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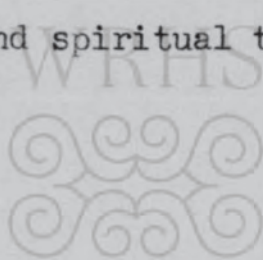
How I would make 1941 a happy year, 1940.

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Requested by Iowa Legionaire - Mr. Frank Miles, Editor
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"HOW I WOULD MAKE 1941 A HAPPY YEAR"

It is hard to plan for happiness in these days of universal unhappiness. Nevertheless I would try, during the coming year, to do my bit to help lift the load of despair from the shoulders of unhappy men and women who have been driven by the cruel vicissitudes of war and persecution to all parts of the earth. I would try to share what I have of the things of life with those who need it more. I would try to strengthen the hands and the hearts of those peoples who are fighting so desperately today in behalf of their freedom, their survival, and the preservation of our common heritage. By linking up my life, during the coming year, with the eternal causes of justice and mercy I might find some measure of peace of mind and spiritual tranquillity in this distraught and menaced world."



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THREE DISTRICTS OVER BUT STATE LAGS BEHIND 1940

1941 National quota35,004
1941 Membership, Jan. 7, '41.....28,953
1940 Membership, Jan. 7, '40.....30,132
82.7 per cent of 1941 national quota.

DISTRICT STANDINGS — First, 107.3; Sixth, 100.9; Second, 100.4; Ninth, 97.2; Third, 93.9; Eighth, 92.8; Fifth, 92.3; Seventh, 90.1; Fourth, 87.8.

COUNTIES OVER SINCE LAST ISSUE — Henry, Fremont, Shelby, Page—4. Total, 44.

POSTS OVER SINCE LAST ISSUE — Ackley, Gowrie, Donnellson, Bellevue, McCallsburg, Sidney, Scranton, George, Williamsburg, Hopkinton, Atlantic, Blanchard, Bancroft, Boxholm, Forest City, Glidden, Lehigh, Lake View, Tracy—19. Total, 320.

SLEEPING POSTS—Wapello, Wilton Junction, Andrew, Baldwin, Preston, Spragueville, Cedar Rapids No. 451, Ely, Plainfield, Radcliffe, Montour, Dows, Lamont, Rudd, Elma, Lime Springs, Van Wert, Winterset, Pleasantville, Carlisle, Milo, Magnolia, Panama, Pilot Mound, Dolliver, Estherville, Maple Hill, Churdan, Crystal Lake, Livermore, Lone Rock, Little Rock, Melvin, Hospers—34.

The First, Sixth and Second districts are over the top on membership, but the department is still more than 1,100 members behind where it was at the same time last year.

Early in 1940, the First, Second, Ninth and Sixth districts were over; forty-nine counties and 347 posts had made the goal, and there were twenty-five sleeping posts — compared with forty-four counties and 320 posts over and thirty-four sleeping posts this year.

Moreover, in 1940 the First had 122.3 per cent, the Second 106.5, and the Ninth 104.7, as compared with the lower figures for the high three over for 1941.

The department had 88 per cent of national quota last year, as against 82.7 per cent this year.

CITATION WINNERS

These posts won the Meritorious Service citation for reaching quota by December 31: Winfield, Monona, Lohrville, Ogden, Humeston, Madrid, Tipton, Keystone, Elkader, Thornton, Waukon, Seymour, Irwin, Palmer, Rake, Wall Lake, Trenton, Winthrop, Varina, Sanborn, Ackley, Gowrie, Donnellson, Bellevue, McCallsburg, Sidney, Scranton, George, Williamsburg, Hopkinton, Atlantic, Blanchard, Bancroft, Boxholm, Forest City, Glidden, Lehigh—37.

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CALL SOUNDS FOR 21ST CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 23-24

Mr. Post Commander, Adjutant and Service Officer:

The twenty-first annual conference of department officers, post commanders, adjutants and service officers will be held at the Hotel Fort Des Moines, in Des Moines, Iowa, Sunday and Monday, February 23 and 24, 1941, morning, afternoon and evening. Sessions on both days will start promptly at 10 a. m.

Eleven years ago, we inaugurated a service school, at which time aid that veterans or their dependents are entitled to under the laws of the United States and the state of Iowa is explained in detail by representatives of the Veterans Administration, the national rehabilitation committee of The American Legion, the state of Iowa, and your own department officers. The school will last all day.

It will pay you and the veterans of your community to have your post service officer attend. Claims of individual veterans can not be discussed except as examples. Representatives of the Veterans Administration and our national rehabilitation committee will be glad after the meeting to personally discuss such cases with you.

This year, for the fourth time, there will be special instruction on Child Welfare, conducted by F. H. Cooney, department Child Welfare chairman. It is hoped that every post service officer will be there, and the commanders and adjutants or other post representatives will be welcome at the school.

National Field Service Director Bert L. Halligan will be on the program.

At the Monday meeting, there will be a full discussion of Membership, Community Service, Highway Safety, National Defense, Employment, Child Welfare, Americanism, Junior Baseball, Legislation, Marksmanship, Veterans Preference, Graves Registration, Boy Scouts, the Sons of The American Legion, Publicity, Education of Orphans of Veterans, Boys State and other activities of the Legion. All the department officers and the chairmen (See Page 7, Column 3)

New Emblem Catalog To Reach All Posts Soon

The new 1941 catalog of the Emblem Division of The American Legion has been printed and the adjutant of every post will receive a copy soon.

Price of gold-plated midget or regulation Legion buttons has been advanced from 15 to 25 cents.

Buttons should be ordered from State Adjutant R. J. Laird, not national headquarters.

TAX EXEMPTION

State Commander Robert J. Shaw has decided that since votes are still being received on whether or not the state Legion legislative committee should support a bill to increase veterans tax exemption in the coming legislature, he will withhold a statement on the result and publication of the best letter for and the best one against the proposal until the next Iowa Legionaire.

OUTSTANDING IN 1940

O'Brien county's outstanding achievement of 1940 was the presentation of a large American flag to the county for the court house at Primghar.

Ceremonies were conducted at a joint picnic at the State Park at Paulina last August. George Callenius, Jr., of Granville, made the address upon introduction by County Commander Hugh McLaughlin, and Judge Thomas accepted.

McLaughlin was later elected to succeed himself.

Oelwein—Ross Reid Post's most outstanding 1940 activity was the erection of a new home.

One-story building was purchased on February 15. Not much cash left after the down payment, so about fifteen Legionaires did virtually all of the work on the structure themselves.

The post now has a fine meeting place without having asked local citizens to donate a cent. The unit was helpful at all times.

Send In Names Of Sons Of Legionaires Drafted

Iowa was to furnish 406 more young men under the Selective Service law this week.

Some were to go to Fort Des Moines, January 6, 7 and 8, the others to Omaha, January 9, 10 and 11.

This newspaper would like to have the names of Iowa youths in the first and second drafts, whose fathers are Legionaires.

If your son was called, or if you know of the son of another comrade having gone, please inform the Iowa Legionaire immediately.

Information as to how posts are keeping in touch with draftees and volunteers from their home towns would make interesting reading in these columns.

Defense Chairman Goes From Fourth To First

West Union — Fourth District National Defense Chairman O. G. Thompson has moved from here to Burlington, where he has a position with Day & Zimmerman Engineering Company, of Philadelphia.

Thompson, as Fayette county engineer for several years, did splendid work both for the county and The American Legion.

Fourth district comrades advise First District Commander Jim McGarry and Burlington comrades to grab him for action immediately.

URGE LEGISLATORS ON CHILD AID BILL BEFORE THEY LEAVE

The Aid to Dependent Children bill, which will be introduced in the coming legislature, is summarized herewith by State Child Welfare Chairman F. H. Cooney, of Carroll.

DIGEST IT THOROUGHLY, THEN CONTACT YOUR SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE BEFORE THEY LEAVE FOR DES MOINES, AND GET THEIR REACTION TO IT.

Report result of your interviews promptly to Thomas L. Dougherty, state legislative chairman, Creston, Iowa.

By F. H. Cooney

The proposed Aid to Dependent Children bill provides the following:

Repeals the widows' pension provisions of the present state law making the repeal effective January 1, 1942, at which time payments under the new law are to begin. Aid to dependent children grants supersede widows' pensions.

The bill defines a "dependent child" as one who is:

(a) Needy.
(b) Under the age of 16, or under the age of 18 if regularly attending school.

(c) Who has been deprived of parental support and care by reason of the death, continued absence from home, or physical or mental incapacity of EITHER parent, and

(d) Who is living with his father, mother, grandfather, brother, sister, step-father, step-mother, step-brother, step-sister, uncle or aunt, in a place of residence maintained by one or more of such relatives as his home.

It provides that a needy child, to be eligible for aid, must:

(a) Have lived in the state for one year immediately preceding the application for aid, or must have been born within the state within one year immediately preceding the application (in which case the mother must have lived here for one year immediately preceding the birth of the child).

(b) Be living in or be placed in a decent and healthful family home with some relative listed above, and not be in need of care in any institution.

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HELMETS TO BRITAIN

"Steel helmets a hundred times more urgently needed than any other form of civilian aid," is a cablegram from Britain to America.

Any Iowa veteran who wants to give his to the bomb menaced English people may do so by putting an 8-cent stamp on it and mailing it to:

The American Committee for Defense of British Homes, 10 Warren street, New York City.

Commander's Message

COMRADES: With "malice toward none and charity for all," let us strive for a national strength based upon national unity.

If we have a "firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right," we can reason with those who disagree with us rather than call them names.

The Legion believes that "a sound national defense policy for this country requires that we should at this time give all practicable aid to Great Britain and those aligned with her in their fight for freedom.

We want to keep the European war in Europe. We realize that no one in America can keep us out of war if Hitler wants to make war upon us. We know that nine other nations wanted peace as much as we do, yet war was forced upon them.

There are those who honestly believe that extended aid will involve us. They are entitled to their opinion.

"America is worth defending" because we have freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom to assemble, freedom to think, and freedom to pray. That freedom is for all.

The America First Committee and the No Foreign War Committee have arrived at a different conclusion than we have over extensive aid to Britain. We should never jeopardize our position by challenging the integrity, patriotism or right to speak of those who disagree with us. The citizenship, patriotism and loyalty of Marshall, MacNider, Wood, Rickenbacker and Lindbergh need no defense. If war comes, you will find them in the ranks with the defenders of America.

In the interest of national unity, let us refrain from calumny and slander.—ROBERT J. SHAW.

Auxiliary Does Wonderful Christmas Service For Veterans And Children

The Iowa American Legion Auxiliary gave 1,275 boxes each containing three pairs of socks of different patterns and 1,200 pounds of candy, as presents to, and erected thirty-three trees with games and entertainment for the veterans at the Government hospital at Knoxville at Christmas time.

Mrs. Charles H. Cox, of Davenport, state rehabilitation chairman, makes special effort to have entertainment at Knoxville every Sunday afternoon. Legionaire Willard Moore and his WPA musical groups have staged a number of programs. The Auxiliary pays bus transportation cost of \$19 a trip. Martinsdale and Runnells bands have also given their services.

Mrs. V. C. Black, of Knoxville, is department hospital chairman at Knoxville, under direction of Mrs.

Cox, and has perfect cooperation from Mrs. Geneva Saunders, recreational aide at the institution.

The department gave 250 crisp new one dollar bills to veterans at the Government Facility in Des Moines. Name of each veteran was written on an envelope container of his present.

