

PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

TO UPHOLD AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER:

TO FOSTER AND PERPETUATE A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT AMERICANISM:

TO PRESERVE THE MEMORIES AND INCIDENTS OF OUR ASSOCIATIONS IN THE GREAT WARS:

TO INCULCATE A SENSE OF INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATION TO THE COMMUNITY, STATE AND NATION:

TO COMBAT THE AUTOCRACY OF BOTH THE CLASSES AND THE MASSES:

TO MAKE RIGHT THE MASTER OF MIGHT:

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TO PROMOTE PEACE AND GOOD-WILL ON EARTH:

TO SAFEGUARD AND TRANSMIT TO POSTERITY THE PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE, FREEDON AND DEMOCRACY:

TO CONSECRATE AND SANCTIFY OUR COMRADESHIP BY OUR DEVOTION TO MUTUAL HELPFULNESS.





PRESENTATION OF CHARTER TO

POST 294 SPONSER OF A SEA SCOUT

TROOP LEFT TO RIGHT HARRY WILLIS

RAINBOW COUNCIL DISTRICT PIRECTOR

COMMANDER LEE GIBSON OF POST 294

FRANK AUSELUE GRUNDY COUNTY PIRECTOR

OF RAINBOW COUNCIL AND FATHER ZIMMERMAN

OF ST THOMAS CHURCH SKIPPER OF THE

SEA SCOUT TROOP



IN COMMAND — Officers for the coming year were installed in recent ceremonies at Morris Post 294, American Legion. Named to direct the activities of the post are: seated, left to right, Lee Gibson, finance officer; Kenneth Allen, senior vice commander; Elmer McKibben, commander; Leslie Enger, junior vice commander. Standing,

Ralph Coop of Minooka, installing officer and past commander of 12th District; Lyle Studebaker of Sheridan, installing sergeant at arms and senior vice commander of 12th District; Clarence Colman, historian; Robert Lindsay, service officer; and Arnold Peterson, adjutant.

Lindsay presented a yearly re- McKibben, commander; Kenport as service officer of the neth Allen, senior vice commanpost. In the past year the post der; Leslie Enger, junior vice had presented Bibles to the fam-commander; Elwood Ferguson, ilies of 14 deceased members chaplain; Ernest Brooks, serand sent out fifty get well cards. geant-at-arms; Clarence Colman

for the many services they per-adjutant. formed for him and the auxiliarv.

Gibson was recently elected Grundy County Council.

Lyon, recently deceased past A telegram of congratulations

Retiring Commander Lee Gib-senior vice commander Lyle ior vice commander Lennie Edson presided over a brief busi- Studebaker of Sheridan, Ill., as wards — who were installed

District Commander Robert Those installed were Elmer Gibson thanked all his officers historian; Robert Lindsay, serfor helping make Morris Post vice officer; Lee Gibson, finance 100 per cent membership and officer, and Arnold Peterson,

Coop thanked the members for being allowed to serve on the junior vice commander of the National Security Commission Department of Illinois as a Silent prayer was held for Roy member from Grundy County.

commander. His son and his was received from new comson-in-law are past commanders. mander Ellwyn (Butch) Schubbe Ralph Coop ,past 12th District of Harwood Post 5, Joliet, and commander, was installing offi-his officers — senior vice comcer, assisted by 12th District mander Bob Anderson, and jun-Saturday.

Legion Installation

Post 294, American Legion, held an open installation of officers Thursday night.

ness meeting, at which Past sergeant-at-arms.

1968 - 1969 POST OFFICERS

COMMANDER: FRANK B. KUNTZ

SR. VICE COMMANDER: JOE LAUGHARY

JR. VICE COMMANDER: CHAS ENGER

FINANCE OFFICER: L. H. GIBSON

CHAPIA IN: LES ENGER

SGT. AT-ARMS JOHN BRADY

SERVICE OFFICER: BERT OSNESS

HISTORIAN: CLARENCE COLMAN

ADJUTANT: ROGER FRANKS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

DONALD BRIGHT
ELWOOD FERGUSON
BURDETTE ENGER
ELMER McKIBBEN
WILLIAM R. FERGUSON
LARRY READER
FRED CLEMENS, JR.
GARY GUNNERSON
MERTON FREELAND
GORDON VAKSDAL
ROBERT RYDER

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

LEE GIBSON JR VICE COMM. 12TH DISTRICT INT. AFFAIRS

FRANK KUNTZ PUBLICITY OFFICER GUNDY COUNTY FOR 12TH DISTRICT

CLARENCE COLMAN COMMUNITY SERVICE 12TH DISTRICT

LAND VICE PRESEDENT ILL AMERICAN LEGION

HISTORIAN'S ASSOCIATION

LESLIE ENCIER COUNTER SUBVERSIVE 12TH DISTRICT

ELWOOD FEREUSON RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE 12TH DISTRICT

Legion Installs Officers Here Tuesday Night Installation of officers for the

Installation of officers for the American Legion Post held Tuesday evening in the Morris Post No. 294 Home was conducted by past 12th District Commander Ralph Coop of Minooka, assisted by 12th District Senior Vice Commander Lyle Studebaker of Sheridan as sergeant at arms.

Guests included Mrs. Coop of Minooka, Mrs. Studebaker of Sheridan and members of Morris Post No. 294 Auxiliary.

The following officers were installed: commander, Elmer H. McKibben; senior vice commander, Kenneth Allen; junior vice commander, Les Enger; adjutant, Arnold Peterson; finance officer, Lee Gibson; chaplain, Elwood Ferguson; sergeant at arms, Ernest Brooks; service officer, Robert Lindsay; historian, Clarence Colman.

Ralph Coop thanked the members for being allowed to serve on the National Security Commission, Department of Illinois, as a member from Grundy County. He also commented that the department of Illinois, second division, 12th district, Grundy County and Morris Post No. 294 had attained 100 per cent membership.

A short business session was held and past 12th District Commander Robert Lindsay presented a yearly report as service officer of the post. A total of 14 Bibles were reported distributed to families of decased members, 65 sympathy cards were sent to members' families and 50 get well cards were sent to members.

In tribute to departed past Commander Roy Lyon, members and guests stood in silent reverence.

Lee Gibson, outgoing commander and newly elected junior vice commander of Grundy County Council, thanked all of the officers for their services in helping the Morris Post attain 100 per cent membership this year and all those who helped make the year a successful one.

A telegram of congratulations was received from new Commander Ellwyn (Butch) Schubbe of Harwood Post No. 5 in Joliet and his officers, Senior Vice Commander Bob Anderson and Junior Vice Commander Lennie Edwards who will be installed at 8 p.m. Saturday.

stalled at 8 p.m. Saturday.

The meeting adjourned for lunch and a social time in the club room.





LEFT TO RIGHT LYLE STUDEBAKER

12TH DISTRICT SEMBR VICE COMMANDER,

ELMER MCKIBBEN NEWLY INSTALLED

COMMANDER OF POST 294, LEE CIBBSON

PAST COMMANDER OF 294 AND FINANCE

OFFICER BIND RALPH COOP PAST

COMMANDER OF THE 12TH DISTRICT



LEE GIBSON ON RIGHT RECIVING PAST COMMANDER'S PIN FROM RALPH COOP



ELMER MCKIBBENI ONRIGHT RECOUNG GAUGLAND BELOW COMMANDER'S HAND BOOK FROM RALP H COOP



Installation of officers Post 294 American Legion August4,1966

LECION BULLETIN

FIRST BULLETIN FOR 1967

1967 Officers are:

Commander Sr. Vice Comm. Jr. Vice Comm. Adjutant Finance Officer Chaplain Sgt. at Arms Service Officer Historian

E. H. McKibben Kenneth ..llen Les. Enger Arnold Poterson Lee H. Gibson Elwood Ferguson Ernest Brooks Robert Lindsay Clarence Colman

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Leonard Hanson Rice Graham Fred Clamons Frank Kuntz Joe Laughery

Orville Sempson Roy McLaughlin Jack Brady Al. Dogrfler Don Pellegrini

No. 1 - MOST IMPORTANT-MEMBERSHIP

ELIGIBILITY DATES: For Membership in the American Logion

April 6, 1917 to Nov. 11, 1918 Doc. 7, 1941 to Sept. 2, 1945 June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953 ------

There were more than 22,403,000 veterans in civilian life and soon the Legion ranks will be open to more. Last Tuesday at the National Convention the Legion voted to accept all Veterans in service since the Red Torpedo boat attacks in the gulf of Tonkin, Aug. 5, 1964.

BU AN MARLY BIRD -- PAY YOUR DUES NOW

Morris Post dues for this year have been raised to 6.00 and w25.00 for a Five year card due to raise by Department and National.

The American Legion emblem indicates SERVICE FOR GOD AND COUNTRY.

-- OPTRATION SHOW YOUR COLORS--

Americans are serving the cause of Freedom in Viet Nam. I wear my Country's flag to show that I support their efforts.

BIG TIMES ARE HAPPENING IN

OUR POST You can be a part of it. Attend meetings the First and, Third Thursday of each month. Sign up members today, and receive Membership Stars; and other awards.

COMING ACTIVITIES-PLAN NOW TO ATTIND

Sat. Sept. 10, Uniform Night Wear your uniform and participate in the fun! Prizes to be awarded. Ilusic furnished by Bubbles Orch.

Sat. Sept. 24, CORN FESTIVAL --- S'E'AK FRY ---6:00 to 8:30 PM Reservations by tickets at the Club Room, or members Phone 9/12-0183 DANCE TO THE MERRY MEN

Thurs. Oct. 6, Meeting Night PLINBERSHIP KICK-OFF DIMJER FREE BEIR FREE

SPAGE TTI DINNER 6:45PM Dinner open to liembers and Prospective members by Reservations. Phone 942-0183

Veterans enrolling in The American Legion join a real outfit of he-men who served together in time of war. Friendships made in the war service ondure. Friendships made in THE AMERICAN LEGION likewise endure.

PLAN NO. TO ATTIMI!

12th District Meeting at Ottawa Post 33, Sun. Sept. 18, 1966.

2nd Division Fall Mosting to be held here at Morris Post home. Sun. Oct. 16, 1966.

Plans are underway to help beautify the Club Room and 2nd Floor. Volunteers are needed to paint the 2nd floor. Contact the Commander.

Grundy County Men Get Legion Posts

By ERLEEN RADCLIFF Telephone 942-0222

MORRIS - Robert Lindsay reported on a recent 12th Dis-ported that the following memtrict, American Legion, organi- bers were in hospitals: Eby zational meeting in Yorkville at George and Al Kowalzck in Thursday's meeting of Post 294.

Commander Elmer McKibben and Past Commander Lee Gib- Brown in the Morris Hospital. son also attended.

Five Grundy County members were appointed to committees, Lindsay announced.

trict Publicity Officer; Elwood card will be \$25. Ferguson of Morris, 12th District Resolution Committee; Lee unpaid members. Gibson of Morris, Counter Subversive Committee; and Clar-nior vice commander, Les Engence Colman, also of Morris er, as chairman for participa-Community Service ommittee.

Post 294 will be host to a Sec-County Corn Festival. ond Division meeting this fall.

A discussion was held on the annual stag, and a check will be made before the next meeting on any other community activieis before a date is set.

Birthday Dinner dates of April T 1 or 8 will be suggested to sen- 5 ior vice commander, depart- ga

in an invitation to him for their speaker for the event.

Service officer Lindsay re-Hines Hospital, Chicago; John Bowman in Saint Joseph Hospital, Joliet; Al Hume and Harry A sympathy card had been sent to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lyons.

Due to a recent raise of dues by Department of Illinois and an They are Ralph Coop of Mi- anticipated raise by the nationnooka, national Security Com- al organization, dues for Mormission and Civil Defense; Rob- ris Post members were raised ert Lindsay of Morris, 12th Dis- to \$6 per year and a five-year

Notices will be mailed to all

The commander appointed jution in the 18th Annual Grundy

> American Legion To Make **Building Improvements**

The building committee of the American Legion Post 294, Morment of Illinois, Russel Biertiz, ce ris, was given authority at a recent meeting to improve lighting, acoustics, and decoration of the band stand and to purchase paint for painting the second floor with volunteer help. All members who can donate a little time are urged to contact the commander or Jack Brady. Estimates for repairing or replacing the outside sign and for repairs to the front of the building are to be obtained.

Action taken at the national convention recently opens the ranks of the Legion and anyone on active duty anywhere in the world since the Aug. 5, 1964, Aed Torpedo boat attacks in the Golf of Tonkin will be eligible.

to join. Other business of the meeting included plans for the membership campaign kick-off Oct. 6 with a dinner and spea plans for the Legion Stag for Dec. 9, and reports of the Legion's planned activities during the Corn Festival.

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Legion Post Raises Yearly Dues to \$6

A regular meeting of Morris merican Legion Post 294 was held Thursday evening with ommander Elmer McKibbei presiding.

officer Robert Lindsay reported the following memb hospitals: Eny George and Al Kowalczyk at Hines Hostal in Hines. III.; John Bow man at St. Joseph Hospital in aliet and Al Hume and Harry Brown at the Morris Hospital. na hy cards were sent to the Lyon children.

Due to a recent raise of dues by the Illinois department and in anticip ted raise on the na tional level, dues for the Morris st will be raised to \$5 per year or a five-year card for \$25. Dues notices will be sent to a! members who have not paid.

unior vice commanler Les Enger was appointed chairman f the committee for the Grundy County Corn Festival Parade by commander McKibben.

Robert Lindsay reported on the 12th district organizational meeting held Aug. 14 in Yorkville. Commander McKibben and past commander Gibson attended. Five members from the county were appointed to committees. They were Robert Lindsay, 12th district publicity officer; Elwood Ferguson, 12th district resolution committee; Lee Gibson, counter subversive committee; Clarence Colman, community service committee and Ralph Coop, National Security Commission and Civil Defense.

The Morris Post will have the e and division fall meeting in October.

LEGION OPENS ITS DOORS TO YANKS IN VIET

Action Requires Congress O. K.

BY ALDO BECKMAN

(Pictures on back page)

[Chicago Tribune Press Service]
Washington, Aug. 30 — The American Legion today voted unanimously to open its membership to Viet Nam veterans and all service men who have served since Aug. 5, 1964.

The resolution was read to delegates at the opening day business meeting of the national convention by Judge Alfonse Wells, Circuit Court of Cook county, Ill., who is chairman of the resolutions committee.

