

Edwin Gilroy Gives Detailed Report of Legion's Activities

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one who is the judge advocate of the department of Illinois. Other distinguished guests were the members of the city council of Highland Park.

Safety Campaign

Beginning October last year, the Dumaresq Spencer post organized the beginning of a safety campaign for the city of Highland Park. This safety campaign was started officially on October 27 through a proclamation by the Hon. William M. Dooley, and it was not organized as a post activity, but as a community activity. Our post, however, assumed the leadership in organizing this movement. Later on in the year a permanent committee was appointed and the chairman of this committee is naturally a member of our organization. The safety campaign includes all of the civic and church organizations in Highland Park. Safety is a year-around job and must be carried on throughout the twelve months.

Harvest Home Party

Last October 22, Dumaresq Spencer post had its brightest social function of the year, and it was known as the harvest home party. This party took place at the Briar-gate Country club in Deerfield, and was a tremendous success from the social as well as the financial viewpoint. Approximately four hundred people attended and many others were kept out because of the corridors being so crowded. Our net profits after all expenses amounted to over \$200.

Citizenship Day

For the past two years Dumaresq Spencer post has taken an active part in the citizenship committee for the Deerfield Shields high school district. Two years ago their first meeting was held when Post Commander Swanson was in office. Last year the meeting was held on November 1 at the Deerfield-Shields high school auditorium. This day has been set aside each year to help those people who have taken out citizenship papers or who have become twenty-one years of age, to celebrate their rights to citizenship in our country. The colors of other posts in this high school district and their representatives were present at this meeting. Each year the Dumaresq Spencer post has opened and closed the meeting by using the American Legion ritual. I should judge there were from 900 to 1,000 people who attended this last meeting.

Armistice Day Program

On November 11 at 11 a.m. our post celebrated Armistice Day by holding a brief service at the flag pole located at Central and St. Johns avenues. After the services the rooms of the post were kept open for the balance of the day. On the Sunday before Armistice Day the post, as a group, attended a special church service.

Card Parties

From October to May our post held card parties each month. These parties were well attended by our members and friends and provided each month a very enjoyable evening for those who like to play cards. Thenet profits on the card parties were divided between our post and our auxiliary. From these

parties we acquired two dozen card tables during the past year.

Christmas Parties for Children.
On the Monday before Christmas, through the leadership of our post, we organized the community to give a Christmas party for the children of Highland Park. The following organizations participated: Dumaresq Spencer Post, Dumaresq Spencer Auxiliary, Highland Park Woman's club, Highland Park Fire department.

Each group did its share towards making this day a very bright one for 350 children of Highland Park who may not have had a Santa Claus if it had not been for our leadership in the matter. The activities of our post, besides furnishing man power, was to furnish the money to finance this Christmas party. At that time we raised \$218 in the community which took ample care of all expenses.

Christmas Broadcast

For the four days prior to Christmas the Dumaresq Spencer post, cooperating with the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce, organized the second annual Christmas broadcast. Our post not only furnished the man power to run the broadcast, but took a leading part in raising the funds and providing an adequate number of artists. A very fine Christmas spirit prevailed over the whole community due to this broadcast. In addition, the Dumaresq Spencer post, through our chaplain, made Santa Claus available to dozens of homes during the holiday season. We should be proud of the fact that through the Christmas party for children, the Christmas broadcast, and Santa Claus, the Dumaresq Spencer post has done a marvelous job during the whole holiday season.

Community Dinner

On January 21, which you will remember as the coldest night in the last sixty years, our post held its annual community dinner. Despite the terrible weather, over 100 Legionnaires and guests enjoyed a very fine evening of good fellowship. Our most distinguished guest that evening was our State Commander J. B. Murphy of Bloomington.

New Stations

In the month of March Dumaresq Spencer post was most highly honored by the donation of a beautiful memorial which was given to the post by Mrs. Joseph B. Card. Mrs. Card is the widow of the first elected commander of the Dumaresq Spencer post. This memorial took the form of these new stations which are used in this hall. At that time Mrs. Card also presented us with a beautiful picture of our first commander.

