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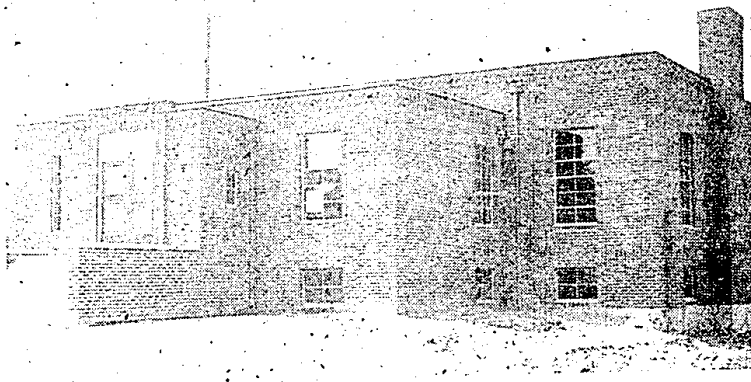
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AMERICAN LEGION OPENS NEW HOME

Our New American Legion Memorial Home



Legion Finance Officer Issues Progress Report On New Home

Dear Friends and Fellow Members of Groves-Walker Post 346 American Legion:

For the past four years I have acted in the capacity of Finance Officer for the Post and Treasurer for the American Legion Memorial Home Association, under the leadership of the following commanders. First 1944-45 Clarence Barber, which year was not an easy one, because during that period the officers and members of the Post decided to do something in the way of a Memorial Building for our boys who were away at War doing so much for us. This was when our hopes and dreams started.

We all knew that such an undertaking was a man-sized job, and while we had but \$10,000 in cash and other assets, we knew that the entire community, too, wanted to do something for our returning heroes, so with that in mind and after holding several meetings, we launched our first Campaign to raise the necessary funds with which to build this beautiful memorial which was to cost around \$30,000.

It was indeed gratifying to see how liberally the folks in and around Farmington responded to our appeal. About \$10,000.00 was received in contributions, this, added to our assets, totaled about \$20,000.00. This was considerably short of our goal and with mounting prices and shortages of building materials as well as numerous restrictions, our building program was shelved for a while.

During 1945-46 James Nourjian was Commander and under his capable direction, several parties and interesting functions were held and donations received which helped to bolster our finances. By this time, a good many of our boys were returning to again take up life where they left off. A good many of them came to the American Legion for companionship because they knew we were their friends and were ready to help them in every way possible.

The membership list grew considerably during his regime.

1946-47 Jack M. Brewington being among the first boys to return was elected for the Commander-

ship. He was the first World War II man to serve in this capacity. The membership list continued to grow and additional contributions were received, but still not enough to launch our building program. This brings us up to the year 1947-48 with Leon L. Church elected. (Continued on Page Ten)

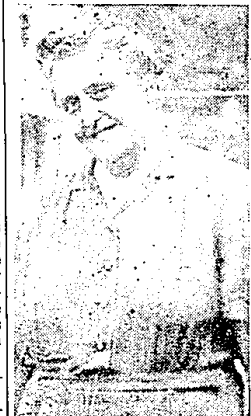
Auxiliary Head Outlines Activity

The American Legion Auxiliary of Groves-Walker Post has grown from 10 charter members in 1926 to 121 members in 1948. (22 years old we are).

Child Welfare and Rehabilitation is the main work of the Auxiliary but Community Service has a place in these meetings, too.

The Auxiliary has 9 Gold Star mothers and 6 charter members. The money realized from the poppies sold in Farmington each year is spent only on Rehabilitation and Child Welfare.

This year the Auxiliary bought a wheel chair and gave to a Candy (Continued on Page Eleven)



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LEGION TO HOLD PUBLIC OX ROAST ON LABOR DAY

The members of the Groves-Walker Post, Farmington, Michigan, cordially invite you (one and all) to have dinner with us on Labor Day, September 6, on the grounds at the American Legion Home.

We are having an OX ROAST. Bring the children and the kids next door and have fun. You can't spend a dime, just meet people and have a good time. Further announcement will be made later.

17th District Head Praises Farmington Post

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 17th DISTRICT

The Farmington American Legion Post holds an enviable position in the Community, and I wish to congratulate them upon the near completion of their new home.

