

## H. P. LEGION POST HOST TO COUNCIL

**Local Legionnaires Entertain District Group; Ed Hayes Is Chief Speaker**  
By Dan Hunt

Amid melodious strains from the newly formed Veterans' Orchestra of Hospital 105, the March meeting of the Lake County council of the American Legion opened with Dumaresq Spencer Post of Highland Park as host. The Hospital Veterans' drum and bugle corps followed the orchestra with stirring martial music.

District Commander Charles C. Kapschull accepted the gavel from Post Commander Arthur Montgomery and opened the business meeting with a call for brief reports. George McGaughey reported that the new by-laws of the council would be sent to all posts in the district for their approval.

Upon roll call it was found that Dumaresq Spencer Post of Highland Park had had excellent results from its campaign for members in its report of 170 (last year it had but 89). Members of the Highland Park Post are confident that if the present campaign continues the 400-mark will not be an impossibility.

### Many Noted Guests

Many noted guests present at the meeting were introduced by Commander Kapschull: Lt. Elmer Johansen, new commander of the Great Lakes Navy-Marine post; George Sullivan, past commander, McHenry county; Otis Cushing, commander, 11th district; Wm. Runnells, commander, 12th district; Julius Silverman, state C. M. T. C. chairman; Jack Nelson, district service officer; Chief Hoskins of the Highland Park fire department; State Representative Wm. Carroll and Sheriff Edding of Woodstock; Ray Bassett, grand secretary, state 40-&-8; Bob Haffey, chief clerk, state department; Mancel Talcott, state graves registration officer; Dr. Harry St. Antoine, medical officer in charge of Hospital 105, North Chicago; Capt. McLane in charge of Great Lakes Hospital; Bowen Carroll of the Veterans' Bureau; Ed. Chisler, grand chef de gare, state 40-&-8; Col. Hugh Scott in charge of the Veterans Bureau at Hines; Ferry Morgan, commander, 2nd division; and last but not least, the orator of the evening, Ed Hayes, past commander, State of Illinois.

### Tells of Bonus Rush

Col. Hugh Scott of the Veterans Bureau in a detailed talk, told of the many problems with which the bureau was confronted. Previous to the last bonus rush they were flooded with work, he said, and thought they were busy. When the bonus loan deluge descended upon the Bureau his department was simply swamped. To date, he stated, 93,000 new applications had been received at Hines, and were still pouring in at the rate of 4200 a day. Over seven and a half million dollars had been paid out on bonus loans by the Hines office, he added, and of the 4200 some 2700 a day were being paid. Col. Scott asked the veterans to be patient with the Bureau, that he assured them all work would be caught up by August first. As further evidence of conditions under which the Bureau labored he stated that over fifty thousand

pieces of mail were received daily, necessitating a large clerical force to handle that one department. The only cancer clinic supported by the federal government is located at Hines, Hines, Col. Scott said, and has the federal government is located at finest equipment that money could buy. The cancer clinic is a complete unit in itself, he said, with its own building, staff, nurses, and equipment. Col. Scott further said it was his wish to make the hospital at Hines outstanding for equipment and treatment of men.

### Dr. St. Antoine Talks

Dr. Harry St. Antoine, of the North Chicago Hospital No. 105, told the Legionnaires that they had heard the first public concert of the Veterans' Hospital Orchestra. He told how various plans were undertaken to improve the condition of the men and how quickly they responded. Music, drills, volley-, basket-, and baseball, golf, gardening, in fact almost anything a man wanted to do was permitted in the plan to improve patients' recovery. In this work, he said, the loyal support of the Legion was very gratifying and helpful.

### Ed Hayes Speaks

When the speaker of the evening was introduced by Commander Kapschull the crowd rose to its feet and rendered a tremendous ovation to Illinois' most famous Legionnaire, Ed Hayes.

Ed, without oratorical attitude, in Lincoln-like simplicity, told of the plans to improve the position of the disabled ex-service men. Ed called attention of the veterans to the fact that every effort they made toward helping their disabled they paid tribute to those buddies who "went west" or, as Edwin Markham said, "left a vacant space in the sky."

"Do you men know," he said, "that while 1300 men are begging for and in desperate need of hospitalization and refused on the pretext of 'no beds,' that there are 200 unused beds in Great Lakes Hospital? Why? Do you know that thousands of claims are up by governmental red tape? Why? That 'why' is one of the eternal questions to which we are seeking an answer.

"You men must carry on the great work left by the G.A.R. It is up to you to teach your children and others' children the great principles of freedom, democracy and patriotism that has made America great. Are you awake? Do you realize the magnitude of your job? One of the ways in which you can help is by increasing membership.

"A greatly increased membership is necessary to enable us to fill up that \$14,000 deficit — spent in a greatly augmented service program. We must carry on our huge program of service and the only way we can continue is through enlarged membership.

"The time is not far off when ex-service men not in the Legion will be considered in the same term as applied to those who shirked responsibility in the great war — 'slacker.' The American Legion has done remarkably well, but its work is not over yet. We must still carry on for those who occupy 'That vacant space in the sky.'"

At the conclusion of his speech Ed received an even greater, if possible, outburst of applause than when he was introduced.

