

LEGION OPPOSING ECONOMY LEAGUE

Lake County Posts to Assist National Organization Against "N.E.L."

American Legion posts of Lake county are preparing to assist in carrying out the program of the national organization in combating the activities of the National Economy League. A recent bulletin of the American Legion outlines the situation as follows:

"For more than a year, veterans have been wondering about the unprecedented attacks upon benefits for the disabled.

"What started them, anyhow? It wasn't just the depression, because that affects disabled more than well veterans.

"Brief investigation showed big federal taxpayers were behind them. They want to transfer the federal care of veterans to local taxpayers and local communities.

"That much is clear. That has been the objective. But many other features have been obscure.

"For instance, heretofore, when financiers attacked veterans, it was on non-disability benefits, such as adjusted compensation. To emphasize the purity of this attack they said repeatedly, 'everything for the disabled—we can never do enough for them.'

"Why did business interests suddenly consider it safe to reverse this policy, and attack the disabled? Veterans have wondered about this. But other things have been even more puzzling.

"For instance, the attacks have been clothed in the language of authority. How come? No testimony to support the attacks had been publicly presented the Congress. Furthermore business interests had no experience in disabled legislation. Veterans have been puzzled over this—but other angles seemed even more difficult to explain.

"For instance, the attacks have been uniform. They have contained the same number of 'points.' The established principles attacked are identical, the 'savings' to be accomplished the same. But all supporting arguments, except savings, have been ignored. 'It is apparent, 'it is obvious,' have been used as the basis for their conclusions.

"The situation created has been unprecedented in veterans' affairs. Where was the authority back of the attacks? Nothing tangible appeared, but the attacks continued.

"Then came the Joint Committee hearings last week, held in the open. These were followed by secret executive hearings, Dec. 12 and 13, with General Hines present, but veterans' representatives excluded.

"The cat jumped out of the bag, so to speak, the next day. Problems which had been difficult, immediately clarified. The poison which had been secretly polluting the water was revealed.

"On Dec. 14, the *Washington Post* published a long article on its front page under the signatures of 'LARRY' Sullivan, its political reporter. The first few paragraphs of Sullivan's story read as follows:

"A long-suppressed report dealing with abuses grown up in the administration of veterans allowances and awards came to light on Capitol Hill yesterday as the joint congressional committee inquiring into veterans' expenditures considered plans for broadening the scope of its investigation to include an examination of individual records from the files of the Veterans' Administration.

"Coincident with the receipt of the suppressed report from the House Committee on Pensions, members of the special veterans' committee launched an informal inquiry to determine why the conclusions, completed a year ago this month, never was made public or printed as a government document for distribution to members of Congress.

"The pension committee's survey, which was begun in 1930 and completed in December 1931, placed the total cost of World War veterans' awards to date at more than \$8,000,000,000 and estimated that the figure, under existing law, would reach \$20,000,000,000 by 1940.

"In a series of recommendations designed to eliminate prevailing abuses in veterans' relief, the committee suggested a sharp curtailment in all allowances not directly connected with military service.

"It is now apparent that this suppressed report, with a year of private circulation to its credit, contains the basis upon which all the economy attacks have been made. This secret document has not been made available to The American Legion, although its recommendations have appeared in the programs of the National Economy League and the Chamber of Commerce.

"Existence of such a secret report had been whispered on Capitol Hill for a year. No one would admit having a copy in his possession, yet the impression has prevailed that its unsigned recommendations have been the basis of Congressional moves. Interest in the report has been intensified by its secrecy, and its importance has been magnified being spoken of in whispers.

"But in spite of its secrecy (from the veterans) this fact is known. It was not made by direction of the Congress, but for the Civil War Pensions Committee of the House—

a committee which has no jurisdiction over legislation affecting World War veterans.

"In other words it is not the business of this Pension Committee to inquire into World War veterans' legislation, that committee's job is to inquire into legislation affecting Civil War veterans and their widows. Just why the Civil War Pension Committee saw fit to invade the prerogatives of another committee of the House (the World War Veterans' Committee) has not yet been made public.

"This report should be brought into the open and its findings either endorsed or repudiated by the Congress. Let the people who were willing to recommend the disruption of the disabled veterans' structure, openly sign their names under their recommendations, and then it will be seen whether these signatures are deserving of public confidence.

"After Gen. Hines had testified (and 13), he testified for two days behind closed doors (Dec. 12 and 13, he testified for two days in open hearings (Dec. 15 and 16), in which he made recommendations for economy amendments totaling \$100,000,000. It was considered a significant fact that Chairman McDuffie of the Joint Committee was not present at these hearings where the one-hundred-million-dollar savings recommendations were made in the open.

"Another significant feature is that although General Hines administers the laws accepting veterans and dependents of veterans of all wars, he restricted his economy recommendations to the World War group alone.

"The seriousness of the present situation cannot be over-estimated. It seems apparent that those in control of the Joint Committee are determined to rush the economy recommendations. For instance, General Hines was rarely interrupted during the two days of open sessions, in which he made his recommendations for World War veterans' economies of about one hundred million dollars.

