

"Dugout Dope"

(This column published weekly in the interest of the Ex-service men of Rowan County).

The 1931 national convention of The American Legion is now history, and when our historian writes into the archives the material gathered in Detroit, it will stand revealed as the greatest in the life of our organization. Each year it grows greater and more colorful, as the years multiply, so do the memberships, those comrades of 1977-1918 live less for the future and more in the past, their hearts yearn for the old carefree comradeships, they join the Legion and attend the conventions, searching for that memory that haunts, that buddy they can't forget. Do they find him? They do and HOW!

The Old North State has been signally honored in this convention. Henry L. Stevens, a native Tar Heel living in the little town of Warsaw, was elected National Commander without a roll call, an unprecedented procedure, the youngest man ever to serve, the only subaltern ever to be elected, and the first truly Southern man ever so honored. Henry, gifted with the silver tongue so often attributed to less worthy individuals, has swayed State conventions with his magnetic power of speech, but he was practically unknown outside of his native Tarheelia. Then came his election by acclamation, now the farthest reaches of this far flung nation have men who talk of that youthful silvery tongued orator, who in his speech of acceptance wrung tears from the eyes of hard boiled soldiers, cheers from the mouths of men North, South, East and West, and wrapped his personality around the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to hear him. One year hence Henry Stevens will be better known than many presidents, better loved than he ever dared hope for.

Salisbury and the Samuel C. Hart Post shared honors in Detroit through the Escort. The North Carolina department following New Hampshire, stepped off in parade, seventh in the line of march, headed by the Winston band, followed by Greensboro, then came the ladies Auxiliary of Charlotte, who by request of the Escort headed Salisbury's own. The music section immediately behind the ladies, followed by the Flag section, stepped off with drums beating a snappy march that was never silenced in the seven miles of march. As they stepped out, drums beating, flags flying, heads up and feet lifting to the rhythm of the drums, there was never a thought of stopping, never a falter. On down the broad avenues of Detroit, packed solidly on each side with a wall of humanity who rose in mighty waves to applaud and salute the Parade of the Allies, as represented by the Escort. On down the long avenues marched the Escort, the crowds grew more dense, applause reverberated in the canyons of Woodward avenue, made by tall buildings on each side, each building with the population of small city in its windows, on to the City Hall where the reviewing stand was located, where were massed the greatest throngs on the line of march. Here the Post Banner and the N. C. flag was dipped in salute to the notables, here was received the greatest accolade from the spectators. Movie and news cameras clicked recording for posterity the color and sound of the mightiest host ever to march in an American city, one hundred thousand men and women, marching in quick step sixteen abreast for eight hours and sixteen minutes past the reviewing stand, through living walls of applauding men and women, two million strong. The Escort was paid in full for the time, money and effort expended, their hearts full, their thoughts saddened only by the knowledge that some of the original faithful members had been unable to attend through business or family cares too imperative to lay aside. Standing on the sides lines watching that vast spectacle of marching men, from Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania and all the sister states flow by, until the evening shadows fell bringing the first contingents of Michigan, greatest numerically of all that great throng, the lights switched on and still they marched until the last line of men passed before the reviewing stand at nine forty P. M. Then and then only, did the mas of humanity watching this awe inspiring show of man power, break up and start homeward, stunned by the immensity of it all. Watching that never ending flow of marching men swinging down the avenue, heads up, shoulders back, with a song on their lips, those of us who have fallen into the habit of thinking of ourselves as old men, realized we were old in thought only. Those marching hosts were still young, still the spearhead of the nations defense, still the bulwark ready to be placed between this fair land of ours and a militant foe. A little older in

years but still elastic in body, more mature in thought yet more reliable in crisis, capable of leading and steadying the less experienced youths who have grown into men since the armistice, verily that vast column of men impressed the observer that these United States need fear no foe, if, those whom we elect to high office fulfill their obligations and gather together in times of peace the essential material, educate the necessary leaders and weld into a whole the framework of an army that may be quickly filled with those marching veterans, ready to take up the challenge and defend her against all comers.

After the parade the editorial staff of the Detroit News gathered together to decide which units should be featured in the rotogravure section, space was limited, only the best could be shown, twelve units were selected for this honor, one a Scots Corps from Windsor the border city of Canada, eleven from the states at large, the Memorial Flag Escort and the Samuel C. Hart Post was one of those eleven. Verily their cup was filled to overflowing, this final accolade was as a cup of sparkling wine to the weary, an honor second only to a citation on the field of battle.

On to Portland in 1932 and greater honors still!

THE LANCE CORPORAL.

OAK RIDGE GRANGE HOLDS FINE MEET

Oak Ridge Grange held its regular meeting Tuesday night, Sept. 22nd, with a large number of visitors present. After the regular business session, they were entertained with a short program put on by the Zenith Guano Co. of Salisbury.

A number of songs were rendered by the Railroad quartet of East Spencer, and several selections played on the guitar and mouth harp by the "one man orchestra," Mr. Freeze.

Mr. Dungan of the Guano Co. gave a short but very interesting talk with several apt demonstrations.

It was a most enjoyable occasion and from the number of favorable reports, if the same entertainers find it convenient to visit us again, they will receive a warm welcome.

