

COUNTY LEGION HOLDS BANQUET AT LOCAL HOTEL

Nearly 100 Present from All Parts of County.

State Commander Arthur T. Brundage Is Principal Speaker and Pleads for Continued Growth of Organization.

How the American Legion of New York state had gained more than 4,000 members in the past year through the efforts of its officers and old members, was explained at the St. Lawrence county American Legion banquet here Friday evening by Arthur T. Brundage, state commander. Commander Brundage made his annual visitation to the St. Lawrence on this occasion and addressed the gathering of more than 100 Legionnaires gathered for the banquet held at the St. Lawrence Inn in this village.

Members of the village board of trustees, the Town board of Gouverneur, a delegation of G. A. R. veterans, members of the Gouverneur Citizens' band and several invited guests attended. The banquet was presided over by Bligh A. Dodds of this village.

Addresses were also given by other notable visitors, including William Briggs of Ogdensburg, county commander; Thomas Bushnell of Massena, county secretary; Rhoda Fox Graves, member of assembly from St. Lawrence county, and Silas W. Payne, commander of Erwin H. Barnes post, G. A. R.

Commander Brundage, who was a member of the 107th Infantry, 27th division during the World war and a former member of the state legislature and sponsor of the \$1,000,000 Brundage soldier relief bill which brought benefits to many veterans during times of distress, told briefly of the tremendous growth in the Legion ranks during the year which he took office, which today stands at 57,000 members, and touched at length on the slogan which he suggested at the Buffalo meeting at which he took office and which later was adopted as the National slogan, "Community Benefit." This slogan has been given much stress during the year and, he believes, is partly responsible for the progress made in gaining new ends.

He told in an interesting manner of the growth of the Legion in New York city, especially in the foreign sections of the city where the red flag, rather than the Stars and Stripes, has been the real symbol in the past. On the last Memorial day, he said, hundreds upon hundreds of American Legion members, headed by state and national officers, and even members of the National Congress, marched through the famous Ghetto quarters of the city and which event did so much to further the aims and principles of the Legion there.

He called the attention of Legion members to the forthcoming Legion Radio night which will be observed throughout the state on July 12, at which time 16 radio broadcasting stations will join in a "hook-up." The program, he explained, will be broadcast from the Roxy theatre, New York, and some of the best artists in the country will lend assistance in making it a great event. He urged posts throughout the county to summon special meetings for that evening to hear the program.

The proposed visit of Legionnaires to France and Europe on their first official visit since the war, he declared, "although threatened at times by propaganda sent broadcast by enemies still active, promises to be a tremendous success."

"New York state will be represented by more than 2,500 men and applications still are being received at New York headquarters. Over 1,000 reservations are now on file and further reservations are full to the accompaniment."

Commander Brundage took occasion to express to Mrs. Rhoda Fox Graves, who had spoken previously, his appreciation for the work which the state legislature had done in assisting Legion members and the Legion as a whole in legislation and appropriations. He said he felt that if there was a genuine need case presented the state felt willing to take care of it.

He also went into the community benefit matter at length, stressing the great work which has been accomplished during the past few months in furthering this means of getting to the people. He pointed out the great movement started at the time of the Florida hurricane and the more recent Mississippi floods, in helping local postmen and companies in meeting the situations which presented themselves.

Senator Caraway, who stirred the nation some time ago by publicly declaring that the French were decorating the graves of American soldiers in France, came in for severe criticism at the hands of Commander Brundage, who classed it as a part of the destructive propaganda which was being spread to injure the Legion. He urged all persons visiting France to visit the cemeteries where the American bodies lie so that they might see first hand the work that was being done to care for them fittingly.

He paid high tribute to Colonel Charles Lindbergh, American flyer. He attended the reception given for him on Monday last in New York and on Tuesday the official welcoming dinner and remarked how, in his belief, he had accomplished much towards healing the breach between Europe and United States which had grown up in the past few years and added that he felt that the forthcoming visit of American Legionnaires would further the work started by Lindbergh.