"This in itself is a remarkable situation. At a normal hearing, General Hines would be repeatedly interrupted and requested to explain in detail the reasons for his recommendations. So far as the open hearings have been concerned, General Hines has almost confined his testimony to the advancing of conclusions, comparatively little time being given to arguments to sustain his conclusions.

"The business-like manner, in which General Hines has been hurried through his recommendations makes it appear that the committee desires prompt action on veterans' economies.

"Another significant fact is that General Hines already had bills prepared for introduction for the legislative accomplishment of his recommendations.

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1932 Tax Rates for Local Areas Higher

The 1932 tax rates for Lake county as a whole, and for the local districts, are several cents higher than the 1931 rates. The county total assessed valuation is given as \$98,413,359 for 1932, as compared with the 1931 figure of \$114,423,440.

The summary of the local districts for 1932 and 1931 comparative rates, is as follows:

	1932	1931
Deerfield, No. 109	5.80	5.74
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Bannockburn, No. 106	5.97	5.03
Highwood, No. 111	5.48	5.38
Highland Park, No. 107	6.43	6.31
Highland Park, No. 108	6.43	6.31
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"Evidence of thorough committee study of these important problems, which the veterans had looked forward to, seems lacking.

"Speedy action in deciding upon reduction of benefits seems to be the objective. Committee members have an air of finality, like men who have already determined upon a course of action.

"Legion men should bring home to your merchants and your storekeepers what these proposed cuts would mean to their business. Your communities should realize that disability allowances are now paying the cost of food, heat and rent in thousands of families, and that chaotic conditions might well result, in the face of the present economic crisis, should these federal benefits be arbitrarily withdrawn from disabled men by congress.

"Your local taxpayers should be vitally interested in this question. They should be made to realize that where federal support is withdrawn from disabled veterans, their support by local tax payments may be necessary."

The above bulletin is signed by John Thomas Taylor, vice-chairman of the American Legion National Legislative Committee.

Arthur W. Vercoe To Finish Out His Term On the County Board

Arthur W. Vercoe, of Highland Park, assistant supervisor of Deerfield township who tendered his resignation to the county board at the time of the closing of the North Shore Trust company here, has agreed to finish out his term, at the insistence of his colleagues.

Mr. Vercoe will not be a candidate for re-election in the spring, but will attend the March meeting, according to members of the county board who visited him recently.

Following the receipt of Mr. Vercoe's resignation, the members of the Deerfield township board refused to consider it, and the county board adopted a resolution in which they lauded Mr. Vercoe for his work on the board and urged him to remain.

Mr. Vercoe is chairman of the finance committee of the board of supervisors. Two years ago he intended to leave the county board and not be a candidate for re-election, but friends in this township insisted that he remain another term. He agreed to serve two more years but no longer, at that time.

Radio License Renewed

The Federal Radio commission has renewed the license of the proposed radio station of the Highland Park Police department, and has granted an extension of time to allow the start of the station which will have the call letters "PF.D." Lack of funds has retarded the start of the proposed station, and at present the local department is "hooked up" with the Chicago police radio system.

