

American Legion and Auxiliary

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Veterans to Parade.

A parade of ex-service men of the community, headed by the Burgettstown-McDonald Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be a feature of the Memorial Day observance here. The parade will move from the bank corner Main street, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and will proceed to Fairview cemetery where wreathes will be deposited upon the graves of service men. The drum corps of the veteran's organization will head the procession. All ex-service men of the community are requested to participate in the parade.



March 15, 2002

Arthur W. Roberts
Burgettstown, PA

Dear Melvin Jones Fellow:

On behalf of Lions Clubs International Foundation, we congratulate you on being named a Melvin Jones Fellow.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship honors Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions Clubs International. It is the highest form of recognition conferred by the foundation. It is largely due to the growth of the fellowship program that LCIF has been able to meet humanitarian needs in communities worldwide. In many cases these needs are reflected in the eyes of disadvantaged children. Or perhaps made apparent by a common sense of hopelessness shared by the elderly whose community has been unable to care for them. LCIF continually meets needs such as these through the generosity of Lions, and others, who have contributed to the Melvin Jones Fellowship Program.

As a Melvin Jones Fellow, your name has been added to our listing of all individuals in the program. These names are electronically shown in continuous rotation in the LCIF Recognition Room at International Headquarters. This exhibit stands as a tribute to a growing network of individuals who are committed to the humanitarian objectives of LCIF.

I urge you to wear your Melvin Jones Fellow lapel pin with pride. It represents your dedication to making the world a better place through humanitarian service.

Very cordially yours,

Dr. Jean Behar
Chairman, Board of Trustees

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The American Legion



CERTIFICATE OF CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP

ISSUED IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION FOR FAITHFUL AND DEDICATED ALLEGIANCE
TO THE IDEALS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION. BE IT KNOWN THAT

ARTHUR W. ROBERTS

A LONGTIME AND DEDICATED MEMBER OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 698
DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA

HAS BEEN CERTIFIED TO HAVE BEEN A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING CONTINUOUSLY FOR

50
YEARS

AND BE IT FURTHER KNOWN THAT SUCH RECORD OF CONSISTENT LOYALTY TO
THE AMERICAN LEGION MERITS THE HONOR OF BEING CITED AS AN OUTSTANDING
CONTRIBUTOR TO THE PROGRAMS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THIS TESTIMONIAL OF PERSONAL GRATITUDE IS GIVEN
UNDER THE HAND OF THE NATIONAL COMMANDER, AND DULY ATTESTED BY THE NATIONAL
ADJUTANT AND A POST OFFICER, THIS 15TH DAY OF MARCH, 2010.

ATTEST:

Clarence E. Hill

NATIONAL COMMANDER

Stanley S. Wheeler

NATIONAL ADJUTANT

William C. Callahan (Commander)
POST OFFICER #698

**LEGION TO AWARD
MEDALS AT 4th
JULY CELEBRATION**

At a meeting of the General Committee, called by Chairman Harrison Durst, the American Legion continued to develop plans for the Community Patriotic Rally to be held Monday evening, July 5, at the Union High School Stadium. Reports of individual committee members were heard and their activities correlated toward rounding out the program for the evening. More definite plans were outlined to enlist the support of civic organizations, with particular emphasis to be placed on having them join in a flag ceremony under the direction of the Burgettstown and Slovan Fire Departments. These uniformed bodies are being requested to conduct this particular part of the program and an impressive feature is assured.

Service men home on furlough are to be the guests of the Legion. Silver and gold star certificates, the official award of the American Legion, are to be presented to families of service men who have been wounded or lost in action. Also, another Legion Medal is to be presented to the parents of a local boy who was officially cited by the Government for meritorious service.

The American Legion repeats its invitation to all civic and patriotic organizations to assist in this the first celebration of July 4 held in Burgettstown in many years.

The General Committee will meet again on the evening of June 25, at the Post room. Representatives of other civic bodies are invited to attend.

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**BURGETTSTOWN LEGION
"OVER THE TOP" IN
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

With 2,446 members reported enrolled at the meeting held at Monongahela Sunday, Commander Lou Nagy 25th District, American Legion, expressed confidence the quota set by the state department would be attained within the next few weeks.

Posts "over the top" in the annual membership campaign are Waynesburg and Dilliner, Greene County; Beallsville, Charleroi, Bentleyville, Monongehela, Finleyville, Donora No. 695, West Alexander, Burgettstown and Washington, No. 175.

At the regular meeting of the Burgettstown American Legion held Tuesday evening, Commander Edward Hamilton presided and introduced Captain J. F. Reed of the United States Army Reserve Officers, who spoke on "The Modern Army and It's Equipment."

