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CANADIAN VETS MEET IN JUNE

Portland Making Ready Lavish Entertainment For Visitors

When the Canadian Legion have their annual convention in Portland, Oregon, June 11-14, at which time the southern city holds their yearly rose festival, nothing in the line of comfort and service will be too good for them. Mayor Joe. Carson jr. of Portland, on his recent visit to Vancouver, told members of the Canadian and American Legion that the delegates would have every courtesy at their command.

Mayor Louis D. Taylor of Vancouver has voiced his intention of visiting the convention, along with delegates and friends from British Columbia.

James Flood, chairman of the convention committee, Portland Post of the Canadian Legion, said that he expected the event to be the greatest in the history of the Legion, and extended a cordial invitation to Northwest Post No. 8, American Legion to be in attendance, and a delegation led by Commander James M. Green will represent the Post.

Worth W. Calwell, secretary of the Rose Festival, a member of Mayor Carson's party, said Portland looked forward every year to this great event, and this year thousands of people from all over North America will view the great floral display and parade. The procession in which every organization inside and outside the City of Portland will be represented, will be the big feature of the festival.

The event will mark the twenty-sixth annual festival in "The City of Roses," as a tribute to the most beautiful of flowers, the rose. The spirit of international good fellowship, combined with the homage to the rose, promises for Portland and her guests from near and far a truly outstanding 1934 Rose Festival.

Transportation arrangements from Vancouver are now being made by a committee at the American Legion Club, 785 Hornby Street, Vancouver.

Hey, Gang, The Legion Is Goin' to Have a Circus

Just before we go to press, the information comes to us that North West Post No. 8 will stage an honest-to-goodness carnival sometime in June. At this time, details of the show are meagre, but, we are told that the post intends to make this show an annual affair, and the initial performance will be one that will never be forgotten. There will be two days of frolic and foolishness, with the sky the limit. During the carnival, the U. S. S. Crown-in-Shield will be in port and it will be an opportunity to meet the officers and gobs. Watch the daily papers for further details.

MAYOR TAYLOR EXTENDS WELCOME!

Mr. James M. Green,
Commander, Royal Northwest Post,
American Legion,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to note from your letter that a local Post of the American Legion has been established, and, in this connection, would state that the co-operation of this office will be tendered to it.

I understand a number of branches of the Canadian Legion are perform-

ing a good service to its membership through local establishments set up in different parts of the United States. The functions of your Post will, I presume, provide like facilities for American ex-service men in this province, and in doing so I wish it success.

With best wishes to the officers and members, I am

Yours very truly,

LOUIS D. TAYLOR,
Mayor.

American Naval Ships Here Soon

Two United States destroyers will visit Vancouver according to advice received at the American Legion headquarters here. Both ships will arrive at Victoria on June 9, and after visiting the capital city for two days, will proceed to Vancouver on June 11 for another two-day visit.

U.S.S. Crown-in-Shield will dock at one of the local piers June 25, and remain here until the next day.

Preparations for the entertainment of the men of both ships are now being made by a committee from Northwest Post No. 8. At the time of going to press nothing definite had been arranged, but, it was rumored that the gobs are in for a good time during their visit here.

Beautiful Flag Presented to Post

Members, upon entering the lounge of the North West Post No. 8's clubrooms, will be struck with magnificent awe when they glance at the beautiful Old Glory reposing over the Commander's table.

The gift was made by our esteemed Vice-Commander Harold Fredrickson, and is the work of his charming wife. The flag, entirely hand-worked, is of high-grade silk material.

To say that the gift is very much appreciated is evidenced by fact of the "ohs" and "ahs" emitted by those who view the wonderful work.

COMMANDER'S POST MESSAGE

Asks Members Undivided Support During Coming Year

Following his unanimous selection as Post Commander of North West Post, No. 8, March 17, James M. Green, addressed the members as follows:

My comrades, it is from my heart that I inform you, I am deeply honored by the office conferred on me. I shall exert every effort to do all that is expected of me. It will be my hope, my prayer, that it will be my duty to carry out your wishes.

"To make this post one of the best in our great organization, comrades, I must have your undivided support. Unity is strength; without unity we can accomplish nothing, so let us co-operate

'On behalf of this post, I extend the hand of good fellowship and friendship to all Canadian and British ex-service men's organizations, here in Vancouver and throughout the Dominion of Canada, and heartily ask their co-operation.

