS LIST

Lovewell Hill Post No. 2502 V. F. W. was organized April 6, 1932 by Hornaday Post 1407 with twenty two members, all of whom are still members. Since that time, two honorary members have been added to the membership and one active member.

The Post was named for two men who died over seas. E. W. Lovewell, who was the first V. F. W. well for whom the post was named was taken in as an honorary member. Also Edward Woodard, the last surviving member in this community of the G. A. R. has been made an honorary member.

The activities of the post have been along social and relief work lines.

The Post meets in the Macabee hall and second fourth Mondays and have joined the Oakland County Council V. F. W.

George A. Reed, past commander; Gus Clark Smith, past commander; Brighton, Alan H. Rapp, Commander, South Lyon; Arthur C. Carlson, Chaplain, South Lyon; Elmer A. Quigley, South Lyon; Wilson L. Lane, jr., vice-commander, South Lyon; Roy H. Luthy, Jr., vice-commander, South Lyon; Luther V. Slabaugh, adjutant, South Lyon; M. C. Davis, officer of the day, South Lyon; James W. O'Leary, South Lyon; Ray H. Simpson, trustee, South Lyon; Fred K. Hutchingson, South Lyon; Paul H. Robbins, Brighton; Glenn O. Richards, trustee, South Lyon; Glen C. Burnham, Salem; Fred K. Janke, South Lyon; John T. W. Bright, Brighton; Frank J. Lenn, South Lyon; Lyman J. Sayles, senior vice-commander, South Lyon; Clyde Sweet, Trustee, South Lyon; Harold Barnes, guard, South Lyon; Lawrence A. Chapman, Brighton; L. W. Lovewell, South Lyon; Edward Woodard, South Lyon; John Galligan, South Lyon.

LEADER IN ROYAL OAK LEGION POST PLACED 'ON TRIAL'

With astonishing charges openly hurled at one of its most active and successful members, the past commander of its organization, members of Frank Werdtland Post No. 253, American Legion of Royal Oak, have for some time waited with bated breath and expectancy the evening of Thursday, March 9, the date for the trial of the senior vice-commander of the post, Dr. C. H. Benning. The charges are "corrupting the membership drive of the Post, whatever that means. No one seems to know what it means, and no one is likely to find out, but "the trial must go on."

It's a mock, trial of course, and all are in on the act. Benning is Prosecutor, Past Commander Harry Merritt as attorney for the defense, and Past Commander Frank Langdon as judge. And each member has an opinion as to these persons, knows there will be plenty of humor.

Regardless of any charges of "corruption" that may have been invented, the Post's membership record over the past year has been nothing but a triumph. It reports an increase of 14 per cent over last year, in spite of difficult conditions.

The Post intends to continue its numerous activities with a comprehensive Spring Program, which the Commander's committee has been working on for some time. The announcement of Thursday evening, March 9, the Americanization program in conjunction with the national commander's project is being carried on under the supervision of Curtis. A number of families in the Royal Oak area are being aided by Legion welfare work.

Slippers of Destiny

By JUNE WATSON

RAYMOND found the package on his table when he went up to dress for the Flemming's dance. He had thought that he would give up dancing, but this was a particular occasion, Billy Flemming having a birthday and his wife insisting on a real old-time party.

So Raymond had hied him to his favorite shoe shop and been fitted to dancing pumps, and the oblong box testified to their arrival at the last minute. Raymond dressed leisurely, and when he had finished he unpeeled the oblong box and opened it.

There he stopped aghast. Instead of a pair of shiny patent leather pumps, he found nestled in the white tissue paper a tiny pair of high-heeled slippers, fawn in color, gold trim that glistened to the light.

"Hang it all—of course I can't wear these," he told the world in a complaining tone. "Of all the absurd misadventures, why, you can see one of these dancin' men out."

He told her that, lacking dancing shoes, he had ordered these and been disappointed in their delivery.

"You are like poor Nellie Warren—she says she received an enormous pair of men's shoes instead of her own size. It was a nice pair and is a cross as she says. Go find her and dance with her, fellow sufferers should console each other."

Raymond skirted the dancers and found a nice comfortable pair of slippers. He wondered which girl would prove to be Nellie Warren. He rather liked her name, simple and unassuming, but she would have been splendid in a role as a temptress.