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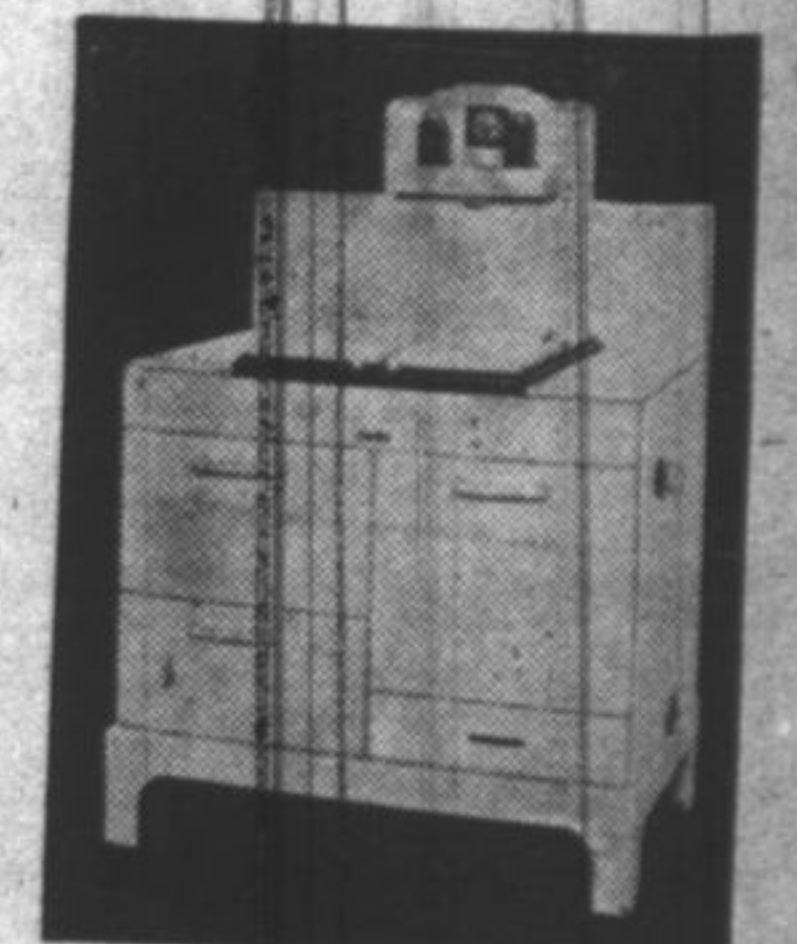
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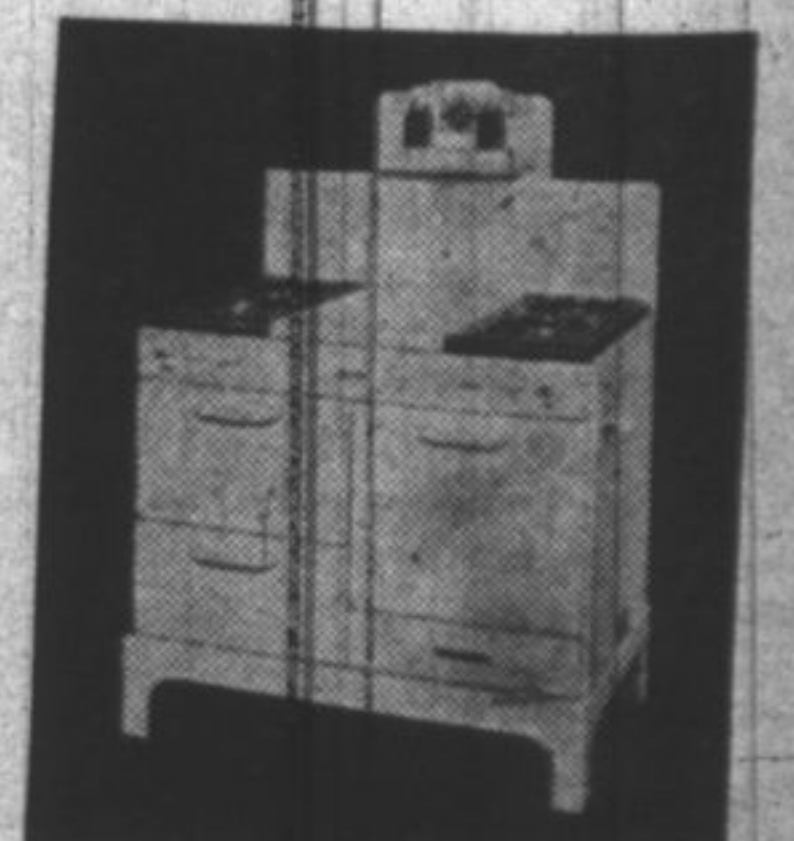
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