

VETS BUGLE CORPS AT LEGION MEETING

First Appearance at Lake Bluff Session of County Council; Other Features

By Dan Hunt

For the first time since its organization the Veterans Drum and Bugle corps gave a public performance in Lake county when they followed the colors in the Lake Bluff parade held Friday, June 20, of the Lake county council, American Legion. At the previous meeting in Deerfield in May sufficient funds were given by members of the Legion to permit purchase of the needed instruments. The boys showed up excellently considering the short time they have been practicing. After the parade the corps assembled on the lawn in front of the village hall and played several numbers.

Monty Rasmussen was the first committee chairman to report. He told of plans for the pilgrimage held June 21 to Normal Orphans' home, the route, and asked that those present contribute to the purchase of uniforms for the orphans' band. \$115 was raised for this purpose.

Bruno Henderson announced that Lake county stood third in membership in the state with a total of 1815. He asked that posts organize a final clean-up drive to get enough members to put the district in first place.

County papers were very generous with space on Legion news, said Frank Ellwell, no less than 210 items having been published in the last month.

Complete reports of Memorial Day activities had not been received by Mancel Talcott, state and county graves registration officer. He asked for immediate attention on the matter by post adjutants.

Robert Gullic for North Chicago, chairman for the district convention to be held at the North Chicago hospital, with Dr. St. Antoine and staff as host, Sunday, August 3rd, told of partial plans for that event. He said in part: "This is to be on the order of a picnic for Legionnaires and their families. A choice part of the grounds will be set aside as a picnic grove. Lemonade and coffee will be furnished by the hospital. There will be a number of entertaining features for the ladies and children while the business meeting is going on. The hospital will be open for inspection from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The drum and bugle corps will entertain and band music is also on the program.

"This meeting and visitation of the hospital," he concluded, "will give the Legion a chance to see how disabled vets are handled in the hospital and will be time well spent for entertainment and experience."

Archie Maplethorpe of Antioch expressed his appreciation of the way youngsters in the county joined in the Junior League Baseball teams. Many good teams were in the field now, he stated, but next year they will be even better. A trophy for the winning team is now being selected, he announced.

Dr. St. Antoine addressed the meeting with thanks and praise for the prompt response he obtained from the Legion on his appeals for help. He said that boys in the hospital were as proud as peacocks when they

"made" the drum and bugle corps. He told of one chap who had to be carried about or in a wheel chair insisting on learning to play the bugle. When the first parade took place on the hospital grounds he was in the ranks and has been marching with them ever since. This one case alone proved the worth of the corps to the boys in the hospital, he stated. Another activity possible through the bugle corps was the regular raising and lowering of the flag at sunrise and sunset, an event looked forward to by all who can take a part in it. The bugle corps of 32 members practices daily except Sunday from 11 to 12 a.m. and from 3 to 4 p.m. under the leadership of "Scotty" Andrews, the drillmaster of Sharvin Post Drum and Bugle corps, with the assistance of members from that organization. Present plans include participation in the state convention parade in Aurora, the doctor said, and possibly in every parade preceding council meetings. If Legionnaires could see what an excellent effect the bugle corps had had upon veterans and hospital staff they would feel that their cash had been successfully invested. "Come to North Chicago August 3rd — we want you to see us, know us, and see our work," the doctor concluded.

Plan Marching Clubs

Among other speakers of the evening were "Daddy" Doyle of Lake Bluff post, the oldest Legionnaire in the county; and George Hosendove, commander of Lake county's only colored post. Mr. Hosendove gave a brief sketch of what his post hoped to accomplish with the colored vets in the district.

The carnival season opened with announcement of a three-day affair

in Highland Park July 3, 4, 5, by Elmer Baum. Antioch post also has a carnival on these dates. Deerfield will hold theirs the early part of August, says George Briggs.

Joseph Jadrich's suggestion for a marching club in each post for parade purposes, has been taken up by

Waukegan, Lake Forest and North Chicago posts, with other promising activity in this line. It is hoped to have at least a thousand men in the parade at Aurora, Monday, Sept. 8.

The next meeting of the Lake county council will be held in Libertyville Friday evening, July 18.

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