

Edwin Gilroy Gives Detailed Report of Legion's Activities

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of the Dumaresq Spencer post were guests of the Highland Park Elks for a special program in their quarters. Our men enjoyed a most delightful evening. At least fifty of our members accepted this invitation with the Elks.

Baseball Picture

On April 30 at the Elm Place school, our post sponsored a baseball picture made by the American League Baseball association. Mr. Lou Pontec, formerly manager of the Chicago White Sox, gave a short talk at this meeting. The whole community was invited and approximately 1,000 people enjoyed this baseball picture. This picture was in line with the interest shown by the American Legion throughout the United States in junior baseball activities.

Junior Baseball

We have had an excellent year in the sponsorship of our junior baseball teams. During the past year we have sponsored two teams, one composed of a group of boys from 17 to 19 and the other of a group of boys from 15 to 17. Through this activity we have been able to develop real sportsmanship in a group of about thirty boys and give them a real activity to follow.

Church Service at Trinity Church

On the Sunday preceding Decoration Day the post attended the Trinity church, as a group, to hear the memorial services given for Dumaresq Spencer. A wreath was placed at the window in memory of Dumaresq Spencer, and our chaplain read the prayers at this service.

Decoration Day, May 30

On Decoration Day our post marched to the War Memorial located at Laurel and Prospect avenue to hold our annual Decoration Day services. Marching with us was a newly organized boys' drum and bugle corps and other civic organizations such as the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts. After services at the War Memorial, members of the post decorated all of the ex-service men's graves in Mooney's cemetery.

Boys' Drum and Bugle Corps

During the spring, when it was obvious that our old drum and bugle corps did not care to go on with its activities, our post sponsored the boys' drum and bugle corps which was organized at the Elm Place school. This drum and bugle corps has, during their brief existence made marvelous strides forward and has developed a keen interest in the

community. There is now a good sized waiting list of other boys who are desirous of getting into this drum and bugle corps. This corps was with us on Decoration Day and they were with us again at our services in Sunset Park on the afternoon of July 4th.

School Medal Awards

Following the custom of previous years, the Dumaresq Spencer post presented school medal awards to the graduating class of Deerfield-Shields high school. One medal was given for scholarship to the valedictorian of the class and the other medal was given to the best all-around athlete in the graduating class. These awards reflect the interest of the American Legion both in good citizenship and manhood.

Elm Place School Election

The Dumaresq Spencer post took a definite stand in favor of the Elm Place school election because of the deplorable conditions that existed there for our grammar school children. Our representatives met with the representatives of the school board and learned first-hand about these conditions, and that they could be corrected.

The Carnival

Our carnival this year was very successful from a financial standpoint by the virtue of our great success in the grand award. Our net profits were in the neighborhood of \$1,600. We are going to call for reports from the men who took an active part in this carnival in order that we might have on file suggestions for the improvement of the carnival which we expect to hold next year. On the sale of tickets for the grand award our post did an outstanding job and we have had the finest co-operation in the sale of these tickets from the largest number of members that have heretofore taken an interest in our carnival. 4th of July patriotic services —Speaker, Hon. Samuel Hastings.

Lake County Bogardus Relief Commission

Our post has had a delegate and an alternate as a member of the above committee. The whole relief problem has been very much upset during the past year because the relief was shifted to the county and has recently been shifted back again to the township. Under these circumstances we have done the best we could, keeping in mind not only our obligations to our men, but our obligations to the community.

Boy Scouts

At the present time our post sponsors a boy and sends him to camp each year. In addition to this, our quarters are used once each week on Tuesday evening by a Boy Scout troop. In doing this we are co-operating with the Boy Scouts because we find that they have been having a hard time finding adequate quarters in which to hold their meetings.

Bonus Application

During the past year we have helped to fill out approximately 450 applications for the bonus. This service went away beyond our post and we helped ex-service men in a territory from Waukegan south to Evanston. We had a separate office known to the public and regular hours in which to serve the ex-service men. Our post has done a marvelous job on this very important function for there has been a hundred and one questions to answer concerning the whole bonus application.

Because of our many activities of the past year, I am certain that Highland Park is a better place in which to live. The Dumaresq Spencer post is doing its duty in the right spirit and proper attitude. I believe that you will agree with me that we are trying to serve in peace as we served in war.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWIN L. GILROY, Commander

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