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Iowan Named Head of Legion Coming Year

Service Organization Again Supports Resolution for Payment of Bonus to Vets.

A tumultuous convention of the American Legion ended late Thursday at St. Louis with the election of J. Ray Murphy of Iowa to lead the world war veterans in a renewed fight for immediate cash payment of the bonus.

Murphy led on the first ballot with 566 votes, but was short of the necessary 604 required for a majority and



J. Ray Murphy

a second poll was ordered. Harris W. Colmery of Kansas was second with 405 votes.

Others in the race were Earl U. Cliff, Ortonville, Minn.; Maurice Devine, Manchester, N. H.; Frank D. Rash, Louisville, Ky., and Vilas H. Whaley, Racine, Wis.

Wisconsin Switches to Iowan. During the roll call on the second ballot, Whaley announced Wisconsin's delegation was swinging its votes to Murphy. That gave the Iowan enough votes to win, but on motion of Colmery, seconded by Cliff, the election was made unanimous.

In a spontaneous demonstration, delegates from the various departments grabbed their department standards and rushed to the stage surrounding Murphy as he was presented to the convention by Frank N. Belgrano, jr., the retiring commander.

Then the delegates named Raymond A. Gates of Connecticut, W. E. Whitlock of Florida, Whitney F. Godwin of Virginia, Oscar Worthwine of Idaho and Lou Probst of Wyoming as national vice-commanders.

Rev. Thomas D. Kennedy of St. Louis was elected national chaplain. In accepting the command, Murphy said: "I want to pledge to you... that I am free... to do for this legion what I think should be done."

"I am determined to carry on the American Legion to make it bigger, finer and stronger."

Murphy, Iowa state commissioner of insurance, during the past year was chairman of the legion's national commission on Americanism. He had been chairman of its national athletic commission and also a member of its executive board.

An attorney, he graduated from Iowa State university in 1912. For a short time after his graduation he practiced law at Metolius, Ore., but returned to his native city of Ida

Grove, where he has since resided.

Patman Cheered Later.
Shortly before the bonus vote, the delegates booed Representative Wright Patman (dem., Tex.), advocate of payment by inflation, when he asked the floor during debate on the bonus resolution.

Patman, author of the bonus inflation bill vetoed by President Roosevelt, then was given a hearing but delegates interrupted him with frequent cat calls. Later, when Patman asserted that the method of payment is secondary to the main issue, he was cheered.

The Bonus Resolution.
The resolution adopted by the convention follows:

"We request immediate cash payment of the adjusted service certificates at face value, with cancellation of accrued interest on loans, and refund of interest paid, and do hereby reaffirm the Miami convention resolution on this subject.

"We request the immediate favorable action of the congress, and the approval of the president of the United States, upon this clear cut and single issue without having it complicated or confused by other issues of currency with which the legions do not intend to become involved.

"We hereby ratify and approve the efforts of National Commander Belgrano, and the national legislative committee on behalf of the legion's bill at the last session of congress."

Oppose Bergdoll Clemency.
A resolution opposing executive clemency for Grover C. Bergdoll, draft dodger now residing in Germany, was unanimously adopted soon after the bonus excitement subsided.

Another resolution expressing the legion's "deep regret" at the loss of lives of world war veterans in the recent Florida hurricane was adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

An independent investigation by the legion of the disaster was authorized. A committee of three is to be named by the national commander.

Joseph Granier, officially representing the French government, conferred on Belgrano the decoration of commander of the Legion of Honor.

BILLINGS ACCUSES POLICE

San Francisco.—Accusations that police assisted witnesses in identifying him as a suspect in the 1916 San Francisco preparedness day bombing were made by Warren K. Billings in the Tom Mooney habeas corpus hearing.

The little Folsom prisoner, who, with Mooney was convicted of the bombing, also charged his statement to police was "edited" to eliminate his contention that officials were trying to "frame" him.