Christmas trees were provided, and the Christmas Gift Shop was again featured. Mrs. Cox secured names and ages of children of veterans in the hospital, then apportioned number of gifts needed to each of the nine districts in the state. Wives of the patients were also included in the plan.

When the gifts arrived at department headquarters, they were unwrapped, labeled and evaluated by (See Page 3, Column 2)

The American Legion Auxiliary

DEPARTMENT OF IOWA

ARGONNE-ARMORY BLDG.

WILMA (MRS. HARLAN) BRIGGS, Lisbon,
Department President.M. MYRTON (MRS. J. E.) SKELLEY, 211-215
Argonne Armory, Des Moines, Department
Executive Secretary.

"THE SONG IS OVER BUT THE MEMORY LINGERS ON"

By Zella Dee (Mrs. Charles H.) Cox
Rehabilitation Chairman

Many of you will recall that song, but never was it more true than when applied to the Christmas Gift Shop at the Des Moines Facility, made possible by the generosity of the 523 units in the Iowa Department.

Mere words are indeed inadequate to express my appreciation to all of you for your fine cooperation and the splendid choice of articles sent, nor am I capable of painting for you a word picture of the joy you provided these hospitalized veterans, when you made it possible for them to remember every member of their households with such lovely gifts.

I only wish every member might have shared the privilege I enjoyed in being in attendance at this year's shop, assisting the veterans in their selections, helping fashion the gay red, white and blue gift packages, and seeing their happiness in sending the packages on their way. This, of course, is quite impossible, so the only alternative is to assure you that your efforts were certainly most appreciated by all the veterans at the Facility. Yours should have been a most happy Christmas, for the part you played in doing such a fine bit of rehabilitation work for so many, ill and away from home and loved ones at this sacred time of year.

I should like to acknowledge thru these pages my sincere thanks to every one who did anything to assist in the operation of this most worthwhile project. Particularly would I mention the fine cooperation received by the Auxiliary from the management of the Facility, the task of opening and acknowledging all the packages by Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Carr, the assistance given by the Auxiliary members of the Des Moines units, the district presidents who drove thru icy weather to be in attendance, as well as the three members from Webster City, who likewise braved bad roads to help. To the ever able assistance of Mrs. Skelley and her assistants, the president of the Jefferson Unit, and last but not least to those ardent Legionnaires from the Des Moines Legion posts, without whose willing hands in wrapping the gifts for mailing, we could not have successfully operated the Gift Shop, my most sincere "Thank You!"

Through your contributions to the Christmas Cheer fund, we were able to distribute gift packages of three pairs of socks each to 1,275 patients at Knoxville, forty-two at Independence, fourteen at Cherokee, thirty at Clarinda, eighteen at Mount Pleasant, ten at University Hospital, Iowa City, fourteen at the Chiropractic sanitarium at Davenport, one at Pine Knoll, Davenport, and one each in local hospitals at Ottumwa, Dubuque and Waterloo. Over 300 gift packages were likewise presented to World war veterans in CCC camps at Christmas time, at Belle Plaine, New London and Denison. This in addition to crisp, new one dollar bills to four patients at Oakdale, 250 at the Des Moines Facility, and 292 at the Iowa Soldiers Home at Marshalltown. Six World war nurses from Iowa who are hospitalized were sent lovely feminine gifts also.

Christmas trees were purchased for both Government facilities, as well as twelve games of Sirprize, a basketball, Ring Toss game and a pin setting game for Knoxville, and a set of chess men for the men at Des Moines.

Stamped Christmas cards for the veterans' use were provided in both Facilities. The veterans at Knoxville were also each given a cellophane bag of candy from the Iowa Department.

Certainly this is an outstanding Christmas program, which each and every one helped to make possible by your membership in our American Legion, and, after all, we are the privileged, for only by our eligibility to membership in such a noble organization is this "Service to those who served" made possible. Again, my sincere thanks and best wishes for a very Happy and Useful New Year!

LEGISLATION

By Eleanor B. (Mrs. C. J.) Turner
Chairman, 1322 West St., Grinnell

The American Legion's legislative program has met with greater success during the past year than ever before. The important part which the American Legion Auxiliary has played in making this success possible should inspire us with new enthusiasm and determination to help the Legion accomplish even greater results in 1941.

The major legislative program projected by the Legion for the coming year stresses especially Americanism, National Defense, Child Welfare, Rehabilitation and Civil Service, and Veterans Preference. These problems automatically become the chief legislative objectives of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Has your legislative chairman been appointed?

Each unit president is requested to appoint a legislative chairman who is interested and who will plan a legislative program which will tie in with each month's activity. Please report to me as soon as possible the name and address of your legislative chairman, in case it is necessary for me to contact her personally.

According to the Calendar of Activities, January is Legislative month, and it is especially important this year, with Congress and the state legislature convening. It is hoped that every unit will hold a special legislative meeting in January, with well informed speakers, or, if that is impossible, have round table discussions.

Major Objective for Iowa Legion and Auxiliary—You all know that the Iowa American Legion and its Auxiliary are supporting the bill for Aid to Dependent Children. In a few days, a new bill of this kind will be introduced in the Iowa legislature, and an understanding of the need for it and the nature of its provisions will help us all to give it sincere support. Our present Iowa system does not measure up to modern standards. Those of you who heard F. H. Cooney last Sunday on the Legion program at 10 a. m., over WHO, have a very clear idea of that which we have in mind.

This is our Major Legislative Program in Iowa this year—learn it—work for it. A digest of the bill has been sent to each unit.

Watch the Iowa Legionaire for further information.

Whenever you are requested to write your Senators and Congressmen, please send me their replies so that I may in turn report to the national legislative chairman, Mrs. Lawo. Also, when your Congressman answers your letter, take the time to write him a word of appreciation for his courtesy. At the Fifth district conference, my instructions were (I quote): "When your Congressmen and Senators support legislation we want passed, give them a pat on the back."

We should emphasize this year the urgent necessity of studying Federal, state and county legislation which The American Legion endorses. The legislative program is the means by which the objectives of all the other programs are realized. In order to stimulate interest, I am offering a prize to the legislative chairman whose unit carries out the most interesting and constructive program.

I shall be very happy to assist unit legislative chairmen in every possible way. For reference material write your state and national representatives, requesting any available bulletins concerning veterans' legislation. One very helpful bulletin is "Veterans Benefits," which you may procure from your United States Congressman. Representative LeCompte, of the Fifth district, has already signified his willingness to supply these bulletins for his district, and units of the Fifth district will receive them soon. The present supply is limited, so units of other districts should immediately write to their Congressmen requesting copies.

Keep an accurate record of all legislative activities in your unit. Your annual reports next June will determine the prize winner.

Without a vital legislative program, enthusiastically promoted, no unit can truthfully say that it has faithfully

RADIO

Every second Wednesday—January 8, 3:30 p. m., WSUI.

Every third Friday — January 17, 2:30 p. m., WOI.

Every fourth Sunday—January 26, 10 a. m., WHO.

tried to carry out the purpose for which we are organized—"to participate in and to contribute to the accomplishments of the aims and purposes of The American Legion."

"NOW IT CAN BE TOLD"

That is what Mrs. Geneva Saunders, the recreational aide at the Knoxville Facility writes, and continues "that we had a most successful and happy Christmas at this hospital, thanks to all the kind contributing organizations—we thank you, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Skelley and all the units who made possible such an enjoyable Christmas for the patients. The trees were lovely and the wards looked so attractive. The candy in cellophane sacks was especially good. Every man was very much pleased with his socks; Dr. Willhite was very pleased with the paper napkins, which he said was his idea of attractive favors. We received the basketball and the two games, which are in use right now and enjoyed. We had plenty of stamped Christmas Cards for each patient. I have never seen them so interested in all wards in sending cards as they were this year. It is difficult to express how much I appreciate the personal interest and helpfulness of each Auxiliary member. It makes my work much easier. Here is a sincere wish to all for a very happy and successful New Year."

And from the U. S. Veterans Facility in Des Moines, W. B. Nugent, manager, and Miss Eleanor M. Mellon, recreational aide, write:

"We wish to extend to the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Iowa, on behalf of the patients and personnel of the Facility, our gratitude for the many fine things you have accomplished in behalf of our disabled veterans during the past year. The Gift Shop, the cigarettes, candies and other favors you have given our veterans, and the entertainment that you have provided them during the past year, have done much to lighten their burden of hospitalization."

"Likewise, the thoughtfulness that the American Legion Auxiliary has manifested at all times, particularly in beautifying our chapel, and the many other kind acts that have been performed for our veterans through which we all benefit, have all been most sincerely appreciated. The gift to each patient in December was appreciated by all, and we are sure added much to their happiness. The Gift Shop enabled many veterans who could not otherwise have done so, to send gifts to their dear ones at home from whom they were separated during the Christmas season. Will you please extend to the department officers our sincere thanks and the season's greeting?"

A number of letters were received from the veterans themselves, from hospitals throughout the state, but space will not permit repeating here. All expressed thanks and extended personal greetings.

AMERICANISM

By Mrs. R. C. Patrick, Mason City,
Chairman

Americanism is an everyday project in the American Legion Auxiliary. It is our job to awaken the inborn spirit of patriotism which is a part of every true American, and to put it to work building up a defense for our democracy.

By now you should be started on your Americanism Essay Contest. The rules were printed in the October 18 Iowa Legionaire, and there are no additional department rules. Only don't forget the date line! Essays must reach me on March 6. The attractive colored circular showing the prize set of encyclopedias and giving the rules of the contest should have reached each unit by now, and I sug-

gest they be posted on the school bulletin boards.

February is the month set aside in our Calendar of Activities to especially stress and publicize Americanism, for we have for years observed the birthdays of those two great patriots, Washington and Lincoln. Let this year be no exception. Why not plan an old-fashioned patriotic program inviting in the public and have an able speaker to set forth The American Legion's views on Americanism and National Defense?

Our flag is a beautiful and inspirational emblem. Let us stress our flag, its history, how to salute it, how and when to display it. We are asking in national and department that each unit conduct a flag survey in the schools in their localities to ascertain just how many school rooms there are that do not have flags. All this, of course, with the idea that the units will try to obtain the cooperation of other local organizations and buy the flags needed. We feel that it would be very fine to be able to say at the close of this year that there is an American flag in every school room.

When giving out Flag Codes and patriotic literature to youth groups, do not forget the N. Y. A. work rooms. These are groups that are being given opportunities by the Government and they should be given the opportunity of knowing just how wonderful a privilege is theirs to live in this country of freedom.

MUSIC

By Hazel (Mrs. W. A.) Shirk
Greenfield

A new year brings new thoughts, and how appropriate this year, as every one is becoming more American minded, to have as the theme and study for the year, "American Music." The contest numbers are to be American Indian numbers.

Interest in the study of the music of the American Indian has been very great, so we trust these numbers will give all an increased desire to know the beauty of Indian music and create a desire to better understand and appreciate this form of music.

Following are the numbers that will be used as the department contest numbers, and these are the national contest numbers:

Trio—"Indian Love Call," Rudolf Friml; arranged by Walter Scotson, Hanns, Inc., New York.

Quartette—"Indian Dawn," J. S. Zamecnik; Sam Fox Publishing Co., Cleveland and New York.

Glee Club—"Wi-Um" (Indian lullaby), Thurlow Lieurance (three parts); Theo. Presser Co., 1712 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

The rules for the department contest are the same as printed for 1940 in the yellow backed Iowa Guide, on pages 43 and 44. A copy of the Guide was sent each current unit president and secretary, last July and August.

