



The American Legion is adding to its membership by leaps and bounds, with anywhere from 12 to 20 new members being taken in each meeting. Membership among veterans of World War I now far exceeds the membership of World War I veterans, and the enthusiasm among new members is running high. In fact the Legionnaires are now wondering if the present plans for the Memorial Home are adequate to take care of the membership.

And speaking of the Memorial Home—contributions continue to come in. Everyone is looking forward to the time, when weather conditions and building supplies will permit the beginning of actual construction of the home.

Regular Legion meetings are highlighted with a thoroughly enjoyable period of fellowship, and refreshments. All returning service men are cordially invited to stop in at the Legion Home and

enjoy the good fun they will find there. Regular meetings are held the first and third Thursday of each month, with social meetings held on the alternate Thursdays, so any Thursday night you veterans are about you will be welcomed at the Legion Home. Stop in and get acquainted.



Last week's Kiwanis meeting was in the form of a roundtable to the holiday season, and no regular dinner meeting was held. New officers will take over the reins at this week's meeting of the club, and next week Rev. Carl Schultz will provide the program. Programs are being arranged under the direction of Tony Himespach for the first quarter of the new year, with Ray Fletcher serving as general program chairman.

BUY U.S. VICTORY BONDS AND STAMPS!



The charter is now hanging at the place of meeting. There are 88 charter members and by the way all of the charter members have not sent in their dues for 1946. The new charter has an oak frame and is a most admirable display of our Declaration of purpose. New members are very welcome. You who have served in the Armed Forces, on foreign soil or in hostile waters, will find a spirit of comradeship within the V.F.W. that will be important to you in terms of practical advice and aid based upon years of experience. Among the hundreds of thousands of World War II Veterans who already belong to our organization, you will find the fellowship of mutual understanding and a common language.

The next meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. January 19 at the Legion Hall at 35109 Grand River in Farmington.

WEST POINT PARK

By L. A. Ault

John Altama and family spent Christmas with Nello Whitmer, near Chelsea, Mich.

Miss Dorothy Altama has been on the sick leave last Friday. Altama has been transferred from Graham Paige to Willow Run.

Carl Borland, of the East Side, Detroit, called in West Point Park Christmas Day.

Mrs. Robert Borland of Redford was a visitor in West Point Park Thursday.

Robert M. Hunter and his mother, Mrs. M. E. Ault, were visitors in Plymouth Thursday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stronheim and son Edward Jr., from Wayne spent Friday evening with relatives in this community.

Freda Ault spent Monday afternoon in Wayne.

The Judds, with their three children, from Detroit, spent Christmas Day with Mrs. Judd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Stange. Little Miss Norma Judd remained to have a week's visit with her grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Ault were visitors in Toledo Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Oman and daughter, Ruth Ann, from Toledo, spent Christmas Day with relatives in West Point Park. Mrs. Walter Robinson was hostess Christmas Day to a dinner party, made up of several of the younger set among her relatives in the Garden City section.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Ault served a turkey dinner to their family Christmas Day. Those present were Robert M. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Johnson and daughters, Marion and Anne; Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Porter and children, Carol, Anne and John; Mrs. New London, O. T/Sgt. Forrest E. Ault and Miss Lora Anne Ault.

The Johnson Porters, who spent Christmas with relatives here, returned Wednesday to their home near New London, O. According to news received from them, all the family have since come down with flu.

The Grundys of Hubbard Ave. spent Sunday with relatives in the Ten Mile section.

Miss Francis Kaurnen spent several days of her Christmas vacation visiting relatives in Detroit.

Mrs. George Welch is reported to be not so well again.

After being home for several days' vacation at Christmas time Emerson Ault left Thursday on a new work assignment.

Mrs. Margaret Martin is ill with flu. She is being cared for at the home of her daughter, Hannah Ault.

At St. Carmel Hospital on December 28th, a baby daughter, Dolores Carol, was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Varhol, Shadyside Avenue.