Several songs by the entire gathering and selections by individual members opened the banquet. This followed the serving of a sumptuous dinner by E. A. Green proprietor of the St. Lawrence Inn. The dinner was served by young women of the village, assisted by members of the regular dining room staff of the Inn.

Dr. W. R. Conner gave a selection, "There's a Little White House, which was followed by High High Up in the Park" by William Moran. The American Legion gave a presentation and also gave several selections which were thoroughly enjoyed by the banqueters. Clarke Bauman of Ogdensburg sang "Mary Lou" which was enthusiastically received. Toastmaster Dodds first introduced William Briggs who addressed the gathering relative to the efforts made by the county Legion to increase its membership. He read from a paper a list of the posts in the county showing the per centage of increase

in membership during the past year. He predicted a continued growth during the coming year.

He was followed by Thomas Bushnell of Massena, who asked the members of the various posts to attend, if possible, the Tupper Lake session held Saturday. He particularly requested them to visit the Veterans' mountain camp there.

Mrs. Graves then spoke, telling of her efforts, since she has been a member of the state legislature, to assist service men in any way possible. She pledged her help in any future dealings and congratulated the St. Lawrence county organization on its increased membership.

Commander Payne of the E. H. Barnes post, G. A. R., of Gouverneur, thanked the Legion for inviting him to attend the banquet. He said he had attended 61 G. A. R. encampments and regretted much to see the ranks depleting so rapidly. He classed himself as one of the younger veterans, explaining that he had enlisted when 15 years of age. His father, who was born in the year 1800 also served in the Civil war.

State Commander Brundage then spoke. The meeting was followed by a brief session of the county committee at which only routine business was undertaken.

The following were in attendance: Canton: Van C. Whittemore, L. Northrup, Charles M. Tait, Pyrites, J. M. Palmer, D. E. McMann, B. E. Parker, F. A. King, R. J. McMann.

Northadam: John B. Donovan, B. A. McGill, W. J. Chapman, Wilfred Raven, Maurice Dencourt, Sam Ronzella.

Heurvelton: Frank H. Petrie, William D. Bell, E. A. George, E. R. Dewitt, Ralph Smithers.

Massena: T. S. Bushnell, Thomas Tyro, George A. Wilson, Ogdensburg: W. L. Briggs, Sidney W. Smith, H. T. Shaver, R. H. Olive, Ralph Morissette, Edmund Fitzgerald, Clark Bowman, James F. Gillison.

Pierrefield: Charles F. Arnold, Richville: E. C. Hunkins, Waddington: Hugh Burns, L. O. Ballou, William J. Murphy, Michael Fontello, F. L. Murphy, Dekalb Junction: Clarence L. Perrin.

Norwood: L. J. Price, Leo J. Anabelle, A. N. Tebo, Roy A. Weiner, Gouverneur: Bligh A. Dodds, E. C. Babcock, H. C. Rogers, Earl Laird, Henry L. Rutherford, Henry R. Freeman, Orvis C. Baldwin, John F. Wells, George Cook, H. Douglas Johnson, S. W. Payne, W. R. Conner, J. B. Thompson, Rhoda Fox Graves, Yale Gates, Leon E. Mosley, M. C. Temple, C. H. Gates, Ray Clapp, Charles E. Jones, James E. Kennedy, M. B. Davies, S. H. Goyette, G. A. Luchterger, Charles E. Leveille, William F. McCartha, Scott L. Brown, James A. Bell, R. S. Livingston, J. B. Moran, J. H. Hewitt, G. W. Dodds, E. W. Peterson, Ira M. Wright, John Burgess, S. S. Stowell, William Van Slyke, L. H. Martin, L. G. Easton, H. A. Townsley, Judson deGraft, Homer F. Duponce, A. R. DeRoche, Ernest Toon, Lawrence B. Parks, Robert G. Cotrell, H. E. Brown, R. E. Callahan, L. L. Kelly, Charles W. Griffith.

Members of Shakespeare and Travelers' Clubs Will Participate in State Federation of Women's Clubs Cooking Competition.

Members of the Shakespeare club and of the Travellers' club of Gouverneur have been notified by Mrs. William Henry Purdy, president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, of a culinary arts competition sponsored by the Federation which will be held at the sixth annual Exposition of Women's Arts and Industries at the Hotel Astor, New York city, the first week in October.