When potential state witnesses were brought to his cell, Billings testified, policemen would say "this is Billings" or "walk up there, Billings—someone wants to talk to you."

MASONS TO SPEND \$40,000

Cleveland.—The supreme council of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, northern jurisdiction, approved a \$40,000 appropriation to finance a continuance of its fight against dementia praecox, a form of insanity.

In making the appropriation, the council accepted a report of Dr. Nolan D. C. Lewis of St. Elizabeth's hospital, Washington, D. C., who recommended a concerted and co-ordinated drive against the affliction to be led by 200 of the country's leading scientists.

NAVY MEETS REAL DANGER

Tokyo.—The Japanese navy met genuine peril in its war maneuvers in the northwest Pacific when a typhoon which pounded the ships swept fifty-two officers and men to death.

The fifty-two, all of whom were swept from the warship's decks, were officially listed as missing and were not included in the government's toll of 530 dead, 195 missing and feared dead and 84 injured through Japan.

The storm, accompanied by torrential rains, was the same one that devastated the northeastern prefectures of Japan proper earlier in the week, claiming 350 of the total lives lost.

McNINCH COUNTING ON HELP

Washington.—Frank McNinch, chairman of the federal power commission, declared that "nothing of the punitive spirit will be tolerated or invoked" in the administration of the Public Utilities Holding company act. McNinch, just returned from a European trip, said, after reporting to the president, that the commission will expect the co-operation of the power industry in the impartial administration of the act.

"I am satisfied the act will be helpful by the industry to be infinitely helpful and in no sense destructive," McNinch added.

Horse Show at Omaha Promises Big Feature

Program Will Include Indoor Polo Games by Crack Teams from Western Army Posts.

Omaha.—Ak-Sar-Ben's million-dollar fall exposition, which starts at Omaha Sunday, October 27, will be augmented by another exciting entertainment feature this year, according to George Brandeis, chairman of the horse show-ropo committee.

It will consist of the first championship indoor polo tournament ever staged in the middlewest, and will bring into competition the finest civilian and army polo teams in this part of the country. Already, acceptances have been received from the hard riding army teams at Fort Snelling, Fort Des Moines, Fort Leavenworth and Fort Riley, and from crack civilian teams at Minneapolis, Topeka, Des Moines and Omaha.

"Indoor polo, played in a small arena, is much more exciting and there is a great deal more action than in the outdoor game," explained Mr. Brandeis. Indoor polo has been an annual feature of the International Live Stock and Horse Show at Chicago, but ours is the first actual tournament ever presented in the middlewest.

No other part of the entertainment program will be eliminated, Mr. Brandeis said, and once again Ak-Sar-Ben will be the only show in the country offering its great variety of features, which includes the beautiful horse show, the wild west rodeo, world's largest 4-H baby beef show, midwest pogoos show, Nebraska county resource exhibits and the world-famous rodeo clown, Homer Holcomb, and his "Cousin Hugo."

A record-breaking year, from every standpoint, is expected by Mr. Brandeis and his co-chairman, W. H. Scheiberg, who supervises the live stock show arrangements. Railroads have granted reduced rates for the entire week of the show, with a special one-cent a mile rate for Iowa Day, which is Wednesday, October 30th, and Nebraska Day, which is Thursday, October 31st.

SNOW FALLING IN ROCKIES

Denver.—Swiftly falling snow, the season's first extensive squall in the northern Rockies, marooned three persons atop Pikes Peak and trapped livestock unprotected on summer ranges. Snow fell until mid-morning in many parts of Colorado and Wyoming. It slowed up the search for a missing airplane near Sheridan, Wyo. where two men and a woman were found burned to death in their wrecked ship. Caught atop towering Pikes Peak when the sudden storm drifted across the winding mountain highway, a woman and two men employed at Summit House, asked Colorado Springs to send a trail breaking truck to them. Late in the day the road was cleared, but the trio decided to remain on the peak overnight.

