

D. C. Oratory Contest Finals on March 28; Other Activities

The Department of the District of Columbia, American Legion, 15th Annual High School Oratorical Contest will take place Friday at 8 p.m. in the Department of Commerce Auditorium. There are four competing finalists.

The winner will receive a gold medal, a \$100 Defense Bond, and a Certificate of Merit. The runner-up will receive a \$50 and \$25 Defense Bond and a Certificate. The third place contestant will be awarded a \$50 Bond and the fourth place winner will get a \$25 Bond.

The winner will represent this city in a series of national eliminations leading to the national finals at Baton Rouge, La., on April 21.

Arthur Clarendon Smith will deliver the principal address at a luncheon meeting of the Department of Agriculture on Wednesday at noon in Room 6902 of the South Building.

John M. Amstadt, an employee of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, has been elected first vice-commander of Department of Commerce Post, succeeding William R. Carnegie, who resigned. According to Comdr. Bernard J. Carvello of Bureau of Engraving and Printing Post. It will sponsor a Question and Answer Forum on UMT next Saturday at 8 p.m. in the main auditorium at the bureau.

Clark V. Poling Post has added A. J. Hallman to its roster. It is now arranging plans for the annual dinner on April 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairfax Hotel. Nelson Blake, general chairman, is in charge of reservations. The post will go in a body to Philadelphia, Pa., March 30 to present the original Bruce Rogers Bible to the Star of the Four Chaplains in that city.

Robert A. Bunch of George Washington Post and Charles G. Emmett of Navy Department Post, both of whom are now serving as department vice commanders, have been inducted by their respective posts for department commander at the department convention in July.

OES Activities In Local Chapters

Chapter activities:
Esther—Monday, Temple Board with Mrs. Anne Ricci. Wednesday, Dramatic Club with Mrs. Lucy Brown. Thursday, 2 p.m., visit Washington Gas Co.
Brightwood—Thursday, meetings.
Hope—Wednesday, honoring March and April birthdays. Saturday, Home Board, card party, home of Anna Magruder.
LaFayette—Wednesday, line officers' night.
St. John's—Today, 3 p.m., religious services, Masonic and Eastern Star Home.
Acacia—Wednesday, Star Points with Mrs. Esther Willen.
Federal—Thursday, initiation.
Martha—Wednesday, Star Points with Mrs. Evelyn Hursh. Saturday, Ways and Means card party, 8:30 p.m., Wardman Park Hotel.
Congress Lodge—Monday, officers' meeting with Doris Westfall. The chapter is sponsoring Ann Jones for Queen of "The Night of Thrills."
Lebanon—Tuesday, Highland Chapter, Baltimore, guests.
Warren G. Harding—Tuesday, meeting, Saturday, 10 a.m., bake sale, benefit of home, 1220 Good Hope road S.E.
Chevy Chase—Wednesday, initiation.
Harmony—Monday, Home Board with Neva Grant. Thursday, associate night, honoring all associate matrons and patron.
Ruth—Monday, Friendly Group with Mrs. Zelma Barrow. Tuesday, Home Board with Mrs. Hilda Grimm. Saturday, card party and dance, Wardman Park Hotel, benefit Ways and Means.
Brookland—Wednesday, member's night. Thursday, Endowment Committee, 12:30 p.m., luncheon with Mrs. May Helm. Friday, Ways and Means card party, 8 p.m., Masonic Temple, Twelfth and Monroe streets N.E.

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SWV Auxiliaries' Activities This Week

Col. James S. Pettit Auxiliary will hold a carnation party tomorrow evening at Naval Lodge Hall. Work will be on the carnations for the graves in Arlington Cemetery on Memorial Day.
Gen. Nelson A. Miles Auxiliary will celebrate its 25th birthday with a party on Friday evening in Pythian Temple. Members of all auxiliaries are invited.
Gen. Nelson A. Miles Camp will meet Friday evening in Pythian Temple.
Col. James S. Pettit Camp will meet Tuesday evening at 921 Pennsylvania avenue S.E.
President McKinley Camp, Sons of Spanish War Veterans, will meet Wednesday evening at 921 Pennsylvania avenue S.E.

Ladies' Oriental Shrine

Su-Zu Court of the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America will participate in the following activities:
Monday—Past High Priestesses Spoon Club and the High Low Club will be entertained by Mrs. Eva Smith with dessert at 8 p.m. Thursday—Patrol drill, Roosevelt High School.