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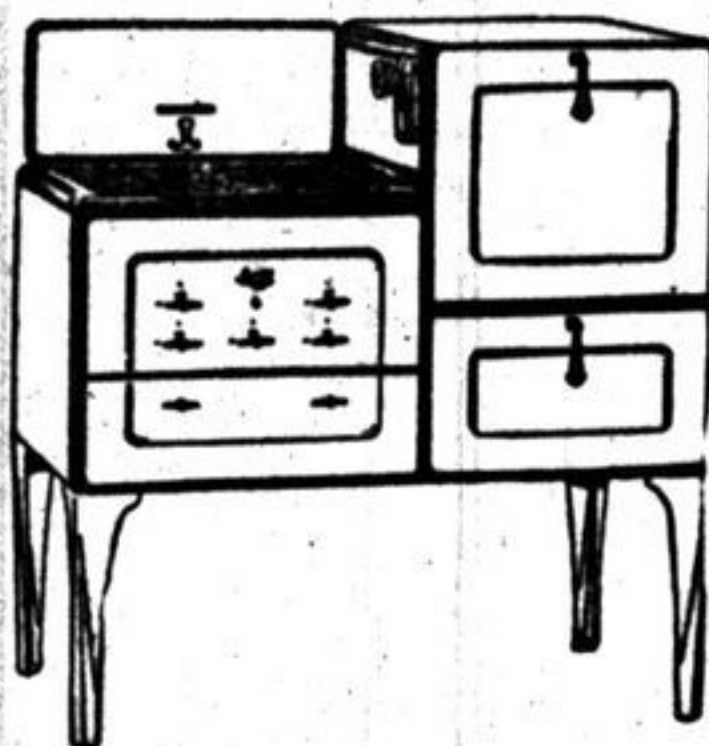
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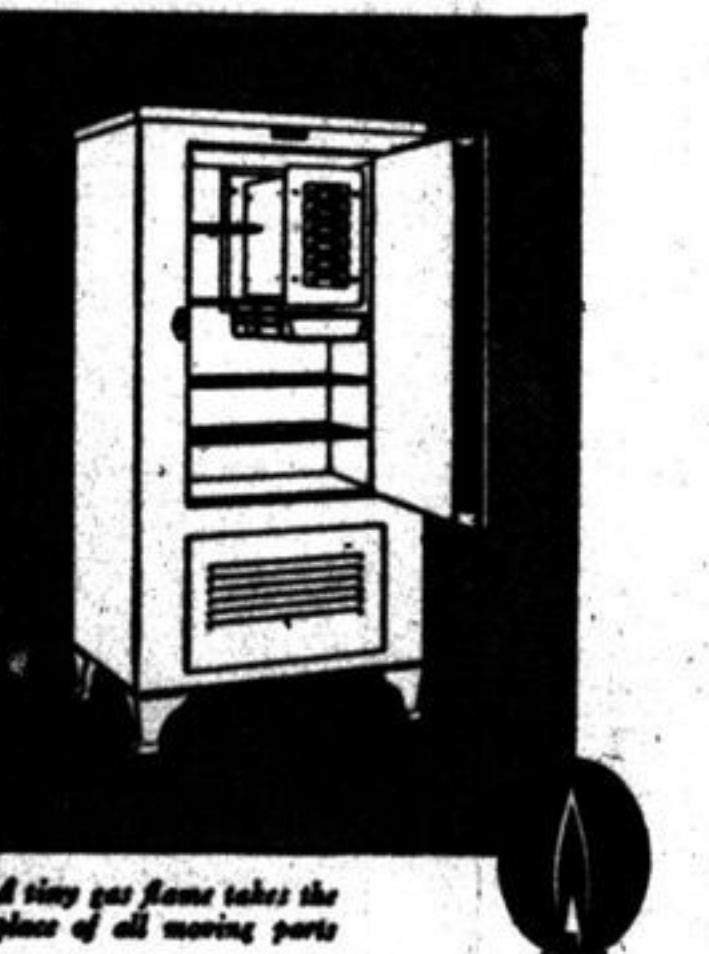
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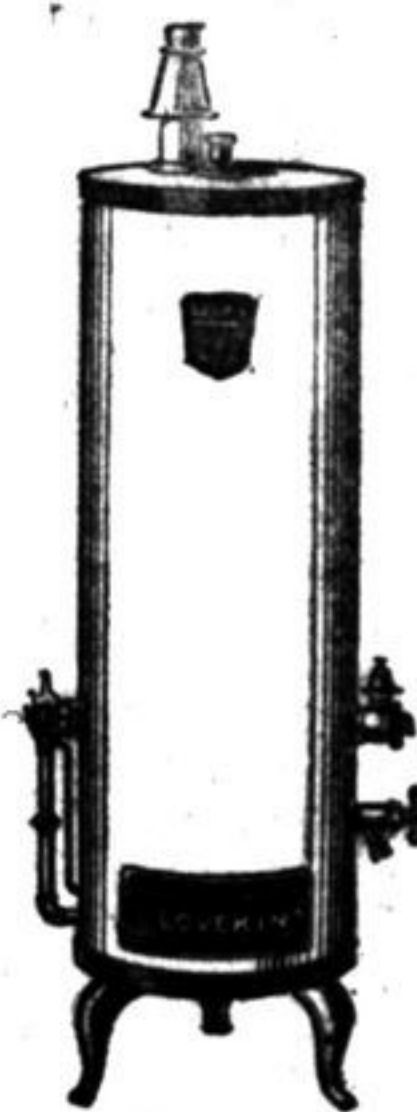
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The Sunday morning held at 11 o'clock, and the day evening meeting, with testimonies of Christian healing, is at 8:00 o'clock school is open to pupils ages of four-and-twenty, Sunday morning 9:30. Subject for next Sunday, "Love."

A free public reading maintained by this church, Sheridan road, which is from 9 o'clock in the morning in the evening. On Sunday room is open from 2 Here the Bible and all Christian Science literature read, borrowed, or purchased. All are cordially invited the services and make reading room.

United States Post

Highland Park, Ill. Unclaimed letters of Miss Martha Need Mr. Karl Sheldon Orson Welles, Hugo L. Schneider,

First United Evangelical Green Bay Road at L. Rev. F. Brangelline

Midweek services: Wednesday: 8:00 p.m. Prayer service; 7:00 p.m. Orchestra; 8:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal; Sunday service: Church Bible school; Supt. Raymond Fiddler classes for all ages.

Morning worship 10:30 the pastor.

Young People's service: Evangelistic service, service opens with a film. The Sunday school plays each Sunday evening special music. We are the String Band no fun music.

Tuesday, Eve. Jan. 3 Bible lecture with picture given by Roy Berg. will be: "Birth of Christ of the second year of His We appreciate the large at these services.

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Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Junior choir; 8:00 p.m. Senior choir; Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Church school; 11:30 a.m. Morning worship. This church invites you

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The members of the are: Mr. J. B. Garne Mr. M. F. Gallagher, Mrs. Otis L. Bardell, Mrs. C. W. Balke, Mr. Blase, Mr. B. C. How Platt, Mrs. Charles R. Jesse L. Smith.