

Victor Shaw Is Commander Of American Legion Post

Succeeds A. J. Beall Who Was Presented Handsome Silver Pitcher in Appreciation for His Leadership During Past Year.

Victor Shaw was elected commander of the American Legion Post No. 9 American Legion at the post's annual meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday night. He succeeds A. J. Beall, who served last year.

Officers elected are: Louis D. Alexander, adjutant and finance officer; Walter Clark, Jr., historian; Rev. J. C. Wardlaw, chaplain; and J. C. Wardlaw, Jr., secretary.

Following the receipt of his commission papers from his home in St. Matthews, S. C., where he has been chaplain, Shaw was elected to the executive committee, which is composed of three to seven and the committee was elected: Dr. Hamilton, chairman; William Myers Jones, Jr., secretary; John W. Berryhill, Jr., treasurer; C. G. Griffith, and J. C. Wardlaw, Jr., members.

The slate presented by the nominating committee, was approved without dissent.

Walter Clark, Jr., department commander of North Carolina, M. Bryson, of Atlanta, manager of the fifth of the United States Veterans' bureau, of Atlanta, Ga.,

officer between the legion and bureau were among the special guests who spoke.

Dr. C. S. Merriam, district medical officer, J. C. Wardlaw, chief of the rehabilitation division and Harry W. Waldstein, chief of co-operation, all of Mr. Bryson's staff, along with Dr. J. Howell Way, of Waynesville, president of the North Carolina board of health; Judge William F. Harding, of Charlotte; Dr. Everett A. Lockett, retiring commander of Clyde Bolling post in Winston-Salem, and V. J. Bravley, sub-district manager of the Veterans' bureau, were special guests.

PROPOSES CHANGE OF NAME.

The question of changing the name of the post from Hornets Nest to Henry J. Sinari, the first man from Mecklenburg county to lose his life in France laid before the post by Lee A. Folger, but it was decided to postpone action on the matter until the next meeting.

F. O. Clarkson, retiring vice commander, near the close of the meeting, introduced Norman Lynch, who presented on behalf of the post a silver pitcher to Mr. Beall in appreciation of his

services as head of the post during the last 12 months.

Frank A. Owens, Thomas L. Alexander and John W. Berryhill, three of the 10 Distinguished Cross Service Medal winners, were guests of honor at the dinner. James A. Lockhart, a veteran of the world war, praised and lauded them for their heroism and bravery.

Dr. R. F. Leinbach spoke of the two D. S. C. men who did not come back, Oliver Ranson and Daniel C. Peplin. Following Dr. Leinbach's talk more than \$40 was raised among the tables in voluntary subscriptions to be used in purchasing Christmas gifts for the Poplin family, with its several children. A monument will also be presented to the three-year old posthumous son of Oliver Ranson.

"The Bordeaux Bull Cross No. 9, 512-572" said to be an iron cross made of brass, was presented to Norman Lynch for his super-heroic service by Thomas L. Alexander and Major W. R. Robertson. Mr. Lynch then announced the second annual ball of the American War Mothers to be held at the city auditorium December 21. This organization is particularly concerned with the care and attention of disabled ex-service men and last year raised \$1,400 for necessities and semi-necessities for disabled men in North and South Carolina.

ANNUAL REPORT.

In his annual report Commander Beall reviewed the activities of the post for the year, showing that the post arranged for the reception of the late F. W. Galbraith, national commander, raised \$3,000 for work among disabled soldiers, assisted in the clean-up campaign, formed the Woman's auxiliary, staged Memorial and Armistice Day pa-

rades, greeted Marshal Foch at Monroe, conducted meat sale and showed moving pictures in an effort to raise funds for building the "hope chest."

He recommended a vigorous campaign for increased membership as one of the first objects during the new year. At the conclusion of the report the post stood en masse in appreciation of the commander's work for the year.

W. G. Craven adjutant and finance officer reported that the post raised \$3,931.50 during the year, with a balance of \$232.59 in the bank December 13. He also pointed out that the building fund has \$2,000.

The incoming post commander spoke briefly of the honor that had come to him and asked the continued co-operation of the legionnaires in the program of the post. He said the membership of the Charlotte post should be at least 1,000 and early efforts will be made to reach that goal, he declared.

TOM BIRD SPEAKS.

Tom Bird, department commander outlined the policy of the department for the coming year. The most important task now before the State organization, he said, is the continuation of work among disabled men. The legion proposes to give attention to the men who are getting money when they are in dire need, he explained.

An educational campaign on the courtesies to the American flag will also be conducted by the department and a service and compensation drive, in which information will be collected on all ex-service men, will also be directed, the department commander said.

M. Bryson, Veterans' Bureau manager, asked the co-operation of the post

members in assisting the disabled men to get their money, which the government has provided. He explained the workings of the new methods of maintenance pay, which insures a man getting his pay even when changing from one standing to another.

Joe Sparks, liaison officer, said that 100,000 men in the southern states are calling for help. He declared that the South is suffering less from politics than any other section of the country and the speaker said that the dirty politician shall not use the disabled veteran for his personal gain.

J. C. Wardlaw, chief of rehabilitation, spoke of the efforts being put forth to bring the ex-service men back to a pre-war basis. There are 2,000 colleges in the country and 10,000 commercial institutions in which soldiers are taking training. There are 7,000 ex-service men in this district eligible for training. Mr. Wardlaw said, and of this number 3,000 are in the Charlotte district. Seven hundred are at present in training in the Charlotte district, he said.

The mass singing was led by Henry Benoit and J. M. O'Grady sang a solo, that was well received.

INDEFINITELY DEFER PRESBYTERIAN UNION

New York, Dec. 15.—Proposals for the union of all Presbyterian and all reformed churches in the United States have been deferred indefinitely owing to inability of representatives of the various denominations to agree on a unification program, said a report of the special conference investigating the matter, made public last night.

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