"In closing, comrades, let me again assure you that I will, throughout the year, represent you and fight for this Legion and our disabled comrades. I shall endeavor to lead this post on to greater accomplishments."

FIRST DANCE

The first of the series of Saturday night dances, inaugurated by this post, was held April 28, in the clubrooms. About fifty couples attended, which taxed the lounge to capacity.

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 Adjutant Frank Whittfield
 Vice Commander and Finance Officer K. C. Jones
 Chaplain E. W. Zing
 Sergeant-at-Arms C. Beatty

Meetings every second Wednesday, in the Clubrooms, 785 Hornby Street.

Greetings

Making its debut as the official publication of the Northwest Post No. 8, American Legion, Department of Canada, the Nor' Wester takes the bow on this, its initial appearance. The paper will be published every month in the interests of the returned soldier who has justly endangered his life in the sake of his country. It pledges itself to do the utmost to weld the strong link of international friendship and good fellowship between the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada, and between the Canadian and American Legions.

That real amity exists between the two Legions, was evidenced by the fact that on the inauguration of our new clubrooms, a large delegation from the Army and Navy Club, the Canadian Legion and Spanish War veterans packed the beautiful lounge and congratulated the members of Post No. 8, on their establishment.

The aims of the American Legion are to promote friendship, help our wounded comrades, help our less fortunate comrades and be loyal to the country in which we reside. To foster and encourage and retain the friendly relations now existing between two great countries. Justice and truth are among the foremost principals of the organization.

The war has been long over, let us now join forces in a strong endeavor to make our lives, whom God has seen fit to save from the ravages of slaughter, worthwhile and serviceable to our fellowmen.

VISITING LEGIONAIRES!

The Northwest Post No. 8, located at 785 Hornby Street, Vancouver, B. C., extends to you a cordial invitation to visit our clubrooms. Everything for your convenience and comfort is here. Our telephone number is Trinity 5822.

PORTLAND MAYOR PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE VANCOUVER WAR DEAD

Flanked by a squad of American Legionnaires from North West Post No. 8, Mayor Joe Carsons, of Portland, laid a wreath on the cenotaph, in commemoration of the Canadians who died for their country in the Great War.

They are seen here with a group of Canadian Legion officials, following the laying of a wreath at the cenotaph by Mayor Carson, Sunday morning. Among them are Ben Parkinson, chairman of the citizen's committee of Portland; Col. W. S. Buell, president Provincial Command Canadian Legion; W. Caldwell, Portland, secretary of the Rose Festival Association; Joe Carson, Jr.; Manley Robinson of Portland Chamber of Commerce; Ald. W. Deptford, representing Mayor Louis D. Taylor; R. Macnichol, secretary Provincial Command Canadian Legion, and Mrs. Macnichol; and J. Flood, chairman convention committee, Portland Post of the Canadian Legion.



COURTESY OF VANCOUVER SUN

VISITORS

If you are planning a trip this summer, we will be pleased to give you necessary information regarding hotels, railways, roads, etc., without obligation. Send us a line—Editor, The Nor 'Wester, American Legion Club, 206 Royal Trust Bldg., Vancouver, B. C.

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SO WHAT!

It takes all kinds of people to make a world, and it takes all kinds of players to make any kind of a game. There are clean players, dirty players and in-between players. There are men who violate the playing rules through ignorance, and there are men who do the same thing with knowledge of the rules, although unintentional. It's the man who deliberately fouls, who because he can't play the game unless he uses unfair tactics, who plays to win, regardless of the cost, that ought never be allowed the fair name of athlete and sportsman.

There is nothing that can be said or written to change this type of player, even the officials are powerless to help, for they, poor fellows, can't see and do everything in a fast game. All that remains, then, is the plea, if you can't play the game fair, don't play it at all.

Tommy Tait

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CHAPLAIN



E. W. ZINGG

Born in Wisconsin, Mr. Zingg migrated where opportunities looked like golden apples. During the war, he enlisted with the 75th Infantry Regiment, in which organization he remained until the cessation of hostilities.

When the American Legion was formed he enrolled with the Edward B. Rhodes Post in Tacoma, Washington, transferring afterwards to the Rainier Noble Post in Seattle.

