

LEGION RELIEF WORK STOPS; LACK FUNDS

No Money Forthcoming under Bogardus Act; Immediate Cutoff of Relief Recommended

By Dan Hunt

Faced by exhaustion of money, it was recommended to the Lake County Council, American Legion, that all posts in the county suspend relief work under the Bogardus Act.

Brad West, chairman of this work in the Legion, read a letter from the board of supervisors to the council on Friday night, May 15th, at Antioch, wherein the writer stated that because all funds for this work had been exhausted no further aid could be expected from the county under the Bogardus Act. Brad West stated that bills presented up to May 1st had been paid and that he was very doubtful if money would be available to pay the bills for May.

Upon recommendation of Mr. West a committee was appointed by Commander Kapschull to investigate the possibility of getting relief money from other sources that the good work might be kept up.

A suggestion was offered by Wm. Hammel of Highwood that the committee investigate the residue of the state veterans funds of which he understood that some \$55,000 remained. Still another suggestion was offered by Carl Wadmann of Libertyville that the million and a half dollars left in the governor's relief fund be investigated with view to obtaining a portion of it for Legion relief work.

Transportation, rooms and reservations for both state and national conventions, were discussed in a brief report by Mancel Talcott. Post commanders and adjutants will have a detailed schedule for convenience of veterans expecting to attend, he announced. It is hoped to establish a precedent at the Peoria state convention by having the entire Lake county delegation housed on one floor of a hotel to facilitate the necessary committee work attendant upon such occasions.

The commander and adjutant banquet at North Chicago was discussed to some extent. Charles C. Kapschull, district commander, stated that he believed the district's quota in membership would be reached at that time and the remaining membership cards would be presented to state commander Jack Poorman, who with his adjutant, Bill Mundt, would be guests of honor at this affair. The banquet is to be held in the Holy Child Auditorium, North Chicago, Wednesday May 20, with Legionnaires and their wives attending.

Herbert Beiler, district graves registration officer, gave the post present records containing all known veterans' graves and the cemeteries in which they are located. It is the hope of the American Legion to have each World War veterans grave marked with the Legion emblem on Decoration Day. Every post in the county is making elaborate plans to honor the comrades who "went west."

George McGaughey, district judge advocate, announced the important changes made in the district by-laws that clarified certain ambiguous situations and asked for approval, which upon discussion, was held up for fur-

ther consideration by the individual posts.

Junior baseball will play an important part in Legion activities this year, announced Archie Maplethorpe, chairman of that department. A full schedule of teams, games, and prizes will be issued later, he stated.

An important event scheduled by the "40-&8", honor organization of Legionnaires, is the dedication of the Voiture Lake at North Chicago Hospital on June 27 and 28. Elaborate

preparations are being made for the day which includes reception of national officers, a police escort of some 150 motorcycle policemen for same, many bands, bugle and drum corps. State officers of the 40-&8 from Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana have promised to attend, as well as state officials of the Legion from the same districts. An estimated crowd of from three to four thousand is expected to attend.

The meeting closed with entertain-

ment by the orchestra and singers of "Catalina Island," Antioch, owned by a member of Antioch post, Frank Rojesky, who donated the use of his beautiful building for the district meeting.

The next meeting of the district council will be held in Lake Bluff on Friday, June 19.

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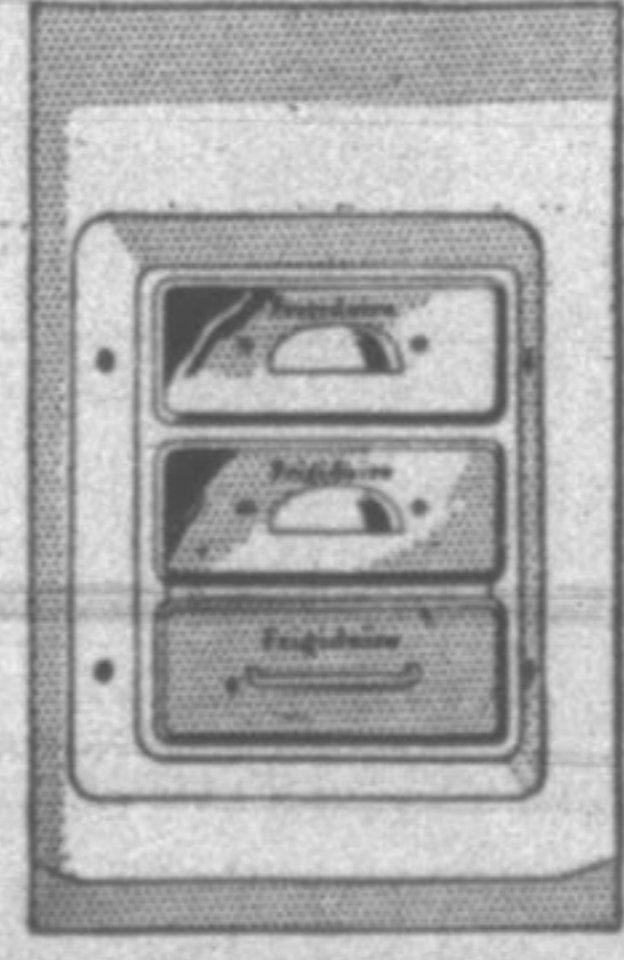


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