In the northwest and middlewest frost appeared during Thursday night and more was predicted. Western stockmen, who heard with interest a statement of F. E. Mollin, secretary of the American Livestock association, that supplies of livestock were ample for all needs, expressed concern for their cattle and sheep still on mountain ranges. The sun broke thru the clouds, in mid-afternoon, lessening fears.

SUREVEYING SCENIC ROUTE

Nebraska City.—A scenic drive along the crest of the hills that slope down to the east bank of the Missouri river is being surveyed by federal engineers. It is proposed to make the route an alternative one to U. S. 75, designed for automobilists who are not in a hurry to drive between the two river towns, Omaha and Kansas City, or other towns along the route, tagging these routes with names such as "Blossom Road" between Peru and Nebraska City, "Goose Hill Drive," north of Nebraska City, and "Canada Ridge."

Back to Farm Movement Grows in This State

Figures Show Larger Number Now on Farms Than in Past—Resettlement Aid Movement.

"Back to the farm" was far more than a slogan in Nebraska during the last half decade, according to figures just released by the regional office of the Resettlement Administration at Lincoln, Neb. They show 1,361,616 farm operators in the state in 1935, as compared with 1,294,558 in 1930 and 1,215,225 in 1900.

This represents a gain of 4,158 farm operators during the past five years which is more than half as great as the total gain of 7,933 during the three decades from 1900 to 1930, or an average annual increase of approximately 832 during the five year period, more than three times as rapid as the annual increase of around 264 during the 30 year period.

The Resettlement Administration is helping give these new farmers the same opportunity their fathers had to make a living from the land. It is particularly interested in problems brought about by the alarming increase in farm tenancy since the turn of the century. Figures from 1935 are not yet available, but census reports show that 47.1 per cent, or a total of 61,020 Nebraska farms were operated by tenants in 1930, as contrasted with 36.9 per cent in 1900. This situation has, in part, been both a cause and a result of the incorrect use of farm lands.

The government is now seeking a way out through two main divisions of its Resettlement Administration. They are the Rural Settlement Division, under Regional Director Cal A. Ard, and the Land Utilization Division, under Regional Director Sherman E. Johnson. They have this to say about their work:

"Naturally," Mr. Ward observes, "the tenant who is not sure how long he will be permitted to remain on his farm will not take the same care of it as would an owner. The tenant usually does not feel justified in spending much time and money on commercial fertilizer, crop rotation, and other methods of conserving or restoring fertility. He can scarcely afford to construct terraces or extensive plants to control erosion. He is apt to try to get as much as he can from the grass in his pastures, letting his cattle clip them too short. He has little incentive to construct improvements he may never be permitted to use."

"The Rural Resettlement Division is aiding worthy farmers in becoming self-supporting by means of its state rehabilitation staff, through which an individual plan of farming and budget will be worked out for each family receiving rehabilitation assistance, and through which advances will be made when advisable for purchase of necessary equipment and supplies. The government hopes, eventually, to enable many of the most capable clients to obtain farms of their own. The Rural Resettlement Division will be responsible, as well, for creating resettlement opportunities for farm families now living on lands being purchased by the government who want to leave the communities in which they now live. Most of the families on optioned land will prefer to remain in their present neighborhoods. Nevertheless, since our program is voluntary and operates only when rural people themselves seek assistance, we must provide opportunities for the families who prefer to seek a fresh start in other locations.

