

GREAT COMMUNITY SERVICE STARTED FOR THIS STATE

The greatest cumulative, community service program ever undertaken in the United States, with a minimum of five definite activities being performed in 11,000 towns and cities at the same time, is getting under way in this state through American Legion posts. The program was started with the Legion's eleventh birthday, March 15.

Every post commander in this state has received from the national commander, O. L. Bodenhamer, from National headquarters in Indianapolis, a letter, asking him to lead his post in performing the minimum program of good citizenship and community service. This program will mean, in the next few weeks, according to national headquarters, the following results:

1. 11,000 Boy Scout troops, each one the best in the community concerned.
2. 500,000 boys under 17 years of age playing junior baseball under Legion rules and guidance.
3. 11,000 safety first campaigns in as many towns and cities.
4. 11,000 new parks, or playgrounds, for children this summer.
5. 11,000 buildings, an average of about three for every county in the United States, marked for the guidance of aviators.

The above comprise the five activities on the minimum program. "It may look rather small," the national commander says in his letter, "but think of it—11,000 posts doing the above job at the same time. No doubt some posts are doing one or more of these things already—if so, then select some other activity as a substitute. I want each post to engage in at least five different programs, and in as many more as can be effectively done."

The national commander requests that this minimum work be done in addition to the Legion's regular, or continuous efforts, on such subjects as legislation for our disabled and their dependents, rehabilitation, child welfare, or membership.

The marking of cities for the guidance of aviators, alone, will be an outstanding achievement of national importance, when it is considered that there are less than 3,000 counties in the United States, and with 11,000 posts doing such work, any air pilot, becoming lost, could quickly right himself by circling and county where he might be, unless it be in the desert. A recent statement by the U. S. Department of Commerce, Aeronautics branch, showed that 22,000,000 air miles were flown in 1929, as compared with 10,673,450 in 1928.

Much favorable comment has been made by leaders interested in good citizenship because the national commander has named on the minimum program four activities that directly concern the children of the country. Junior baseball, according to the Legion, is sponsored by this patriotic organization primarily because the competition is played under strict supervision. Fair play, clean sportsmanship and obedience to rules are among the principles emphasized, and which, later in life, will be reflected in obedience to law and good citizenship. Likewise, the principles taught

in the Boy Scout program lead to cleaner lives and better citizenship. The Legion, believing good health and good minds go together, seeks to improve the playground conditions for children. The safety first campaign, carried on simultaneously by 11,000 Legion posts, is expected to result in many lives saved, and in permanent good.

Mrs. Lyle W. Woodbury of Antioch died at the Kenosha hospital recently following an operation.

A sneak thief last week slipped unnoticed into the Fisher Realty and Insurance office in the Waukegan National Bank building and stole 36 gold watches valued at \$750 and then as mysteriously entered Dr. L. F. Waldmann's office on a higher floor in the same building and vanished with several dollars in cash that had been left in the doctor's desk.

Fearing injury in a collision with a switch engine on the E. J. & E. line and the Rand road crossing at Lake Zurich, Carl Blum, 60, of 116

West Schiller street, Chicago, leaped from the auto in which he was riding with T. J. McKenna of 1419 N. Clark street, Chicago and was seriously injured by the engine.

In search of some enemy who had already burned down two of her five cottages on Bluff lake and who was foiled in an attempt to burn down the third when a mattress which had been lighted failed to burn, Mrs. J. C. Nixon of Antioch has asked Sheriff L. A. Doolittle to investigate the matter.

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