

# American Legion Notes

## Bursts and Duds of Interest to Buddies and Comrades

A. W. MELVER, Commander  
Murphy, N. C.  
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Murphy, N. C.

Preamble to Constitution of the American Legion:  
We, the United States, do associate ourselves together for the following purposes:  
To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to honor and protect the war veterans and their dependents; to promote the interests of the community; and to assist in the betterment of the human race.

every ex-service man in the county this week—that is, every man whose name and address was available. The mailing list of the local Legion post is not complete, and if you did not receive a copy of this letter it was because the officers did not have your name and address. Send your name and address to either Commander Melver or Adjutant Simonds. Do this without further urging. There will be much information sent to the ex-service men of the county and unless your name and address appears on the mailing list you will not receive this information. You are not obligating yourself in any way. You don't even have to join the Legion—although if you should desire to take this step, the local Legion post would be mighty glad to welcome you as a member.

The letter follows:  
March 10, 1931.

Dear Comrade:  
All World War Veterans are urgently requested to be present at a Mass Meeting to be held in the court house at Murphy, Saturday night, March 14th, at 6:30 P. M. Mr. Walter Coleman, radio dealer of Murphy, has generously agreed to install a radio set in the court house so that every veteran in Cherokee county will have an opportunity to hear Con C. Johnson, Department Commander of the American Legion, who will broadcast an address through Station WBT, Charlotte, N. C.

Immediately following the Department Commander's address, Col. Don Witherspoon will address our local meeting. Col. Witherspoon will have a message that will be of interest to every veteran of the World War.

The purpose of this meeting is to secure members to the American Legion. If you are not a member already, come prepared to join now, if possible. If you do not wish to join at this time, do not let that keep you away from the meeting but come and enjoy the program that has been arranged for you. Don't forget the time: Promptly at 6:30 P. M., Saturday, March 14th.

A. W. Melver, Post Commander  
Attest:  
A. M. Simonds, Post Adjutant.

The fifty per cent, bonus loan passed recently by Congress is already benefitting Cherokee county veterans. A number of checks have been received and cashed by the local banks, just how much or who is hard

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## Women To Play Golf Free On Midway This Year

The contingent of golfers will have the run of the course at Midway Lake this year free of cost, according to announcement this week by Hampton brothers, owners and operators of the Midway recreation park.

Several changes have been made in the greens and fairways and the greens have been put in good shape for playing. Already a number of golfers have left hibernation and ventured forth to conquer lower scores—or attempt to do so.

to tell. Maybe we'll be able to check up on the situation next week.

Now come on, soldiers! Let's come out Saturday night to the court house and hear what Commander Johnson has to say from Charlotte, then hear a good address from our townman and citizen, Col. Witherspoon—why, we'll just chuck a pocket full of grenades into the dugout just to see you lousy bum scatter!

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Now what do you say, soldiers? We are going to have a column or squad a week filled with news of interest to all ex-service men—soldiers, sailors and marines—who took part in the scrap that sent the Kaiser scuttling to safety at Doorn and threw the Hindenburg into back across the Rhine.

This news will sometimes be "burst" and sometimes it will be only "dud". Nevertheless, it will be, we hope, of interest to every soldier who saw service at home or abroad.

And, say you Bucks, Doggrabbers and Heshlifers! Snap out of it and help us to make this column worth while. All of you can contribute your bit by sending in all the news of yourself and your comrades. From time to time you can give your impressions of the "great life" then and now—anything—just so it's about service men and what they do, want or like. Fall in. Right face! Forward, march!

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## Help the Railways to recover their Earning Capacity . . . .

The general public does not seem to realize, or fully appreciate, that the railroads are not earning what their investment calls for, or even what the law of the land permits them to earn.

Under this law they may earn 5% percent on the value of their property (there is no "guarantee"), but for the past ten years they have never reached this in any single year, and the average for these years has been only slightly above four percent—a return entirely inadequate for a vital industry. This has resulted notwithstanding the railroads have reduced their expenses by 22.7 percent.

Among the causes for this shortage have been reductions in freight rates (amounting to 15.6 percent) and a decline in traffic due to competing forms of transportation—pipe lines, waterways, highways—which are either subsidized by governmental aid or are not tied down by the same degree of restrictions as to regulation, supervision and taxation that the railroads are.

The public is entitled to the form of transportation it prefers, but that preference should be expressed only after all conditions are considered. At present the conditions are grossly inequitable.

The railroads, because of their large investments, their important payrolls, their heavy purchases, their enormous taxes, and their indispensable part in the development and progress of this country, have some claim to public patronage if they can give satisfactory service—which they are doing. They have a right to equal and fair treatment. They have a right to urge that competitors in the public transportation business shall not be unduly favored. They have a right to ask for equal conditions in the field of competition. This they are asking for—and nothing more.

You can help them by traveling and shipping by train, and by insisting that they be given fair and just treatment.



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