A POPPY FOR REMEMBRANCE

Would you like to know how the poppy occupational therapy at the Des Moines hospital is progressing? Here are certain figures for you:

For the week closing—

December 12—12,925 small poppies finished; \$129.25 payroll.

December 19—16,900 small and 100 large poppies finished; \$171 payroll.

December 26—19,200 small and 250 large poppies finished; \$197 payroll.

January 1—18,200 small and 250 large poppies finished; \$187 payroll.

Total payroll for December, \$684.25.

Two of our poppy workers were called to the Great Beyond last week. Their comrades finished the poppies for each during the last days of their illness, and the money was sent to the Auxiliary units in the towns of family residence, to give to the families. These sick men know how to each help the other in all emergencies.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

By M. Myrton (Mrs. J. E.) Skelley

To the hundreds of friends and well wishers, my personal and very appreciative thanks for the beautiful Christmas and New Year greetings received.

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COUNTIES**BUENA VISTA**

Linn Grove—"What Is This Treason Business?" was the subject of a keen address by C. R. Kremenak, Newell school superintendent and Legionaire, to the large number of sleet-defying Legionaires who assembled here, December 30.

Past State Vice-Commander Tom Saunders emphasized that Legionaires, especially now, are service NOT ex-service men, in another fine talk.

Linn Grove Kamp quartet furnished musical harmony.

CARROLL

Carroll—Manager W. B. Nugent, of the U. S. Veterans Facility in Des Moines, and State Service Officer R. J. Laird are to be the main speakers at the Carroll county meeting at the Legion hall here, January 16.

Special entertainment, promised "Bill" Schmich.

All Legionaires in the world invited.

GREEN

Grand Junction—Judge Allan Herick, of Des Moines, made a splendid address at the well attended and keenly enjoyed joint county meeting here, December 5.

State Commander Robert J. Shaw was announced as the main speaker for the meeting at Jefferson, January 30, publicity committee for which is Guy C. Richardson, chairman, Jefferson; Phil Olmstead, Scranton; Joe McLaughlin, Churdan; Harry Smith, Rippey, and E. K. Young, Grand Junction.

County officers were introduced after the fine dinner here, then there was feature entertainment and Mrs. Olmstead was presented with a gift in appreciation of her work as county president.

LYON

Rock Rapids—A good football team doesn't get in condition by playing checkers any more than the United States can keep safe without well trained and equipped defense forces, State Commander Robert J. Shaw told a large audience at the county-sponsored public meeting in the community building here.

County Commander W. J. Weiher presided, there were musical numbers, and District Vice-Commander Fred Dickman was among the distinguished guests. Auxiliary served lunch.

STORY

Story City—Ames Post members, for getting a higher percentage of membership quota than the other posts in the county, combined, ate on them at a fine meeting here, December 17. Cambridge, however, topped all with 300 per cent.

State Commander Robert J. Shaw made the main speech, and talks were given by District Vice-Commander F. E. Been, District National Defense Chairman George Mahoney, District Highway Safety Chairman John Hattery, District Commander Harry Barnes and State Adjutant R. J. Laird.

New Child Aid Talkies May Be Shown By Posts

Indianapolis, Ind.—Four new talkies, in 16 mm. or home movie size, will be available to American Legion posts during 1941 for graphic promotion of national child welfare objectives. Distribution of the films has been arranged by the national child welfare division in cooperation with four other organizations interested in the well-being of children.

The four new talking pictures will supplement the silent film, "Conquest of Diphtheria," which was displayed 876 times during 1940 by American Legion posts, Auxiliary units, Forty and Eight voitures and Eight and Forty salons. This silent film will continue to be distributed by the national headquarters without rental cost to American Legion groups.

Christmas Lighting In Waterloo Big Success

Waterloo — Greatest interest ever was registered in the tenth annual Christmas lighting contest, sponsored by Becker-Chapman Post, who had fine publicity cooperation from the Daily Courier and WMT.

P. M. Lighty won in the large house group; Roy Hoofnagle in the small house; Harry E. Fergeman in outdoor display, and Apex Electric Co. in commercial lighting.

Central City Chaplain Is Honored By Home Folks

Central City—Wapsie Post and Unit gave a dinner in honor of Rev. Arnold O. Kenyon, who has been called to active service at Fort Snelling, Minn. As the beloved chaplain arose to speak, Commander Harry Newman presented him with a check in appreciation of his long outstanding service here. Chaplain Kenyon, who was pastor of the local Federated church, was serving his second year as Linn county chaplain.

The post and unit also distributed 500 sacks of Christmas candy and nuts to children here.

Veteran Lures Ladies To His Tobacco Store

Red Oak—Legionaire Roy Westerlund, who operates a mammoth cigar store here, showed his business progressiveness at Christmas time by having a special section in which women could buy smokers' supplies for men.

Picture of the proprietor and his staff featured a full page ad in the Red Oak Express, in which the reader might learn that Westerlund is an active Legionaire, a Chamber of Commerce director and a feeder of 170 beebes.

Ice Cools Speaker But Rabbit Gorge Red Hot

Coggon—Icy roads kept Lieut. Gov. B. B. Hickenlooper from coming here to speak the evening of December 16, but 120 persons had a real rabbit feed, served by the Auxiliary, and enjoyed themselves keenly despite regret over the absence of the likable, eloquent Cedar Rapids Legionaire.

CHRISTMAS

Mrs. Harry Murphy, hospital chairman for Des Moines, assisted by Mrs. Thomas Carr, Sixth district president.

On gift shop days, December 18 and 19, the presents were attractively arranged on tables in the hospital auditorium. Men able to go there were allowed to do so, and those with wives and children were allowed to each select two gifts for each child and a pair of silk hose or a purse for the wife.

For men unable to leave their beds, presents were placed on movable tables and taken to them, to enjoy the same privilege.

Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. M. Myrton Skelley, state secretary, attended the luncheon of the Des Moines Service club on December 17, at which gifts were brought by each member and a check for \$14 was received for the gift shop.

The Auxiliaries had fine help from Miss Eleanor M. Mellen, recreational aide, Manager W. B. Nugent and Dr. E. J. Butzke, chief medical officer, at the hospital.

The department sent 290 crisp new dollar bills to Mrs. McCombs, Third district hospital chairman, to be distributed at the Iowa Soldiers Home at Marshalltown.

To Oakdale sanitarium went four like bills to Mrs. George Unash, for the veterans there—Dr. Albert L. Haugen, Ames; Elbert I. Sibert and William Turner, of Cedar Rapids, and Bert G. Wilson, of Marshalltown.

Forty-two Christmas boxes of three pairs of socks were sent to veterans at the state hospital at Independence; twenty-eight to Cherokee; thirty to Clarinda, and eighteen to Mt. Pleasant.

Ten more boxes went to the Iowa University hospital, and fourteen to the Davenport Chiropractic and Pine Knoll sanitariums.

The Veterans CCC camp at Denison received ninety-six boxes; Mount Pleasant, 130, and Belle Plaine, ninety-six.

The department also gave \$2 to unit child welfare chairmen for each of 286 assigned children. This money is sent to department headquarters by units having assigned children to clothe during the year. The checks for \$2 go to the local child welfare chairman or Friendly Visitor to child or children and mother, then are expended locally for Christmas cheer.

The department provided drapes for windows in the patients' waiting room and an altar curtain and drapes in the chapel at the U. S. Veterans Facility in Des Moines.

All of the money used in the Christmas cheer activities and entertainment at veterans hospitals throughout the year comes from sale of the crepe

paper memorial poppies made by hospitalized veterans by units the Saturday before Memorial day each year.

Cedar Falls — Cedar Falls Legionaires, dressed as Santa Claus, distributed seventy-four boxes of food and cheer to needy families. More than \$500 was contributed for the fund, topped by a gift of \$100 from the Elks.

Each box contained a ham, celery, butter, bread, potatoes, oatmeal, cocoa, gelatin, fruit, bacon, canned vegetables, candied figs and candy.

Reuben Miller, Joe Myers and A. J. Gleason were the Santas, and the post committee also included Arbie Methner, chairman, Walter Olson, Arthur Jensen, H. C. Holman and Hugh Kindelan.

The Christmas fund is available for aid throughout the year.

The post recently presented a baby incubator to be used by whomever needs it, to the Sartori hospital.

Waterloo—About 200 persons attended the Becker-Chapman Post and Unit Christmas party at Memorial hall here, December 19.

Representative-elect Dewey Butterfield, assisted by Flora Robbins, mistress of ceremonies, pulled off some sleight-of-hand tricks to greatly please the crowd, but may cause Butterfield to be watched closely by rivals in the coming legislature.

Ralph Shafer, H. P. Brown and Mmes. Elizabeth Johnson, R. R. Ludwig and A. C. Malmberg won card prizes, and H. P. Brown and Glenn M. Simmons won door prizes.

Walt Porter furnished a swell feed.

Waverly—Mrs. John deNeui, local unit president, directed a drive through which scores of books were collected to be distributed at Christmas.

The unit also staged a fine party for fifty-six underprivileged children, who were given candy, popcorn balls, toys and a book.

Six baskets were sent to needy families.

Christmas party for all World war veterans and families drew eighty-five persons.

Highland Park Legionaires and Auxiliaries distributed Christmas cheer at the Veterans hospital, the Home for the Blind and at Arlington Hall, placed lights on the library tree, December 22, and staged a most enjoyable pot-luck supper at the club rooms, December 20. Post furnished candy and oranges; unit provided entertainment.

Clarinda—Sergy Post and Unit staged their annual Christmas party for the fifty veterans at the state hospital here, December 27, with Commander Glen Davison as master of ceremonies.

Entertainment, special lunch and presentation of a gift to each veteran rounded out a splendid program.

State Center — Harland G. Pfantz Post now has ninety-six members, did a swell job of decorating Main street at Christmas, threw a fine party for the kids, and had a whale of a meeting featured by whale size stories at Rhodes township hall, December 10, according to the last issue of Bugle Drum.

Decorah—Anton Bernatz Post acted as Santa Claus to children, December 14. The weather was nice, and a large crowd was on hand. Two thousand one hundred apples and over 2,000 bags of candy were given out by Legion members.

Fort Madison — Fort Madison Post was host to 450 children at the annual Christmas party at the Orpheum theater here. Free show, then Santa Claus arrived with a sack of candy and an orange for each child present.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Post, No. 13, sent 1,596 Christmas packages to the 245th National Guard regiment, on duty at Fort Hancock, N. J.

AUXILIARY

Would that I might answer each with a personal note—but, some way, somehow, the days and nights seem not long enough to work that in. I love them—these messages from you—and you for your thoughtfulness. May the year 1941 hold for you all that you wish in peace and contentment which will spell happiness.

Display windows of the nation will be mobilized in the cause of National

Defense during the week of February 22 to 28. During that week, the Auxiliary will conduct a nation-wide display contest, with awards for the windows best depicting **National Defense as Peace Insurance**. Displays will be judged from photographs submitted. Write our department chairman, Mrs. John K. Sawyer, of Winterset, about your original ideas.

Dear, dear, dear, dear!!! Some of our unit secretaries are very old-fashioned! Sometimes that is a virtue, but not in this instance. They are writing on membership remittance sheets, "Welfare dues." Now the time for that was long since past—years and years ago. No money should be taken from the Welfare Fund for membership dues. None of the money received in the department office for membership dues is placed in a Welfare Fund. Let's modernize in that particular respect. Are you with me?

What about another date? Back in the fall I headed a paragraph, "Want a Date?" and it brought marvelous results to the rehabilitation service. Now, we ask again, "Want Another Date?" Mrs. Charles H. Cox, department rehabilitation chairman, address 415 East Twenty-ninth Place, Davenport, wishes to make certain that the veterans at the Knoxville Facility have every Sunday afternoon filled with entertainment. So-o-o-o, what about a date? Write her, please!