Being sent to Vancouver on official business for the U. S. Government, Mr. Zingg promptly transferred to Northwest Post No. 8, and was elected chaplain at the first meeting of the Post.

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This column is dedicated to the
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stand the English language. Now,
wait 'til you hear the sqawks! . . .
if you are one of those guys who
can't take it, then don't read any
further . . . The reason why this
writer didn't make good his bet with
the sergeant-at-arms, is because no-
body supplied the wheelbarrow . . .
Anyway, I still bet McLarnin to win
by a k. o. in the next fight. . . Old
man Dudley's son, George, who is
a member of our Post, wants to know
why the whole membership of the
Post can't go to Portland by airplane.
That one is away over his head . . .
That the Post will enter a junior
hockey team in the local league, this
winter, is definitely assured . . . The
ladies will get a big break in the
near future, when an auxiliary will
be formed by the Post . . . Comrade
'Soap McNues, formerly of Illinois,
will have you know that Bob Bou-
chette, (Vancouver Daily Sun's col-
umnist) is the most democratic writer
in the Dominion of Canada. If you
don't believe it, just pick an argu-
ment with him. "Soapy" always con-
cludes with, "Stoo bad he ain't
Numerican!" . . . "

a word about my secretaries. Miss
Olive Cooper is a cute little thing, and
every time I say something nice to
her, she blushes and shows her
dimples. Miss Yvonne Findlater, the
other aide-de-camp, gives me a dirty
look, if I don't say something nice to
her. So what? If you want to know
how it feels to carry a flag on parade,
ask Casey Jones . . . Len Wilbur is
still in the "dough." He is a baker.
A remark heard at the last meeting,
'Why in hell, don't they make this
the James M. Green Post.' . . . Albert
Lemieux, one of the stewards of the
club, looks like a pansy in full bloom,
when he wears the Legion cap . . . A
bunch of the boys are thinking the
wrestling bout between "Wildcat"
Johnson and this writer, was a fake.
I respectfully refer you to James M.
Green . . . Fred Sommers, commander
of Post No. 9, paid a visit to the club
the other night. Thanks, Fred! . . .
It's frightfully dead around here this
month, don't you know, so I'll be
bidding you "toodle-oo" until July.

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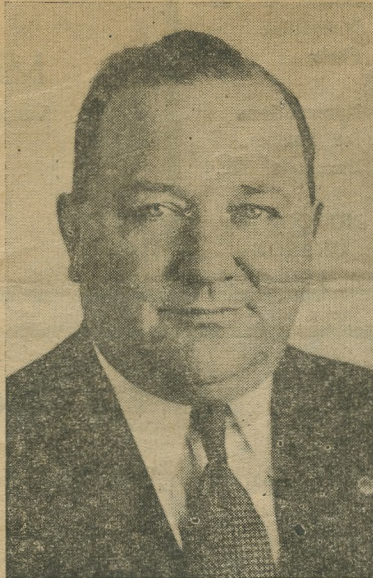
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ATTEND THE CONVENTION AT PORTLAND BY AIR

OFFICIAL AUDITOR OF N. W. POST A HERO

That John L. Howling, official auditor of Northwest Post No. 8, had played the part of a hero 'way back in 1909, during the Messina earthquake, was discovered the other day, when your editor came across an old newspaper clipping. Hon. H. H. Stevens, now minister of trade and commerce and at that time member of Parliament for Vancouver, made the presentation of a gold medal on behalf of the King of Italy for "conspicuous bravery in life saving and ministering to the injured during the earthquake."

The article, in part, follows, "In making the presentation, Mr. Stevens made a most eloquent and touching speech. He said that modesty was one of the great characteristics of heroes, and Mr. Howling was no exception in this case . . . During the work of rescue among the injured, Mr. Howling was fired upon and wounded most seriously, his life being despaired of for nearly two months."



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RESIGNS



H. I. FREDERICKSON

Who resigned as vice-commander.

Let's Get Acquainted

The Canadian Legion has invited the North West Post No. 8, American Legion, to attend their annual convention being held in Portland, Ore June 11 to 14.

Now, that was nice of them! Let's get together and see how many of our boys will respond to that invitation. That a good time is assured is evidenced by the fact that Mayo Carson, of Portland, personally gave our Commander his word he will look after the North West boys in Portland.

On the bulletin board you might write your name and address, and who will be in your party. There will be a pencil attached, so don't worry about the lead.