The only opposition came during committee hearings from Legionnaires who argued that the new date should be set by Congress. There was no opposition to the admitting of Viet Nam veterans.

First Day of Retaliation

The August date was selected because that was the day American forces retaliated against torpedo boat attacks on two United States destroyers in the Gulf of Tonkin by bombing told the commander's dinner toshore batteries and naval installations in North Viet Nam.

Before today's action, only veterans who served on or before July 27, 1953, the date of the Korean armistice, were elimembership.

L. Eldon James, the national commander, told the 8,300 delegates in the District of Columbia armory that their action was "one of historical significance in the history of the

Needs Congress O. K.

Congress must amend the Legion's charter before the resolution becomes official policy, but a number of senators introduced the legislation shortly after the resolution was adopted. Congressional approval is considered a certainty Shortly before the resolution Legion Ranks Opened to Viet Veterans

Local men are reminded by Dr. S. C. Liedman, commander of the American Legion Post in Morris, that the American Legion membership ranks have been opened to the current generation of Viet Nam veterans.

In quick action by the Con-

gress and President Lyndon B. Johnson, the amendment proposed by the legion's national convention was acted upon and in effect within 48 hours.

The legion's charter is now amended to make eligible the men and women of the armed services who have been honorably discharged who served on active duty from Aug. 5, 1964, until "the cessation of hostilities as determined by the government of the United States."

Other periods of service for American Legion membership are: April 6, 1917 to Nov. 11, 1918 (World War I); Dec. 7, 1941, to Sept. 2, 1945 (World War II); and June 25, 1950, to July 27, 1953 (Korean War).

was adopted, James presented the American Legion distinguished service award to Capt. Roger Donlon, the first American to receive the congressional medal of honor for brav-

ery during battle in Viet Nam. Vice President Humphrey night that he can "see no immediate end to our struggle in Viet Nam," and "we must be prepared for many hard days ahead." He said that "if we are to remain alive . . . we have gible for American Legion no choice but to hold our course and see it thru in Viet Nam."

Legion Admits First Veteran of War in Viet

BY ALDO BECKMAN [Chicago Tribune Press Service]

Washington, Sept. 1 - The American Legion ended its national convention here today by indorsing American policy in Viet Nam and by admitting the first Viet Nam veteran as a member.

One of the last acts of the week-long convention was the swearing in of Gordon Saffold, 23, of Saltville, Va., who spent three years in the army, four months of which were spent in Saigon as a radio operator.

Saffold, who was chosen as the first because he was the first man to apply last night after learning of the Legion action opening membership to Viet Nam veterans, was sworn in a few minutes after President Johnson signed the bill, officially opening the Legion to men who have served since Aug. 5,

Johnson Speaks of Unity

In a White House ceremony, Johnson told 40 Legionnaires that "the struggle for freedom in Viet Nam today is as important as any conflict in which our countrymen have ever engaged."

He said the swift action of Congress in amending the Legion charter after the Legion voted to admit Viet Nam veterans has "made our stand of unity completely clear" to anyone who might question United States determination to remain in Viet Nam.

Among those present for the signing were army Capt, Roger Donlon, the first medal of honor winner in Viet Nam, who attended the Legion convention as an honored guest to receive its highest award, the Legion distinguished service award.

New Chief Elected

Also present were L. Eldon James, last year's Legion commander, and his successor, John E. Davis, former North Dakota governor, who was elected national commander by acclamation a few minutes before the White House cere-

Davis, 53, was an army offi-cer in Europe during World War II and received four battle stars. For his one year as commander, he will receive \$25,000 and an unlimited expense account.

American Legion

Receives New Member

American Legion 294 met Thursday evening in the Legion Hall with commander E. H. Mc-Kibben presiding.

Les Enger, chairman of the corn festival parade committee, reported that the Clown Band of Ottawa will perform in the parade.

Commander McKibben commented on the membership kick off dinner planned for Oct. 6. Past commander Lee Gibson reported that the Sweet Adelines would present the program.

A card from 12th district commander James Stott was read announcing the 12th district meeting and installation of officers to be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Ottawa Lodge. Everyone is invited to attend.

Past commander Gibson introduced the first new member of the Viet Nam conflict, Larry Reader of Morris. Reader was welcomed by the commander and the members attending.

Morris Legion
Membership
Drive Slated

MORRIS — The membership kickoff dinner of American Legion Post 294 has been set for Oct. 6.

It was announced Thursday at a membership meeting at the post home.

The Clown Band of Ottawa has accepted an invitation to participate in the Corn Festival parade.

The first new member of the Viet Nam conflict, Larry Reader was introduced by the Commander.

The 12th district meeting and installation of officers will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Ottawa Legion Home.





DITANA POST 33 AMERICAN LECION CLOWN BAND SPONSERED BY POST 294 IN THE GRUNDY COUNTY CORN FESTIVAL PARADES

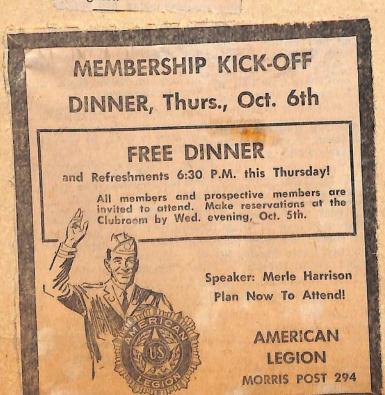


Post 294 To Have Membership Dinner Oct. 6

Merle Harrison of Joliet, northern division supervisor of Illinois Veteran's Commission of 26 counties, will be guest speaker for the Morris American Legion Post 294 membership kickoff dinner at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Post Home.

J. C. Trump of Manhattan, second division senior vice commander will furnish the membership material from the Department of Illinois.

James Stott of Yorkville, 12th district commander, will also be a guest.



Morris Men Attend District Legion Meet

Phone 942-0222

a 12th District meeting at the sistant sergeant at arms. Rob-

Commander Elmer McKibben, dota. Adjutant Arnold Peterson, Past Guests attending the meeting

of Yorkville; senior vice com- linois, Russel Bieritz.

By ERLEEN RADCLIFF | er Wylie of Mendota; finance officer, Raymond Shuck of Sand-MORRIS — American Legion wich; sergeant at arms, H. B. Post 33 of Ottawa was host to (Jack) Clark of Sycamore; asert Lindsay of Morris; and his-Attending from Morris were torian, Cecil Dempsey of Men-

Commander Lee Gibson and were senior vice commander, Past Commander Clarence Col-second division Jay Trumpon of nan.

New district officers installed the 11th district, senior vice were commander, James Stott commander, department of Il-

mander, Lyle Studebaker of Child welfare chairman Sheridan; junior vice command- Charles Biecher of Ottawa reer, Willard Shaw of Beloit, Wis.; ported on coming events at the adjutant, Alvin C. Johnson of Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Plano; judge advocate, Alexand- Home in Normal and was authorized funds to carry on the Legion program there; which includes gifts for children at Christmas and renewal of mag-

azine subscriptions.

Legislative chairman Neal Young of Aurora reported on the acceptance of Viet Nam veterans to the American Legion and the speed in which the legislation was accomplished. The resolution was passed at the national convention of the American Legion, sent to Congress, passed in the house Wednesday morning, passed by the Senate Wednesday afternoon, and on Thursday, National Command-er Eldon James was asked to be present for the signing of the legislation by President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Rehabilitation chairman Ray Accles of Rockford reported that Illinois is the only state to give a bonus to Viet Nam Veterans while conflict is still going on. A bonus of \$100 is paid to all veterans from Illinois, even while still serving, upon application.

So far there have been 12,671 applications for living veterans and 7,948 have been paid.

One thousand dollars is paid to widows or children of any deceased Viet Nam veteran. So far 173 applications for deceased veterans have been made and 137 have been paid.

Field representatives of the Legion have been given cameras and will take pictures of any industry or building flying the American flag daily. The post and the firm or industry will be issued a citation.

After Oct. 10, a letter will be sent to every member of the Legion, containing information on a "For God and Country" bumper sticker and a new prospect

American Legion Member Installed

Robert W. Lindsay of Morris was installed as assistant sergeant at arms Sunday at the 12th District American Legion meeting held in Ottawa. Other district officers are commander, James Stott of Yorkville; senior vice commander, Lyle Studebaker of Sheridan; junior vice commander, Willard Shaw of Beloit, Wis.; adjutant, Alvin C. Johnson of Plano judge advocate, Alexander E. Wylie of Mendota; finance officer, Raymond Shuck of Sandwich; sergent at arms. H. B. (Lock) Clark ant at arms, H. B. (Jack) Clark of Sycamore and historian, Cecil Dempsy of Mendota.

Those attending from Morris were commander E. H. McKibben, adjutant A. M. Peterson, past commander L. H. Gibson and past commander Clarence Colman. C. E. Blakancic of Hinckley conducted the meeting and installing officer Charlie Dixon of Hinckley.

The next 12th district meeting will be held Jan. 15 in DeKalb and the second division meeting will be held Oct. 16 in Morris.

LEGION BULLETIN October 1966

There is lots of activity going on at your Legion Post for the menth of October. PLAN NO. TO AFFEND. Be an active LEGIONAIRE and be of service "FOR GOD AND COUNTRY."

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY - OCT. 6th. -- POST MEMBERSHIP "KICK OFF DINNER."

FREE SPAGHETTI DINNER AND FREE BEER 6:45 P.M. ENTERTAIN ENT BY THE STEET ADELINES MAKE RESERVATIONS AT THE CLUB ROOM.

The speaker for the evening will be E. HERLE HARRISCN of Joliet. Merle is Northern Division Supervisor of the Illinois Veterans commision, covering 26 counties. Anyone having questions on Veterans Benefits will be able to get his answer at this meeting. 2ND DIVISION SR. VICE COMMANDER, J. C. TRUMP OF Manhattan, will also be on hand to furnish membership material from the Dept. for the Membership Getters. 12th District Commander James Stott of Yorkville, will be in attendance also. Come out and meet these dedicated veterans !

SATURDAY - OCT. 8th. DANCE TO JACK TIBBOTT AND HIS CRCHESTRA.

SUNDAY - OCT. 8 & 9th. CHILD WEIFARE CONFERENCE IN BLOOMINGTON

The Dept. Child Welfare Committee and Superintendent Andrew J. Spelios of the Illinois Soliders and Sailors School at Normal, invites all Legionaires and Auxillary members to attend the Annual "GET ACQUAINTED MEETING" in Bloomington-Normal on Sat. Oct. 8 and Sunday Oct. 9, 1966. Dinner will be served at the Holiday Inn on Rte 66 in Bloomington at 6:30 P.H. Saturday Night. Price of this dinner is \$3.50. On Sunday you are invited to attend church services at ISSC school and join the Children in their cottages for a FREE dinner. Reservations must be in by Cct. 4th. Anyone wishing to attend fro orris contact the Secretary or Commander of the Post.

WEDNESDAY - OCT. 12th COLUMBUS DAY --- FLY YOUR FLAC!

SUNDAY - OCT. 16th. 2ND DIVISION FALL MEETING HERE AT MORRIS POST 2:90 P.M. COLLIANDER FRED COLEHOUR presiding

THURSDAY - OCT. 20th. POST MELTING. ELECTION OF CLUB ROOM COMMITTEE MEMBERS. Come out and vote for your favorite candidates.

THURSDAY - OCT. 27th. GRUNDY COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN LEGION THEETS HERE IN POST HOME AT 8:30 P. 14.

HALLOWEEN DANCE COSTUMES PRIZES. COME BYWITCHED BATURDAY - OCT. 27th. AND DANCE TO THE TERRYITEN.

THURSDAY - NOV. 3rd. REGULAR POST MEETING.

"NEED A LIFT?" THE AMERICAN LEGION EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP HANDBOOK available for schools.

SATURDAY - NOV. 12th. DANCE IN CLUB ROOM TO JERRY BELIS ORCH.STRA

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Morris Legion Seeking Members

By ERLEEN RADCLIFF

membership drive Thursday.

The Morris chapter of the Sweet Adelines entertained with MORRIS—Members of American Legion Post 294 opened its tion of Mrs. William Lanz.

Commander McKibben introduced second division senior vice commander J. C. Trump of Manhattan who commended the post for its running start on a membership drive, which will get under way Oct. 20 and continue through Nov. 11.

E. Merle Harrison, northern division supervisor of the Illinois Veterans Commission covering 26 counties, spoke. - TANGE

Legion Has Membership Kickoff Dinner

A membership kickoff dinner was held Thursday evening for members and guests of Morris Post 294 of the American Le-

Following the dinner the Morris chapter of Sweet Adelines presented several selections unler the direction of Mrs. William Lanz.

Commander Elmer McKibben introduced J. C. Trump, second division senior vice commander, who spoke briefly on the membership drive.

The commander then introduced E. Merle Harrison, northern division supervisor of the Illinois Veterans commission

and speaker for the evening.

He stated that membership in the American Legion creates Americanism. He said that America needs the Legion and pointed out that 70 per cent of the population have either served in wars or have been affected by war.

Harrison also mentioned that 97 per cent of members of Congress are veterans and that all of the presidents have been veterans and have been members of the American Legion since its

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Legion Post At Morris

Plans Fetes

By ERLEEN RADCLIFF 942-0222

MORRIS - American Legion Post 294 of Morris Thursday night discussed plans for the Dec. 9 turkey festival. Anyone wishing to assist should contact Les Enger, festival chairman, or Commander McKibben. Tickets are still available.

An announcement was made that the post and Auxiliary would again sponsor the annual children's Christmas party Dec.

Commander McKibben announced that the Legion would participate in the Gifts to Yanks program. All veterans in any hospital also will receive a Christmas gift

Legion Post Aids in Naval Corps Program

The Morris American Legion Post in cooperation with the Department of Navy's request to diers and Sailors home at Norpartment of Navy's request to seek support of disseminating mal. A hospitality card will be information on the 21st nation given to each Vietnam veteran wide annual regular naval re- and each local boy going in serve officers training corps service.

program has contacted all guid- A motion was approved for ance counselors in Grundy Coun- the Post to purchase ten copies ty High Schools.

ty High Schools.

E. H. McKibben, commander of the American Legion Story of the Morris Post, urges all written by Raymond Moley Jr. students interested in this education program to contact their Counselors for additional inforthee American Legion has done

the Department of the Navy people and how individuals have plans to select 1,700 high school assisted in a free society. Copies graduates who will receive a of this book will be given to the man in the NROTC program. The young men selected will local school libraries.