He fell to watching the dancing feet of the girls, noting the dainty footgear until his eyes were dazzled with the procession of silver and colored ones. They heaved, and tripping along in perfect time to Billy Flemming's ponderous feet, were a tiny pair of shabby gray slippers—they were emergency shoes, he knew, for they were worn with golden lute silk hose and a golden tulle frock.

The girl herself—he caught a glimpse of a dark, bewitching face, golden hued eyes, a flash of rose color in cheek and lips, and she was gone. He might as well be blind as to the slippers, but she was undoubtedly a wonderful girl.

"Hello!" bellowed Flemming's voice beside him. "Do take care of Miss Warren—Raymond! Arch Raymond—you've heard of him. Nellie can't dance tonight because she hasn't any shoes. I am called away to the phone—"

He drifted away into the crowd and Raymond smiled down at the wonderful girl whom Fate had set to him.

"Aren't you going to dance?" she asked as her little feet kept time to the alluring music.

He glanced down at his feet. "I might try—I'm a clumsy beggar at my best," he apologized.

"Such a pity," she said teasingly after awhile as they paused for breath; "if you only had the stunning pair of patent leather pumps that came to me instead of my own darling golden shoes—you couldn't dance a bit better than you do."

"Is that a compliment or otherwise?" he said, smiling.

PONTIAC USWV AUXILIARY HOLDS UNUSUAL EVENT

The Ladies Auxiliary of Capt. David L. Kimball Camp No. 51, United Spanish War Veterans of Pontiac, are quick to utilize any means that may be available to assist in carrying on their welfare and Red Cross work that is of benefit to the community. This Auxiliary, in addition to carrying on sewing and quilting work as do many other women's units, on Tuesday, March 7, were hosts at a demonstration of cooking utensils, the returns from which go into the welfare fund. In addition, the event attracted favorable attention of others to the Auxiliary, there being about 100 in attendance.

The demonstration followed a business meeting. Next Wednesday evening, March 15, the women will meet at the home of Mrs. Ledyard at Williams Lake. On March 1, about 30 attended a similar meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Pattison.

On Tuesday evening, March 21, the Auxiliary will hold a pot luck supper and social meeting at Cook-Nelson American Legion Home in Pontiac.

Mrs. Harry Bailey, one of the Auxiliary's most active members, will be giving a breakfast before Christmas. It is hoped that the Auxiliary is looking forward to her welcome participation in its affairs again. The Auxiliary has lost an officer, however, in Mrs. Bertha Freeman, who was chairman and who has moved to Dearborn. Commander and Mrs. Clark Bowers have returned to their home in Orion after spending the winter in Pontiac. Friends report with regret that Mrs. Fannie Glenn is in poor health.

NEW VFV POST AT KEEGO HARBOR GETS INTO ACTION

One of the newest of Oakland County veterans' organizations will have its first public event Friday evening, March 10, when Heart of the Lakes Post and VFV No. 2706 of Keego Harbor, will present a minstrel show to its community. The show will be for benefit of the milk fund for needy children.

The Keego Harbor VFV will meet at the minister's trapeze of Cook-Nelson Post, American Legion of Pontiac, the group of veterans who have given generously of their services in numerous communities to help raise funds under the sponsorship of the veterans' organizations. The troupe, known as "The Minstrelers," will present their show at Roosevelt High School, Keego Harbor.

Arrangement of the show has been in charge of the VFV Post officers. The Post's commander is Harold R. Schingee, who was one of the moving forces in getting the organization started. Other officers are: Raymond DeRemer, senior vice-commander; Richard Morris, junior vice-commander; Leonard Taylor, chaplain; Walter F. Farther, quartermaster; William Earl, adjutant.

The Post meets the second and fourth Wednesdays each month at "the old schoolhouse," on Orchard Lake Road about a half mile west of Keego Harbor's main center. The Post has made its headquarters known to the public motoring past this busily-traveled place, with a large sign bearing its name.

The Auxiliary to the Post has been organized, and much activity is expected from it. Mrs. Edith Comstock of Drayton Plains is president and Mrs. Ida Willing of Drayton Plains is secretary. The Auxiliary was formed soon after organization of the Post.

DAV Promotes Drive To Gain Membership

(Continued from page one) its new meeting place in the V. F. W. Hall, 505 S. Main. Royal Oak initiated to membership Wm. Adams, of Pleasant Ridge, John H. Barnard, of Detroit and Frederick Douglas, of Ferndale.

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