Legion Auxiliary Buys

Hospital Equipment

The October meeting of the Burgettstown American Legion Home Monday, October 21, with Auxiliary was held at the Legion president, Hazel E. Hall, presiding.

Membership chairman Isabel Hill reported 30 paid-up members to date, and requested members to pay yearly dues by December 31.

Rehabilitation chairman Mrs. Earl Farner stated that four sets of side-boards for hospital beds had been purchased by the Unit at a cost of \$174. The Unit has hospital equipment, beds and chairs, available for public use by contacting Mrs. Earl Farner at 229 Center avenue. This equipment is bought by funds derived from the yearly magazine campaign which will be conducted during March in the Burgettstown community by Robert Trumbull of the Curtis Publishing Company.

**Legion Auxiliary Buys Hospital Equipment
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 31, 1957 Edition**

LEGION CHARTER TO REMAIN OPEN UNTIL OCTOBER

Burgettstown's newly organized American Legion Post No. 698, with 34 members, was formally initiated and its newly elected officers installed at a ceremony Sunday afternoon in the Boro Building.

District Commander Louis Nagy, of Monongahela, and his staff were in charge of the initiation and installation. The staff members present were Deputy Commander James Reardon, of Fredericktown, and William J. Long of Washington; District Adjutant Dave Gillie, of Monongahela, and Sergeant-at-Arms Harold McNutt, of Claysville.

Officers installed were: Post commander, Dr. G. L. McKee; first vice commander, Edward Hamilton; second vice commander, Earl Farner; adjutant, Clarence Wolfe; finance officer, Harry Miller; chaplain, George Atherton; sergeant-at-arms, Roy Scarem.

Members initiated were Alvan J. White, David Parkinson, Guiseppi Venturini, Cornelius Brown, Rocco Zaccaro, James Wolfe, Parmeali Demetrio, Joseph Pyle, William Lyon, Earl Farner, James Lee, Hugh Wilson, Thomas Linn, Edward Hamilton, Edward Johnston, Ellsworth Allison, Harry Miller, Roy Scarem, Earl Scott, John Phillips, Edwin McBride, Ralph Donaldson, Thomas Bable, Clifford McCormick, William Conrad, Matthew Scott, Charles Kusch, Dr. George L. McKee, Wilbur Moore, Patrick McGraw, Lee Addington, Grover Fulton, Herbert Cramer and George Atherton.

Sheriff Armstrong was the principal speaker, dealing with the principles of the Legion constitution. He congratulated Burgettstown for organizing a post and welcomed the organization into the 25th District and into the Department of Pennsylvania. He presented a temporary charter to the first commander of the post, Dr. G. L. McKee.

Dr. McKee accepted the charter with a promise to carry out the principles of the American Legion. He announced the next meeting of the post would be Tuesday night, June 4, at 8 o'clock, in the borough hall, and said that the charter would remain open until October.

About 100 members from the 25th district were present.

Theo. Grossman, of Washington, district membership chairman, reported that the district has now reached its quota of 2,440 members.

Past State and District Commander Lucius McK. Crumrine, of Washington, spoke of the achievements of the Legion and its program and said it is now carrying on with a membership close to one million.

District Service Officer Charles Silko, of Monongahela, explained the duties of a service officer. District Adjutant Dave Gillie, requested the officers and members of the new post to attend the next district meeting June 9 in McDonald. Commanders Walter Cain, of the McDonald Post; Maurice Samolsky of the Washington Post, and James Jones of the Cansonsburg Post, invited the new post to attend their next meetings.

R. A. Patterson of Monongahela district Sons of Legion chairman, stated that he expected to have a Sons of Legion Squadron in Burgettstown next year.

JOTTINGS

Clarence Wolfe, secretary of the Burgettstown American Legion Post is gravely concerned over the lack of respect Burgers show the American Flag. He says the Memorial Day parade emphasized the indifference of the sidewalk audience to the colors and that even ex-service men failed to bare their heads when the flag was carried by.

He calls to our attention an editorial in a County Daily on just this subject. The Observer writer says in part:

"One of the unpleasant incidents of the recent Memorial Day observance was the failure of many to show a proper respect for the Stars and Stripes.

To avoid the necessity of the spectators being called upon to salute Old Glory numerous times, colors of the various organizations were massed at the head of the procession.

Even though this arrangement called for a minimum of effort, only one salute, many failed to honor the massed colors. Some did not uncover their heads and stand at attention and others continued to loll wherever they happened to be sitting or leaning.

The Stars and Stripes are the symbol of all that the United States represents—full individual freedom. All that the nation stands for is being attacked by the forces of the totalitarian states of the world. The United States is involved in a world-wide crisis.