The competition, Mrs. Purdy said in her announcement to the club, is designed to show that the club woman is primarily a home woman and that she knows how to cook and serve a good meal. But the competition is not confined to members of the Federation, Mrs. Purdy added. Any woman in the state may submit her registration for the competition to Mrs. Charles Gregory, Department of the American Home, New York State Federation of Women's clubs, 411 Fifth avenue, New York city, before Sept. 15.

Among the prominent women household economists who will serve as judges is Mrs. Florence E. S. Knapp, head of Home Economics, Syracuse University. Sixteen classes of foods including all kinds of bread, pastries, preserves, salads, cold meats and dairy products will be covered in the competition. A prize of \$100 in gold, offered by the exposition of which Mrs. Oliver Harrison is chairman, will be awarded to the winner over all classes and medals will be given for winners in each class. Every competitor will receive a certificate of participation.

BONDS OF SILK MILL REDEEMED, DRAWING HELD

Ten per cent of the original \$35,000 bonds of the Gouverneur-Cortland Silk Mills, Inc. which were sold here in 1925 as an inducement to bring about a consolidation of the Gouverneur and Cortland plants will be redeemed on Aug. 1, next. The drawing of the bonds which will be redeemed took place on Wednesday afternoon last at 2 in a local bank.

Owners of the bonds drawn are requested to deposit them at the First National bank in this village and they will be given receipts for them. On Aug. 1 the face of the bonds will be paid plus the accrued interest.

The bonds were sold in Gouverneur under a movement sponsored by the local chamber of commerce in July of 1925. The trustees of the bond issue with James C. Dolan, W. R. Caswell, J. O. Sheldon and John Distenhefer, superintendent of the Silk company, were present at the drawing.

The following bonds were drawn: 3, 10, 20, 49, 65, 73, 75, 76, 115, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 144, 145, 169, 177, 179, 194, 214, 215, 219, 231, 243, 248, 263, 2, 2, 290, 319, 322, 324, 331, 332, 333.

BODY BROUGHT HOME

The body of Ernest Scott was brought from New Rochelle Friday and reinterred in the family plot at the cemetery until Saturday where a short prayer service was held before interment.

Mr. Scott was a son of the late Albert Scott of Somerville. He was 49 years of age and leaves no near relatives.

MOTH SCARE SPREADING AT A GREAT RATE

Forests of the Country Are at Stake Declares State College of Forestry.

Syracuse, N. Y. "Thou Shalt Not Pass" is again being hurled at our forests. The battle line extends from near Montreal south along the Hudson River valley to New York city. The forces involved are the foresters and entomologists on one side and the gypsy moth on the other. The forests of the United States are at stake, says the New York State College of Forestry, Syracuse University.

The battle front as Commissioner MacDonald of the Conservation Commission has said will never be shorter nor more advantageous to the protectors of the forests. If the Gypsy moth succeeds in their quest, the barrier that has been established will have access to the entire length and breadth of the United States.

New England has been making a losing battle against this destructive insect for twenty years. During that time it has spread fan-like north, west and south. It has crossed the Hudson River and it is headed westward. The losses from the depredations of the pest run into hundreds of millions of dollars.

This is a matter of the life and death of the states. After the long fight in New England the largest infestations in the history of that region recently have been discovered. The public can help in this work," said Dean Franklin Moon of the Forestry College.

"Forests are becoming so valuable that they demand protection from insects and all natural enemies. Automobiles and campers in New England and along the Hudson River Valley should keep their eyes open for moths particularly white winged moths, also deposits that resemble light brown felt or masses of fine, light-brown silk fibers. These may be the egg deposits of the Gypsy Moth and the white winged moths may be the female of the species. They or anything that resemble them should be destroyed. Moth eggs may be deposited in a few hours in automobile, tent or baggage and carried miles into uninfested forests. The moth also may sometimes be recognized by the house it builds. In one stage of its life cycle it draws several leaves together and binds them with white silken strands. The mass of leaves thus bound together should be destroyed."

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