Busy as 3 Swarms of Bees

Tod Elliott was busy the day he took a swarm of wild bees from a farm near Peddie, South Africa. He sat down to rest under a tree, only to have a second swarm settle in it. After he had boxed the second, a third swarm settled in the tree. He took home three swarms.

VFW Auxiliary Head Will Visit District

Mrs. Herschel H. Griffith, Bloomington, Ind., national president of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, will make her official visit to the District of Columbia on Thursday. She will be honored at a reception in the American Association of University Women's Club, 1634 I street N.W. on Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. with Federal and District officials and president's of other patriotic organizations in attendance.

On Thursday morning, Mrs. Allene Larsen, department president and her staff, will escort Mrs. Griffith on a tour of the Americanization School at Ninth and California streets N.W. After luncheon with the principal, Dr. Gallagher, at the school, Mrs. Griffith will visit Walter Reed Hospital and review the rehabilitation program and shops.
She will extend greetings to the people of Washington on a television program at 7 p.m., Channel 9, Thursday.

The department will meet in the Department of Commerce Auditorium Thursday at 8:30 p.m. with Mrs. Griffith as guest speaker.

Mrs. Larsen will extend greetings to the Eastern Conference of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, at the Hamilton Hotel, on Saturday and Sunday.

National Capital Auxiliary will have a coffee hour at Mt. Alto Hospital, March 30.
Equality Walter Reed Auxiliary

District Veterans, D. C. Department, Seat New Officers

Several posts of the D. C. Department, Veterans of Foreign Wars, last week elected new officers. They include:
Equality—Walter Reed: Commander, John F. Brown; Senior Vice, Commander, Everette C. Simmons; junior vice commander, J. Robert Conroy; quartermaster, Claude T. Reynolds; post advocate, Edward E. Odom; chaplain, William L. Smith; surgeon, Dr. Charles M. Griffith; three-year trustee, Ellis F. McCles. The post passed a resolution to amend the immigration laws, to be presented for the approval of the Council of Administration at the April meeting.

Federal post: Commander, Stephen T. Nichols; senior vice commander, William H. Devers; junior vice commander, Charles H. Allison; advocate, Samuel B. Lapin; quartermaster, John G. Strobel; chaplain, John Minogue; surgeon, James R. Hatch.
Potomac post: Commander, Robert F. Bonar; senior vice commander, Joseph W. Widman; junior vice commander, Vander White; quartermaster and adjutant, Frank Heise; chaplain, Quince B. Cashion; surgeon, Dr. Charles H. Davidson; advocate, Edwin W. Warren; three-year trustee, Bernard B. Bonner.

Front Line Post will have the installation of officers jointly with their auxiliary and the officers of Washington Post and their auxiliary on April 4 at the I. O. O. F. hall, 419 Seventh street N.W. There will be refreshments and entertainment.

Government Printing Office auxiliary will meet tomorrow.

Meetings this week:
Monday—Honor Guard, 1809 Rhode Island avenue N.E.
Tuesday—Front Line Post, 1300 New Hampshire avenue N.W.; Robert E. Peary Ship, 1300 New Hampshire avenue N.W.
Wednesday—Father John P. Gallagher Post, 731 North Capitol street; Police Fire Post, 1809 Rhode Island avenue N.E.
Thursday—Potomac Post, 1818 Rhode Island avenue N.E.; Tacoma Post, Bank Building, Piney Branch and Flower avenues.
Friday—Elbow Benders' Pup Tent No. 2, MOC, 1300 New Hampshire avenue N.W.; Joseph P. Kellier Post, 3201 Prospect street N.W.

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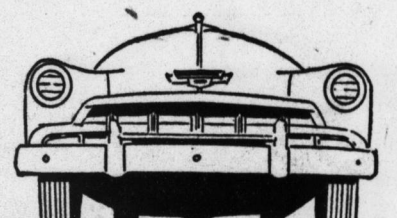
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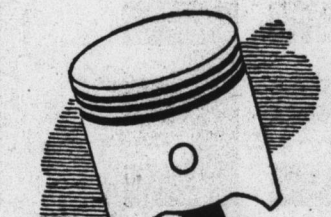
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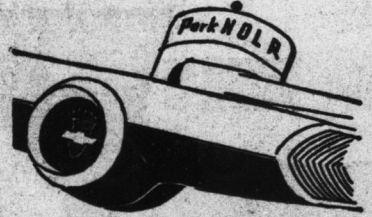
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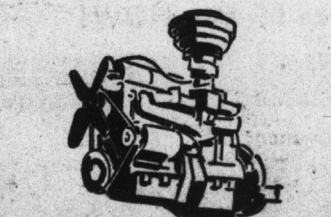
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