Did you notice that "Calendar of Activities" page in the last National News? If not, turn to page 22. Very good, I think. Have you read, "What Can We Do to Help?" by our national president? Have you read every article and the entire publication from cover to cover? You should. Each chairman should call special attention of her unit to the highlights of each article referring to her particular committee activity. Let's keep up to date.

Mrs. Briggs and Miss Christensen write, "The Colonial Period for America is from 1607 — the founding of Jamestown—to 1776, the Declaration of Independence. However, in the far west or in Florida, the colonial period would include their foundings, even earlier than 1607. The national committee wishes to emphasize COLONIAL America, but since so many states were settled after the colonial period, their pioneering days may be included.

Some unit secretaries are forgetting that applications for membership must be **completely** filled out—name in upper right-hand corner—applicant's **personal** signature on line placed for it, followed by the name of town—unit town. Also adjutant's signature to certification of man's Legion membership with preceding lines giving name of man and post and number filled in. Service record on back. Where attest of service of deceased veteran is required **DO NOT SEND THE INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT—R. J. Laird**. He is a smart man, but he has **NOTHING** to do with this phase of Auxiliary activity. Such applications should be sent to the **ADJUTANT GENERAL** of the state from which the veteran enlisted, and addressed to the State House in the capital city. Do not send them in to the department Auxiliary office if incomplete. We can not look after this phase of the work for you. **DO NOT SEND IN DUES FOR NEW MEMBERS NOR PLACE THEIR NAMES ON REMITTANCE SHEETS IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THE COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO MAIL IN AT THE SAME TIME**. It creates confusion and extra work in this office for you to do so, and the members are not counted **UNTIL** all work is complete.

No pick on unit secretaries this time—just want them to take advice in the spirit given—helpfulness to and for all concerned. Remember, your department secretary had to learn all this alone back in 1921. Always willing to help others wherever possible.

GIFT BOOK PROJECT—A SUCCESS?

We shall not know the degree of success, and therefore happiness given others, in this project until you fill out the stamped postcard we sent your unit secretary and she returns same to this office. Please, please, answer all the questions and return at once!

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For God and Country, we associate
ourselves together for the following
purposes: To uphold and defend the
Constitution of the United States of
America; to maintain law and order;
to foster and perpetuate a one hundred
per cent Americanism; to preserve the
memories and incidents of our associa-
tion in the Great War; to inculcate a
sense of individual obligation to the
community, state and nation; to com-
bat the autocracy of both the classes
and the masses; to make right the
master of might; to promote peace and
good-will on earth; to safeguard and
transmit to posterity the principles of
justice, freedom and democracy; to
consecrate and sanctify our comradeship
by our devotion to mutual help-
fulness.—Preamble to the Constitution
of The American Legion.



LEGION IN 1941

Americans—not only the people of
the United States but all in the West-
ern Hemisphere—will need The Ameri-
can Legion program in 1941 as never
before.

The Legion, out from the Boston
convention, has a powerful policy to
preserve peace for this part of the
planet if that can be done.

We want defenses strong enough
to turn back any invader before he
gets even close to our shores; we
favor all practicable aid to Great Brit-
ain and those aligned with her in their
fight for freedom because we believe
that if they lose, the victors will at-
tack us next; we are for universal
military training and a fully trained
army of 2,200,000 men, equipped with
all needed munitions, tanks and planes;
we shall aid in the setting up and op-
erating of state defense units to re-
place National Guardsmen in active
duty; we purpose to retain all child
care gains and seek more; we insist
upon sane and logical interpretation
of the Constitution to prevent its abuse
in the name of freedom; we shall co-
operate with law enforcement agen-
cies and support the Federal Bureau
of Investigation and the Dies Com-
mittee in efforts to purge our country
of Fifth Columnists.

The strength of our country in the
grave situation in the world will be
measured largely by the success of
the Legion's endeavors and the extent
to which the public joins with us in
our ideas and activities.

The stronger the United States, the
less the danger of attack by foreign
forces anywhere in either North or
South America.

The Legion to be strong must have
members; the more we have the
stronger we shall be.

The Legion to have strong coopera-

tion must have the strength which
will enlist cooperation from all patri-
otic elements in the population.

The Legion to make itself strong
must through the posts care for the
disabled veterans and needy depend-
ents of veterans of the last war; ex-
pand movements in the interests of
youth — Child Welfare, Junior Base-
ball, Boys State, Legion Sons, Boy
Scouts and School Awards; render
unparalleled Community Service; push
legislation beneficial to the nation's
interests; strive to keep World war
veterans employed, and withal seek
to make use of every opportunity to
create greater comfort for all of the
people.

Moreover, when the need of unity—
that spirit of Americans all of which
we talked and heard so much in 1917-
'18—is so vital, no organization can
do so much as the Legion to enhance
it because of the very nature of our
membership.

We are of most of the so-called
classes and of most of the creeds in
our country. Our wartime service and
our Legion membership have taught
us how much more American it is for
citizens to serve and work together
on common ground with high ideals
than to quibble over petty differences.

We know what it means to sacrifice
for we learned that when we wore the
uniform and many of us had to fore-
go a lot when we returned to civilian
life; we are proud that we gave as
we did, that we are still giving, and
we can impress other people with the
joy of submerging self for the nation's
good.

We can say without our sincerity
being questioned that for our nation
to come through the present emer-
gency safely, all groups—business, la-
bor, agriculture, the professions—must
be willing to weld themselves into one
mighty American force, be the cost to
any individual what it may.

We can tell our neighbors, if war
comes, that the most they do can be
little compared with what the boys
in the front lines are doing—the boys
who will be fighting and dying and
agonizing in the hell of explosives.

Legionaires as American service
men and women met the challenge of
the times in 1917-'18; we have stead-
fastly met the challenges of the times
since; we are equipped to meet the
challenges before our country now;
we are inspired to reach lofty heights
of service for our God and country—
and WE WILL in 1941.

DEFENSE CONFUSION

Richard Wilson, the brilliant young
Washington correspondent of the Des
Moines Register and Tribune, in an
address to the Chamber of Commerce
here, January 3, declared:

Government defense activities are
a mass of confusion, with resultant
delay on virtually all schedules.

We had the erroneous belief that
our great industrial plants could be
instantly transformed into munitions
plants.

Most Americans after the last war
mistakenly insisted we need never
prepare for another one.

Congress has treated the army like
a step-child, denying it sufficient
funds and telling it to play with its
old toys every time it asked for new
ones.

Local interests have contributed to
army inefficiency by insisting upon
the maintenance of posts all over the
country, which became obsolete soon
after the last treaty with the Indians
was signed.

Many influential Americans thought
our reserve of healthy man power
could easily be converted into an ade-
quate army in an emergency.

Many had the ridiculous idea we
were such good marksmen one Ameri-
can youth with a squirrel gun could
lick any ten foreign soldiers.

If our army had to meet a European
army now, the results would be dis-
astrous.

We haven't begun to spend money
for defense yet.

Who argued for twenty years that
emergency national defense could not
be built overnight, that it would be
wise to be prepared for any storm, that
Congress was letting the army disinte-
grate, that scattered army posts should
be abolished, that there should be com-
pulsory health and military training of
our youth, that it was silly to think an
American with a popgun could whip
a foreigner with a high-powered rifle,
that it would be murder to send our
untrained and unequipped soldiers
against crack troops, that it would be

a lot cheaper and more satisfactory to
appropriate wisely for defense needs
year by year than to try to do it all
at once?

And who in Iowa was The American
Legion's most persistent and powerful
opponent on our position?

President Roosevelt's plans to make
the United States the "arsenal of de-
mocracy" would fare better if our
country had not so long been a haven
for puerile pacifism, communism, nazi-
ism and other isms destructive of true
Americanism.

WHO PAYS FOR IT?

*"Blood must have flowed from
the body of the Unknown Soldier
when General Pershing decorated
his tomb on Armistice day (1921),
if it is true, as some ancients be-
lieved, that when the slayer of
a person nears the corpse the
wounds he made bleed."*

This is not verbatim, but is in effect
precisely what George Sylvester Veir-
eck said in an English language maga-
zine he was publishing in this country
at that time. We assailed him editori-
ally and wrote him a scorching letter,
and were lambasted in his sheet and
in a personal reply.

Veireck, born in Germany, is an
American citizen and a close friend
of the former kaiser, whom he visited
in Holland and whom he has steadfast-
ly defended. Now he is editor of an-
other magazine, which carries no paid
advertising and goes free weekly to
thousands of Americans all over the
United States. One may be put on
its circulation list merely for the ask-
ing.

"Additional copies of this or future
issues may be obtained upon request
without charge," appears under the
caption.

Facts In Review is its name; 17
Battery Place, New York City, its
address.

Usually of sixteen pages of high
grade paper, with attractive makeup,
printing and engraving, it is devoted
wholly to glorifying Nazism and de-
fense of Germany in the present war.
The effect, which is obviously intend-
ed, is to smear democracy in the
minds of a host of people here in its
greatest stronghold.

Price of printing 100,000 copies of
Facts In Review would be about \$1,500
in a standard plant. Salaries of em-
ployees, office rent, mailing and other
necessities add considerable to the
expense.

There is reason to believe a half-
million or even more copies go out
every week, and it is now almost two
years old. If each issue costs say only
\$2,000, more than \$200,000 has already
been spent on it. If 500,000 copies
have been circulated weekly, the cost
is around a million dollars.

Whatever the exact figures may be,
in view of the character of its editor
and contents, we are moved to ask:

WHO PAYS FOR IT?

WHAT POSTS MAY DO

"What do you want our post to do?"
a commander asked State Commander
Robert J. Shaw recently.

The American Legion program is
set out in the national and state pub-
lications after the conventions, and
what is being done on them in the
field is reported in all issues—if the
editors get the information from local
publicity officers or other sources.

Ideas for action may be obtained
from reading the many bulletins from
standing chairmen which are pub-
lished, or contacting them direct.

Any Iowa post commander who feels
his post has done something unusual
on membership or anything else may
get special recognition in the Iowa Le-
gionaire by sending or having the
facts sent to the editor.

We not only want—we plead for
every particle of news our posts cre-
ate.

Commander Shaw urges close read-
ing of The American Legion Maga-
zine, the National Legionnaire and the
Iowa Legionaire and constant use of
department chairmen. He can not
write letters of advice to each of the
559 posts in Iowa.

Dr. Ralph Lovelady, of Sidney, shoots
this one from the Omaha World-
Herald:

Captain Barney Oldfield, who turned
down a panhandler near Seventh Corps
headquarters, heard him grumble:
"That proves you gotta join the damn
army to get any money out of it."

Past National Commander Hanford
"Jack" MacNider belongs to the Ameri-
ca First Committee, of which he says
in part:

"We have no dispute with the pol-
icy of aiding Great Britain, but we
don't want it done at the expense of
weakening our own picture or involv-
ing this country in war."

MacNider, former Assistant Secre-
tary of War and former American
Minister to Canada, who won nine de-
corations and eleven citations in the
A. E. F. and is a reserve infantry
colonel ready for more action, gets a
big gripe out of persons advocating
war who have missed one or two
chances to fight in one. He would be
glad, he declared, to try to knock any
such war-mongers' ears off on the
platform.

Verne Marshall, editor of the Cedar
Rapids Gazette, who is head of the
No Foreign Wars committee, is an
overseas veteran who has belonged to
Hanford Post from the outset.

Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Sugar Bowl
at New Orleans, Cotton Bowl at Dal-
las, Orange Bowl at Miami, Sun Bowl
at El Paso, Steel Bowl at Birmingham,
Pineapple Bowl at Honolulu, and Hell
Bowl in Europe on New Year's day.

Some Americans couldn't even drink
a bowl of soup and some didn't have
that much to eat on January 1.

Victory of the West over the East
in the Shrine benefit football game at
San Francisco shows what teamwork
will do in a clash with stars when
some of them try to steal the applause
for themselves.

All Americans may, however, be
thankful that our battles were bowls
instead of bombs.

Germany, Italy, Japan and Russia
have invaded, conquered and captured
weaker nations at the cost of thou-
sands of lives of defenseless people,
with no more justification than Dil-
linger had for looting banks and kill-
ing persons who resisted him.

For victims of such captors or any
other country to try to enter into re-
spectable peace agreements with them
would be just as sensible as it would
be for a bank president to take into
partnership a bandit who had robbed
him.

Senator Wheeler, in a recent isola-
tionist speech, didn't think the United
States need worry much about what
happened to South America below the
equator.

Possibly he doesn't know it's only
about 600 miles from the equator to
the Panama canal, about 1,000 miles
from there to American soil, and not
more than 1,600 miles from the equa-
tor to Key West—and airplanes fly
400 miles an hour!

Representative Vito Marcantonio, of
New York, announced the day Con-
gress opened he would renew his fight
against conscription and registration
of aliens.

The district which sends him to the
National House must seem like a
strange, foreign land to real Ameri-
cans who live or happen to get in it.

Sympathies to King Palmer, chair-
man of the State Board of Social Wel-
fare, in the death of his lovely moth-
er, Mrs. H. R. Palmer.

Humanity was enriched by her life;
her Legionaire son may have some
contentment in knowing that his life
made her happy.

Most optimism he's seen lately, a
reader writes, is that of the 45-year-
old Iowa piano player who couldn't
pass the army physical examination in
1917-'18 but married an 18-year-old
drum majorette and night club dancer
last New Year's day.

Illinois state investigator found a
book which indicated about 2,000 Ger-
man-American bundsmen were in the
United States army and navy.

Put 'em under Jewish officers.
Seriously—kick 'em out!

Big laugh at an Iowa Christmas
party was a Legionaire trying to extri-
cate his new uppers from a mouthful
of taffy candy.

Buck says the dental corps in the
army drills more in mouths than on
the ground because they have so much
pull.

Blitzed any of your New Year's res-
olutions yet?

American Service Fund Launched To Help Youths On Return From Duty

The American Service Fund, Inc., which is represented in Iowa by Legionaire Kenneth Dunlop, an Iowa City lawyer, is a national patriotic organization, which was organized in July, 1940, after the complete collapse of France, by a small group of former American service men who concluded that the United States would move with all possible speed to surely and promptly prepare to defend the North American continent, and who realized that it would be necessary to enlist or conscript hundreds of thousands of American boys into the armed services to adequately safeguard the nation.

They knew from personal experience that all who served would sacrifice an important period of their lives to the national interest. They knew that some would lose their lives in preparation if not in actual battle. Some have. They knew how little an inexperienced boy in the service could do to help himself in solving the many problems arising from the severance of civilian relationships and the re-establishment of those relationships upon his discharge.

They resolved that no boy should be permitted to regret one single day spent in the service of his country if that could be prevented by the development of a sound and practical program of assistance.

Therefore, they formed an organization which they named the "American Service Fund." It was conceived and organized with but one object, that of constructively serving American service men, not only during their period of service but also when their sacrifice has been forgotten.

Immediate Objectives

The following have been declared to be immediate objectives of the American Service Fund:

Create an adequate rehabilitation trust fund to insure now that assistance will be available to permit our boys to return promptly to civilian occupations.

Provide jobs for those who return. Secure pledges of preferential scholarships from colleges and universities.

Ask our bar, civic and commercial organizations to care for their legal and business affairs without charge during their absence.

Place a trained personnel expert in every camp to act as an advisor.

Mobilize every civilian resource for their comfort to supplement the work of the Government.

Secure adjustments and postponements of obligations service men can not meet because of their service.

Raise their rate of pay. Ask Congress to provide adequate adjusted compensation payable upon their discharge.

Assist their families to dispose of domestic crises that arise in their absence.

Opportunity

The program of the American Service Fund has been launched. It will succeed, for it is certain that the American people will give as generously to their defenders as they have given to the less worthy peoples and causes of every land.

The program of assistance undertaken can and will be broadened if America is prepared to match the people of other nations in an exhibition of national unity and loyalty.

Organization

The work of this organization does not duplicate nor does it conflict with the work of any other group.

The corporate charter provides that it is not organized for pecuniary profit.

Trust Fund

The governor of each state shall appoint a trustee to represent the people of his state in the administration of the rehabilitation fund.

Dunlop would welcome any inquiry by letter, telegraph, telephone or in person from any one interested further in the American Service Fund and what it is trying to do.

National headquarters is at 530 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, and the organization is rapidly being carried into every state in the Union.

Burton Jones Chairman Of Teachers Legislation

Legionaire Burton R. Jones, Creston school superintendent, has been appointed chairman of the legislative committee of the Iowa State Teachers Association. Other Legionaires on the committee are H. W. Fearing, West Des Moines, and F. K. Schmidt, Eldora.

Fearing was also made field service chairman and Schmidt Midland Schools chairman, and Legionaire H. J. Williams, of Fort Dodge, was named convention committee chairman.

Legionaires Named In Bankers Defense Group

Legionaires among the fifteen Iowa bankers named on the National Defense loan committee of the American Bankers Association are:

B. A. Gronstahl, Council Bluffs; H. O. Lovett, Fairfield; M. C. Berkley, Marshalltown; Max von Schrader, Ottumwa; C. S. McKinstry, Waterloo, and Herbert L. Horton, Des Moines.

TROPHY IN FIRST

A district trophy has been awarded for the first time in the First district. It was awarded to the county in the district that had the highest percent-

age of membership on January 1, based on the previous four-year membership, and will be in possession of the post in the district having the highest per cent of membership based on its previous four years membership average. The trophy will be awarded annually.

Des Moines county won, with 92.5 per cent, and the trophy went to Burlington with 93.4 per cent of its four-year average. Mediapolis had 83.8 per cent.

Counties finished as follows: Des Moines, 92.5 per cent; Iowa, 88.6; Henry, 87.2; Lee, 83.4; Van Buren, 81.3; Jefferson, 77.8; Washington, 76.5; Muscatine, 73.6; Louisa, 71; Johnson, 62.1; Cedar, 47.4.

WARNER AWARD

Interest in the special personal appreciation card which National Commander Milo J. Warner announced he would give at the end of his year to every Legionaire who got twenty-five new members or renewals for his post for 1941 has brought such great results he has decided to begin making the award now.

Iowa posts with one or more getters eligible for the Warner card should submit application to State Adjutant R. J. Laird.

ARKANSAS WINS

Arkansas won the Henry L. Stevens, Jr. membership trophy in the twelfth annual national telegraphic roll call, followed by Alabama, North Carolina, Louisiana, Tennessee, Idaho, Wisconsin, North Dakota, Nevada and South Carolina.

Iowa was fifteenth, topped also by Mexico, Texas, Vermont and Florida.

Stanton—Ernie Johnson Post, with seventy-four members, has the most in its history. Only three eligible veterans in this sector do not belong to The American Legion, and the post expects to round them up soon.

MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS FOR 1941—AMERICAN LEGION—DEPARTMENT OF IOWA

Location	Quota	Mbrs.	Location	Quota	Mbrs.	Location	Quota	Mbrs.	Location	Quota	Mbrs.	Location	Quota	Mbrs.	Location	Quota	Mbrs.			
*FIRST: 2390—2566																				
*Cedar	222	241	*Central City	31	37	*Dows	17	0	*Marion	15	15	*Mechanville	22	23	*Madrid	61	62			
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*Belmont	45	52	*Belmont	45	52	*Mystic	33	11	*Cambridge	21	22	*Cambridge	21	22	*Cambridge	21	22			
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HOW WOULD YOU MAKE 1941 A HAPPY YEAR?

BROADCAST BY FRANK MILES ON WHO, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29.

Good morning, comrades and friends of North America.

More than a billion people will go into 1941 unhappy because their countries are scourged by war, and more than a billion others will be sad because of the death and suffering it has wrought and fear of a like fate.

It can not be a wholly happy new year for any one who is truly human.

But the situation challenges the thinking of patriotic, peace-loving Americans to the depths, and to bring this audience some of the soundest thoughts I asked a group of representative citizens:

"HOW WOULD YOU MAKE 1941 A HAPPY YEAR?"

First I shall quote you the letter I received from that noted commentator, Walter Lippman, who said:

"I just can't think of anything cheerful enough to send you. Good luck!"

But other great minds were more cheerful. Let's hear from five governors.

To New England—Governor Leverett Saltonstall, of Massachusetts, a Legionaire:

"Happiness in 1941 could be universal if peace prevailed over the world. If, however, all efforts to that end fail, then happiness must be more deliberately cultivated. Men and women must draw from within themselves the materials with which to build happiness. The spirit of self-interest must give way to a broader concept of what happiness means to all men and all women. Happiness may be achieved through upholding freedom in these days of oppression, practicing forbearance, cherishing independence, observing order, developing courage, and steadfastly maintaining the American principles of liberty and justice."

To the far west—Governor Culbert Olson, of California:

"American life is rich in promise, but its fulfillment is seriously endangered by deep-seated forces having expression in war and social disintegration."

"The year 1941 may itself be unhappy, but it is to lead to happiness we must devote ourselves to a re-formation of American life, with measures for military preparedness and economic rehabilitation, in order to give vigor and reality to the phrases 'provide for the common defense' and 'promote the general welfare.' Only by so doing may we be sure to 'form a more perfect union; establish justice, insure domestic tranquillity' . . . and 'secure the blessings of liberty.'"

To the south—Governor Frank M. Dixon, of Alabama:

"Happiness is contingent upon so many different things that ordinarily it is difficult to say which ones are most fundamental. However, one thing appears to me now to be more vital than any other—and that is National Security."

"Should Britain be defeated, the sword of Hitler hangs menacingly over our heads. Germany must be defeated. We must do our utmost, short of actual war, to aid Britain. By so doing, we make sure of our continued national existence, and thereby make possible a life of peace and contentment and happiness for our own people."

To the north—Governor Julius P. Heil, of Wisconsin:

"The aim of every human being is happiness. Whatever route he may follow, that is still every one's goal. There can be little happiness while people are being slaughtered and civilizations destroyed. There can be no happiness for free men without liberty."

"If peace and harmony could be restored among the nations of the earth, if each man would realize that his neighbor is also a human being and entitled to the same rights, privileges and opportunities that he himself has, this would be a better world in which to live, and 1941 would be a happier year."

And from our own Governor George A. Wilson, of Iowa:

"Happiness is at its best when we feel it honestly through the contentment of service, the satisfaction of producing the wants of life for ourselves and others, charity in public affairs, tolerance in social contacts, and freedom in our individual affairs."

"A lifting of the causes for our anxiety over world conditions would contribute most to happiness in 1941."

But we, as individuals, can make 1941 a better year for all by living up to the Golden Rule. In it is contained the secret of all happiness. The future rests with individuals, and I am confident that we will go forward to the better and happier life."

