

The American Legion

Have the war veterans of Oklahoma forgotten how to shoot? That is a question which will probably be settled at the annual convention of the American Legion to be held at Enid on September 26 and 27. Arrangements are being made by state officials in co-operation with Argonne Post No. 4 of Enid, to ascertain whether a suitable and safe rifle range can be found to hold a marksmanship contest at the time of the annual veterans' encampment.

Weary Grey Post No. 116 of Drumright, is joining in the statewide search for B. H. Montelius, its post chaplain, who disappeared from his home July 13. The post describes Montelius as being 32 years of age, height five feet eight inches, weight 140 pounds, black hair, dark brown eyes, ruddy complexion, teeth straight across the front of his mouth and with no hair on one shin. Legionnaires believe that the man may have met foul play or become mentally deranged. Any information should be telegraphed to F. P. Schrickram, post adjutant, in care of the Drumright State Bank.

Only three farms were included in the public lands in Oklahoma recently thrown open to entry by ex-service men, according to information obtained by state headquarters of The American Legion. One of the farms in Roger Mills county has already been taken. The remaining tracts are in Texas county on the banks of the Cimarron river. They are described as being sandy and rough, not particularly desirable as farm lands. Full information may be obtained from U. S. Land Office at Guthrie.

Aid of the American Legion has been asked by Mrs. J. M. Wigley of 815 N. Ellison Ave., Oklahoma City, in finding trace of her son, August Wigley, who was discharged from the army at Camp Meade, Maryland, on September 20, 1919. She has had no word from him since that time. He gave his future address as Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.

Three members of the American Legion of Oklahoma have signed up to take the pilgrimage to France with the American Legion party which sails from New York on August 3. They will make a tour of the battle field and other points of interest in France as special guests of the French government. Several monuments are to be unveiled and reception given in honor of the American visitors.

Charles E. Scott of Poteau, John O. Moseley of Norman, and Frank R. Benton of Chamber, are the Oklahoma representatives. They will leave for New York this week to join the official party.

Posts of the American Legion, units of the Women's Auxiliary and other organizations of the State collected \$11,534.91 in the Memorial Day sale of poppies for the relief of war orphans of the United States and France, according to a report made by Mrs. W. J. Pettee, state chairman and Earle M. Simon, state treasurer. Total expenses of the campaign were less than 2 per cent of the collections totalling only \$196.93.

Numerous Legion posts sold more poppies in their communities than there are men, women and children living there. Britton post No. 226 sold 350 poppies and Thomas post No. 6 sold 650 poppies on the Saturday before Memorial Day.

The Loyal Order of Duds has been founded at Ft. Myers, Fla., by "Dad" Sheldon Foote, who has announced that membership will be open to all fathers of ex-service men of the army, navy, and Marine corps of the United States, who served in the Spanish-American or world wars, or who are now in service. The members will encourage clean, patriotic living in their communities, irrespective of party, politics, race or creed. The organization will be affiliated with the American Legion with headquarters at Ft. Myers.

GOT SOMETHING TO WRITE ABOUT

Frank Montgomery, one of the best newspaper columnists the West ever produced, used to have a habit of entering the late Charles Glead's office drawing out in his characteristic way the seldom varying question: "What shall I write about Charlie?" One very hot day about this time of year he entered Glead's office when Glead was more than usually busy and asked the usual question: "What shall I write about?" Without pausing at his work Glead shouted out: "Right about face and get out of here." Montgomery did and made a good story about Glead's comeback.—Capper's Weekly.

STATE PAPER SAYS GOOD THINGS ABOUT COUNTY

Ordinarily, we do not pay a great deal of attention to favorable comments from the metropolitan papers, regarding Durant and Bryan county and their people and their accomplishments, for we realize that things are being done here that are worthy of space in the biggest of publications. However, the Daily Oklahoman, published at Oklahoma City, has had so very few good things to say about Durant and Bryan county, and so many unfavorable items have appeared in the columns of that paper, that when the institution actually does say something nice, it is well worthy of note. Last Saturday, they printed an editorial about us, and here it is, word for word:

"A little more than sixteen months ago, the people of Bryan county approved a bond issue of \$900,000 for the construction of hard-surfaced roads. The officials in charge of the road program got on the job and by completing the highway plans in time and by arranging for the sale of the bonds, they were able to obtain from the federal highway fund an additional \$900,000. This made a total of \$1,800,000 for the building of hard-surfaced roads in Bryan county, at a cost of 50 cents on the dollar to the taxpayers. A dispatch from Durant says that construction of the first lap of the highways provided for in the Bryan county program has been started.