Americanism officer Edward privarsity of the Morris Library and to the local school libraries. enter 52 colleges and universities throughout the country in Lorin 1967

fees and textbooks for four years tions. fees and textbooks for four years units.

of college; a \$50 subsistence allowance per month plus r 1 will present offices in the Moshipmen uniforms; wide those ris City Hall and the Grund of study in major fields; three County Court House with American Study in major fields; three county Court House with American Study in major fields; three county Court House with American Study in the Mount of the Mount summer cruises with the Navy; can Flags, wherever they a commission in the U. S. Navy needed. or Marine Corps upon graduation; opportunity to participate in the Navy's post-graduate program.

Application forms for the Navy aptitude test which is required of all applicants, are now available at high schools, Navy recruiting stations or from the Chief of Naval Personnel, Department of the Navy, Washington, D. C., 20370.

Qualifying examinations will be given Dec. 10. Deadline for applications is Nov. 18.

By ERLEEN RADCLIFF Telephone 942-0222

MORRIS - Post 296 of the American Legion met Thursday night to discuss the 1967 stag A tentative October date was

The post voted to donate \$25 to the Gifts for Yanks program or to provide a gift for every hospitalized Grundy Count veteran for Christmas.

The Post will also give \$5 to every child in the 12th District cottage in the Illinois Sol-

During the 1966-67 school year, for America and the American

The program includes tuition, to libraries and public i. stitt

LEGION BULLETIN

THE ANNUAL AMERICAN LEGION TURKEY P. SPIVAL WILL BE HILD FRIDAY D. CEART 9th et-the post home. DO NOT AISS THIS BIG EVENT/

HELP!!! HELP!!! LEDP is needed for Thursday and Friday December 8th & 9th, in order that the Big Event of THE LECTOR'S CALEDAR May become a success. The Legion Stap, so far is the only program being attended to raise money for the many LECTON WALFARE programs. Lets all be good Le ionaires and pitch in to make it the most successful stag ever out on.

Have you purchased your Turkey Pestivel tickets? If not do it

now!!!!

The awards this year are:

4 -- #25.00 Cash Awards 4 -- #15.00 Cash Awards 5 - PURKTYS - 5

Ticket Sellers receive special awards.

DON'T PORGET FRIDAY DECEMBER 9th is THE DATE. PLAN TO A PTEMD.

OTHER COMING AVENTS

SATURDAY DEC. 10th - Dance in Club Room to BUBBLES Orchestra.

SATURDAY DEC. 17th. In cooperation with the Legion Auxiliary the annual CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY is to that have over sailed, and all the te held on the second floor in the afternoon. Watch the paper for the ed have not effected the life of exact time.

SUNDAY DEC. 25th. A JOYOUS AND MERRY

CHRISTIAS TO ALL.

SATURDAY DEC. 31st. GALA NEW YEARS we spend the holy season with EVE PARTY. MUSIC will be furnished loved ones or alone let us unite by the MERRYLEN. FUN, FAVORS and Lunch for all.

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership drive is lagging. As of this date lest year lorris Pest is behind by more than 1.00 members. Pay your dues now.

Dice Heard. The voice of the sinle veteran is not heard, but the oice of millions of veterans in he American Legion is heard and eeded.

he basis of The American Legion's hild Welfare Program.

"Nineteen centuries has come and gone since the birth of the Christ Child and teday He is more than ever the Centerpiece of the human race and the Leader of progress. All of the Armies that have ever marched, all the navies governments that have ever governments man as powerfully as has that one solitary man.

"Today young thericans dedicated to there ideals are fighting and dying in Vietnam to keep the torch of freedom alive. Whether as one in a prayer for an early peace and brighter tomorrow." From American Legion National Commander John E. Bavis' Christmas message to patients in VA htspitals.

WHIT'S EXPECTED OF MEMBERS

Members who have the time and the inclination find great personal satisfaction in taking part in one or more of the Legion's volunteer programs. Others do their part just by belonging and, in this way, giving their moral support to the Legion's efforts. Your post will A square deal for every child is appreciate whatever time you can give, but you can still be a valued member without being active.

Legion To Have Children's Party

At the American Legion Post 294 meeting Thursday evening, Les Enger announced that there will be a turkey festival. He asked any member who cold help turkey night to contact him or Commander Elmer McKib-

A children's Christmas party will be held Saturday afternoon, Dec. 17. The post and auxiliary will sponsor the event.

It was announced that the "Gifts to Yanks" program was in need this year with all the young men coming home from Viet Nam. All veterans in hospitals will receive a gift.

Officers Present Gifts To Boys

Commander Elmer McKibben and finance officer Lee Gibson of American Legion Post 294 visited Sunday at the Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home at Normal.

They presented each boy in the Perishing cottage with a Christmas gift from the Morris Post. The cottage is sponsored by the 12th district American Legion Department of Illinois of which the Morris Post is a mem-

Minooka Post Installs

Gail Coop, commander of the Minooka American Legion Post, conducted a business meeting and installation Tuesday night.

Six Vietnam veterans and five Korean veterans were installed as new members. Robert Lindsay, service officer of the Morris Post, was installing officer. Elwood Ferguson, chaplain of the Morris Post, was installing sergeant at arms.

District Commander James Stott of Yorkville spoke on program and child welfare. Lyle Studebaker of Sheridan, 12th District senior vice-commander, spoke on veteran rehabilitation and membership.

The Minooka Post has reached an all time high in member-

Courtesy Cards

Post 294 Morris American Legion will be glad to issure a

has a son or relative returning returning home. from service who served during Frank Sr. served in the U.S. this period is urged to contact Navy during World War II and

Father, Son Team

ler St., Morris, a veteran of Army in Vietnam. He, too, is World War II, recently saw his employed at Federal Paper son Frank installed as a mem- Board Co. in Morris.

The Morris Daily Herald

ociety

MRS. ELEANOR ANDERSON, Society Editor

American Legion's 48th Birthday Will be Observed by Morris Post

in observing the American Legion's 48th anniversary with a special celebration at 6:30 p.m. April 1.

There will be celebrants in more than 16,000 American Legion posts throughout the nation and overseas. This year's observance is the Legion's first as an organization of four generations of war veterans.

The American Legion was founded in 1919 in Paris, France, shortly after the close of World War I hostilities. Its founders were representatives of the various outfits which made up the American Expeditionary Force. The organization now consists of veterans of World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam

Commander Elmer McKibben reported that a committee, headed by Lee Gibson, has been appointed to take care of all arrangements for the anniversary celebration. The Morris Post 294 wishes to extend an invitation to all members for the dinner and dance.

Guest speaker will be senior

American Legionnaires of vice commander Russell Bir-Morris, Post No. 294 will join eitz of the Illinois Department American Legion, Several other state officers have been invited. The Morris Post will also honor charter members.

> Tickets are on sale at the Post or from committee members. Reservations should be called in to the clubroom before Thursday, March 30.

As part of its preparation for the gala birthday observance, the local Legion post is putting the finishing touches on its 1967 membership drive and is issuing a special invitation to veterans of the Vietnam era.



HARRY LEACH

Post 294 to honor Leach

By ERLEEN RADCLIFF

MORRIS - Harry Leach, the first commander of Post 294 American Legion, will be among charter members honored April 1 when the post observes its 48th birthday.

Leach, a retired insurance agent, is still active in many community activities. He served in the Army infantry during World War I.

Other charter members who have maintained continuous membership are Clifford McKee Harry Brown, Siegel Sampson, Bert Maunder, Arthur Stinchcomb, Dan Warren, Robert Lindsay, Ed Drenzy, Rome Graham and Roy Kindelspire.

Brown was first commander of the Grundy County Council when it was organized on 1934.

Lindsay is also a past commander of the post, Grundy County Council and the district.

Reservations for the 6:30 p.m. dinner must be made by Saturday at the post club rooms.

Russell Bieritz of Geneva, senior vice commander for the Department of Illinois, will be the speaker.

Other guests for the anniversary observance will be Donald Ward, Morris police chief, and Richard Pierce, Grundy County sheriff, to emphasize a 1967 project of every American Legion post, maintenance of law and

courtesy card to any service man ber of Post 294, Morris Ameriwho entered after August 1964. can Legion. Frank Jr. was one Any Morris area resident who of the first Vietnam veterans

has since been employed at Federal Paper Board Co. here. Frank Bogacz Sr. of 1219 But-Frank Jr. served in the U.S.

HERALD-NEWS

Will-Grundy-Kendall Edition

Joliet, Illinois, Thursday, March 30, 1967



Legion honors
young heroine
with medal

Jane Sterritt, 14, of 921 E. Washington St. in Morris has been honored by Post' 294, American Legion, with a medal and certificate recognizing her heroism on Jan. 9 in rescuing four children when fire broke out at a home where she was babysitting. Jane led the children of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Keay, ranging from eight months to eight years, from the flaming residence at 804 E. Jefferson St. Here the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Sterritt accepts the award from Elmer McKibben, commander of Post 294. Jane is described by her mother as "very calm."

BIR HIDAY DIMAR. Plan now to attend the 48th American Legion Birthday Dinner, April 1,1967 at 6:30 Pades, the speaker will be Sr. Vice Commander, Rausell Dierics, of Illinois State Department American Legion. This will be an opportunity to meet and hear our future Illinois Department Demander. Several visitors from other posts vill be the attendance. Mokets are on sale at the Club Room, or call to make repervations. Price 1.50-Adult Children ..75. "LEE'S LAKE TOTAL OF OF DE DESERVEDED DIMERS OF M. YEAR." Romember ! The Auxiliary is also part of the post and will help celebrate the 4dth Anniversary Dinner.

.E.B.RSHIP: Our membership is lagging a little this year. There should be no reason for being behind in payment. If your dues aren't paid, why not pay up ? -- and bring a new member with you ! All the discharged or seperated Veterans of the Viet Nam Conflict, after August 5, 196; are eligible. The ones serving in the armed forces, regardless of where they are located are eligible. There are meny in the morris area, so let's make Legionaires" of them. Morris Post 294 is "yours" let's have a good nost & membership is our mainspring, without it the American Legion could not exist.

lembers who have the time and the inclanation find great personal satisfaction in taking part in one or work of the Legion's volunteer programs. Others do their part just by belonging and in this way, give their moral summert to the Legion's efforts. Your Post will appreciate whatever time you can give, but you can still be a valued member without being active.

FLAGS: Do you own a flag? Do you fly your flag? If not, why not buy one? The post has flags for sale. Every home should own and fly a flag on special occasions.

CORN-BLUF DINIMH: March 18, 1967. St. Patricks day celebration. Tickets are on sale now. Price; Adults 1.50 Children . 75. Purchase your tickets now in the Club Room, or call in for your reservation. Do it NOW I Take the wife or pirifreind out for an evening of fun. Dance to the music of the Herry Hen.

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April 1 - 48th / nnual Anniversary Dinner Dance-Hi Lifers Orchestra

April 6 -meeting Post

April 15 - Drown Your Jorrows Might-Dance- Ray Peacock Orchestra

April 20 - Post meeting

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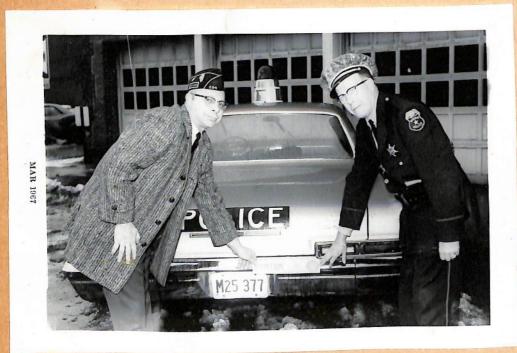
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For law and order Morris American Legion Commander Elmer McKibben, presents bumper sticker reading "Maintain Law and Order" to Donald Ward, Morris chief of police. This year, a national project of the Legion is to honor all law officers.



Legion gives awards at 48th birthday fete

Telephone 942-0222

Legionnaire auxiliary mem-Siegel Sampson, Eddy Derenzy bers and their guests took part and Leach. Saturday in the 48th birthday celebration of the American Le-

The evening began with a 6:30 p.m. dinner, with the post's first commander, Harry Leach, cutting the birthday cake.

American Legion citations for meritorious service were awarded to Donald Ward, Morris police chief, and Mrs. Erleen Radcliff, correspondent for the Joliet Herald-News.

Clarence Coleman and Lee Gibson were honored for re-cruiting 75 new members each; Robert Lindsay for 50 members; Frank Kuntz and Orville Sampson for 25 members; Kenneth Allen, Less Enger, Harry Leach, Jack Brady, Donald Moberg and Merton Freeland were also honored for recruiting activity.

Russell Biertz of Geneva, department senior vice-commander, State of Illinois, noted that Legion principals of 48 years ago are still good for the American Legion of today.

Robert Lindsay of Post 294 is the only Morris member who has served as post commander, council commander and 12th district commander.

Other charter members attending were Rome Graham, MORRIS - About 120 Morris Roy Kindelspire, Mark Brady, Bert Maunder, Clifford McKee.



HONORARD GUESTS AT 48TH BIRTHDAY DINNER WERE THE CHARTER MENBERS OF THE POST SEATED LEFT TO RICHT EPDY DERENZY, MARN BRADY, SIEGEZ SAMPSON, HARRY LEACH, STANDING ROBERT LINDSNY.
ROME GRAHAM, CLIFFORD MC KEE, ROY KINDELSPAE AND BERT MAUNDER

CITATION FOR MERIJORIOUS SERVICE FOR NEWSPAPER REPORTING WAS GIVEN TO MRS ERLEEN RADCLIFF CENTER BY COMMANDER EINER MCKIBBEN LEFT ON THE RIGHT IS THE 12TH DISTRICT COMMANDER JAMES STOTT OF MEWARK



Post Observes Legion's 48th Birthday

The American Legion Post No. 294 and Legion Auxiliary celebrated the Legion's birth-day anniversary last Saturday

at the Legion Hall.

Legion Auxiliary president, Mrs. Peter Thompson, introduced her officers and then presented their birthday gift to the Legionnaires - new drapes for the meeting room.

Commander Elmer McKibben presented special citations to Morris City Chief of Police Don-ald Ward and County Sheriff Richard Pierce. Meritorious service awards were presented to Mayor Aage Hansen, The Morris Daily Herald, Station WCSJ and WRMI, Joliet Herald News, MaeBelle Bowman and

Anthony Watson.
Nine charter members were also honored. Membership awards were presented to several members of the post.

Twelfth district commander James Stott, senior vice commander, Lyle Studebaker, second division vice commander, Jay Trump, county commander Gale Coop and several other dignitaries also were present.