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, America's chief G-man:

"The year 1941 presents a challenge to the spirit and strength of the American people. With sorrow and despair replacing happiness in many nations, it remains for us to continue to work in the interests of universal peace and harmony, without which man can not long survive. The New Year can only be filled with happiness and prosperity if we will it to be by revitalizing the spirit of Americanism and affirming our faith in God and the blessings of liberty."

Edward A. O'Neal, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation:

"I would make 1941 a happy year, first, by gearing up production for national defense to 100 per cent of capacity; second, by extending all possible aid to Great Britain in her fight against the aggression of the dictators; third, by keeping commodity prices, wages and prices of manufactured goods in fair relation to each other, so that the nation may produce and consume more goods and services; and, finally, in some way or other, by bringing about a more universal observance of the Golden Rule."

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor:

"Today a fine feeling of friendship, understanding and cooperation exists between the Government of the United States and American workers as represented by the American Federation of Labor. This feeling can and must be maintained and strengthened during the coming year. With the Government and the workers of our country working hand in hand with full confidence in and reliance on each other, American democracy is safe against any foe. The American Federation of Labor pledges itself during the coming year to remain true to the cause of American democracy and the welfare of American workers."

Rev. P. N. McDermott, of Atlantic, Iowa, immediate past national chaplain of The American Legion, speaks for Catholics:

"The year 1941 and every year can be happy for all of us if we realize the immortal destiny intended by a heavenly divine Father. We are created for the external honor and glory of God, who must come first in our every thought, word and deed. This obviates all jealousy, envy and hatred, which are the cause of so much unrest among individuals and nations. Through the practical acceptance of this divine Fatherhood, we cultivate the brotherhood of man, so sadly needed in our present-day world."

"If men could be brought to love one another as brothers, there would be no wars, no killing of human beings and no wanton destruction of the things that God has created. The secret of human happiness is the fulfillment of the divine law: 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God and thy neighbor as thyself.' That creed is not only divine, but, thank God, it is also American."

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, of The Temple, of Cleveland:

"It is hard to plan for happiness in these days of universal unhappiness. Nevertheless, I would try, during the coming year, to do my bit to help lift the load of despair from the shoulders of unhappy men and women who have been driven by the cruel vicissitudes of war and persecution to all parts of the earth. I would try to share what I have of the things of life with those who need it more. I would try to strengthen the hands and the hearts of those peoples who are fighting so desperately today in behalf of their freedom, their survival, and the preservation of our common heritage. By linking up my life with the eternal causes of justice and mercy, I might find some measure of peace of mind and spiritual tranquillity in this distraught and menaced world."

F. D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee Institute, which was founded by Booker T. Washington:

"I should try in every possible way to maintain a status of peace with all nations of the world. I would seek to

make American democracy a national reality. I would attempt to do this by according full participation of all citizens regardless of race, creed or color in the use of the ballot as the only sound way for democracy to succeed. A part of such a program should also include the securing to each individual an acceptable minimum in living standards. This would leave no place in our great and prosperous nation for people to be ill-clothed, ill-housed and ill-fed. We should also strive to see that every normal, able-bodied human being has a chance to earn his or her livelihood. Last, but not least, I would seek to develop in every American citizen a full appreciation of what it means to live in America, where men strive constantly to be free and serve God according to the dictates of their own consciences."

Iowa's own John W. Studebaker, U. S. Commissioner of Education:

"Happiness does not necessarily imply comfort, security and ease. Some of the happiest moments in the life of a man may come out of suffering, struggle and great danger. I should get the American people under the burden of the struggle for a democratic world. That would mean joyfully giving up comfort, leisure and ease to experience the happiness of hard work, sacrifice and devotion to a great cause."

"This happiness is the fruit of understanding convictions which justify painful struggle. Therefore, I would stress a program of education for 1941 through which Americans would gain a clear insight into the destiny and mission of American democracy in a world torn by dictators and conquest. I would look for the happiness of the hard life which comes from the knowledge that it is worth while."

George V. Denny, Jr., founder and moderator of Town Hall:

"Selfishness and misunderstanding are at the root of all conflicts, whether between individuals, groups or nations. If you would make 1941 a happy year, as well as the years to come, firmly resolve to do everything in your power to show consideration for others in your conduct. Put the welfare of your community, state and nation before your personal profit. Maintain your faith in your fellow man, sympathize rather than blame him if he disappoints you. Try to understand why men appear to be selfish, unjust or unreasonable. Try to understand the causes that make Communists, Fascists or Nazis."

"To prevent yellow fever, we fight the swamps, not mosquitoes. If we would achieve the vision of the founding fathers in 1941, let us practice the principles of democracy in our daily lives. Let us do our part to 'establish justice, insure domestic tranquillity, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare,' in order that we might 'secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity.'"

Who that hears brilliant young Bob Burlingame, the WHO newscaster, does not admire him? Now you are to hear him quoted. Said he:

"I would make 1941 a happy year by arousing all Americans to the need for total defense of this country. It obviously is not going to be a happy year for hundreds of millions in other parts of the world, primarily because they did not awaken in time from their self-complacent slumbers. America is fortunate in still having a chance to profit from the mistakes of others. By sacrificial effort now we can keep our national ship sea-worthy, bring it safely into the harbor of more pleasant days, and turn it over still intact to the generations that follow us."

Iowa's own Ray Murphy, past national commander of The American Legion, now a great New York business executive:

"The question implies powers and responsibilities that I would not willingly assume, but if they were mine, I should begin the Happy New Year by making a few people very unhappy. So doing, I might make happier the lot of presently conquered millions who face the new year with bleak prospects, indeed. Specifically, I would put Hitler and his motley crew of psychopathic plunderers in durance vile, from now on. Then I would help to clear up the mess to which the whole world has contributed by living mentally in an age that whizzed by us

so fast that we failed to see it going."

The present great National Commander of The American Legion, Milo J. Warner:

"By eliminating, if at all possible, the chaos and destruction that have been foisted upon an unwilling world. That would be my first wish, for with the elimination of the turmoil that has embroiled much of the world, we would reduce poverty, unemployment and self-sacrifice. Though we may fail in that, it is my hope that as a nation we will build our national defense forces to a point where the United States will forever be freed of the fear of attack, either from without or within. Through the culmination of these events, in the eventful year that lies ahead, I am sure that we as individuals and as a nation will enjoy a happy and prosperous 1941."

Mrs. Louis J. Lemstra, national president of the American Legion Auxiliary:

"True happiness is comparative—a matter of degree. Many items that go to make up complete happiness may be lacking, and yet one can be far from miserable and in fact quite contented. There is a point, though, beyond which I could not be happy, and that is the loss of personal liberty. I could not be happy without the opportunities I have in this country or without the privileges which I hold as an American citizen."

"For 1941 to be a happy year, it must bring continuation of the rights and advantages guaranteed us by the Constitution of the United States. If we retain possession of them, we can master whatever else may come in the way of hardships or emergency."

Our own Iowa Department Auxiliary president, Mrs. Harlan Briggs:

"For each child in America to have the fullest opportunities of American life and an indoctrination of appreciation of the American way of living would make 1941 a happy year. For each family in America to seek a feeling of solidarity, of courage, of hopefulness, would give America the strength for happiness in any situation."

And, finally, we hear from our Iowa Department Commander, Robert J. Shaw:

"Happiness depends upon peace. Peace depends upon strength—sufficient strength to maintain law and order."

"When a Dillinger operates in a community, he destroys the peace of that community. Organized society uses force to control the outlaw and restore peace and happiness."

"When a Hitler or a Mussolini unleashes the forces of might and disturbs the peace of the world, the forces of right must combine to restore law and order, peace and happiness."

"The President of the United States has outlined our foreign policy. It coincides with the resolutions of The American Legion at our Boston convention. It is, 'Extend aid to those governments and peoples who defend themselves against aggression.' May every American citizen subscribe to that policy. May every civilized nation join in that program. The people of the nations who hate war and believe in right being the master of might can restore peace by uniting to subdue the forces that have destroyed peace."

"I would make 1941 a happy year by giving every one five gifts: 1—The will to resist forces of aggression; 2—Contempt for appeasement; 3—Strength to fight for the ideology of right; 4—A desire for the establishment of law and order in a troubled world; 5—An urge to be united on our foreign policy and our contribution as citizens to that policy."

This is Frank Miles, who wishes you a happy New Year—if you deserve it.

(Received too late for December 29 broadcast, so was used January 5.)

Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox:

"1941 will be happier for the American people if our National Defense program moves along ahead of schedule. It will be a happier year if we all realize how very necessary it is to give our best efforts to our country. We must be prepared for all emergencies, and must do all in our power to see that the Navy and its brother service—the Army—receive the best of our personnel and material resources. The defense of America is all-important as 1941 begins."

SHENANDOAH SAILOR IN PORTS NOW UNDER FIRE

Shenandoah—Dewey Gee, in 1919, was one of fifty American sailors sent to Constantinople, now Istanbul, Turkey, to bring home the U. S. S. Noma, a depth bomb dropping destroyer, which before the war was a yacht owned by John Jacob Astor, Sr., who lost his life in the sinking of the Titanic in 1913. Astor's son, a Navy lieutenant, gave the craft to the American government.

Gee crossed the Atlantic on the U. S. S. Leviathan, landed at Brest, went overland to Marseilles, Milan and Venice, and on to Istanbul by sea with a two days stop at Athens and another at Lemnos Islands.

Before returning, the captain of the Noma made trips to several countries on the Black Sea to collect gold payments for food stuffs that had been delivered by then U. S. Food Commissioner Herbert Hoover. Homeward bound, the Noma put in at the Malta Islands, Algiers, Gibraltar, the Azores and Bermuda.

Gee thus obtained a lasting memory picture of some of the scenes which are now so much in the news. He also made three voyages overseas on cargo ships in 1918.

Wartime Tank Corpsman Dies On Christmas Day

Charles A. Watrous, of Argonne Post, noted architect and prominent citizen of Des Moines, died of a heart ailment at his home here on Christmas day. He was 65 years of age. Death followed a long illness, in which he spent several months in the U. S. Veterans hospital.

Watrous was a lieutenant colonel in the tank corps during the war and a colonel in the reserves for many years afterward. He also belonged to the Des Moines club and was one of the founders of the Wakonda Country club.

The widow, a son and a daughter survive.

Funeral services were held at Dunn's, with Rev. Wallace Essingham officiating, on December 27; interment at Woodland.

Toledo Football Team Guests Of Local Post

Toledo—"The Value of Football in Building Young Manhood" was the subject of the address by L. H. Ladd, assistant superintendent of the State Juvenile home, at the banquet given by Clarence Leroy Reinig Post for members of the Toledo high school football team. Boxing bouts were a feature.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was given and the crowd closed with "God Bless America."

More than 100 members of the post and unit enjoyed the annual Christmas party. Picnic supper and a program given by children were greatly enjoyed. Each child got a gift from Santa Claus.

Death Comes Twice In Ranks Of Coggon Post

Coggon—Inability to recover from an operation after a long illness and a heart attack took two comrades from Coggon Post late in 1940.

Floy Henderson, who left a wife and four children, was in the U. S. Veterans hospital at Des Moines for months, then at Hines, where he died on December 13.

Warren Hamblin dropped dead while doing chores the morning of November 9.

Both veterans were given military burials. Henderson was interred here and Hamblin at Manchester.

Operation Slows Down Davies For Christmas

Marshalltown—Removal of his appendix, December 17, somewhat marred the marching of the Marshalltown marine, G. Ken Davies, during the holiday season.

His host of friends may be pleased, however, that he is recovering rapidly and may shortly be expected to have more pep than ever.

