

Forward Observation Post

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For The American Legion, Department of North Carolina

Plans For State Convention

J. Stanley Woodland, department vice commander of the American Legion, of Morehead City, and general chairman of the Convention City Committee, has announced the appointment of the following committee chairman to attend the various programs and help perfect and carry out the plans for the Thirteenth Annual Convention of the American Legion of North Carolina, which Convention will be held at Morehead City, July 26, 27 and 28, 1931: Rev. J. A. Vache, religious service; H. S. Gibbs, finance; Dixie Moore, of Kinston, parades and parade grounds; R. W. Cordon, entertainment; Herbert Thornton, transportation; W. L. Derrickson, housing; Dr. O. H. Johnson, publicity and programs; C. Salisbury, printing; E. W. Guthrie, decorating; Luther Hamilton, distinguished guests; Gordon C. Wil-

ls, registration; and Dr. S. W. Thompson, Jr., badges.

The above named committee chairmen of their respective committees have swung into action, determined to make this fast approaching Dept. Convention of the Legion at Morehead City the biggest and the best and the most enjoyable in the entire history of the Legion in N. C.

Housing

All reservations for hotel accommodations must be made through the chairman of the Convention Housing Chairman, W. L. Derrickson, of Morehead City. The first cannot be emphasized too strongly, that all reservations must be made through Mr. Derrickson, and Legionnaires desiring reservations should get in touch with Chairman Derrickson, advising him the kind of accommodations desired and preference as to hotel, etc.. Dept.

Hq. for the Legion and also for the American Legion Auxiliary will be established at the Atlantic Hotel during the entire Convention. Other leading hotels at Morehead City are the Villa Hotel capacity 350; the Cherry Hotel, capacity 100; the Charles Hotel, capacity 100; the Little Jim Hotel, capacity 550 persons; and the Beach Hotel, capacity 200. The last named is the only hotel in Morehead City using the European plan, all others having the American plan. Chairman Derrickson will be glad to furnish you with rates, etc., of the various hotels. The capacity of the Atlantic Hotel is said to be 1,000 persons. In addition to the hotels at Morehead City, the following hotels at Beaufort will be available: the Davis Hotel (American plan) capacity 60; Ye Olde Inlet Inn, capacity 100 (American plan) and the Russell House, capacity 550 (European plan) and the EAnn St. Inn, capacity 20 (European plan). Chairman Derrickson states that in making reservations Legionnaires should give names of the Legionnaires for whom they desire reservations made, and also indicate first, second and third choice of hotel desired. The Commanders and Adjutants of the various Posts will be furnished with list of the rates, and Legionnaires desiring such information would do well to contact such Post officials prior to writing or wiring Chairman Derrickson to make the necessary reservations.

Entertainment

Plenty of real entertainment is being planned and will undoubtedly be available for the thousands of the members of the Legion and of the Legion Auxiliary who attend this Convention. Registration will entitle Legionnaires and members of the Auxiliary to the following: Free Ocean trips to Cape Lookout and Fort Macon. Tom Thumb Golf Courses. Trip to U. S. Marine Laboratory. Band Concert from 3 to 5 P. M. Sunday on Beard Walk of Atlantic Beach. Also another Concert from 4 to 5 p. m. at same place on Monday, July 27th. Special Fireworks Display at Atlantic Beach at 9 p. m., Monday, July 27th. Dance starting at 10 p. m. on Monday, July 27th, at the Casino (with specialties by former entertainers of the Silver Slipper and Hollywood Restaurants, (free to registered Legionnaires and member of the Auxiliary); and a free ticket to Wade's Theatre on Tuesday, July 28th. The above are some of the entertainments already being planned. It is quite likely that there may also be others arranged prior to the Convention.

The committee says that no one will be left untended to provide entertainment for every hour of the day and most of the night, including parades, boat trips, dances, beach parties and the elaborate display of fireworks at Atlantic Beach, mentioned above.

Bands and Exhibition Units To Compete

The rules and regulations prescribed by the Department Trophy & Awards Committee for the Post Band Competition, and also the rules and regulations for the Contest of Exhibition Units, including Drum & Bugle Corps, Flag Escorts, Drill Teams, etc., have been mailed to the various Posts. Several new musical organizations have been organized by the various Posts since the Dept. Convention at Winston-Salem last year, and it is practically certain that more musical organizations will participate in the Band and in the Exhibition Units Competitions at the Convention in Morehead City, July 27th, and will also participate in the Parade at Morehead City at 5 P. M. on the 27th, than at any previous State Convention of the Legion in North Carolina. The Band competition is scheduled to start at 12:30 P. M. on the 27th, and the Contest of Exhibition Units is scheduled to start promptly at 1:00 p. m. on the same date. Dixie Moore, the go-getting Commander of the Joseph D. Rountree Post at Kinston this year, has been placed in charge of the Parade grounds, and is the member of the Dept. Trophy & Awards Committee to whom the competing musical organizations must submit their applications for entry to such competition. Dixie says that he is determined that the Parade this year is going to be the biggest and best ever. Dixie is right on the job and the Legionnaires of N. C. can depend absolutely upon that Parade being the biggest and best ever, we sincerely believe, for Dixie Moore is Commander of the Joseph D. Rountree Post at Kinston which this year has increased its total membership to 281, whereas its last year's total was 89. The Legionnaires can also depend upon the Parade starting right on time, as has been customary during the past several years.

Government Insurance Available

Legionnaires and former service men in North Carolina, who carried

War Risk Insurance during the war and who have since "dropped" either a part of all of such insurance and who are interested in taking up that insurance in the form of policy (or policies) now available, should write direct to the Regional Office of the U. S. Veterans Bureau, Charlotte, N. C., requesting full information and the necessary blanks upon which to apply for same. The rates are now a little higher than the rates during War time (to those veterans who have not kept up such insurance) for the reason that the age of the veteran now determines the rate. The veterans Bureau still has what has been termed the Five Year Convertible Term policy, which all such veterans who can now pass the necessary physical examinations can secure by paying several months premium. Such veterans can keep up such insurance by either monthly, quarterly or annual payments in advance, after the insurance has been re-instated. A letter to the Charlotte office of the U. S. Veterans Bureau requesting full information and the necessary forms—that will bring you all the necessary information. Then, if there's anything which the veteran has not understood about it, he has only to see the local Post Service Officer who will gladly help him fill out the application.

Legion Growing

The total membership or numerical strength of the Legion in North Carolina today is 18,148, which is exactly 2,616 more than during any one of the previous years during the history of the Legion in N. C. The National organization now has a big drive on to bring the strength of the Legion nationally to over the one million mark between now and July fourth, at which time the National Commander will address the Legionnaires of Western North Carolina and adjoining

States the big fourth of July Celebration at Murphy, N. C. The Posts in N. C. are doing their part in this campaign.

'LAST HOUR' MUSIC

The musical magazine, Etude, Philadelphia, raised the question: If you had 24 hours to live, and could hear just one piece of music, what piece would you choose?

Billy Sunday would select "In the Sweet Bye and Bye." Al Smith would ask for "Holy Lord We Praise Thy Name." The Rev. Henry van Dyke would desire Beethoven's "Heroica," "Lead Kindly Light," and "Abide With Me." Arthur Brisbane suggested the old song, "Long, Long Ago," as a remembrance of happier days as life ebbs away. The Magazine doesn't say, but perhaps Al Capone would select "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight."

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