

AMERICAN LEGION HOLDS ARMISTICE DAY OBSERVANCE

Duke University Man Speaks To Group At Weldon

About sixty members and invited guests of Shaw Post No. 38 of the American Legion observed a special "Armistice Day" program at the Community Center Building in Weldon Tuesday night.

The observance of the twenty-third Armistice Day was in the form of a dinner, followed by various impromptu speeches and the address of the evening which was delivered by Dr. Leroy Lewis, professor of public speaking at Duke University. Post Commander Mike Josephson presided at the meeting, which was attended by Legion members of the post, the auxiliary and their invited guests.

The meeting opened with the singing of one verse of "America". Chaplain W. J. Norwood delivered the invocation. Several musical numbers were rendered by Mesdames C. R. and R. T. Daniel, accompanied at the piano by Miss Farmer, of the Weldon High School faculty.

Following the dinner, Post Commander Josephson called on Dutch Seifert, Rev. Edmund Berkeley and C. C. Shell, to make short talks. Josephson then made a talk in which he paid tribute to the 31 Halifax County citizens who died in World War I. A. W. Oakes, Weldon attorney, then introduced the speaker of the evening.

Dr. Lewis, in an interesting 30-minute talk, opened his discussion with a comparison of democracies with relationship to the totalitarian governments of today. He pointed out that "the individual is supreme in a democratic society," whereas the totalitarian government was founded on a principle of complete agreement, and that complete agreement means the obedience to will of a one-man group. He then explained that a democracy seeks to develop the personality of its citizens, that it was a human institution, and that to improve democracy the individual must remain supreme.

Defending our "American Way of Life", Dr. Lewis pointed to the fact that a democracy guarantees the freedom of speech to all citizens. As examples he pointed to the German Bund Leader criticizing conscription, Norman Thomas condemning both major parties and Willkie attacking government power . . . that totalitarianism denied freedom of speech to all groups except one, and that it even denied it to professors in scientific laboratories. "Democra-

cies believe that all citizens have a right to express themselves on questions of policy," he continued, "and to improve democracy speech must be free to all citizens."

He then discussed the fact that a Democracy guarantees the freedom of political action for the individual, whereas Totalitarianism eliminates all political parties but one. He cited since 1917 the rise of the communist party in Russia, since 1923 the Fascist Party in Italy, and since 1933 the Nazi Party in Germany, all of them eliminating opposition as consolidates gains by the firing squad. He then asked his audience how they would like to have been faced with the alternative of voting for only one man in last November's elections, pointing out at the same time that voters had their choice of eight candidates for President in some states. He pointed to the large posters displaying the thought: "Vote as you please—but vote," as further evidence of the choice of citizens of a democracy.

Touching on the labor question, Dr. Lewis said that Hitler's first move in France was to eliminate the labor union, and that earlier in Germany he had taken over German industry and labor with the consequent result of lower wages and a lower standard of living. "Slave labor today reigns throughout Hitler-controlled Europe," he said, "and industry and labor are subordinated to the state."

Discussing "Freedom of Religion" Dr. Lewis emphasized the fact that the United States has a tradition of religious freedom, and that Colonial America was in part founded for this very reason. "Religious freedom was a reality—no theory to our forefathers," he said, "whereas Totalitarians set up state religions or destroy it altogether."

In his graphic comparisons of the democracies and the totalitarian governments, Dr. Lewis imparted much thought-provoking logic to his audience, who enjoyed his talk thoroughly, as was evidenced by their enthusiastic applause at the end of his speech.

The meeting was declared adjourned by Post-Commander Josephson after the entire assemblage joined in singing "God Bless America."

Wins Honor Second Time

Ernestine Crawley was elected the outstanding citizen of the Aurelian Springs School last week for the second time this year. Paul Wilson was the runner-up in the election.

The poll is held each month by the eighth grade girls civics class.

Randolph Field Graduates Cadet From Jackson

Littleton C. Seldon of Jackson was a member of the graduating class of Aviation Cadets at Randolph Field, October 31. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Seldon, he was a member of the tenth class to receive basic training at the "West Point of the Air" during 1941.

Reporting to Randolph Field just ten weeks ago after completing primary training at an elementary school, this class of 243 men had mastered the fundamentals of pilotage in rugged low powered training planes. Sixty-five hours aloft were logged in this type craft. Now they have added an additional 70 hours in Randolph's 450-horsepower monoplanes. This secondary phase of the Air Corps' thirty-week course has included night flying, aerial acrobatics, cross-country, instrument and formation flying.

Jackson Youth Goes To Navy Hospital School

Odell Francis Barnes, Jackson youth recently enlisting in the U. S. Navy, has been chosen to go to Norfolk Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va., for a course of instruction in the Hospital Corps School there.

Graduates of the school are sent to naval hospitals for at least a year, where their instruction in such things as anatomy and physiology, hygiene, and sanitation, nursing, and first aid and minor surgery is continued and rounded out by practical experience under the direct supervision of ward nurses. He is the son of D. B. Barnes of Jackson.

WPA Projects Will Observe Special Day

The W.P.A. Recreation Projects in Roanoke Rapids will observe "Health and Welfare Day" Friday, Nov. 14, this being a part of the program proclaimed by President Roosevelt as Civilian Defense Week. The program consisted of: Armistice Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11; War Against Waste Day, Wednesday, Nov. 12; Sign Up For Defense Day, Thursday, Nov. 13; Health and Welfare Day, Friday, Nov. 14; Civilian Protection Day, Saturday, Nov. 15; Freedom Day, Sunday, Nov. 16.

The public is urged to visit the W.P.A. pre-school at Vance Street School Friday morning, Nov. 14, from 9:00 to 12:00 a.m., and see how

the health and welfare of a young child is being promoted through the W.P.A. program.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Eulas B. Davis, deceased, late of Halifax County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit the same to the undersigned at Roanoke Rapids, N. C., on or before the 13th day of November, 1942, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons in-

debted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 12th day of November, 1941.

PRISCILLA G. DAVIS, Administratrix of the Estate of Eulas B. Davis
W. Bernard Allsbrook, Attorney
6t-WBA-12-18

NOTICE

NORTH CAROLINA
HALIFAX COUNTY

In the Superior Court
Mary Belle McDowell, a minor appearing herein by her duly appointed Next Friend, Mrs. Jack Calahan vs.

John Henry McDowell
The defendant will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Halifax County, North Carolina, to obtain a divorce on the grounds of separation for the period as provided by law; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the court house in Halifax, N. C., on the 13th day of January, 1942, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 6th day of November, 1941.
A. L. HUX, Clerk Superior Court,
Halifax County, N. C.
LONG & CREW, Attorneys
4t-L&C-12-4



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