To meet the crisis the United States has summoned hundreds of thousands of young men to duty in its Army and Navy and is bending every effort to produce needed equipment. The menace of war hovers over the land.

Apathy, reflected by this failure to pay respect to the flag under existing conditions, is difficult to comprehend. People should be stirred and especially thrilled as Old Glory, considering all it stands for and all it means, is unfurled and carried in a procession in tribute and reverence for the soldier and sailor dead of the district."

Three Climax Men Are Elected To Office, In American Legion

At the annual election of Officers of the Burgettstown Post No. 698 the American Legion, three (3) employees were elected to office for their 1953-54 fiscal year. Nicholas Hallahan, from our shipping department was re-elected as Post Finance Officer. Nick joined the legion in 1946 and was elected as Post Finance Officer and held that position until April 1951 when Uncle Sam disrupted his routine by recalling him back into the Navy for an extended tour of duty.

Ernest Williams, Storeroom Foreman, was re-elected as Service Officer. Jap joined the legion in 1945, and has held the offices of Senior Vice Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, and has been active with the Junior Legion Baseball Team.

Tom G. McConnell, payroll clerk, was elected as the Legion's Adjutant. Tom joined the legion in 1945 at the Washington Post, and transferred to Burgettstown Post in 1950. He has been active in the Legion and has served on numerous committees.

Climax News
Three Climax Men are Elected to Office in American Legion
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 16, 1953 Edition

COMMUNITY WILL HONOR MEMORY OF WAR HEROS ON MEMORIAL DAY

Burgettstown Community will pay tribute to the men from the district who have been reported either killed or missing since Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, at the annual Memorial Day service at Fairview cemetery, conducted by the American Legion on Monday after noon.

The Legion will be assisted at this fifth annual memorial service by members of the Burgettstown Volunteer Fire Department, Solvan Volunteer Fire Department. The Tuesday Music Club, Union High school band and other Community Organizations. The service will begin at the Burgettstown Honor Roll at 3 p. m., with the selection, "America, the Beautiful" by the Tuesday Music Club. The parade will then form,

led by Union band and march to Fairview cemetery where a memorial service will be held.

District youth who have been reported killed or missing are: George Loraski, Joffre; Warren E. Ager, of Francis, Mine; Eli Vladich, Slovan; Clay McCarty, Cross Creek; Donald and Leonard LeCouvre, Bulger; Louis A. Lovin, Francis Mine; Michael Raymond Saska, Bertha; John H. Melvin, Langeloth; Benny Navage, Francis Mine; Edward Bish, Burgettstown; Michael Kucher, Francis Mine; George Yanek, Langeloth; John Brun Bulger; Howard A. Ferguson, Midway; Donald Fulton and Ernest N. Speer, Florence.

Memorial day services will be as follows:

America The Beautiful	Tuesday Music Club
Parade will leave Honor Roll Plaque at Burgettstown at 3:30 p. m.	
Assembly Call	Comrade Leo Sams
Star Spangled Banner	By The Assembly
Introduction of Officer of the Day	Dr. A. O. Hindman
Officer of the Day	Past Commander Dr. George L. McKee
Invocation	Rev. William J. McCashin
Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church	
Lincoln's Gettysburg Address	Ann Smith
Special Music	Union High School Band
In Flanders Field	Mary Marcus
God Bless America	Union High School Band
Address	John A. Stoup
Waynesburg, Pennsylvania	
American Legion Service	Officers
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag	By The Assembly
Finlandia	Tuesday Music Club
America	Union High School Band
Closing Prayer	Rev. Leslie Van Inwegan
Pastor Langeloth United Presbyterian Church	

Dickers In Dirt

March 27, 1945—Polish National Catholic church of Slovan to trustees for Polish National Alliance, Thaddeus Kosciuszki Branch No. 1870, of Slovan, Lots Nos. 44, 45, 46, 47, and 48 in the Hudson Plan, Eastonville, Smith Township; \$1.

June 8, 1945—Isa Boles et al., executrices of McClelland T. Boles, deceased, Washington, to Clyde E. Fox et al., Weirton, W. Va., 170 acres and 63 perches in Jefferson Township; \$1.

June 1, 1945—Emma Carroll et son., to John H. Carroll et ux., all of Robinson Township, a lot 50 by 140 feet, Barr street, Sauters Plan, Robinson Township; \$1.