State department senior vice commander Russell Bieritz was the speaker for the evening. He stressed activities in the American Legion and the value of being a member, reminding all that the Vietnam veterans are eligible for membership too, and membership drives should continue:

Following the dinner, Com-mander McKibben requested that the birthday cake be cut by one of the honored charter members, Harry Leach, the first commander of post 294.



LEFT TO RIGT GALE COOP MINERA POST 1128 ROUNTY COMMANDER, POST 294 COMMANDER
ELMER MCKIBBEN, PAST 12TH DISTRICT
COMMANDER RALPH COOP, STANDING PAST 12TH
DISTRICT COMMANDER ROBERT LINDSAY, 12 TH DISTRICT COMMANDER JAMES STOTT, DEPORTMENT SENIOR VIXE COMMANDER RUSSELL BIERITZ, 12TH DISTRICT SENIOR VILE COMMANDER LYLE STUDEBAKER, AND 2ND DIVISION SENIOR VICE COMMANDER JAY TRUMP

Legion Will Donate Book To Libraries

Morris Post 294 of the American Legion voted Thursday night to purchase 10 copies of the book, "The American Legion Story," by Raymond Moley Jr., to be distributed to the public and school libraries. The remainder of the books will be sold to members.

The book, just off the press, is the story of what individuals have done in a free society. The author tells a very human story and gives a thorough and entertaining account of the American Legion and its role in the nation's progres during the Twentieth Century.

The Americanism officer was authorized to have the "American Legion Magazine" sent to libraries and public institutions at his discretion.

Junior Vice Commander Les Enger presided at the meeting. The group decided to contribute \$25 to the "Gift to Yanks" program or a gift for every hospitalized veterans from this area at Christmas.

Each child in the 12th District cottage at the Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home in Normal will receive \$5 from the post.

The Legion will obtain hospitality cards from the department for all Viet Nam veterans and all service men just going in.

American Flag replacements will be made by the Legion at city hall, the courthouse and public library when needed. The flag at city hall was replaced this week.

Morris Legion votes donations

MORRIS — Post 294, American Legion, Thursday night voted to donate \$25 to the summer youth program in Morris and to make donations to the Heart Fund and Cancer Fund.

A committee was named to proceed with plans for the Memorial Day observances and decoration of graves was considered.

Members were urged to bring paid membership up to date, keeping in mind awards to be made later.



PRESENTING THE AMERICAN LEGION STORY
TO MRS GORDON GREGG HEAD LIBRARYAN OF
THE MORRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY IS COMMANDER
TELMER MCKIBBEN

Legion Makes Donation to Youth Program

A \$25 donation was made to the summer youth program at the Thursday evening meeting of American Lorion Boot 2014

of American Legion, Post 294.
Also, donations were made to
the Heart Association and the
American Cancer Society.

A motion was passed to bring continuous years memberships up to date and to secure the appropriate award to be distributed at a later date.

Discussion was held on folding chairs that have been loaned and not returned.

Don Bright, Clarence Colman and L. H. Gibson were appointed as the nominating committee to present a slate of officers at the next meeting.

A Memorial Day committee was appointed and decoration of veterans' graves were dis-

All members are urged to attend the May 4 meeting.

Two Named to Boys State From MCHS

Two Morris Community High School juniors have been named to attend American Legion Premier Boys State June 19-23 in Springfield.

They are David Hartmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hartmann, 417 W. Jefferson St. and





HARTMANN

BRUDER

John Bruder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carrel Bruder, Rt. 1, Morris.

John Trucano, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Trucano of 822 East St., will serve as an alternate delegate, He too is a junjor.

Hartmann, currently a junior class representative, in March was elected president of next year's student council. Bruder is president of the junior class.

The local delegates are sponsored by Morris Post 294 of the American Legion.

Although chosen several months ago by the high school faculty from nominations made by juniors, the three nominees were only accepted recently.

The purpose of Boys State which dates back to 1934, is three-fold:

To plan for training in the functional aspects of citizenship.

To serve as a program sponsored by the American Legion of the Department of Illinois.

To teach the youth of today the American form of government.

It also attempts to show that this form of government has not outworn its usefulness and that only democracy needs an intelligent citizenry to a clean, honest and impartial administration responsible to the will of the people.

the people.

Citizens of Boys State will be required to perform functions of real officeholders in the everyday world.

They will organize their own city, county and state governments; choose their own officers; record and regulate election procedures; and learn the duties of the various officers.

DAVID HARTMANN ONE OF THE BOYS

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4 YEARS OLD SPECIAL ARANGMENTS HAD

TO BE MADE FOR HIM BY HIS PARENTS, AND

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SCHOOL MEDAL AWARDS AND TEN DOLLARS
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AND RON HAMBURGER FROM EDWARD CONCEP



ELECTION OF OFFICERS --- JUNE 1, 1967

Morris Post #294 Nominating Committee will give a report on nominees for the '67-'68 fiscal year Officers at the May 18th Post meeting. This is a regular meeting night, so why not be present!?

MEMORIAL DAY

The V.F.W. and The American Legion will meet at the Legion Hall May 27,1967 at 1:30 P.M. to put out flags at Veteran's graves at the following cemeteries: Aux Sable, Evergreen, Mt. Carmel, Saratoga, and Sample. If you have the time, come down and lend a helping hand. This will be Saturday before Memorial Day, circle that date on your calendar now. If you know of any veteran's grave that doesn't have a Grave Marker Flag Holder please notify either our Post er a V.F.W. member.

The Memorial Day Parade will be Tuesday, May 30th at 10:30 A.M. and will start at Center School. Anyone interested in participating in the parade should be at Center School by 10:00 A.M.. The parade will end at the Court House for a short program.

SHOW YOUR COLORS

Anyone interested in a Flag kit for their home can stop in the office or Club Room and purchase one. The complete kit is only \$4.00. Let's make this Memorial Day one to really be Proud of and try to have our most beautiful symbol of freedom "Old Glory" flying from every home.

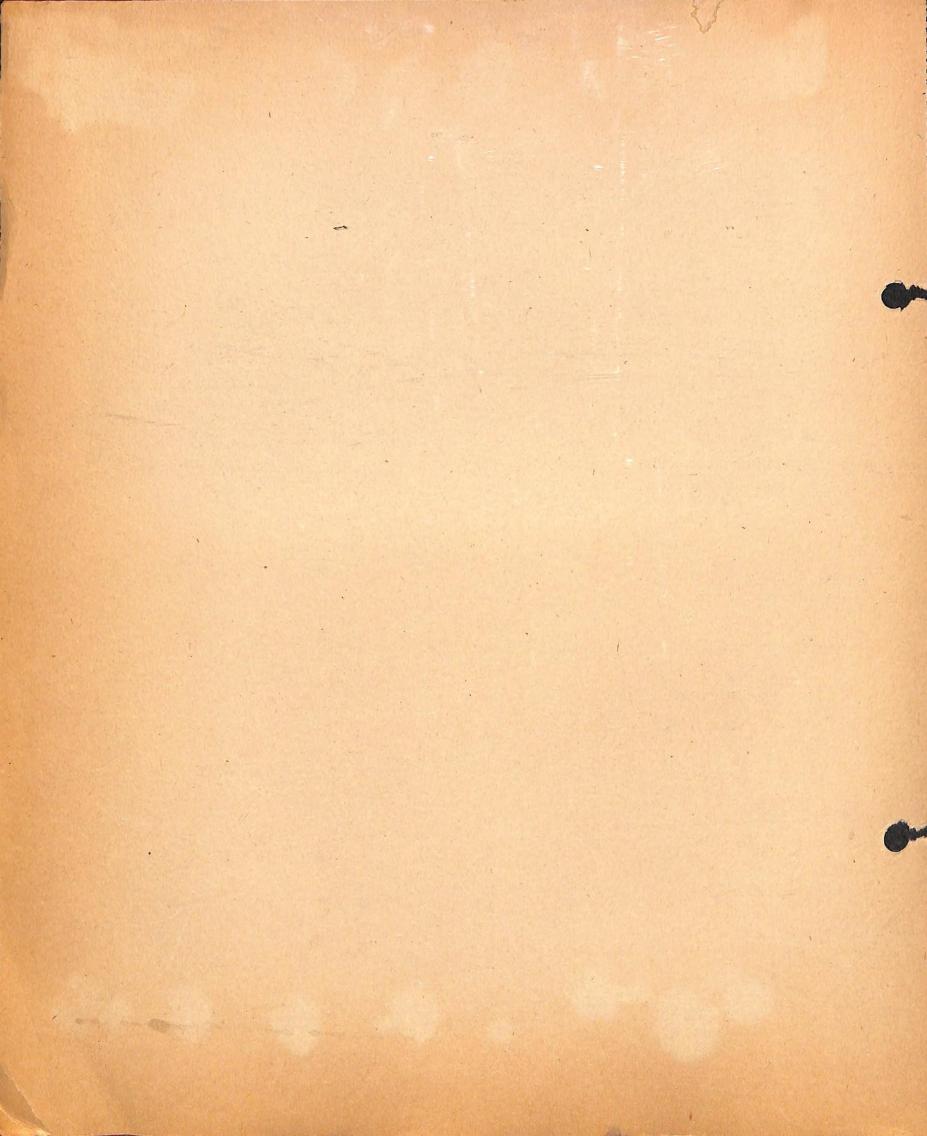
1967 Membership ---Our Post is only 40 members short of being 100%. The 1967 books will close June 15th 1967. If your dues aren't in yet won't you please mail them in, Bring them in, or give them to a membership getter, so be can be proud to have our Morris Post #294 listed 100% again in National's books before the deadline. If you know of any young man that has been in the service after August 4, 1964 tell him he is eligible to become a Legion member and sign him up. Look around you and sign up some members today. Today's young men are Tomorrow's Leaders.

Calendar of Coming Events

May 18th	Post Meeting
May 23rd	Executive Committee Meeting
May 27th	Dance to Music by Jerry Belt Combo with "Delight"
June 1st	ELECTION OF OFFICERS- Be sure to attend

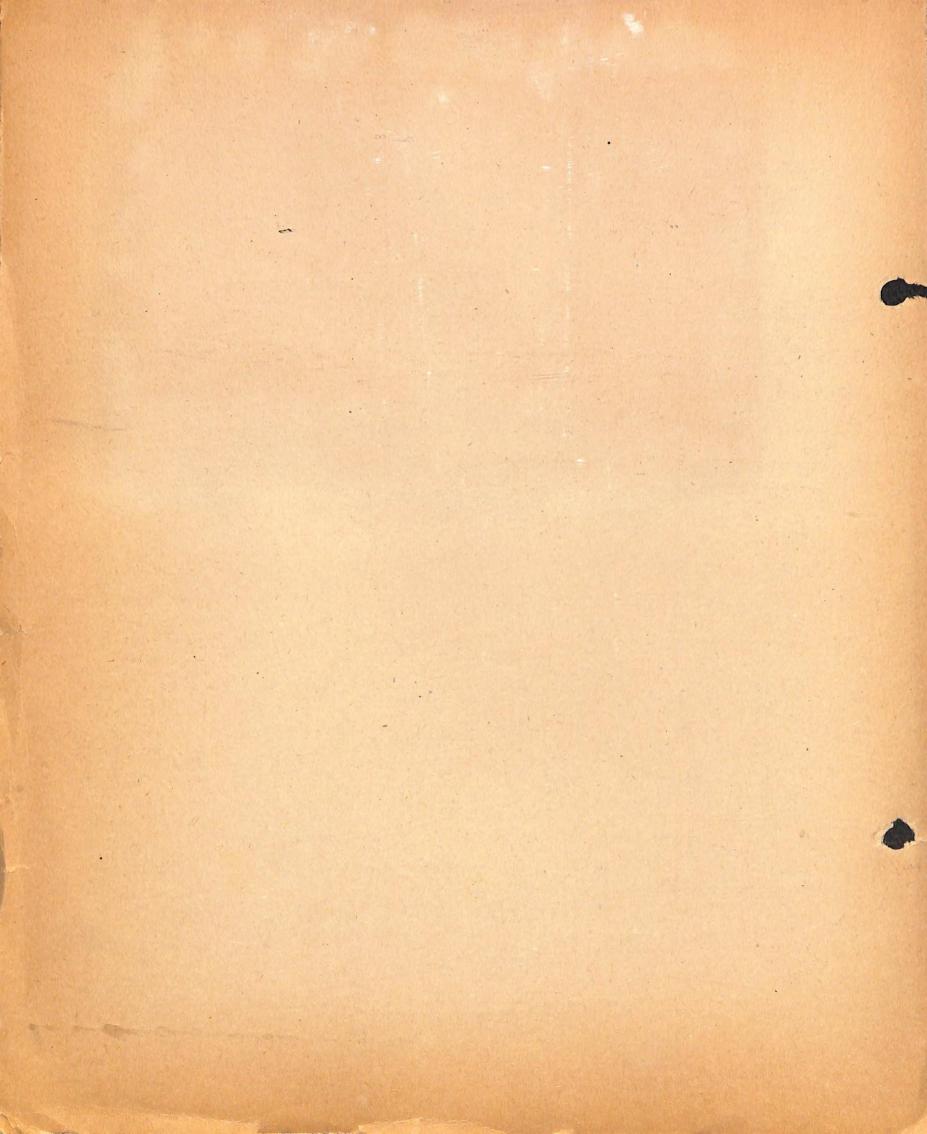
POST MEETINGS ---

How long has it been since you last attended a regular Post Meeting? At our most recent meeting there were 12 members present—Just 2 over the minimum for a meeting. This Post offers much more to it's members and to the Community than do many other Posts in the United States. We could even offer much more if we had a greater participation by more of the members. We could once again have a Sons of The American Legion group have Family nights with Pot-Luck Suppers and games, we could revive our lagging Junior Legion baseball program, we could support a bowling team, we could do a lot of things! Look in the marror and ask yourself; "Is this the same Yank that fought to preserve freedom in World War I?, World War II? Korean Conflict? and now in Viet Nam?? Surely I could leave the TV set and my comfortable chair just for 2 nights a month to attend a regular Post Meeting. Circle the first and third Thursdays on your calendar now. Come to meetings and help make your Post an active one.