Grandma Ault, Mrs. J. W. Ault, came home from the hospital on Christmas Eve and the day following was at home to all her family and friends in this vicinity. During the day twenty-five different "Ault people" appeared to exchange greetings with Mrs. Ault.

'Plunging' Potted Plants

Helps Spur Their Growth

Potted houseplants are likely to grow better if their clay pots are "plunged" instead of standing exposed to air on individual saucers, says the department of agriculture. "Plunging" is an old practice in greenhouse management, and many skilled amateur growers of houseplants have adopted or adapted the idea in one way or another. A "plunged" pot is one sunk to its brim in sand or peat moss that is kept moistened. The soil in the flower pot draws moisture through the porous clay pot to supply the needs of the plant. This simplifies watering; the potted soil is moistened more uniformly; there is less danger of the soil packing too firmly for the good of the plant; and plant nutrients do not leach away in surplus water.

Tests showed that water moves through the pot walls even more rapidly than through the soil in the pot. In exposed pots, the outer soil near the pot dried quicker than in the center. In plunged pots, water moved outward if the peat moss were drier than the soil and inward if the moss were moister. Pots exposed to air needed more frequent watering.

Conditions for potted plants in houses and apartments are likely to be more severe than in greenhouses because humidity is likely to be lower and evaporation even more rapid. For plunging houseplants it would be necessary to have some sort of waterproof container—probably of sheet metal—to hold the moist peat or sand—to be supported either on the sill of a sunny window or on a table or stand.

Origin of Bush Puppies "Bush puppies" are dog food. A dough mixture fried with fish, they originated in colonial days as a bribe to hunting hounds to be quiet while the hungry hunters ate.

Early Grazing Bye lengthens the pasture season by making earlier spring grazing possible.

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and her daughters and take turns at the family grab bag.

Greetings received from Mrs. Thomas Gillespie, formerly of West Point Park, say the family is doing very nicely at their home in Tucson, Arizona, and all send regards to their old friends in this community. Tom Jr. will soon be discharged from the armed forces. Mrs. Gillespie's mother, Mrs. Painter, also a former West Point resident, spends most of her time in California and is in good health.

A New Year's Rally will be in order at the Neighborhood Bible School next Sunday, January 6th. It is hoped that many will see fit to "turn over a new leaf" for the occasion.

"All the family" met at the home of George Middlewood Christmas Day for dinner and gift exchange. June Vance, from Detroit, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Vance.

S 1/2 Wayne M. Ault was located too far away to make it home for Christmas, but managed to have a leave enabling him to spend the holiday with an aunt, a sister of his mother's, residing in Oregon.

Sailor Lewis Carter was unable to spend Christmas at home, but expects to be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Carter, early next month. The young man's friends in this community have been receiving novel, Oriental styled greeting cards mailed from the other side of the Pacific.

T/Sgt. Forrest E. Ault is returning to Alabama this week. Within a few weeks he expects to be back as a civilian.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the ladies of the Salem Evangelical Church and the ladies of the Methodist Church for the beautiful poinsettia, and the many cards and remembrances at Christmas. The other members of the Home are enjoying them with me.

Mrs. Phoebe Ross, Methodist Home, Chelsea, Mich. 12-19

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

January 2, 1946

To The Editor:
Now that a new year has started, I think it would be a fine thing if capital and labor would really get together and continue harmonious relationships in the American way. One system of free enterprise is the only thing that has caused American industry to forge ahead as it has done. Absurd demands would, if accepted, wreck our country and all would suffer. Our present system benefits everybody, then some are too blind to realize it. The leaders in the present strife need a little more knowledge of business and economics.

In order to prevent the next generation from going through the same hardships we are experiencing, we should put more emphasis on Bible study in the schools, and teach the children: The Golden Rule and true American citizenship. This is still a free country, for everybody, and that does not mean freedom to abuse one another. Let's keep it free.
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