15,000 Pheasants Set Free

Olympia, Wash.—"Papa's gone a-huntin'" in Washington for some of the 15,000 Chinese and ring-neck pheasants released recently by the State game farms. The birds were raised from eggs laid by "breeders" in captivity. The young fowl were distributed among various counties.

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER MECHANIC'S LIEN

Pursuant to the provision contained in Section 2435 of the Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina, the undersigned will, on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14th, 1931, at the Courthouse Door of Rowan County, N. C., at 12:00 Noon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described personal property, to-wit: One 1927 model Chevrolet Coupe, motor No. 3017513.

The above car is the property of Herman Lyerly and the amount of the said lien is \$18.75.

This Sept. 28th, 1931. L. M. YOST trading as Yost's Garage. Oct. 1-8.

NOTICE OF RE-SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to a judgment of the Superior Court of Rowan Co. in a proceeding entitled, "R. E. Fraley, administrator of J. H. Kincaid, deceased, vs. T. M. Kincaid and wife, Viola Kincaid, et al." the undersigned commissioner will, on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14th, 1931, at 12:00 NOON,

at the Courthouse Door in the City of Salisbury, N. C., sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described real estate, to-wit: 1st tract. Beginning at a stake on lot No. 1, thence S. 20 1/2 degrees E. 5 poles to a stake; thence N. 69 1/2 degrees E. 4 chains (16 poles) to a stake on the East side of the Mocksville Road; thence N. 20 1/2 degrees W. 5 poles to a stake on the same side of the road; thence S. 69 1/2 degrees W. 4 chains (16 poles) to the beginning, containing one-half an acre, be the same, more or less. For back title see Book 64, page 435.

2nd tract. Also another tract adjoining the above, commencing at a stake on J. L. Ketchey's N. W. corner, thence N. with Misses Winders' (grantors) line to a stake on Mrs. Reeves' corner; thence West across North Street to a stake on Geo. T. Thomason's line; thence S. with Thomason's and J. C. Miller's lines to J. L. Ketchey's corner; thence East across said Street to the beginning, containing one-eighth of an acre, more or less. See Book 134, page 295 for title. This the 28th day of Sept., 1931.

R. E. FRALEY, Commissioner. IRA R. SWICEGOOD, Attorney. Oct. 1-8.

SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Pursuant to the provisions contained in a certain deed of trust, dated May 3rd, 1928, executed by Max L. Barker and wife, Nellie V. Barker, to Ross M. Sigmon, Trustee, which deed of trust was properly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Rowan County, Book of Mortgages No. 93, page 299, default having been made in the payment of the amount secured by said mortgage as there-in provided, and under and by virtue of the terms, authority and power of sale conferred by said deed of trust, and by law provided, the undersigned Ross M. Sigmon, Trustee, will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder, or bidders, for cash, at the Court House door in Salisbury, N. C., on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31st, 1931, at 12 O'CLOCK, NOON,

the following described real property, to-wit: Lying in the Great North Ward of the City of Salisbury on the West side of Liberty Street, between Fulton and Ellis Streets.

BEGINNING at a point 250 feet from Fulton Street, Jno. L. Rendleman's corner; and runs with Liberty Street about N. W. 73 feet to a stake, Mrs. Chas. Price's (now Miss Carrie Robert's) corner; thence about S. W. and parallel with Ellis St. 100 feet to T. H. Vanderford's line; thence about S. W. with Vanderford's line, 73 feet to Rendleman's corner; thence with Rendleman's line about N. E. to the BEGINNING corner on Liberty St.

On the above described premises is located a two story, seven room house, the premises being known and designated as 425 West Liberty Street.

For back title, see Deed from E. J. Roseman and W. M. Harris to T. H. Vanderford, Book 118, page 284; also Deed from T. H. Vanderford and wife to Max L. Barker and wife, Book 127, page 69; Book 91, page 474. Dated this September 28th, 1931. ROSS M. SIGMON, Trustee. HUDSON & HUDSON, Attorneys. Oct. 1-22.

TWIN CITY LOSES DIVISION OFFICE OF SOUTHERN RY.

The Danville division of the Southern railway will absorb the Winston-Salem division on October 1 and the offices in Winston-Salem will be moved to Greensboro.

L. H. Woodall, of Greensboro, superintendent of the Danville division, will hold the same post with the division and J. S. Bergman, of Winston-Salem, superintendent of the local division, will become assistant superintendent.

This move on the part of the Southern railway is being made in the interest of economy and will affect about six men in the local office, it was learned. These men, two of whom reside at Kernersville, will be moved to Greensboro.

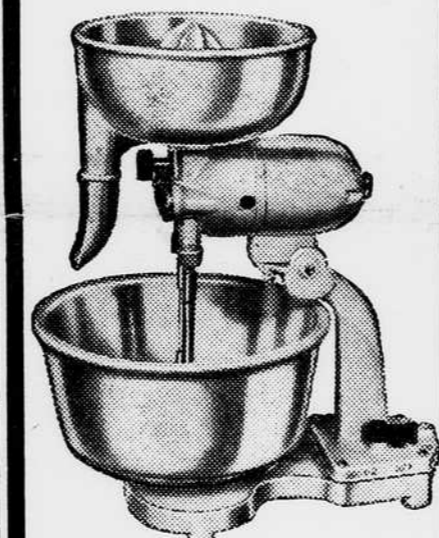
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