OFFICERS OF POST 294 MORRIS 1968 69 SEATED LEFT TO RIGHT LEE GIBSON FINANCE OFFICER AND 12 TH DISTRICT JUNIOR VICE, JOE LANGHARY SR VICE, FRANK KUNTZ COMMANDER AND COUNTY PUBLICITY OF GRUNDY COUNTY FOR THE 12" DISTRICT, DENNIS MC CLUCKIE A DJUANT, CHARLES K ENGER JA VICE STANDING BERT OSNESS SERVICE OFFICER, D. LESLIE ENGER CHAPLAIN AND COUNTER SUBVERSIVE CHAIRMAN 12TH DISTRICT JOHN E. BRADY SERCEANT-AT-HAMS, E.P. SCHERBBE, HARWOOD POST NO. 5 INSTALLING CHAPLAIN, CLARENCE COLMAN HISTORIAN AND COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN 12" DISTRICTAND 2ND VICE PROSEDENT ILL MISTORIANS ASSOCIATION, MERT FREELAND INSTALLING SERGEANT-AT- ARMS, RALPH COOP INSTALLING OFFICER 2ND DIVISION SR VICE COMMANDER. AUGUST 1968





INSTALLING OFFICER RALPH Coop LEFT PRESENTING OUT GOING COMMANDER LESLIE ENGER WITH PAST COMMANDERS PIN



PRESENTING OFFICER GOOP

PRESENTING COMMANDERS

HAND BOOK TO INCOMING COMMANDER

FRANK KUNTZ





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OUR POST HOME, ABOVE PICTURE IS THE OLD SIEN
ERECTED IN 1946. SOIN AFTER THE BUILDING WAS
PURCHASED. BELOW NEW SIGN DEFORE BEING ERECTED
PICTURE WAS TAKEN INBIDE IN OUR CLUB ROOM





GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY YEAR- We are commencing the 50th Anniversary Year of THE AMERICAN LEGION. Let us make this the greatest year yet for the Legion. Pay your dues now. Take out a five year membership and save money. Attend post meetings. Sign up a Viet Veteran, then bring him to a post meeting. Participate in one of the many excellent Legion programs. Visit the clubroom some afternoon or evening. Take your wife to one of the dances.

EARLY BIRD MEMBERSHIP- 1969 dues paid before Veterans' Day, Nov.11th, will make you an Early Bird. Your card will bear such a sticker. Notices for payment of '69 dues will be sent out soon. Remit your dues before you forget it. Dues are \$6.00 for one year. You can save money and bother by taking out a 5-year card for \$25.00. DO IT:

STAR BANNERS- We are giving to the parents of all service men of the Morris area an "In Service" blue star banner to be displayed in the window. These may be picked up at the Legion office weekdays. If you know of some parents who qualify for a banner, please direct them to us.

OFFICE SECRETARY- Mrs Lloyd Wills (Laurine) is in the office Monday through Friday from eight 'till noon. She will be happy to accept your dues or direct you to someone who can, or assist you in any way that she can with Legion affairs or business.

COLOR GUARD- Commrades Gordie Vaksdal and Lendsay Lewis are trying to reorganize our color guard and drill team. If you are interested in . : being with a group of fine fellows and in performing a worthwhile service, contact either Gordie or Lensey right away. We definitely will have a color guard in the Gorn Festival parade.

FLY YOUR FLAGS- daily, but especially on the following dates: Sept. 17th, or that whole week for CITIZENSHIP or CONSTITUTION DAY. Sept. 29th for CORN FESTIVAL DAY. Oct. 12yh for COLUMBUS DAY, and the week of Oct. 13 - 19th for SALUTE TO EISENHOWER WEEK.

ATTENDS NATIONAL CONVENTION - Lee Gibson, a past commander and presently our finance officer spent several days at the National convention in New Orleans. On Sunday, Sept. 22nd, Lee will be installed as the 12th District junior vice commander at Lostant, Illinois, Post No. 173. Hou about a couple of carloads going to Lostant the 22nd?

ELECTION OF CLUBROOM OFFICIERS- Four members will be elected to the Clubroom Committee at the regular meeting on the 17th of October to serve for two years.

COMMING EVENTS- Mark the following on your calendar:

Thursday, Sept. 19- Regular Post Meeting 8pm - Lunch

Saturday, Sept. 28- Steak Fry 6:30 - 8:30 Call for & reservations 942 0183

THURSDAY, Oct. 3 - Social Meeting - Membership Kickoff

Saturday, Oct. 5 - Damce - Music by Jerry Belt Combo



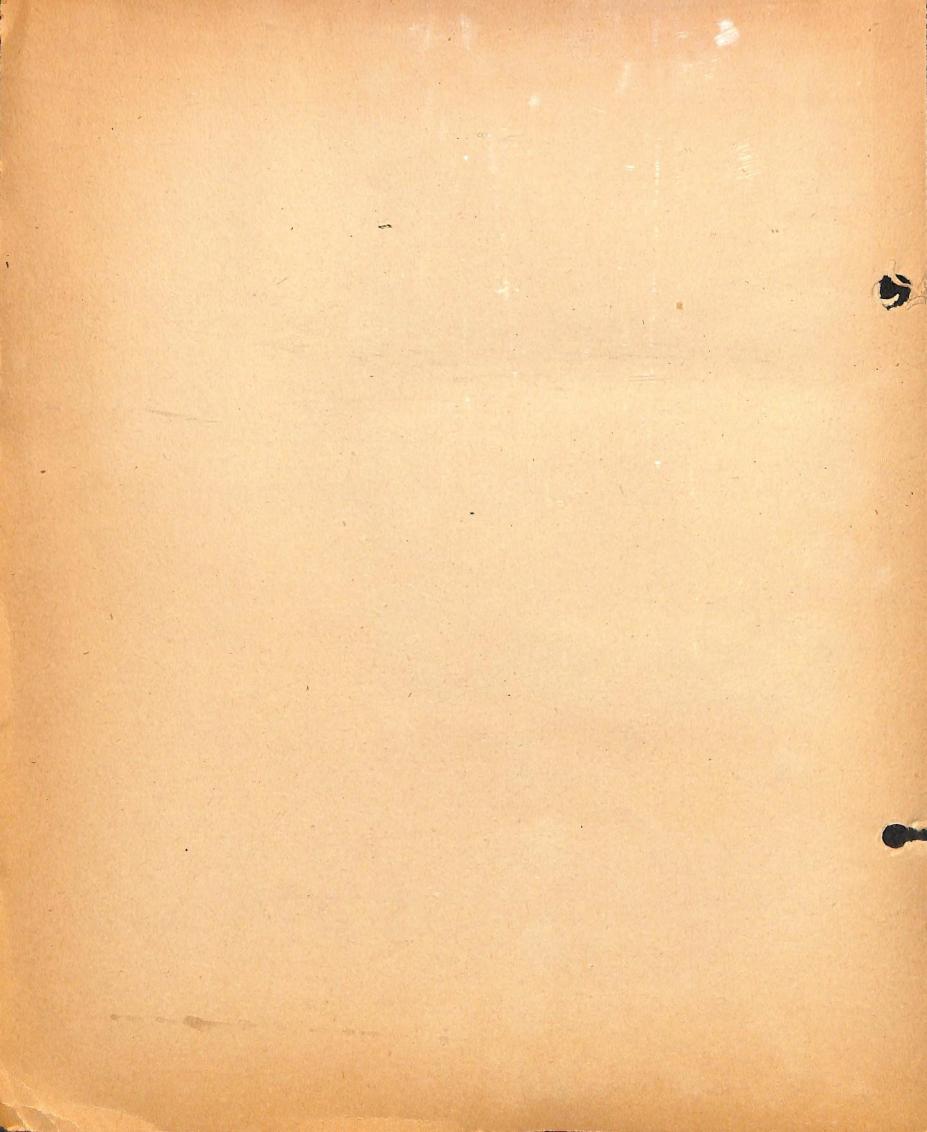






IN SEPT 1968 GRUNDY
COUNTY HAS A CORN FESTIVAL
PARADE. THESE ARE SOME
PICTURES OF POST 294 FLOAT
MADE BY THE SENIOR CLASS
OF MORRIS COMMUNITY HIGH

SCHOOL







ON OCT 3, 1968 THE POST HELD AMEMBERSHIP KICKOFF DINNER AND ALSO HONORED OUR SO YEAR MEMBERS WITHA SO YEAR PIN AND A CAP PATC H. LEFT TO RIGHT SEATED DAY, WARREN ED QUINN, BERT USNESS, FRED KAVANDA, CHESTER WINSOR, AND CARLIE JOHNSON STANDING LEFT TO RIGHT, CHUCK HANSEN DOUG HYNDS, BERT MAUNDERS, ROME GRAHAM, ROY KINDLE SPIRE, HARRY LEACH FIRST Comm AND STEGLES SAMPSON



ENTERTAIN MENT FOR THE EVENING WAS PROVIDE FOR BY THE TROUBLE SOMES A QUARTET OF WOMEN WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE SWEET ADELINES LEFT TURICIST EILEEN HOWEN, BETTY MASKEL, BARBARA EWALT AND EARLENE FNERVOLD. THE ADELINES USE OUR HALL FOR REHERSALS FREE OF CHARCE AND ARE AUDILABLE TO THE POST FOR SUCH FUNCTIONS INRETURN



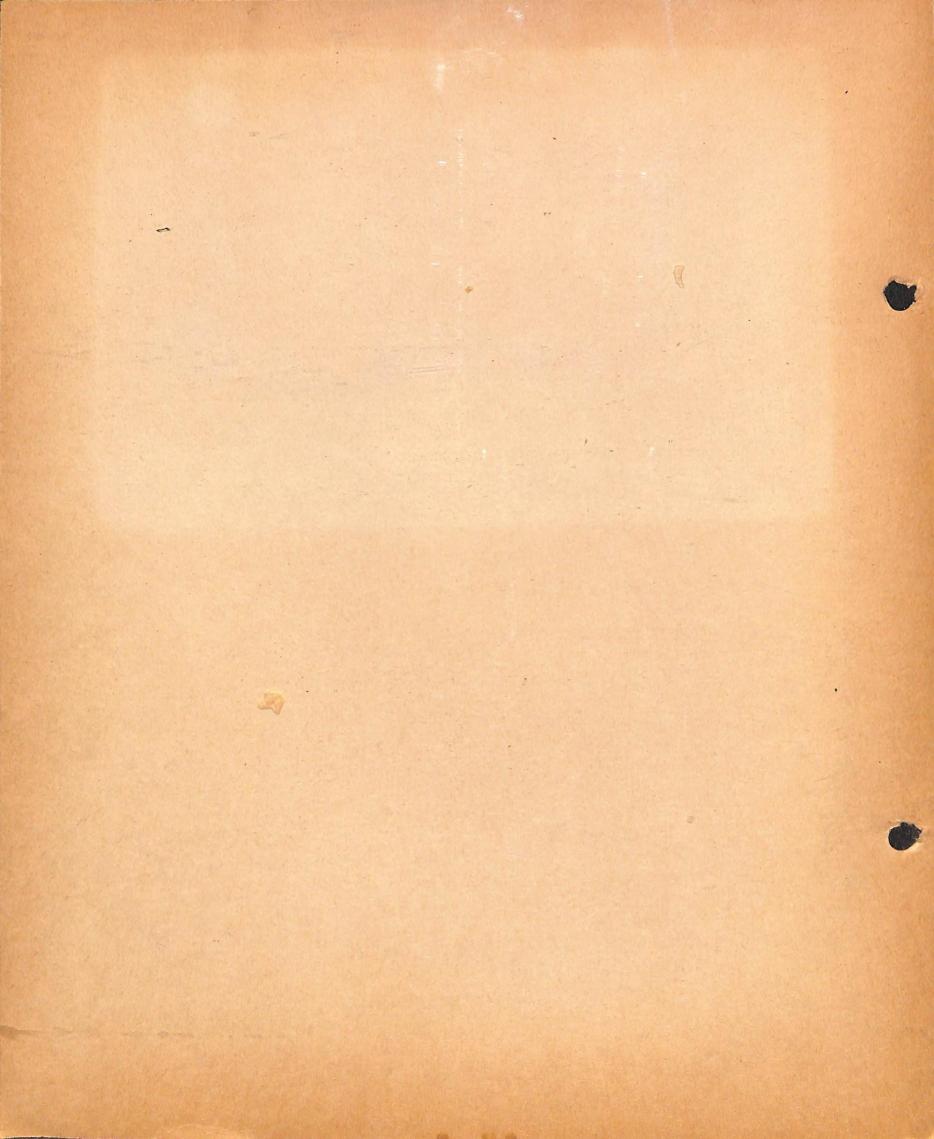


ON OCT 3, 1968 AT OUR MEMBERSHIP KICKOFF DINNER AND ALSO HONORING OUR 50 YR MEMBERS AS SPECIAL GUESTS. A. DOOR PRIZE WAS GIVEN TO ONE.

