

LEGION PREPARES FOR COUNTY DUES

State Finance Officer Calls on Posts to Make Reports of Membership and Pay Up

NEEDS FUNDS FOR WORK

John W. Brock, Jr., state finance officer of the American Legion, today addressed the posts in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania a communication urging upon the post commanders the importance of taking into consideration state and national dues for the ensuing year, and explaining the details as to the payments of such dues.

The question of dues was given consideration yesterday by the executive committee of the county committee, which met in the Bailey Building to draft by-laws to be presented to the county committee at its meeting for organization next Monday night.

It will be necessary for the county committee to obtain from the posts in the county sufficient funds to provide for the work of the county organization during the coming year, the county committee being provided for in the state constitution. To date, the work in Philadelphia county has been conducted on a voluntary basis, which has been received as the result of efforts of the county officers.

In the communication the question of county dues is not discussed, as Colonel Brock has nothing to do with such dues. His letters to posts reads:

"The national convention of the American Legion at Minneapolis fixed the amount of national dues at \$1 per annum, the same to include a subscription to the American Legion Weekly Magazine. The national executive committee on November 13 ruled that all persons becoming members of the American Legion between November 11, 1919, and January 1, 1920, shall pay \$1 dues, which will carry them to December 31, 1920. All members enrolled prior to November 11, 1919, will be carried as paid up to December 31, 1919. Local posts will be responsible for the dues for 1919 of all men whose names were reported to state headquarters prior to the date mentioned. The state convention at Harrisburg fixed the amount of state dues at 50 cents per annum. The same adjustment with regard to new members received after November 11 applies as in the case of national dues.

"Printed forms will shortly be sent to all local posts on which to report the membership and remittances for 1920. All official membership cards will be forwarded from this office for all paid-up members for 1920.

"A number of posts have remitted dues at the rate of thirty-five cents

per member since November 11 without stating whether or not these dues, or any part of them, were collected prior to that date. As this may make a difference in the balance due for 1920 post finance officers who have failed to supply this information should do so at once. In case this report is not made within ten days the sums so received will be credited on account of dues received from members since November 11.

"Checks and money orders hereafter should be made payable to the order of American Legion, Department of Pennsylvania."

Post No. 229 will meet tonight in St. John's Hall, Manayunk, to elect permanent officers. John J. Callahan, one of its organizers, declared today that it has a membership of nearly 300, and that the election was postponed purpose to give opportunity to those who rolled up to the latest possible date to have a voice in the selection of officers for 1920. A dance has been arranged for Thursday evening in Pennsylvania Hall, 3229 Manayunk avenue, for the benefit of the post. The manager of the Empire Theatre in Manayunk has donated the house to the Legion.

Plans for a permanent home on North Broad street have been consummated by Toga Post No. 319, according to the announcement yesterday by Dr. William E. Raker, 1912 West Erie avenue, post commander. This house will be a permanent headquarters. Governor Sprull, Mayor-elect Moore and other high state and city officials will be invited to the dance and reception of this post in the building, which will be given in aid of the building fund. The program and dance committee met last night at the home of A. Andrews, 1439 Venango street, chairman of the dance committee.

At a meeting of Post No. 41 at 4117 Mantua avenue, the following permanent officers were elected: Post commander, Thomas Biddle Ellis; vice commander, I. Price Ewing; secretary, Herman J. Blanton; treasurer, Fredrick Janssen; post employment officer, Frank L. Mueller; post insurance officer, Randolph W. Childs; trustees, Edward W. Packer, William H. McCune and James M. Hutchison. Executive committee, Lelan M. Haller, Paul H. Schubert, Earl C. Wade, Alexander H. Davison, Jr., and Earl Kilpatrick. Representative to county committee, Thomas Biddle Ellis.

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This was announced here today at the convention of the Associated Dress Industries of America. Reduction in prices is not likely to come until raw materials are cheaper, wages are stabilized and workmen co-operate in increasing production—in other words, until the millennium dawns. At least, that's how the delegates feel about it.

A graceful compliment was paid to the fair sex and incidentally to the designers and makers of fabrics, when David N. Mosessohn, of New York, de-

clared American women were the best dressed of any in the world today, not even excepting the French, and that American models were being copied abroad.

Mr. Mosessohn, executive director of the association, is presiding at the convention. The opening greeting was delivered by C. H. D. Robbins, of New York, who said that the organization, which had started a year ago with thirty members and now had 400, was destined to become the great controlling factor in its field.

Municipal Committee to Meet

Members of the municipal committee of the United Business Men's Association will hold a special meeting this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Biograph Hotel.

BID FOR CITY STAND RAZING

Highest Proposal \$3215 for Privilege on Parkway

Three bids were received today by Director Datesman for razing the grandstands along the Parkway, erected last spring for the welcome home celebration for the Twenty-eighth Division. The highest bid was that of George Gray, a contractor, who bid \$3215 for the privilege of tearing down

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New Magistrates Take Oaths

Judge McCullen, of Court No. 4, today administered the official oath of office to Magistrate-elect Dougherty, and Judge Patterson swore in Edward Carney, who won one of the minority places. Both men take office the first of the year.

Death Sentence for Negro Murderer

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 2.—Lemuel Price, negro slayer of Policeman Zebley, was convicted today of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged January 9. John, his brother and accomplice, was sentenced to twenty years imprisonment.



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