MILES TO ROTARIANS

Adel—Frank Miles was scheduled to speak at a joint meeting of Dallas county Rotary clubs here, the evening of January 9, on invitation of Legionaire Curtis W. Gregory, who is the county's representative in the Iowa legislature.

SHAW WILL SPEAK AT DAVENPORT, JAN. 13

Davenport—State Commander Robert J. Shaw is to speak on "100 Per Cent Americanism" at the post meeting at Snug Harbor, Monday evening, January 13.

The new Guard of Honor will conduct a ritual initiation.

Post hill-billy party, January 25.

The post and local park board sponsored junior basketball play in which forty-five teams participated during the holidays.

Winners are to be banqueted, January 27.

L. F. Rainey won the grand prize of a Legion uniform in the membership contest, also a Legion shirt and tie, as did Walt Ackerman and Larry Judd. Frank Ballard won a shirt and tie, but chose a cap.

Shirts went to Jack Smith, Charles Fulli, Pat Mahoney, Harry Havens, Hollis Bush, Jim Hintze, Rolland Goettig and Ray Wahlig.

Tie clasps won by Erv Behrens, Jim Lytle, Harry Huss, Fred Lauritzen, Gaylen Green, J. D. Cantwell, Andy Farrell, William Lorenzen, Vince Barron, H. L. Moore, John Block, Art Holstrom, Lou Green and Cliff Baxter.

Jim Copeland was winning team captain.

Annual Midwest Legion Bowling tournament will be held here, starting March 29.

CHILD AID BILL

Application for assistance must be made to the county board of social welfare in the county in which the dependent child resides. The application must be made by an adult with whom the child will reside.

The application will be investigated, and if it is found that the child is eligible for assistance, then monthly payments will be made. The amount will be fixed with due regard to the resources and needs of the family and the conditions in each case, but no monthly assistance may be more than \$18 for the first child and \$12 for each additional child in the same home. In case of death, funeral benefits may be paid up to \$100.

The investigation of need and the determination of the amount of the grant must be made by the county board of social welfare, but according to the rules and regulations of the state board of social welfare, and subject to the state board's final approval.

The bill provides for periodic reconsideration of all grants, with appeal to the state board for the child's benefit if unsatisfactory action is taken.

Each county is to pay from its county poor fund one-fourth of the aid to its dependent children. The levy in most counties shall not exceed present tax limitations. In counties having a population of 60,000 or more, the supervisors may levy annually a tax not to exceed one-fourth mill to carry out the provisions of this act. The state of Iowa is to pay one-fourth of the aid. The remaining one-half will be paid by the United States. The overhead expense is to be paid one-half by the state and one-half by the United States.

This act is to go into effect immediately, except that Section 1, which repeals the widows' pension law, shall not go into effect until January 1, 1942. (This is to allow a period of several months to investigate cases and to make grants of aid under the new law and thus prevent recipients of widows' pensions being cut off before they get aid to dependent children's grants.)

Cost: The counties of the state of Iowa are now spending more than \$900,000 each year on widows' pensions. They are also keeping many of their needy children on general relief at great additional cost and a number in state institutions at further expense. Under our plan this expense to the counties will be reduced because the county will pay only one-fourth of the aid, the state one-fourth and the Federal Government one-half. We have been paying our share into the Federal treasury since 1935 without getting any contribution for our children, simply due to our failure to enact this legislation. It is the ideal of this bill and of The American Legion and Auxiliary that:

No child shall be deprived of a proper home with its parents or relatives because of poverty alone.

CONFERENCE

of the standing department committees will be there to take care of questions and receive your suggestions.

District caucuses will be held at 4:30 p. m., Monday, in rooms which will be announced at the afternoon session. At 6:30 p. m., the big banquet will be served at the Hotel Fort Des Moines. Plenty of good food and entertainment, addresses by National Commander Milo J. Warner and other Legion leaders of the country.

Department Commander Robert J. Shaw urges you to invite your state Senators and Representatives as your guests to the banquet.

Tickets \$1.50 each. Mail checks for reservations to me at department headquarters, and the tickets will be at the registration desk for you on your arrival.

Have your post executive committee consider authorizing the payment of your expenses to the conference.

Make requests for hotel reservations direct to the Hotel Fort Des Moines, which will be Legion headquarters, or to other hotels of the city. Do not delay in making your hotel reservations, as there will be other conventions in Des Moines at the same time.

Railroads offer a sixty-day round-trip rate without necessity of certificates. If pullman or parlor cars are used, rate will be 2 1/4 cents a mile each way. Coach rates are 1.8 cents per mile. Rates do not apply unless round-trip ticket is purchased before leaving home.

Watch the Iowa Legionaire for detailed program.

R. J. LAIRD,
Department Adjutant.

FORTY AND EIGHT MEMBERSHIP OF GRAND VOITURE OF IOWA (As of January 1, 1941)

District	Voit.	Quota	Mbrs.	Need
First	76	25	25	0
First	225	20	28	0
First	585	45	35	10
Second	69	50	42	8
Second	77	70	83	0
Second	583	20	15	5
Second	623	16	0	16
Second	632	100	86	14
Third	82	110	36	74
Third	568	65	52	13
Fourth	66	100	79	21
Fifth	283	55	55	0
Fifth	626	15	0	15
Fifth	661	25	0	25
Sixth	71	175	250	0
Sixth	285	55	47	8
Seventh	233	70	30	40
Seventh	504	20	0	20
Eighth	65	80	69	11
Eighth	315	39	33	6
Ninth	72	100	22	78
Ninth	865	20	20	0
	1275	1007	364	

By Jack Shields

Voiture 71, winner of the Mills trophy last year, will make it tough for any voiture to take that trophy away from it.

The voiture had Christmas cheer for the comrades at the Veterans hospital. Children at the Juvenile Home were cared for, and widows and children of deceased members were at an open house Christmas for all Legionaires, where everybody received a present, and in the evening a buffet lunch was served to Legionaires, wives and friends, and each lady present was given a nice combination toilet set.

The voiture has also presented to each Auxiliary unit of Polk county a goodly sum of money to help with child welfare work. It has also paid the dues of the G. A. R. members of Iowa. One of the oldest of these did not have a radio, so Old Santa—No. 71—put one in his stocking.

The voiture did not overlook the wives of members, for on Saturday evening, December 28, the annual Christmas party was staged for them at the Hotel Fort Des Moines. One of the finest dinners ever, roses for each lady, sparkling floor show, dancing, bingo and door prizes. On the way out, with all feeling they had had a grand time, Old Santa—No. 71—appeared once again to present each lady with a beautiful table lamp.

The national champion Legion Sons drum and bugle corps surprised the voiture by crashing the party and playing several numbers.

Davenport — North Pole weather

froze some Voyageurs from coming to the annual Voiture 77 party at the Black Hawk hotel here, December 15, but the more than sixty who made it had a torrid time.

About a dozen came from Des Moines on the Rocket, some were from Clinton and Muscatine, the six from Anamosa arrived with two P. G.'s and the six from Cedar Rapids, including Tom Wiley, of Walker, brought two victims for torture.

FEIKE GOES SOUTH

Grand Chef de Train L. V. Feike, of the Iowa Voiture, a Des Moines dentist, is now on active duty as a major in the dental corps at Camp Robinson, at Little Rock, Ark.

PLACE FOR PRINTER

A strong weekly newspaper in a thriving Iowa community has a good job for a veteran who is a capable operator and printer.

Any one interested, contact the Iowa Legionaire.

ADJUTANT LAIRD MAKES SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT ON DEPARTMENT FUNDS

January 1, 1941.

In accordance with a resolution passed at the seventh annual convention of the Iowa Department, The American Legion, I am submitting herewith financial statement of the receipts and disbursements through the office of the department adjutant from July 1, 1940, to January 1, 1941.

Cash on hand, July 1, 1940.....\$10,254.06

RECEIPTS

National dues	\$28,345.00
Department dues	28,345.00
District dues	3,584.90
American Legion charter fees	20.00
Sons of The American Legion, dues	39.00
Commission on uniform sales	34.30
Interest on bonds	238.75
Commission on advance national convention registrations	19.30
Refund advance payment 1940 national dues	948.00
Subscriptions	67.50
American Legion Auxiliary page	540.00
Arnolds Park registration fees	1,023.00
Publication insurance certificates	150.00
	\$63,354.75
Total	\$73,608.81

DISBURSEMENTS

Iowa Department—Office—	
Rent	\$ 180.00
Telephone and telegraph	62.29
Postage	164.92
Stationery and supplies	411.43
Office equipment	34.17
	\$ 852.81
General—	
Commander's expense	\$ 1,200.00
Adjutant's expense	250.00
Historian's expense	27.68
Membership expense	130.07
Vice-commanders' expense	300.00
Committee meetings	397.51
Annual convention	322.28
Insurance and bonds	29.53
Community Service expense	200.00
National convention	511.44
Boy Scout expense	30.00
Junior Baseball expense	125.00
Highway Safety expense	35.00
Marksmanship expense	23.43
S. A. L. expense	2.73
Miscellaneous	217.73
R. J. Laird, department adjutant	1,320.00
Frank Miles, publicity officer	780.00
Dorothy Baker, secretary	435.00
Social Security tax	6.15
	\$ 6,343.55

Rehabilitation and Child Welfare—	
Telephone and telegraph	\$ 58.54
Postage	103.40
Rent	180.00
Miscellaneous	65.50
Miscellaneous—Hospital visitor's supplies	57.60
R. J. Laird, Rehabilitation and Child Welfare officer	1,320.00
Sherm Davis, hospital visitor	240.00
Dorothy Baker, secretary	435.00
Social Security tax	8.55
	\$ 2,468.59

Iowa Legionaire—	
Printing paper	\$ 4,419.43
Stencils	140.99
Engraving	110.16
Paper postage	602.26
Editorial expense	11.27
Travel expense	254.10
Rent	180.00
Telephone and telegraph	73.98
Office postage	73.65
Stationery and supplies	39.15
Membership expense	10.97
Miscellaneous	25.82
Audit	25.00
Frank Miles, editor	1,860.00
Helen Corcoran, secretary	870.00
Social Security tax	12.30
	\$ 8,709.08

Unclassified—	
National dues	\$33,397.00
District dues	3,519.60
Sons of The American Legion, dues	19.00
Department banner and U. S. flag	123.00
1941 national convention expense	30.70
	\$37,089.30

Total disbursements.....\$55,463.33

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1941.....\$18,145.48

RADIO**WHO—Des Moines**

Every Sunday, 10-10:15 a. m.
January 12—Manager W. B. Nugent, of U. S. Veterans Facility, Des Moines.
January 19—"Child Welfare," Mrs. Don Sheldon, state Auxiliary chairman.
January 26—Auxiliary Program.
February 2—National Defense.

KFJB—Marshalltown

Every Monday, 7:15-7:30 p. m.
January 13—"Strengthening Civic Loyalties," Oliver Reiley.
January 20—"Developing Human Resources," Kenneth Davies.
January 27—"Safeguarding Natural Resources," Harold Peterson, County Agent.

WKBB—Dubuque

Every Second and Fourth Tuesday of the Month, 7:30-7:45 p. m.
January 14—"1941 and The American Legion," Second District Vice-Commander H. C. Holloway.
January 28—"Veterans Service and Child Welfare," Dubuque Post Service Officer Paul Smith and Mrs. Don Sheldon, State Auxiliary Child Welfare chairman.

WMT—Cedar Rapids

10:15-10:30 a. m.
First Sunday Each Month

KVFD—Fort Dodge

Every Other Monday, 8-8:15 p. m.
January 13-20; February 3-17.