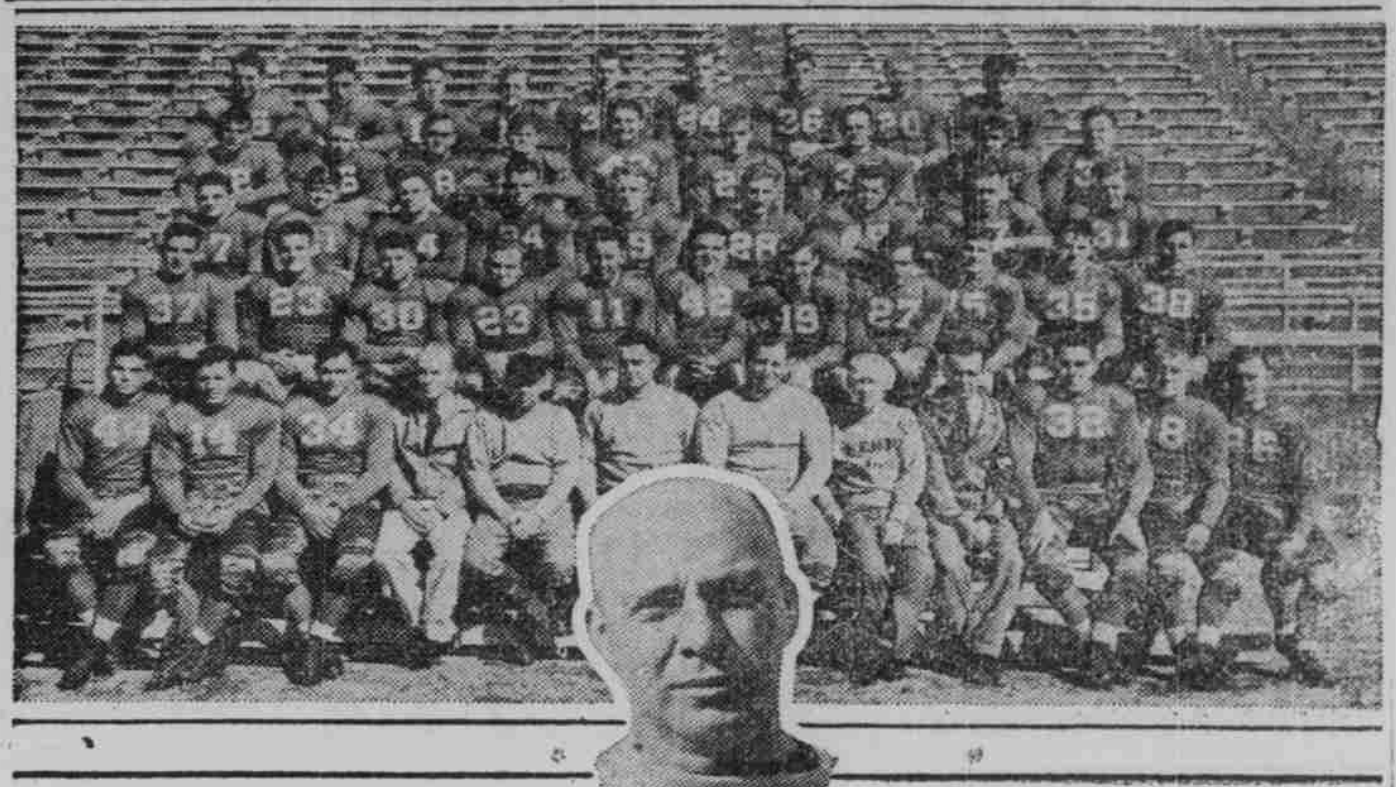
"Through another agency, the Farm Debt Adjustment unit, our division will assist county debt conciliation committees in working out voluntary agreements to scale down farm debts and in getting rid of mortgages which threaten a new increase in the number of farm tenants."

Seconding Mr. Ward's remarks about the voluntary nature of the government's program, Mr. Johnson explains the work of his own division:

"Some lands, of course, were never suited to commercial farming. Others that once produced good crops are now gullied, or have lost their fertility. Some farmers on those lands are tenants because they could not produce enough from the soil to permit them to buy farms. Low prices during recent years have added to the social and economic problems of the country.