Of the thirty Posts in the Seventeenth District, fourteen own their own homes, and most of them have been either built or completely remodeled and enlarged within the past five years. Six other Posts in the District have definite plans for building in the near future.

These Post Homes are filling a definite need in the several communities, not only as a meeting place and center of activities for the Post, but are being made available for use by other activities and groups in the community.

This is the twenty eighth year in succession that the Farmington Post has sponsored a home coming celebration. This annual event is looked forward to not only by the people in the community, but also by former residents, as a time for meeting old friends, and renewing old acquaintances. It also provides a means of obtaining funds to carry on the many activities of the Post, the number one project now being the completion of the new home, altho the Post, with all of the effort that has been put into this project, has continued to carry on its usual activities, such as Youth programs, Service and Wel- (Continued on Page Four)

Community Invited To Inspect Post During Gala Days Celebration

Post Commended By Township

Groves-Walker Post No. 346 The American Legion Farmington, Michigan Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Township of Farmington, I wish to commend and congratulate the members of Groves-Walker Post No. 346, The American Legion, on the part they have played in our community. The Post has been an outstanding organization in all patriotic and civic affairs.

The Legionnaires are to be congratulated, too, on the new Memorial Home which is now nearing completion. This building will serve the community well, and stand as a fitting tribute to the memory of our young men who gave their lives in World War I and II.

The 29th Annual Gala Days and Homecoming Celebration affords an opportunity to extend best wishes for the continued growth and success of Groves-Walker Post.

Sincerely yours,
Ernest V. Blanchard,
Supervisor,
Township of Farmington.

City Congratulates American Legion

TO THE MEMBERS OF GROVES-WALKER POST AMERICAN LEGION:

On behalf of the City of Farmington, I wish to extend my heartiest congratulations upon the completion and dedication of the new American Legion Memorial Home.

It is a lasting memorial to the veterans of the Farmington area who served their country in both World Wars, and a splendid addition to our community.

Signed:
Delos F. Hamlin, Mayor.

The members of the American Legion, Groves Walker Post, are pleased to announce to the people of Farmington and community that our Post is going to be open for your inspection every night of our Gala Days.

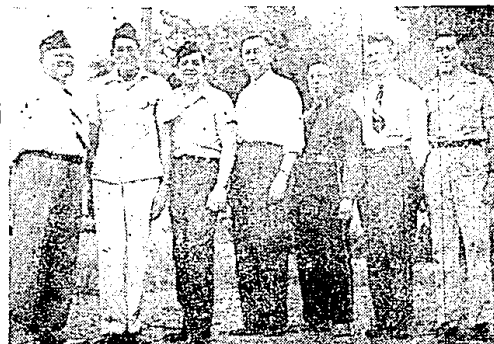
We are very proud of our new home. It represents a lot of hard work on the part of our members. Every one of us have done some little thing to make it possible.

In 1929 the American Legion of Farmington purchased their first home. That was a big day for the members. Little did they realize then that their membership would grow to well over 200 members. However, the membership did increase with the second World War, and the little home on Grand River just wasn't big enough. So with pick and shovel, a lot of elbow grease, and most of all, the interest and financial support of so many of you Farmingtonites. What was only a dream before is at last a reality. We must not forget, though, that had it not been for those men 25 years ago who worked so hard keeping the Post active, and saved every cent to pay for their first home, this would not be possible. A big cheer, and many thanks to the veterans of World War I.

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Gala Days, sponsored by the American Legion, will be July 19 to 25th. We Legionnaires are very pleased with the cooperation shown us on our annual events, and we wish to express our appreciation by providing the most enjoyable days possible for everyone — so come on out — meet your friends and renew old acquaintances.

Four boys from the Farmington area attended this year's Wolverine Boys State at Michigan State College, East Lansing, which is sponsored annually by American Legion Posts throughout the state. The purpose of the Boys State is to give practical training in the application of the democratic principles of our government.

1948 Officers Groves-Walker Post



Officers who have guided the Groves-Walker Post, American Legion, through the year 1947-48 are, left to right: Leon Church, commander; Harold Thornton, senior vice-commander; George Park, junior vice-commander; Carl Matz, finance officer; Charles Willard, chaplain; Francis Hoffman, sergeant-at-arms and Ray Oldham, adjutant.