"The people of Bryan county have a just right to feel proud of their rec-

ord in regard to this highway program. While officials in some other counties of the state procrastinated and did the hesitation work, the Bryan county officials were on the job working earnestly to secure the maximum of federal aid money and thus lower the cost of road construction for the Bryan county taxpayers. Bryan county got her share of the road money while counties with procrastinating officials lost out."

SHOULDER BROKEN WHEN TWO CARS RUN TOGETHER

Ed Baum, sustained a broken and dislocated shoulder one day last week as result of an automobile accident on the Denton road just this side of Red River. Mr. Baum was headed for Denton when a larger car turned out of a lane and literally ran over his smaller car, wrecking the car and injuring Baum severely. Clarence Dyer was passing and brought the injured man to Durant for medical attention. He and Mrs. Baum left for Buffalo, New York, as soon as his injuries were attended to.

ATTENDED EASTERN MEETING

Andy Gravitt has returned from Philadelphia and Jersey City, where he spent several days as the agent of the Missouri State Life Insurance Company, in company with one hundred other agents of the company. He won the trip, at the company's expense, by securing a large volume of business the past year.

COLBERT MAN KILLED BY LIGHTNING, INTERRED

The body of Mr. F. J. Graham, aged thirty-six, of Colbert, who was struck by lightning and instantly killed near Albuquerque, arrived in Durant Monday and was sent immediately to his home at Colbert. The funeral was held at the home in Colbert Tuesday at 10 A. M. The burial was at the Colbert cemetery with Rev. Rouseh, of Oklahoma City having charge of the services. Mr. and Mrs. Graham were on a vacation trip through New Mexico when the sad tragedy occurred. They, with another couple, had taken refuge from a rain storm in a shed. The men were struck by lightning when they left the cars. The friend was revived and lived, but Mr. Graham was instantly killed. Mr. Graham was well known in this county and leaves many relatives and friends to mourn his loss. He was a step brother of Mrs. Green Thompson, of this city.

GONE TO ARIZONA

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Booker have gone to Tucson, Arizona, where they will remain some time for the benefit of Mr. Booker's health. Their daughter will follow shortly, driving through in their car.

GOVERNMENT WILL ABANDON SIX ARMY CANTONMENTS

Secretary of War Weeks has announced that six of the army cantonment camps will be abandoned immediately. At least one of the southern camps will be maintained permanently, he says. Soldiers will be "hiked" from the abandoned camps to the new ones to save railroad fares, the announcement adds.

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BABY DIES OF HYDROPHOBIA FOLLOWING BITE BY A

Awakened in the middle of the night Thursday by the bite of Mrs. E. W. Rogers, residing at Tipton, Oklahoma, discovered her 3-month-old baby had been ten several times by the Hydrophobia developed and died Friday morning.

LODGE DIRECTORY

DURANT LODGE No. 43 A.P.F. Stated communications on Friday night after the full moon of each month. Visitors welcome. G. B. DUNLAP, W. J. C. SCOTT, Sec'y.

DURANT CHAPTER No. 28, B. Regular meetings on Friday before the full moon of each month. Visitors welcome. JOHN W. HERNDON, J. C. SCOTT, Sec'y.

DURANT COMMANDRY No. 14 Regular convales, second fourth Tuesdays of each month. Visitors welcome. J. B. HICKMAN, E. J. C. SCOTT, Recorder.

DURANT CHAPTER No. 17 of Regular meetings on Friday night on or before the full moon of each month. Visitors welcome. MRS. M. GRAY, MRS. V. M. COLMAN.

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- Men's Union Suits 69c Regular \$1 Men's Unions 69c
- 10c Good Bleaching now at only the yard 10c
- 89c Big Assortment Wash Waists Red Tag Sale at each 89c
- 10c Good grade Dress Gingham, at yard 10c
- \$3.98 Big Assortment Voil and Organdie Dresses, values to \$9.35 and \$11.85, extra special now \$3.98
- \$6.98 Dresses originally to \$16.50 Red Tag Sale, choice of \$6.98
- \$9.85 Dresses in a Sensational Red Tag offer this week—Original worth to \$27.75, now selling at \$9.85
- \$3.88 Georgette Blouses worth to \$7.00 in Red Tag Sale this week at \$3.88