"The Land Utilization Division is charged with buying lands which might well be put to more profitable, or socially more desirable uses. It is responsible, too, for resettling farmers on those lands who have sold their homes or live on rented farms, but wish to remain in the same communities. These lands will be used

1935 CORNHUSKER FOOTBALL SQUAD



COACH D. X. BIBLE

Lincoln, Neb.—The football season is here again, as usual, the University of Nebraska is facing a stiff schedule of nine games. The card includes all members of the Big Six conference, two teams from the Big Ten, the leading team of the east and a strong eleven from the Pacific coast.

The attractive five-game home schedule brings Minnesota, Chicago, Oklahoma, Kansas and Oregon State to Memorial stadium. This combination of five major contests has resulted in the largest advance sale of tickets in the history of Nebraska athletics.

All sections of Nebraska are represented on the Cornhusker squad with the addition of several outstanding athletes from neighboring states. Coach Dana X. Bible, starting his seventh season at Nebraska U., has nominated three full teams for the first varsity. The other athletes have been assigned to the B team and will

move up to the varsity roster as they develop.

As usual the 150-piece University of Nebraska band will be a colorful feature of all home games. The student cheer section with its cardboard stunts will entertain between halves. A massed band of more than 1000 musicians will play a brief concert before the Oklahoma game, Oct. 26. The Nov. 9 appearance of the Kansas Jayhawkers will be the main attraction of Homecoming day. The impressive ceremony in honor of the University soldier dead will precede the game.

Members of the varsity squad posed for the camera man on the opening day of practice. The squad:

Lower row—Bernie Schorer, Dallas, S. D.; Henry Bauer, Lincoln; Harold Holmbeck, Beatrice; Student Manager Jack Mohr, Lincoln; Head Coach Dana X. Bible; Assistant Coach W. H. Browne; Assistant Coach Roy Lyman; Trainer M. J. McLean; Equipment Manager Floyd Bottorff; James Heldt, Scottsbluff;

Ralph Eldridge, Norfolk; Bob Benson, Pender.

Second row—Kenneth McGinnis, Ord; Jack Mercer, Lincoln; Lowell English, Lincoln; Wallace DeBrown, Lincoln; Jerry LaNoue, Wisner; Gus Peters, Lexington; Bob Mehring, Grand Island; Jack Dodd, Gottenburg; Allen Turner, Western Springs, Ill.; Lester McDonald, Grand Island; Sam Francis, Oberlin, Kas.

Third row—Pat Glenn, Lincoln; Harris Andrews, Beatrice; Bob Kasal, Omaha; Orval Klidabeck, Hardy; Charles Wheeler, Belleville, Kas.; Don Flannick, Omaha; Paul Morrison, Lincoln; Asher Brown, Lincoln; John Richardson, Eau Claire, Wis.

Fourth row—John Williams, Lincoln; Fred Griffin, Sutherland; Perry Franks, Sidney, Ia.; William Doherty, Omaha; Theodore Doyle, Curtis; Ronald Douglas, Crete; Paul Amen, Lincoln; John Howell, Omaha; Jack Ellis, Omaha.

Fifth row—Fred Shirey, Latrobe, Pa.; Ladas Hubka, Table Rock; John Cox, Lincoln; Richard Fischer, Valentine; Henry Kosman, Omaha; Lloyd Cardwell, Seward; Elmer Dohrmann, Staplehurst; Art Ball, Fremont; Joe Eyen, Lincoln.

HOOVER HEADS DELEGATION

Palo Alto, Calif.—Herbert Hoover will head a delegation of distinguished Stanford university alumni who will go east next month to attend a meeting in New York, Oct. 10, of the "Standard Associates."

With Mr. Hoover will go President Ray Lyman Wilbur of Stanford, and a member of the Stanford board of trustees, probably Leland Cutler or W. Farmer Fuller, both San Francisco financiers.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The household goods of the A. F. Meisinger family will be offered for sale at public auction Thursday, October 3rd at 1:30 p. m. at the residence, 902 Granite street, W. R. Young, auctioneer. s25-4td-itw

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