COMMFRANK KUNTZ PRESENTS A COPY OF THE

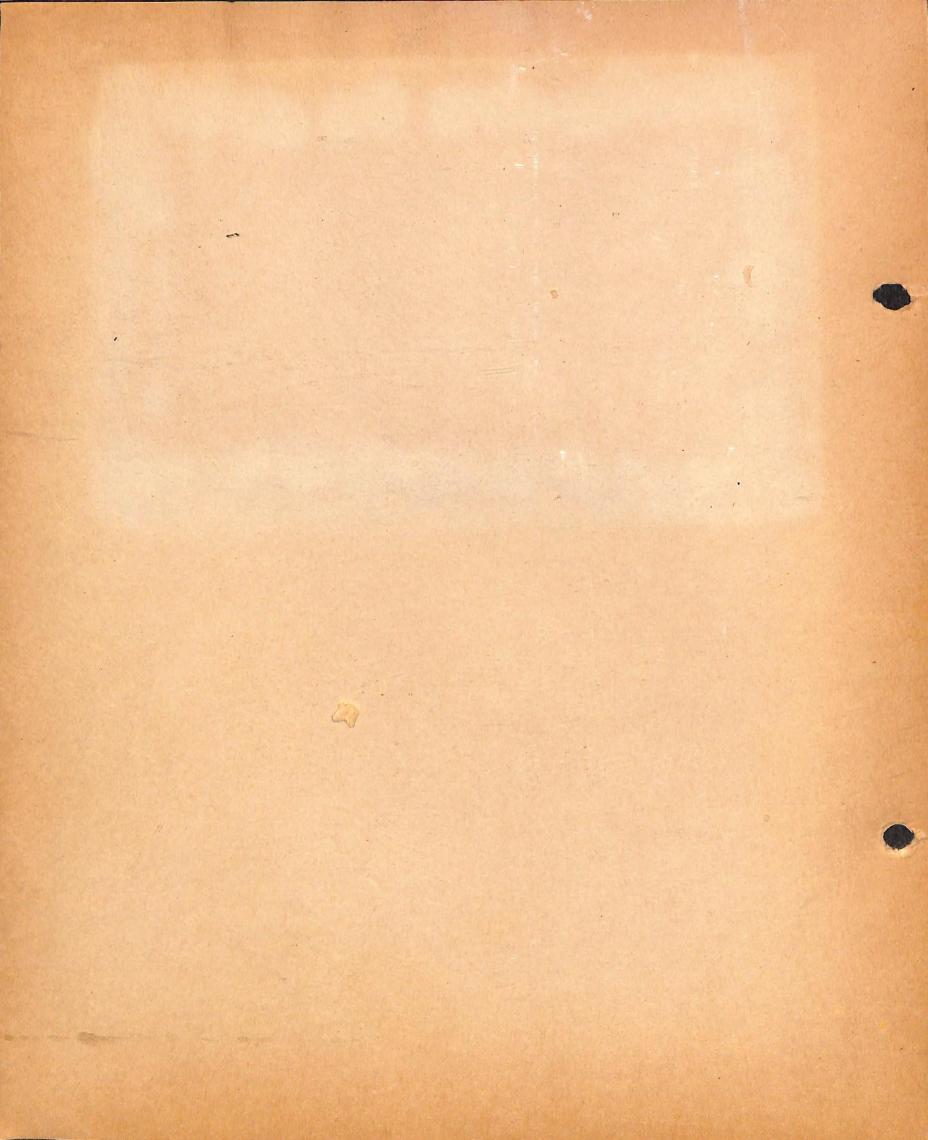
IN THE CENTER BACK GROUND IS MRS LES ENGER

RIGHT MRS FRANK KUNTZ





THE CITY OF MORRIS IS VERY COOPERATIVE WITH THE
LOCAL LEGION POST, A BOVE A NEW FLAC BEING PRESENT
TO THE CITY ON DEC 16, 1968 ATA RECULAR COUNCIL
THE CITY HALL. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT COMM FRANK
12TH DISTRICT OR VICE COMM LEE GIBSON



THE POST AND AUX PUT ON A PARTY FOR THE

CHILDREN ON SUNDAY DEC 15, 1968. THE PARTY WAS

WELL ATTENDED. THE CHILD WELFARE CHARMAN IN CHARGE

ALSO GIFTS WERE DELIVERED TO THE BOYS IN THE

PERSHING COTTAGE AT NORMAL. THERE IS NO PICTURES

AND COULD NOT DE BOTH PLACES AT THE SAME TIME

OF THE CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE POST



MEMBERSHIP—As this is written, our paid up membership for 1969 is 92% of last year. In numbers, that is 463. Last year's membership was 525, so we have only 42 members to go to be 100%. Second notices have been sent to those who have not paid their 1969 dues. Membership is the backbone of any organization whether all of the dues-paying members are active or not. Of course, we want you to be active, and there is a spot for you in the American Legion programs. (More below). PAY THOSE 1969 DUES NOW!!!

50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION --- March 15th marks the fiftieth birthday of The American Legion. Flags will be displayed in the business district on that day, and all Legion members are asked to fly their flags and encourage their friends and neighbors to fly theirs. A special Birthday dance will be held at the Club Room that night but the birthday dinner will have been held on Saturday, Feb. 22nd.

POST SPONSORED ACTIVITIES --- The following is a partial list of the activities that the local Post sponsors:

Child Welfare Americanism Boy Scouts Junior Legion Baseball School Awards Boys' State U.S. Flag Kits Display of U.S. Flags Memorial Day Program Veterans' Day Program Support of Viet Veterans

If you have not done your fair share, get in on one of these programs. You will be amazed at how much the American Legion can mean to you. If you think that we should be sponsoring other programs, come to the meetings and make yourself heard.

A'ERICANIS'! MONTH--- February is Americanism month. It is the month of the birthdays of two of our most honored and revered presidents- Lincoln and Washington. The flags will be put up early Feb. 12th by three Legionnaires. Arrangements are being made to have the merchants who own the flags take them down at sundown, and then put the flags up each day, except possibly Sunday, until Feb 22nd (Washington's Birthday) when the Boy Scouts will take the flags down and return them to city hall for storage. If you are the owner of one of more of these flags, please cooperate by taking the flag down and displaying it for ten days between Feb. 12 and Feb. 22nd.

INITIATION OF NEW METBERS—— Plans are being made to initiate all new members plus any members who have never been initiated into the American Legion on Thursday, April 3rd. We plan to secure the services of a visiting initiation team from the Granville, Illinois Post. A lunch will be served following the ceremonial meeting.

IN-SERVICE STAR BANNERS—— Last October our post started a project to give each family of a son or daughter in the military service a red, white, and blue banner with a star on it to be displayed in the family's window. We have been only partially successful in getting these banners to the deserving families. Will you help make this project a success by informing such families of the project and by telling them that they may get the banners at our Legion Post Home, 212 West Washington Street, Morris, Ill.

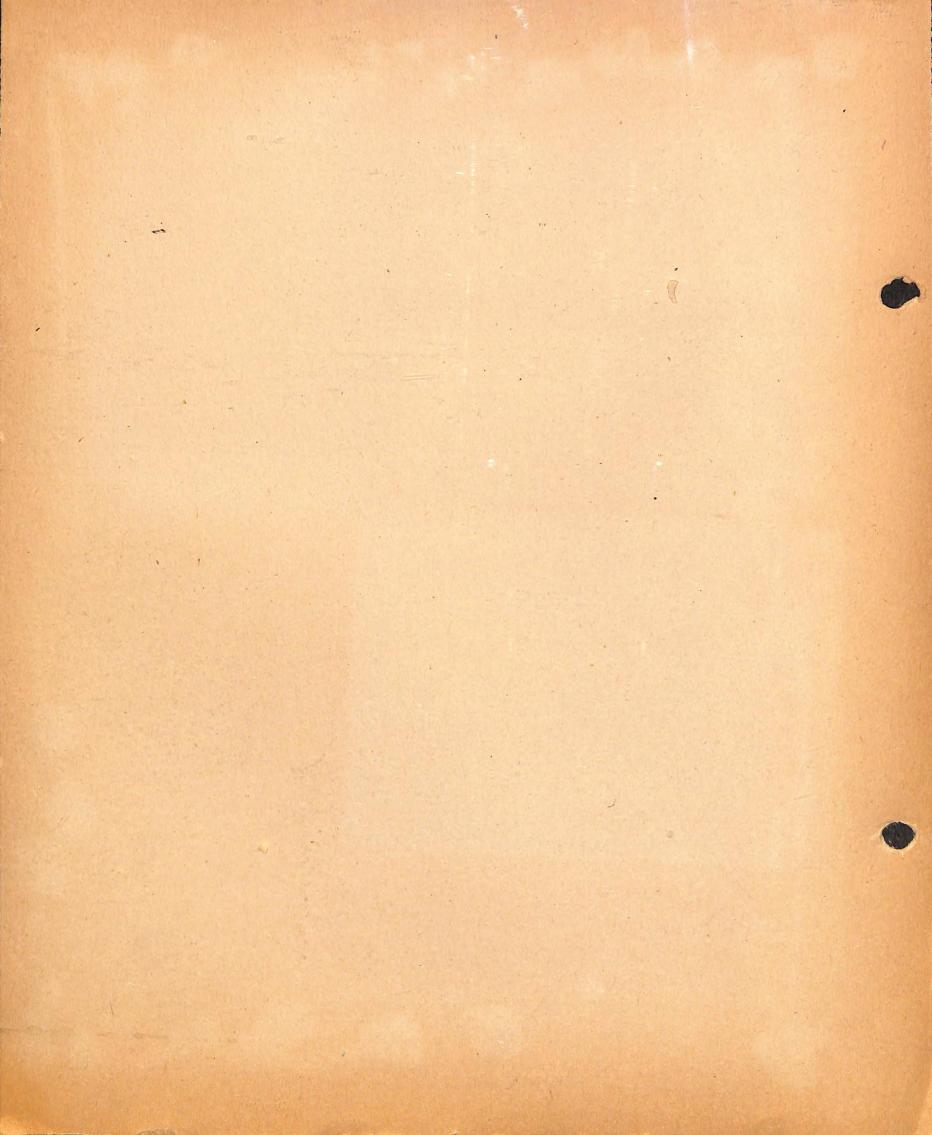
GIRLS' STATE BENEFIT PARTY The American Legion Auxiliary will hold a party at the Legion Hall on Tuesday, March 11th at 7,30pm, to raise money to send a local girl to Chrls' State next June. Games will be played. Cake and coffee will be served. Donation is \$1.00. All Auxiliary and Legion Members and their guests are invited.

RESERVATIONS \$1.50 DONATION ENTERTAIN ENT DANCING



50 ANNIVERSARY BIRTHDAY DINNER SAT., FEB. 22md - 6:30 P.M. AN EXCELLENT MEAL W/BIRTHDAY CAKE Stankennedy, Dept. SR. Vice-Commander will be guest-of-honor & speaker. Everyone will receive a souvenir favor. Contribution \$ 1.50 PER PERSON Tickets are being sold now. Send check to make resembtion. If you phone in for reservation you must pay by Tues, Feb. 18th. COCKTAIL HOUR 6:30 - 7:00 RM. DANCING AT 9:30 7:11 ??? Melody Kings.

DON'T Miss THIS!





ON SAT FEB 23 POST 294 AND AUXILIARY HELD SOTH ANNIVERSARY DINNER STANDING, ARE FRANK KONTZ COMMANDER AND OUR FIRST COMMANDER HARRY LEACH CUTTING THE CAKE



