

**Illinois Legion Posts
Given Thanks for Aid
in Membership Drive**

Sincere acknowledgment of the splendid work and co-operation of department and post officials and individual Legionnaires in this state, and his own personal appreciation and gratitude for it, has been expressed by O. L. Bodenhamer, national commander, on the occasion of the American Legion reaching its entire national membership quota for the year 1930.

This record was accomplished in the closing hour of the recent national executive committee meeting held at national headquarters in Indianapolis. In an address before the national executive committee, and in a letter received by the department commander of this state, Bodenhamer paid high tribute to the loyalty and co-operation of the Legion officials. In the letter to department commander, E. A. Hayes, of Decatur, Illinois, he said, in part:

"I am personally, grateful to you for your loyalty and service. The spirit of the organization is fine. All activities are progressing. Still greater accomplishments are to be realized. June 15 will show still a greater membership. The real Legionism which has been displayed on every hand is most gratifying. We are making Legion history. I still say that I have as fine, if not the finest, department and post official family with which any national commander has had the privilege to work."

The national commander told the national executive committee he is confident the total membership for 1930 will reach 850,000.

**American Legion Is
Interested in Boy
Life; Aids Movement**

Since the earliest days of its history, The American Legion has been interested in training boys to become future good citizens with American ideals, as a part of the Legion's program of civic betterment. The Legion recognized the principle that boys looked up to the men who had defended our flag in time of war and that Legionnaires owe these boys the duty of setting a good example. The Legion also adopted, early in its history the principle of joining forces with other organizations that are seeking the same unselfish objectives in good citizenship and civic betterment.

Recently Russell Cook, national director of the American commission of the Legion, conferred with James E. West, chief scout executive of the Boy Scouts of America, and other officers of that organization, and advanced the plan of 10,000 Legion posts organizing as many troops of Boy Scouts. The Boy Scout organization agreed to aid the Legion in its program by furnishing printed material outlining the plan of organization and co-operation to be sent to the posts in order to carry on the training of the boys after the troops are organized.

"There is no higher code of living for boys than that contained in the Scout oath and Scout law." is the inspiration O. L. Bodenhamer, na-

tional commander, has given Legionnaires.

**Ottawa High School
Boy Edison Candidate**

Lawrence Murdock, Ottawa high school pupil, is Illinois' candidate for the Thomas A. Edison appointment. He was chosen as the best equipped of eight boys who won in the regional tests, by the full examining committee, headed by President David Kinley of the University of Illinois. Murdock will go to Orange, N. J., for the national elimination. Acting on the suggestion of Governor Louis L. Emerson that an alternate be named the committee selected Charles T. Richards, Edwardsville, as alternate.

**Murphysboro Woman Is
State Federation Head**

Mrs. Mary A. Wall, Murphysboro, was elected president of the Illinois Federation of Women's clubs, at the closing session of the annual convention, held at the Centennial building, Springfield. The retiring president, Mrs. J. Marc Fowler, Chicago, was elected general federation director for Illinois. Chicago was selected for the 1931 convention.

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