

LEGION COUNCIL'S MONTHLY MEETING

Session Held Nov. 21 at Grayslake; Many Important Matters Discussed

By Dan Hunt

One of the most important resolutions submitted to the council this year was that presented by Homer Dahringer post of Waukegan. It reopened the battle for representation by membership. The resolution calls for reapportionment of district delegates in accordance with the plan in operation at state and national conventions, namely: one delegate and one alternate for each 100 members or major fraction thereof.

"At present," said Fred Hoff, "we have 600 members, approximately one-third of the district membership, but the smallest post in the council, Wauconda, with only 15 members has as much power as Waukegan. This, we believe to be very unjust and ask for reapportionment of delegates. This would increase the voting strength of Lake Forest, North Chicago, Highland Park, and other posts that exceed the 100 mark in membership."

Opponents to the measure fear the domination of Waukegan over the district, and as before, are prepared to wage a bitter fight against its passage. Lack of space prohibits mention of all the pros and cons poured into our editorial ear. However, the matter will be acted upon at the next council meeting December 21, at Waukegan.

Many children have been obliged to forego their daily milk ration at school reported Henry Foval of Lake Bluff, child welfare officer, to the 8th district Legion meeting at Grays Lake Nov. 21. He urged inquiry by Auxiliary units and suitable action be taken to remedy this situation either by the Auxiliary or in co-operation with P. T. A.'s.

Bradford West, Bogardus Act officer for Lake county, reported that three truckloads of clothing had been donated for the needy as a result of the Legion's appeal to the public. "There are many veterans that really need assistance, but are too proud to ask for aid," he stated. "We find those who appeal to us for aid are the chronic cases as a rule—the ones that disappear during the summer and return in cold weather. The poor board had them before the Legion took charge. Our problem is to hunt out the man who needs help desperately but do not wish to appear as an object of charity. Here is where our Auxiliary shines. Women can beat men a mile when it comes to finding out the real status of a family. And they can render aid in such a way that it will be readily accepted whereas if it came from men it would be quickly rejected, no matter how great the need."

Stupey-Smith post of Highwood turned in a glowing report of co-operation from citizens and business men in their town. Many articles of clothing had been gathered and arranged for distribution. McOmber's drug store had offered use of a portion of their basement for storage of clothing which was accepted. The generous offer of the Ermine Clean-

ers to pick up, clean and mend garments for this cause was gladly accepted.

Libertyville reported an active co-operation with the chamber of commerce in a house to house canvass for clothing and other aid for unemployed. Throughout the county Legion posts report active participation in relief work.

Archie Maplethorpe, district athletic officer, urged immediate action by all posts with the civic authorities for making of skating ponds to be used by their communities. Snow slides for the youngsters could be included in the program, he added.

There have been nine new wards added to the hospitals reported Bob Gullie of North Chicago, hospital chairman. All the old wards have been connected up with a central Majestic radio control but the new ones have not. Installation of radio in the new additions would cost about \$800, Bob reported, and Cook county (the first division) has volunteered to cover cost of installation. Red Cross officials have asked early action by the Legion on the annual Christmas fund. In past years each post has given a certain amount to the hospital chairmen to be used for this purpose, and this year the demand is greater with a corresponding plea for more money.

"Only one undertaker in Lake county is co-operating with the graves registration officer," says Mancel Talcott, state registration officer. "There have been four burials of veterans in this county whose names reached us from other sources. The State of Illinois has gone to considerable expense to locate veterans' graves and looks to the Legion for aid in this work."

Compensation Problem

Sergeant Belleu of Fort Sheridan asked for an indorsement of the immediate cashing in of Adjusted Compensation Certificates because of the great need for cash by veterans. Because of its constitution and by-laws the district council found that it must defer action until individual posts had considered the matter. This aroused considerable discussion until an opinion by judge advocate George

McGaughey of Waukegan was rendered as above.

McCloskey Banquet

Plans for the honorary banquet to General Manus McCloskey, new commander of Fort Sheridan, were given by Commander Kapschull. The affair is to take place at the Moraine hotel in Highland Park on Wednesday, Dec. 3rd. Assurance has been given that the banquet will be broadcast over radio station WMAQ.

Names of Beneficiaries

Jack Nelson, second division service officer, addressed the council in a plea to make sure of their beneficiaries' name on both insurance and compensation certificates, citing instances of great need from failure to check up on this matter. "A widow appealed to me for aid in collecting her hus-

band's compensation and insurance," he said. "Upon investigation I found that the veteran had failed to change his wife's name for his mother's, and the widow was left destitute with a two months old child. The mother was legally entitled to the money and refused to give it up."

As an unusual adjournment procedure the meeting closed with the Kenosha (Wis.) post Clown band, which put on an hour's hilarious entertainment. Loren Cahn of Highland Park received the unanimous congratulations of the gathering on his recent admission to the ancient and honorable order of benedicts. Sergeant Belleu, Fort Sheridan, also received the approbation of the crowd as the new commander of Fort Sheridan's post.

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