SEAT COMM FRANK KUNTZ AND
FIRST COMM HARRY LEACH

STANDING LEFT TO RIGHT JOHN MOYED

IND DIVISION COMMANDER, DON

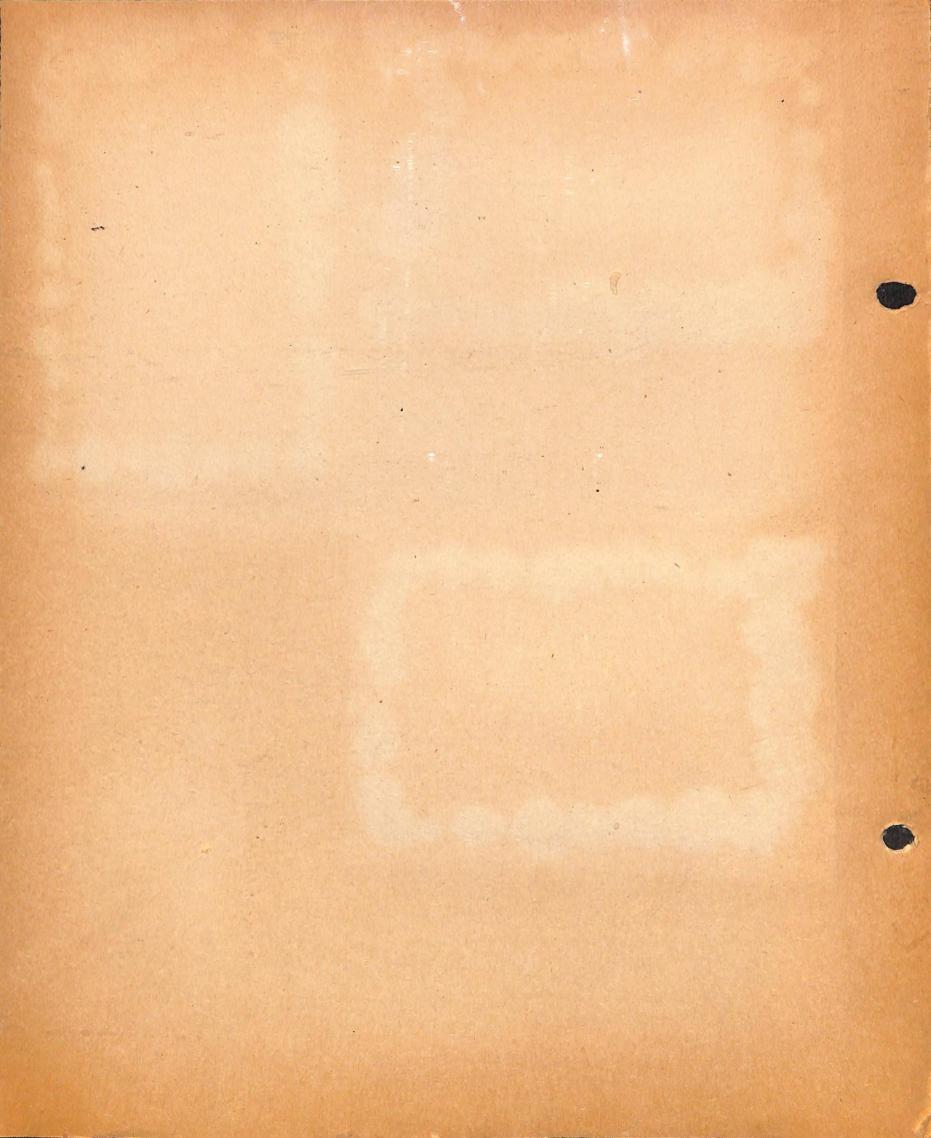
SPEAKER DEPT SR. WOCE COMMANDER

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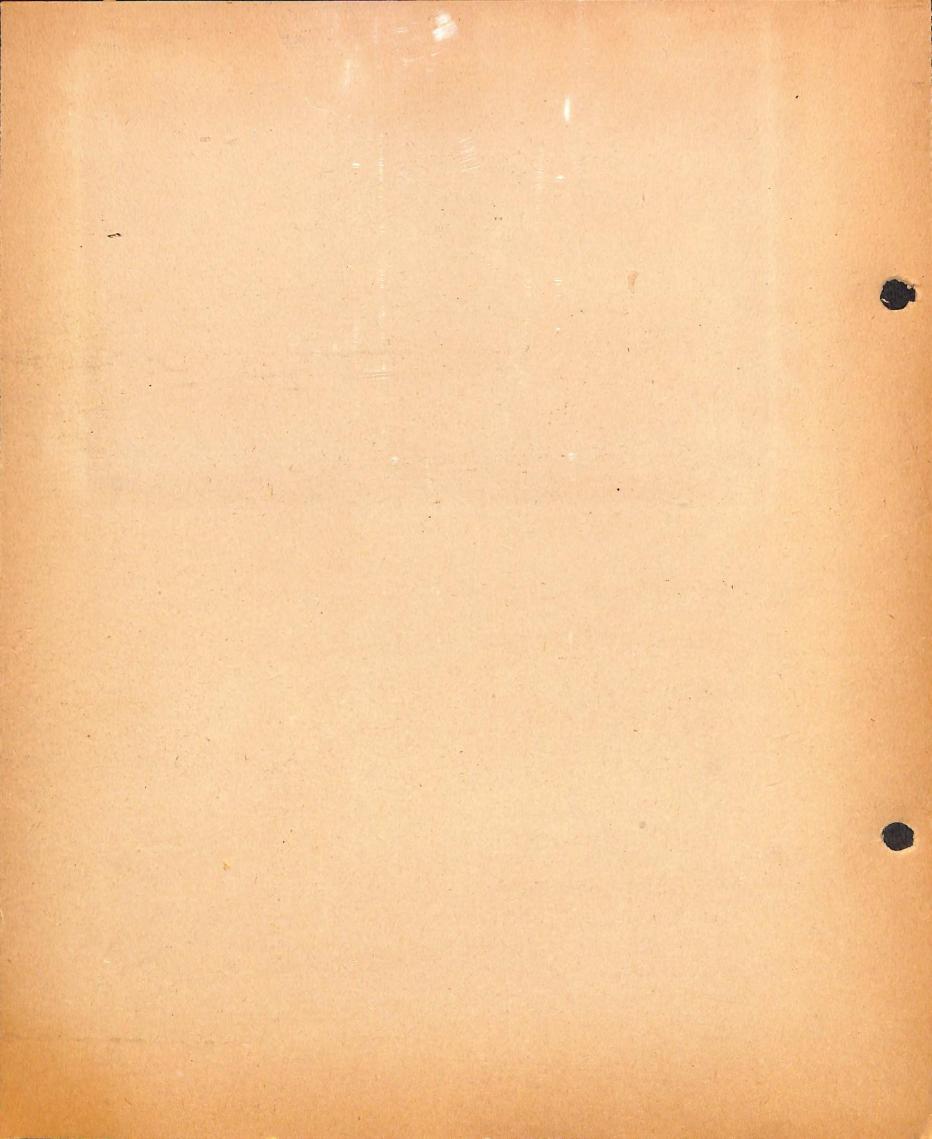




BACKI SO CAMERA RALPH COOP, LES, ENGER, DON DAVIDSIA AND WIFE, MRS FRANK KUNTZ



COMM. KUNTZ INTRODUCING DEPT SR VICE COMM STAN KENNEDY SPEAKER FOR BIRTHDAY DINNER.





ON MONDAY MARCH 17; THE COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

BECAME AVAILABLE AT THE MORRIS POST OFFICE

COMMANDER FRANK KUNTZ PURCHASED THE FIRST

SHEET AND PRESENTED THEM TO MR. HARRY LEACH THE

FIRST COMMANDER OF POST 294 MORRIS. IN ADDITION

FROM OUR OFFICE.

ABOVE LEFT TO RICHT POSTMASTER BOB GRANGER
FRANK KUNTZ AND HARRY LEACH



March 27, 1969

Water vience

INITIATION- At our next post meeting, Thursday, April 3rd, the Granville Post initiation team will be in charge of initiation ceremonies at which all new members and uninitiated members present will be initiated. This is an impressive ceremony that you will not want to miss. LADIES ARE INVITED. There will be a lunch following the meeting.

12th DISTRICT MEETING- Will be held at our post on Sunday, April 13th commencing at two o'clock. Since we are the host post, let us make an impressive showing with a large number of our membership present.

GRUNDY COUNTY MEETING- Thursday, April 17th at 8pm, the county meeting will be held at our post home. Following the business meeting, films on outdoor sports will be shown. After the films, there will be free lunch and free draft beer. This will be wonderful opportunity to meet some of our Grundy County friends and display our Morris hospitality.

MEMBERSHIP IS OVER 100%- On March 1st the 525th member was signed up for 1969. This equaled last year's total. Since March 1st we have increased the membership to 530 paid up members.

DELINQUENT MEMBERS- Those who have not paid their 1969 dues by April 1st are delinquent and are suspended from all American Legion activities. No magazine, no participation in post activities, and no use of the clubroom facilities. Every eligible veteran should belong to a veterans' organization! PAY UP!

VIET-TIME VETERAN SERVICE- If the AMERICAN LEGION is to live up to its name and reputation as the leading organization serving Veterans, then all of us must get down to business and work on our VIET-TIME VETERAN SERVICE CONTACT PROGRAM. The time for fine sounding words, speeches, and "verbal back-patting" is long past. If we, as active members, are going to live up to our obligation, as Legionnaires, stated so plainly in our PREAMBLE, then it is time for us, not someone else, to go to our Post Adjutant and volunteer to serve on the POST VIET-TIME VETERAN SERVICE TEAM! (You guys read it right, the word is VOLUNTEER - it means to offer your service of your own free will.) Helping these young Veterans to become aware of their many benefits and showing them where to go to apply for same is a most rewarding, experience, in itself. It is even more rewarding, when, after the Veteran is made aware of his benefits, he becomes a part of Our American Legion. Treat yourself to the satisfaction of being able to say, "I volunteer to help the Viet-Time Vet!"

COMMEMORATIVE STAMP- honoring the 50th Anniversary of the American Legion was first issued in Washington, D.C. by the postal Department on March 15th. On Monday, March 17th, the stamps became available at the Morris Post Office at which time Commander Frank Kuntz purchase the first sheet of stamps and presented them to Mr. Harry Leach, the first commander of the Morris Post. In addition, \$100.00 worth of the commemorative stamps were purchased to be used this year on all correspondence leaving our office.

CLUBROOM REMODELING- The Club Room Committee has met several times to discuss redecorating improvements in the clubroom. Several suggestions presented by Mr. Joe Corsello have been accepted, and bids are being received on the work.

FLY THE U.S. FLAG DAILY, AND ESPECIALLY ON MOTHERS' DAY, MAY 11th.

DANCE - SATURDAY, MARCH 29th - MUSIC BY "THE ESQUIRES"





ON THURSDAY APRIL 3,1969 THE

GRANVILLE POST 180 INITIATION TEAM

HELD INITIATION CEREMONIES

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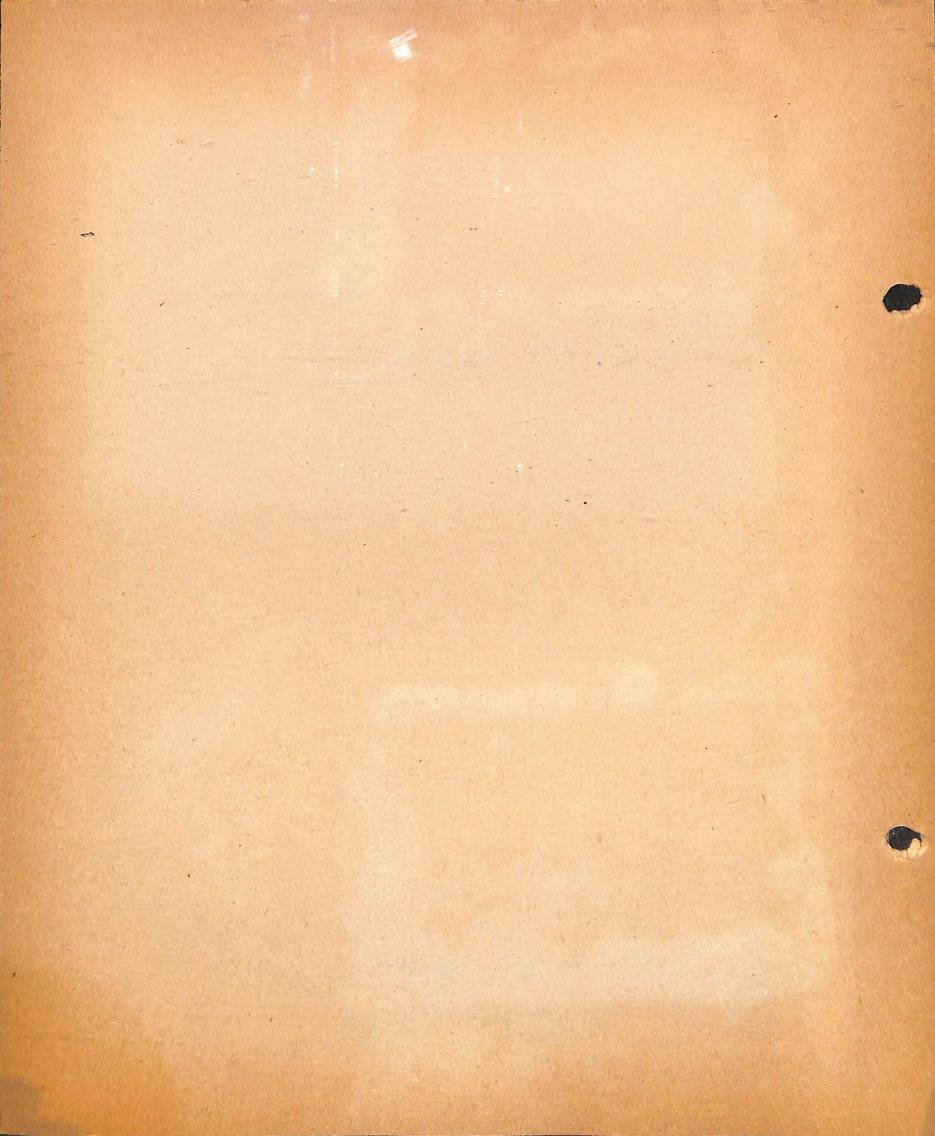
BUD DONALDSON JR VICE COMM,

LAWRENCE CLIENA COMM, AL LUECK

AND FRANCIS BALLERINE SOT AT ARMS



LEFT TO RICHT LEN BERTULI GRANUICE;
POST, JACK BRADY, GARY GUNDERSON,
BOB PURDUE, DELMAR PEGL, RANDY BROWN
LES ENGER AND DOGG BARRY



SCHOOLS MEDAL AWARD WINNERS

Saratoga Consolidated School

David Holman
Douglas Holman
Anne Taylor

Immaculate Conception School

Phillip Duket Melanie Connor

Morris Community High School

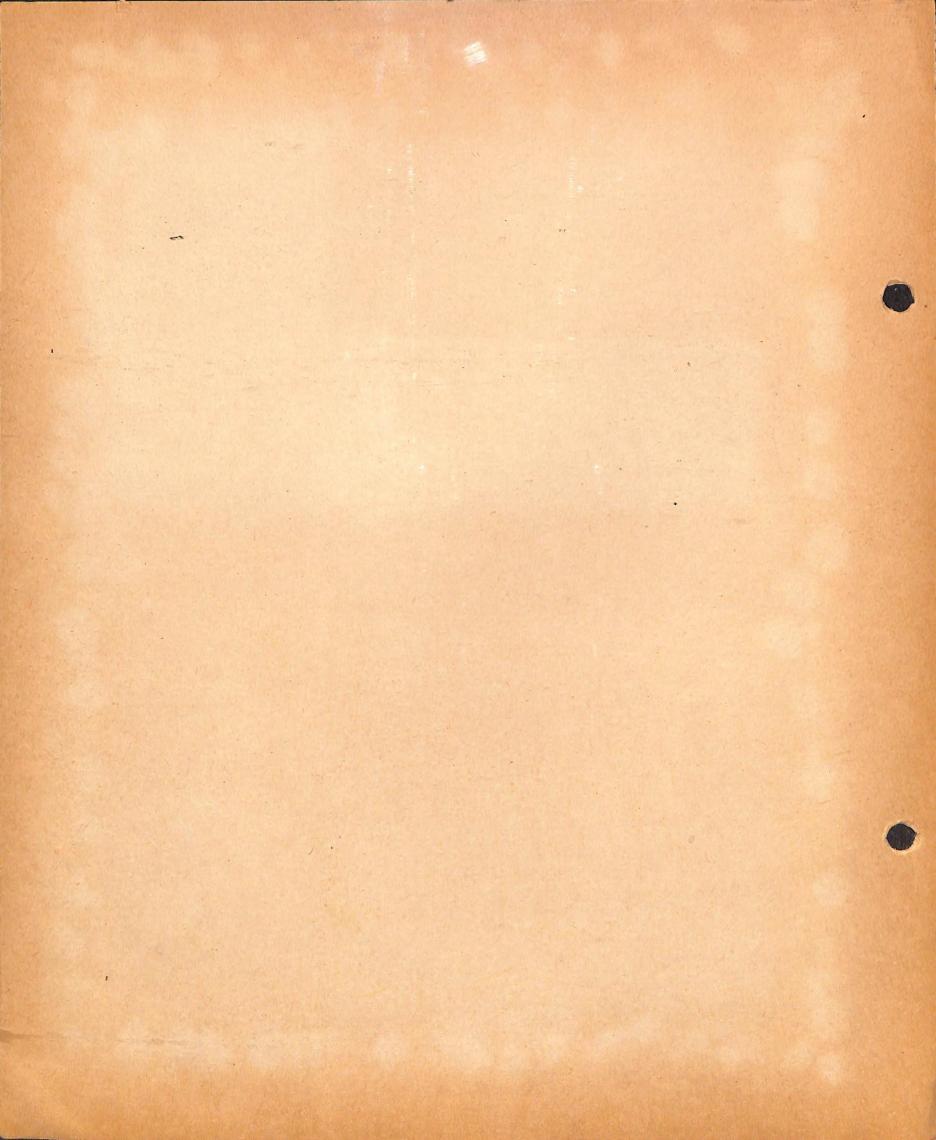
Kay Benson Steve Stangeland

Center School

Vicki Lynn Workman James Charles Leonard

BOY'S STATE

JAMES BOTTEMLY PETER MALMQUIST



MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

May 30, 1969

10:00 A.M. Parada units assemble at Center School (Chapin Street side).

This includes bands, color guards, all Scouts, veterans groups and Auxiliaries, motorized units, etc.

10:15 A.M. Departure Time for Parade to the Court House.

10:30 A.M. Assemble at Court House Lawn for Program.

