



### Paul Younts Commander

Greensboro — Appointment of Paul R. Younts of Charlotte as executive vice-commander of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion, was announced here by Department Commander W. M. York.

Mr. Younts is a veteran of World War I and II and is a past department commander of the Legion in North Carolina and a past national vice-commander. He recently retired from active service in the Army with the rank of colonel.

The office of executive vice-commander was established at the state convention in Winston-Salem in June and was set up to meet the needs of the vastly-expanding veterans organization.

The executive vice-commander will serve as a full time executive and administrative official and will handle many of the duties that have been discharged in the past by the department commander and the department adjutant.

#### OFFICE IN RALIEGH

His office will be at department headquarters in Raleigh and he will be in direct charge of the Legion's program in the state. The Legion's membership passed the 67,000 mark this year and department officials estimate that it likely will reach 150,000 in the coming year.

Mr. Young was elected by the department administrative committee also established at the Winston-Salem convention. The committee is composed of five members with the department commander as ex-officia chairman.

Commander York expressed extreme satisfaction at the election of Col Young "He is one of the best informed Legionnaires in the state and is an organizer and executive of great ability. I am confident that under his direction the North Carolina Department will establish an enviable record in Legion accomplishment.

Mr. Younts will go to Raleigh some time this week and enter upon his duties immediately.

The new executive vice-commander served in France in World War I and continued in the National Guard after that war. In the meantime he was engaged in business in Charlotte and was serving as postmaster when he reported for active duty as a major in the 30th Division, National Guard, in 1940. After service in this country he was for more than two years in the Pacific, where he served with distinction as chief of staff to Gen. Nathan A. Twining, commander of the famed 13th Air Force. Upon his return to this country he was commanding officer at the Overseas Replacement Depot in Greensboro until his retirement a couple of months ago. He has been active in the reor-

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Col. Younts was commander of the North Carolina Department of the Legion in 1925 and a national vice-commander in 1927.

### Mayne Albright Made Chairman

R. Mayne Albright of Raleigh has been appointed Chairman of the Membership Committee of the State Department of the American Legion by the newly elected Department Commander William M. York. Albright is the first World War II veteran in North Carolina to be appointed to a major statewide position in the American Legion. After four years of

military service, the greater part of which was spent in the Mediterranean Theatre, Albright was discharged as a Major, having received four battle stars and a decoration from the new Italian Government. In January 1946 he declined a position on a special mission to study labor conditions in the Japanese Empire in order to return to his former civilian position in North Carolina as State Director of the United States Employment Service. J. W. McLennan, Burlington, World War I veteran, was named Vice-Chairman of the Membership Committee.

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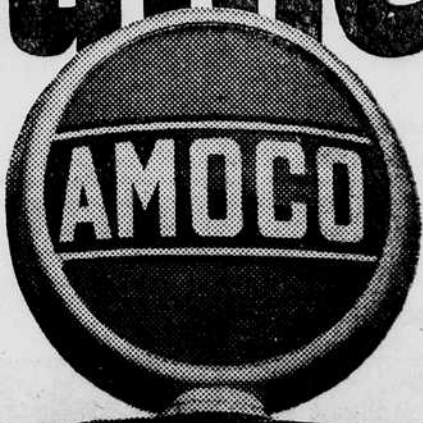
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