



LOCAL LEGION POST IS DOING GOOD WORK

Report of Year's Activities Is Given, Showing How Money Was Expended

Dumaresq-Spencer Post No. 145, American Legion auxiliary, of Highland Park, composed of 30 members enjoyed a prosperous year, spent \$628.16 on strictly welfare work, which consisted of donations for sewing and cigarettes at the U. S. Veterans' hospitals at North Chicago and the Great Lakes, repairs to the radio at the hospital, purchase of spectacles and treatment for the eyes of a veteran's wife, shoes, clothing and food in numerous cases of destitution, milk for children donations to occupational therapy patients for the making of poppies, emergency donations for the relief of destitution, etc., and still has a balance on hand of \$126.60 for welfare work.

Principal Sources

The two principal sources of income for welfare work are the annual card party and the poppy sale; net proceeds of the card party were \$384.40 and of the poppy sale \$370.36 making a total of \$754.76. Incidental expenses of the unit are defrayed from the annual membership dues, the proceeds of the card party and poppy sale being used exclusively for welfare work.

Anyone desiring to assist in this work who is not a member of the auxiliary may do so and a contribution to the welfare fund will be spent exp. (Continued on page 34)

The Unfinished Battle

The great war is over but the battle is by no means finished. Shall we forget our former "Buddies" now laying in hospitals or the orphans throughout the country?

The American Legion has not forgotten, identify yourself as one who still remembers by joining now and proudly wear the Legion button signifying paid up membership.

Keep in mind that membership in this organization is an honor and a privilege desired by many and opened only to a few.

Do not wait to be asked, join voluntarily.

Dues are \$4 for 1931.

Ex-Service Men Should Join American Legion; Several Reasons Given

The American Legion is fostering and promoting patriotism. It encourages respect to the flag, observance of patriotic holidays, classes in citizenship, naturalization ceremonies for the foreign born and other activities tending to encourage the love of our country.

Every piece of legislation beneficial to ex-service men has found the Legion behind the wheel. It has helped secure modification of unjust sentences imposed on soldiers and sailors during the war. It has brought pressure that resulted in better immigration laws.

You will become a member of the strongest organization of World War veterans in the United States. The Legion has many times more members than any other group of veterans.

The American Legion has raised an endowment fund which assures the perpetual decoration of the graves of our comrades in foreign soil. It has created an endowment fund of \$5,000,000 which will be used in the furtherance of Rehabilitation and Child Welfare work.

Without the Legion button, the ex-service man has no method of differentiating himself from the thousands who did not go. He may have served, but no one knows it. And the world finds it easy and convenient to forget.

Rehabilitation Work of Legion Auxiliary for Disabled Veterans

The members of the Highland Park auxiliary of the American Legion received a gavel as a reward for outstanding rehabilitation work at the Great Lakes, and the Veterans' hospital at North Chicago, during the year 1930.

The total amount of money spent, and cash valuation of articles donated for the quarter ending Jan. 31, 1931 was \$398. This sum includes \$35 toward the sweater fund at Christmas; eye glasses and doctor bill for an ex-service man's wife, five dollars monthly for cigarettes, and six dollars monthly to help in the maintenance of a sewing woman at the Veterans' hospital at North Chicago.

Attention Buddy!

The American Legion needs you now and you will need the American Legion sooner or later. So why delay. Join now and help the greatest patriotic organization the world has seen. The principles of the American Legion are ably set forth in the preamble to our constitution and are as follows:

"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 100 per cent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the Great War; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat 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 helpfulness."

In Peace as in War, we serve—Community Service

Americanism

School Medal Awards

Junior Baseball teams

Citizens Military Training camps.

Come along, Buddy—be one of us. We are 850,000 strong and growing every day.—Charles C. Kapschull, Commander 8th district, American Legion, Lake county.

Due to the kindness of Mr. Melvin Sweetland new magazines are donated to us every month for use at the hospitals.

Because of the urgent need for community relief, we have expended about \$500 for the relief of various ex-service men and their families within the jurisdiction of this unit.

Every effort has been made to cooperate with the Legion in the rehabilitation of the ex-service men still in the hospitals and those in our community needing assistance.—Esther Rice is State hospital chairman, Great Lakes hospital, and Esther Benson is rehabilitation chairman of the Highland Park auxiliary.

LEGION AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP GROWS

Wife, Sister or Daughter of Legion Member Eligible; Doing Splendid Service

Just as a man is eligible to membership in the Legion, so are his mother, wife, sister or daughter eligible to membership in the auxiliary. If the man is alive, they can only affiliate with the auxiliary when he is a member of the Legion. His membership makes it possible for them to join this wonderful organization of women and to take a part in the constructive program of the American Legion.

As the Legion auxiliary grows to larger proportions and assumes greater importance in the every day life of the community, it becomes necessary to have all the women in our ranks who are eligible, and who wish to participate in our dual purpose of helping the disabled war veteran and of performing unselfish service in the community.

A special invitation is not needed to join the auxiliary. Any woman whose father, brother, husband or son is a World war veteran and a member of the American Legion is eligible to membership. We need help in community work, and even more do we need help in our work at the Great Lakes hospital. We are taking care of a unit there with 30 beds in it which are filled practically all the time, and while the hospital furnishes the bare necessities the men look forward to the visits from the women with their gifts of cigarettes, candy, magazines, etc., and they like to feel that we women have not forgotten the work they did.

Any woman who is interested in joining our auxiliary may communicate with any of our members, and an application blank will be sent her immediately. The dues are only two dollars a year, a small amount, which does a great deal of good.—Mrs. W. B. Zimmer, unit president.

Legion County Council Meets Friday Evening

The regular monthly meeting of the Lake County council of American Legion will be held Friday evening of this week in North Chicago, and delegates will be present from practically all of the posts of the country, including Highland Park. The principal speaker on the program is David Shillinglaw, past department commander of Illinois.

Child Welfare

The Highland Park auxiliary has adopted a little girl five years old who makes her home at the orphan's home at Normal, Illinois. Each birthday and holiday we remember her with gifts of clothing and toys. Annually \$10 is expended to help defray expenses at the home.

Many calls are received by the auxiliary for milk, clothing and medical care for children of ex-service men in Highland Park.—Mabelle Rawson Bowden, Child Welfare Chairman.