### Local Talent Program

Under the leadership of Jack O'Brien, the entertainment chairman,

many "vodvil" acts were enjoyed. Among those taking part were Jack Boland, radio star; Jack'Brien, soloist; Harbel Steele and Fred Ehrens, vocal duet; Mr. Fink, entertainer; Miss Ann Curley, soprano; and the noted Highwood trio, Suzzi, Piccetti and Pinelli, entertainers de luxe, both instrumental and vocal. Miss E. Ehrens was accompanist.

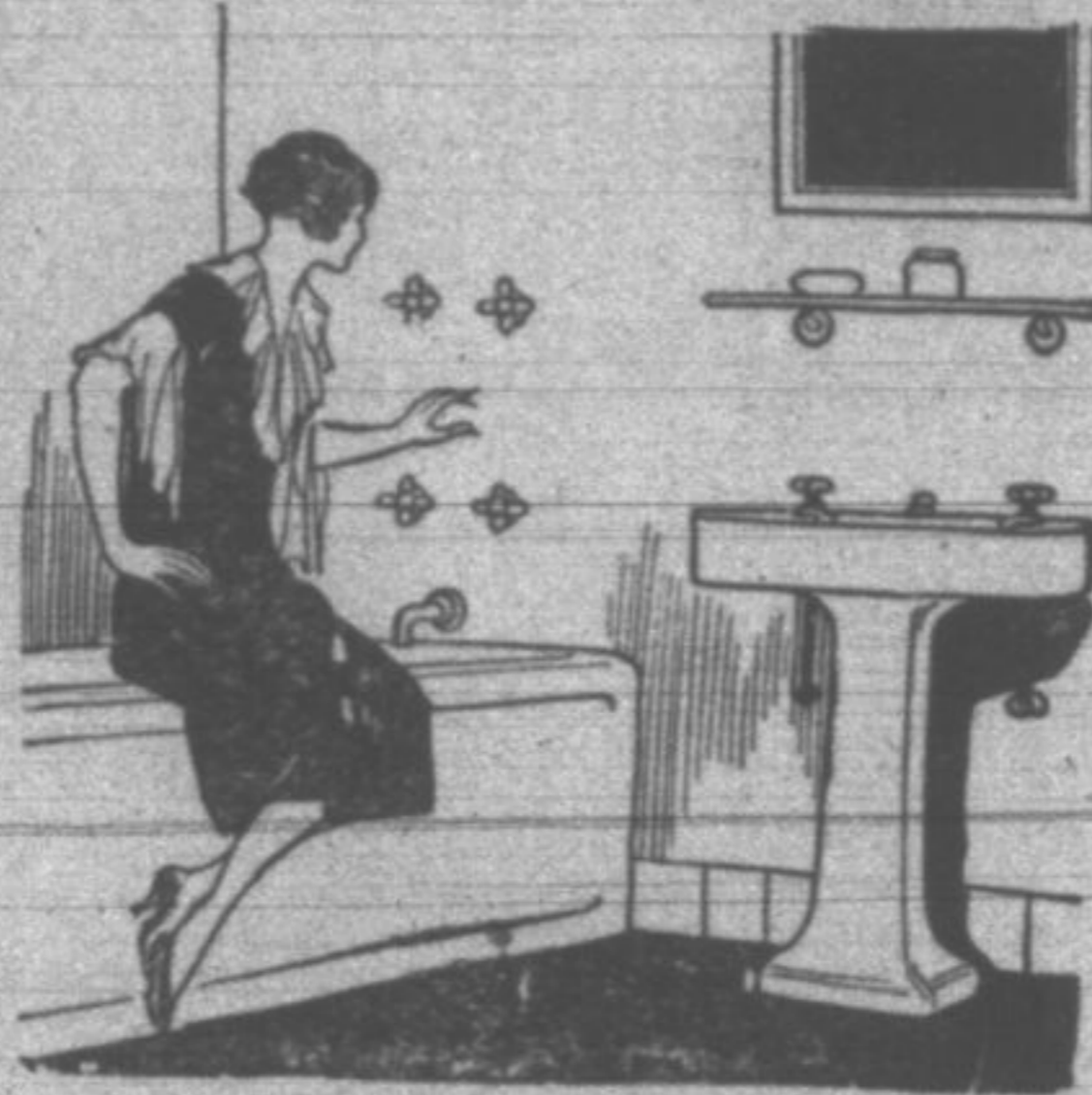
"Winnie" Zimmer, genial refreshment chairman, supervised that important part of the program, closing one of the largest and most enthusiastic Legion Council meetings held this year.

**Radio Studio Suspended**  
New studios and equipment have been contracted for in the St. Louis Mart building, now under construction, by station KMOX.

The studios, three times as large as the present suite, will cost about \$250,000 and occupy space on two floors.

All will be suspended by steel springs from structural members of the building, with adjustable ceilings for required acoustic effects. One of the six rooms will contain seats for 600 persons; another will be constructed to be used for a stage if desired.

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GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

FOR POLICE MAGISTRATE

(Vote for One)

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HERMAN SCHWERY

*H. Musser*  
City Clerk.