KGLO—Mason City

Every Friday, 7:15-7:30 p. m.

WSUI—Iowa City

Fourth Thursday Each Month
8-8:30 p. m.

POSTS ON RADIO

Your post can be mentioned in one of the Sunday morning broadcasts from WHO, which are being sponsored by the Iowa Department.

A program devoted wholly to Iowa posts is planned.

If you want yours in it, shoot some material to Frank Miles immediately.

It will be a great feature in which your post should be included.

HYKE ASKS POSTS SEE IF THEY'RE SATISFIED

Third District Commander Arthur W. Hyke, of Waterloo, bulletins his posts asking if membership is satisfactory and if they are doing everything else they might on The American Legion program.

Hyke wants all to report to District Community Service Chairman Ernest W. Ruppelt, of Grundy Center, what they did on Armistice day and Education Week. He compliments the many who have done and are doing outstanding work for their towns, such as Christmas giving and lighting, forming blood donor clubs, helping the Selective Service program and combating Fifth Columnists by cooperating with law enforcement authorities.

On legislation, he says of the proposed tax exemption bill, "A number of thoughtful, loyal Legionnaires to whom I have talked think to offer a bill of this kind would be unwise, unpatriotic and detrimental to The American Legion, and would likely be defeated because of the national emergency. I should be glad to hear what you think of offering such a bill now. My thought is we should go slow on this."

Hyke calls attention to the joint Black Hawk county meeting at Waterloo, at which State Commander Robert J. Shaw is to speak, January 29.

Veteran Reaches 101 As Comrade Dies At That Age

Silas Parker, formerly of Centerville, who served in the Eighth Iowa Infantry in the Civil war, died at the age of 101 years, at the Iowa Soldiers Home, at Marshalltown, December 31.

Rockney Whipple, Mason City Civil war veteran, celebrated his 101st birthday at his home there on New Year's day.

Parker is survived by a son, James, a Spanish war veteran, who is at the state institution.

Voiture 71, of Polk county, presented John Palmer, 96-year-old Bayard Civil war veteran, with a radio on his ninety-sixth birthday, December 20, and Omar B. Shearer Post, of Guthrie Center, planned to have his house wired for electricity and bills paid by county soldiers relief commission.

McGARRY WARNS FIRST TO KEEP HIGH SPEED

First District Commander James McGarry, in "The Leader," congratulates the posts which enabled his outfit to again be first over the membership top, but warns to keep up speed. The First has won six visits from State Commander Shaw, he adds.

McGarry asked to know why not more publicity from First posts in the Iowa Legionaire, rightly saying the editor is glad to receive all that come to him.

McGarry reminded that discharge must be shown to the assessor for tax exemption.

He reported a great Forty and Eight feed at Iowa City, December 2; a big turkey gorge at Victor, December 10; enjoyable joint dinner at West Liberty, December 3; a fine county meeting at Mechanicsville, December 5, and an Iowa county meeting at Williamsburg, December 30—a family affair.

North English and Mount Pleasant held New Year's eve dances.

McGarry, to January 1, had visited twenty-two of the fifty posts in the district, and was headed for the rest of them.

MILITARY HONOR GUARD IN MARSHALLTOWN POST

Marshalltown — Frank Lewis Glick Post has a Military Guard of Honor, whose membership is limited to post members in good standing who have subscribed to the obligations of the guard.

Purpose of the guard is to serve at military funerals and patriotic observances, including American Legion conventions. Personnel includes a captain, lieutenant, sergeant, color bearers, two guards, four rifles and a bugler.

The captain is officer in charge and drill master and presents flags at funerals; the lieutenant is manager and performs the duties of secretary; the sergeant is second in command, and responsible for equipment.

Officers are elected by secret ballot of guard members.

Legion uniform is worn on duty. Members not to exceed ten are paid \$2.50 each from the post treasury for service at a military funeral but nothing for a patriotic program.

Beloved Mark Schafer Loses Fight For Life

Wellman—Mark Schafer, long one of Washington county's most outstanding Legionnaires and most prominent citizens, lost his fight for life at the Temple University hospital at Philadelphia, December 3.

Charles Polton Post gave him a military funeral here. Rev. P. M. Conant, the post chaplain, preached the sermon. Legionnaires and Auxiliaries from all over this section attended the obsequies, attesting the high esteem in which the departed comrade was held.

Schafer, 45 years of age, was born at Fairfield and served in the Navy during the war. He also belonged to the Methodist church, Masonic lodge and Rotary club.

The widow and two daughters, nine and eight years old, survive.

National D. A. V. Chief Welcome Iowa Visitor

National Commander Vincent E. Schoeck, of the Disabled American Veterans, visited the U. S. Veterans hospitals in Des Moines and Knoxville last month, and spoke to groups of comrades in both places.

Schoeck, a Detroit attorney, who also belongs to The American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, has a distinguished war and peace record. He shook hands with scores of sufferers and made a host of other friends in Iowa.

State Commander W. E. Silver, of Waterloo, was his escort here.

APPEAL TO DISTRICTS

State Community Service Director H. H. Boyce bulletins that in response to his October appeal to districts for copies of their conference programs and newspaper clippings, he has received programs only from the Third and Fourth, and limited news material only from the Second and Fourth.

Please cooperate with him on this, State Commander Robert J. Shaw urges.

WHOLE UNITED STATES SEEKS HIS MEN—DE SHAW

Second District Commander Earl De Shaw urges all posts in his sector to be over the top by the commanders and adjutants conference and to send reports of all activities to District Community Service Chairman Emil Drexler, of Dyersville, in a bulletin issued just before Christmas.

Commander De Shaw congratulates posts over, says he thankful for the privilege of living in America, and appeals for full Legion strength that the organization's objectives, especially care of the disabled and dependents, may be the better carried on.

He also lists district chairmen, with request that they be contacted for any help desired in their respective fields.

Mott Peters, of De Witt, has been appointed to succeed Frank Purinton as district employment chairman.

James Oakes, of Federal Bakeries, of Davenport, is legislation chairman. John Oakes never was, so the Iowa Legionaire apologizes for the mistake on the Oakeses in the table in the last issue.

"We have so many good men in the Second district, the whole United States is wanting them," Commander De Shaw said, thinking of the departure of Purinton and John Oakes.

VETERAN HOBBIES

J. B. Schwegler, former marshal at Minden and now a state prison guard at Fort Madison, has more than 1,000 autographs, which include those of ten presidents of foreign countries, ambassadors, Senators, Congressmen, the governor of each state, the warden of every penitentiary in the country, supreme court justices, the Secretary of the Navy, the Secretary of War, Pope Pius, General Franco, presidents of various international service clubs, national and state commanders of The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the D. A. V., General Pershing, Thomas Edison, J. Edgar Hoover and many other famous Americans.

Davenport—William H. Nieman, of Davenport Post, who is employed by the Bell Telephone Company, cuts initials and names from walnut, then rubs and polishes them and puts them on pins to make a beautiful ornament.

Nieman sells them at 50 cents each, and has made more than \$800 in recent weeks.

Roscoe Dean Stueland Lands at Forest City

Forest City—Roscoe Dean, weight seven pounds and twelve ounces, the son of Past State Vice-Commander V. C. Stueland and Mrs. Stueland, arrived December 30.

Needless to say, father's well known smile is broader than ever, and 'tis said the newcomer already shows signs of having his old man's good nature, deep voice and wide grin.

WHO Golden Gloves Is Drawing Many Boxers

WHO's annual Golden Gloves tournament will be held in the Shrine auditorium in Des Moines, January 24 and 31 and February 7 and 14.

Entries are pouring in to Bill Brown, of WHO, who is in charge.

Many American Legion posts plan to sponsor one or more boxers.

Teams have been formed in several towns.

Portsmouth Scene Of Shelby Stag, Jan. 14

Portsmouth — Shelby county will stage a big stag in Portsmouth, famous for such parties, Tuesday evening, January 14.

Profits will go for Junior Baseball. Shelby county, and especially Portsmouth Legionnaires, appreciate help given to storm victims in this area, and hope more will be forthcoming.

"Break Anchor Chain And Get Under Way"

Osage—"There is no known reason why every veteran eligible to The American Legion should not pay his dues," says Fourth District Commander Cliff Jewett, and in his salty wartime sailor vernacular adds: "If you can't lift the anchor, break the chain, and let's get under way."

We know you want to do your part, So pay your dues and have a heart.

NATIONAL DEFENSE

By Thomas H. Tracey
State Chairman

G-1 — Chairman, Charles H. Grahl, Des Moines.

The American Legion is a civilian organization. We can not initiate the creation of a state guard. That matter rests with the governor of the state. We are ready to aid and assist the executive in the organization and recruiting of a state guard when and if our services are requested.

G-2—Chairman, Frank B. Hallagan, Des Moines.

If any Legionaire knows of any disloyal acts or plans for sabotage, he should immediately communicate with our state chairman, Frank B. Hallagan, Armory Building, Des Moines. Mark the communication "Confidential." Distinguish between hearsay and competent evidence.

G-3 — Chairman, Eddie Anderson, Iowa City, Iowa.

The purpose of this sub-committee is to further develop the physical strength of our people.

Our strength is determined by our physical fitness. This takes training. Popularize athletics. Walk more. Inculcate a desire in our youth to build a strong, virile body, not for plaques and trophies but for the reward that comes from it. Teach our girls and boys in the home the importance of physical training. A strong body is more beautiful than a marcelle. Exercise is more important than a permanent wave in the hair.

Extend and develop the program of active recreation in every community. Coordinate and intensify school and community physical education and recreation under trained leadership. Work with the established agencies already in the fields of physical education, health education and recreation. Build public interest, sentiment and support for our program.

We want school districts to use their physical education, health education and recreation facilities for the promotion of community programs twelve months a year. We want the facilities made available for the men about to be inducted, to give them a hardening process before they are called.

Set aside a post meeting at your earliest convenience, dedicated to this program. Collaborate with the physical training teachers, coaches, athletic directors, Scoutmasters, Y. M. C. A., city recreation officers and gym instructors, and arrange a worth-while program. Get publicity. Formulate a plan to make your community physical training conscious.

Write to Dr. Elizabeth Halsey, at Iowa City, for suggestions for your program. Send to H. H. Boyce, Mason City, a report of your activity.

G-4 — Chairman, W. D. Nettleton, Mason City.

This committee is awaiting instructions from Seventh Corps Area.

BUFFALO BILL RIFLE CLUB AT LE CLAIRE

Le Claire—The Buffalo Bill Rifle club has been organized by Buffalo Bill Post here in the birthplace of the famous scout and showman. It is affiliated with the National Rifle Association. Plans include both outdoor and indoor ranges. Some shooting already done indoors in the basement of a button factory, use of which donated by Vice-Commander Frank Clark.

Club membership is open to both men and women 18 years of age or older, who are American citizens. Signing of application card includes pledge of fidelity to the United States of America.

Homer Stewart originated the project.

Henry Hogge is president; M. K. Jessup, vice-president; John Hammil, secretary-treasurer; Joe Armstrong, director; Stewart, executive coach; Roy H. Suiter, membership chairman; Armstrong and Clark in charge of the ranges.

Wants Stamps Sent To Vets At Marshalltown

Marshalltown—Since many members of the Iowa Soldiers Home here collect stamps, Legionnaires and Auxiliaries could help them by saving the ones they receive and mailing them to Commandant L. E. Switzer, according to V. A. McGrew, a past district commander. McGrew lately broadcast an appeal from Station KFJB.