PROGRAM

NATIONAL ANTHEM - "The Star Spangled Banner"
M.C.H.S and Center School Bands

INVOCATION - Rev. Merle Bright, Church of the Nazarene

WELCOME - Mr. Joseph B. Laughary, Sr. Vice-Commarder, Morris Post No. 294, The American Legion

PLACEMENT OF - Women's Relief Corps: Mrs. Myrtle Ventress
The American Legion Auxiliary: Mrs. Frances Dijohn
V.F.W. Auxiliary: Mrs. June Olson
World War II Mothers: Mrs. Lorena Imel

BAND SELECTION - M.C.H.S. Band

READING - "In Flanders Field" - McCrea,

James Lechard, Center School

ADDRESS - Mr. Richard Wilder, States Attorney, Grundy County

BAND SELECTION - M.C.H.S. Band

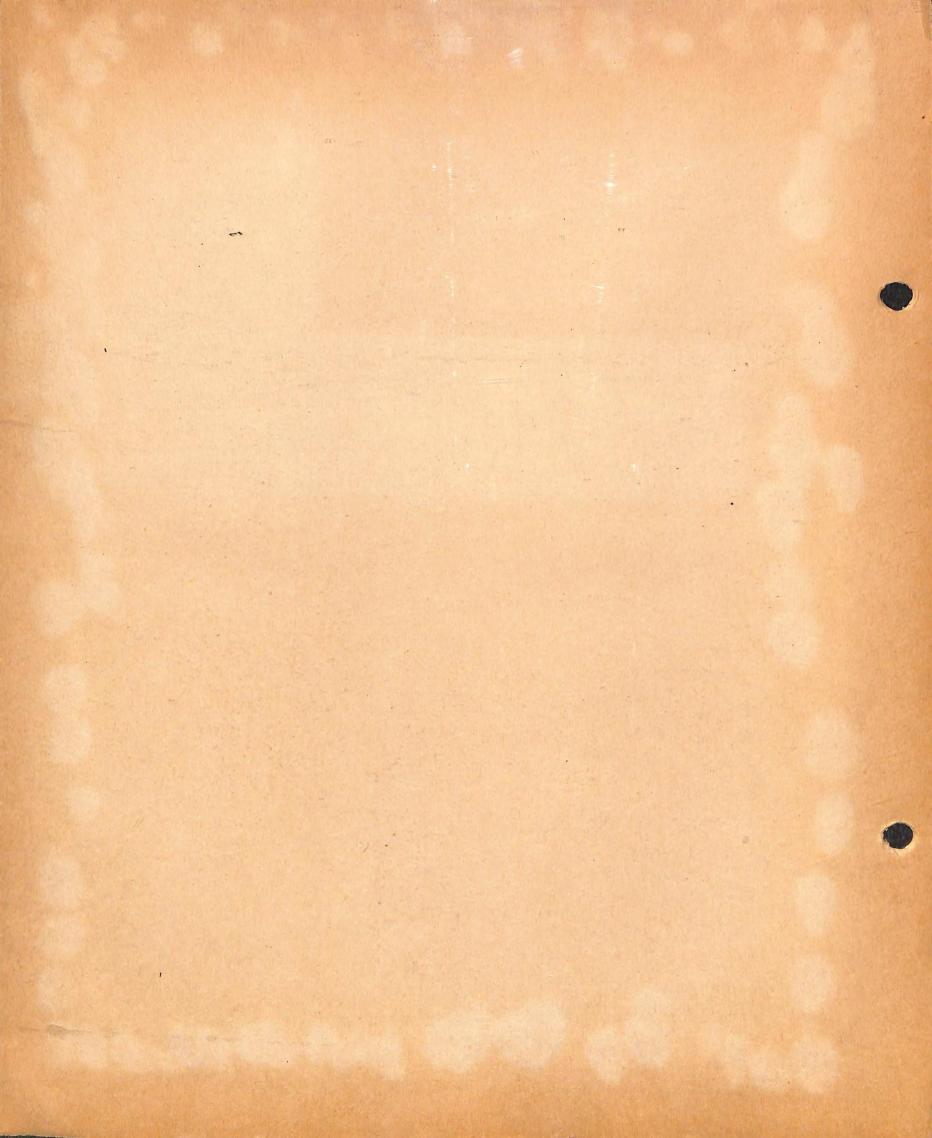
SALUTE THE DEAD - Firing Squad, Martin Steele Post No. 6049, Veterans of Foreign Wars

TAPS - Mr. Richard DePung

BENEDICTION - Rev. David Zimmerman, St. Thomas Episcopal Church

ADJOURNMENT

Program Under the Auspices of: Morris Post No. 29th The American Legion Frank B. Kuntz, Chairman



ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 1969-70. Will be held at the regular post meeting on Thursday, June 5th at 8pm. A nominating committee consisting of Elwood Ferguson, Chairman, Burdette Enger, and Gordon Vaksdal will present a slate of officers and executive committee members. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

INSTALLATION OF 1969-70 OFFICERS will be on Thursday, June 19th at eight o'clock. Plan to attend this impressive ceremony which will be followed by a lunch.

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE will be conducted this year by our Post on Friday, May 30th at 10:30am on the Grundy County courthouse steps and north lawn. Commander Frank B. Kuntz is in charge of arranging the program, and Sr. Vice-Commander Joe Laughary will be the master of ceremony. The address will be given by States! Attorney Richard Wilder.

The bands of Morris Community High School and Center School will lead a parade from Center School (Chapin Street side) down Liberty Street to the Court House. Departure time from Center School is 10:15am. The color guards of the VFW and the American Legion posts will lead the parade which will include all Scouts, Auxiliary units, veterans, motorized units, etc.

FLAGS ON VETERANS: GRAVES. Help is needed in placing small flags on the graves of all former service men who are buried in our local community cemeteries. If you can help, please meet at the Legion Home Thursday evening at 6:30.

FLAG DAY, JUNE 14th. Is celebrated in memory of the day in 1777 when the Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the U.S. Flag Day was first officially observed in 1877 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the selection of the Flag. In his proclamation issued on May 30, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson established Flag Day as an annual national celebration.

PARKING METER FLAGS. Members of the American Legion who have parking meters in front of their stores, shops, or offices, and who do not have such a flag, can purchase a flag, pole, and bracket for \$15.00 by phoning 942 0183.

Members of the local post volunteer to put the flags up on appropriate occasions, and the Boy Scout troops take turns taking them down in the evening. If you can help sometime, phone the office (942 0183) and volunteer.

SCHOOL AWARDS. Again we are presenting school awards to a deserving Boy and girl at M.C.H.S., Center School, Immaculate Conception, and Saratoga School. Presentation, in most instances, will be made at graduation exercises.

COMING EVENTS -

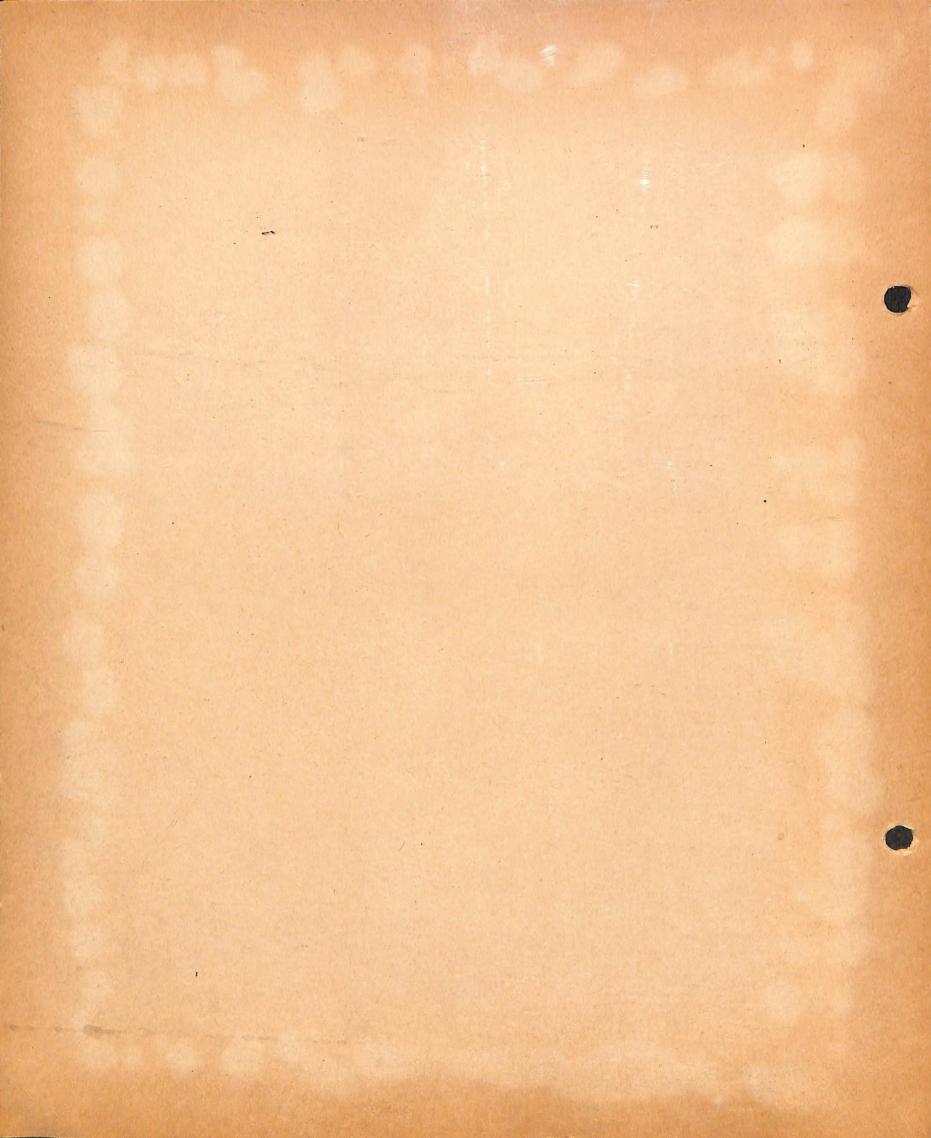
May 30 - Memorial Day Observances

June 5 - Election of Officers

Unae 8 - Pilgrimage to Illinois Soldiers & Sailors School (Normal)

June 14- Flag Day

Unne 19- Installation of Officers





PART OF THE GRADE SCHOOL IN

THE GREGROUND BEHIND THE FLAGS

ONTHE COURT HOUSE STEPS ARE THE

SPEAKER STATES ATTORNEY WILDER,

SR VICE GOMM DUE LANGHERY REV

BRICHT



AT THE ROSTRUM

MRS. FRANCES D. JOHN ON

LEFT 9 JOE CAUGHERY ON

RIGHT

THESE ARE PICTURES

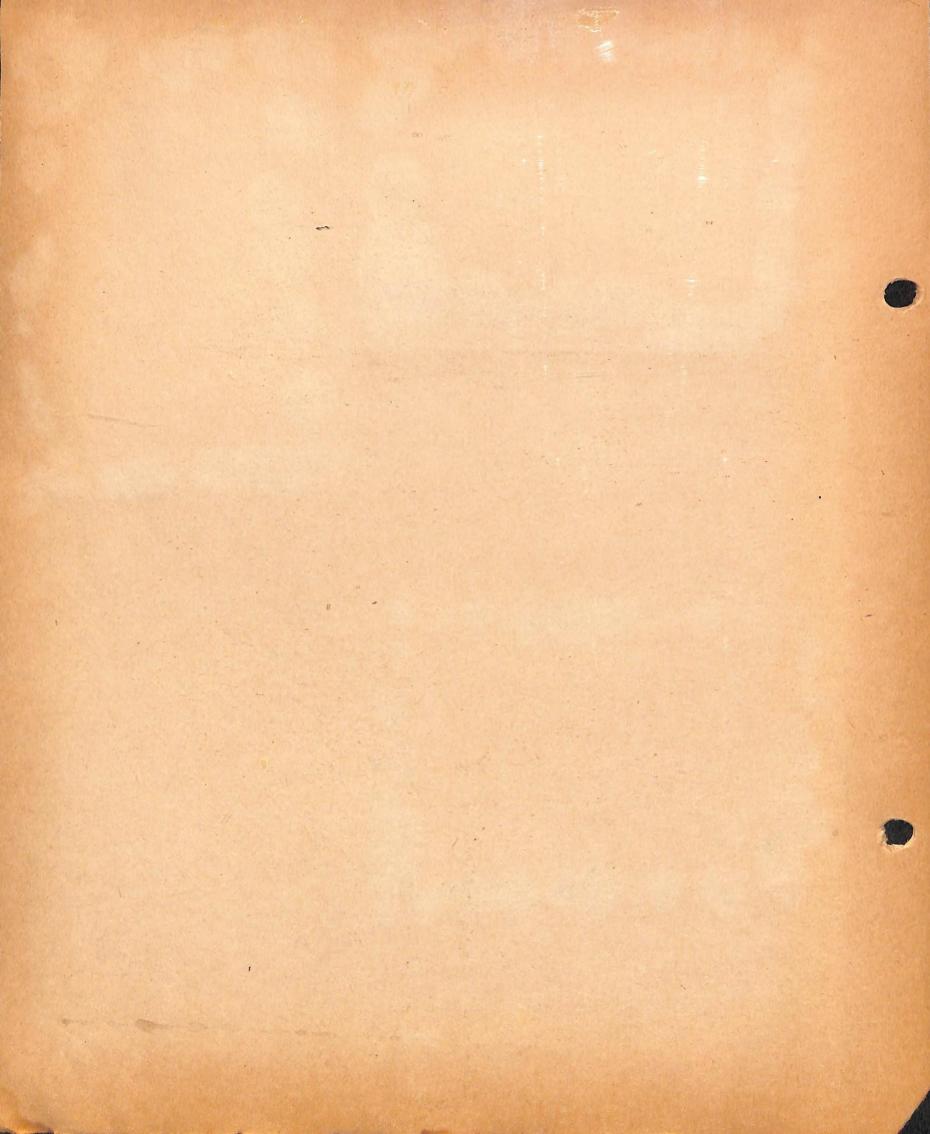
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POST EVERLASTING POST # 294

IRVIN DAY MARCH 1968

SAM KETTELSON APRIL 1968

H. E. BALDWIN SEPTEMBER 1968

CHAS. WIECK SEPTEMBER 24, 1968

RAY J. ASHTON: NOVEMBER 20, 1968

DANIEL M. CAIN DECEMBER 9, 1968

JOHN DONAHOE DECEMBER 18, 1968

FREMONT FRULAND JANUARY 8, 1969

SAM SLOVIK MARCH 1969

FRED W. EHRLER APRIL 17, 1969

CHAS. L. DEASON APRIL 21, 1969