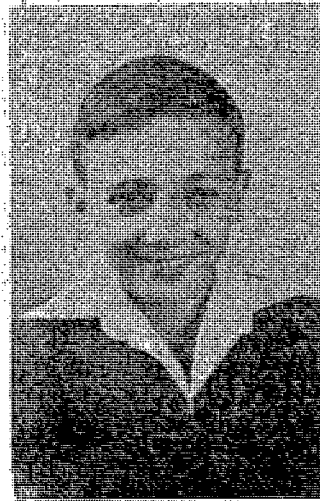
June 5, 1945—Jessie West et ux., Burgettstown, to Frank Michael Chastulik et ux., Burgettstown, a lot fronting 40 feet on Florence avenue, Grand View Plan, Smith Township; \$2,000.

May 31, 1945—A. O. Hindman et ux., Burgettstown, to Wayne M. Culley et ux. trustee for Burgettstown Post No. 698, American Legion Home Association, a lot fronting 123.7 feet on Washington street, Burgettstown; \$1.

May 23, 1945—Joseph Lauff et ux., Midway, to D. Richard Donaldson et ux., Midway, a lot, 90 by 100 feet, Main street, Midway; \$1

May 14, 1945. Manor Real Estate and Trust Co., to Pittsburgh Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad Co., 13,879 acres in Smith Township; \$1.

RACCOON



RAYMOND DELLAPINA

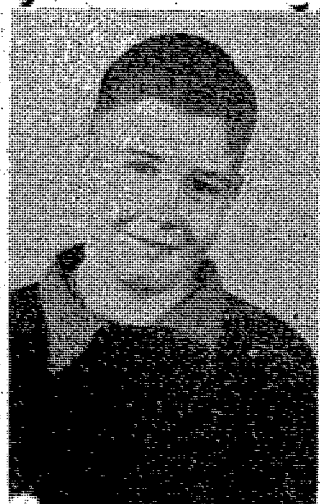


MARTHA MOORE

ATLASBURG



MARTHA CHEROK



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ELDERSVILLE



DOLORES DORCAN



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**District Winners of the American Legion School Award
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 3, 1947 Edition**

DISTRICT WINNERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SCHOOL AWARD

These pictures are of boys and girls in the Greater Burgettstown Community who have been selected by their fellow school mates as possessing the qualifications outlined in the American Legion School Award. They have completed eighth grade and are enrolled as members of the Freshmen class of Union High school, fall of 1947.

These boys and girls, elected by their class mates for the annual awards presented by Burgettstown American Legion, Post 698 and the Legion Auxiliary were judged for: Honor, Courage, Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Companionship and Character.

BURGETTSTOWN



MARIE TRIMARKI



ROBERT COWDEN

PAROCHIAL



MARY LOUISE HVIZDOS



RAYMOND McCHANCEY

LANGELOTH



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District Winners of the American Legion School Award

Burgettstown Enterprise, July 2, 1947, p. 11

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ELDERSVILLE



DOLORES DORCAN



RAYMOND BOLOGNA

District Winners of the American Legion School Award

Presented by the American Legion, District 10, at the annual meeting held at the Raccoon School on November 10, 1955.

American Legion elects officers

American Legion Post 698 of Burgettstown recently held election of officers with the following results:

Commander, Dave Markish; senior vice commander, Tom Fischer; junior vice commander, Bub Ervin; adjutant, Jerry Stiffler; finance officer, Don Collett; judge advocate, Nick Hallahan; chaplain, Don Proudfit; sergeant-at-arms, Harry Russell; historian, Frank Micelo; and service officer, Frank Allison.

**American Legion elects Officers
The Enterprise-June 21, 1995 Edition**



For those who served

Joseph A. Pikulski of Washington bows his head in prayer as he holds his garrison-style American Legion hat over his heart and clutches a plaque he received Wednesday night as one of 29 veterans of multiple wars recognized by members of American Legion Post 175 of Washington. Pikulski served in the Army during World War II, and the Korean and Vietnam wars.

At right, with his plaque resting on his lap, Walter B. Fowler, 90, of South Strabane Township, an Army veteran of both World War II and the Korean War, applauds as another multiple war veteran's name is announced.



Photos by Stan Diamond

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BURGETTSTOWN POST 698 JUNIOR LEGION BASEBALL CLUB



Front row, left to right: B. Burns, batboy; C. O'Shanka, L. Lombardi, J. Pienkosky, C. Haspel, Q. Capozzoli, E. Matalik, and Dallara mascot.

Second row, R. Kortyna, S. Kortyna, C. Dellapina, H. Fulmer, E. Maltony, R. Cowden, and Don Hall, coach and manager of this 1949 team.

Third row: J. Pradetto, Director of Post 698 athletics; J. McConnaughey, F. Delprato, H. Strongosky, P. Maropis, R. Clair, and L. Johnson.

Burgettstown American Legion Post 698-Junior Legion Baseball Club
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 30, 1949 Edition

JUNIOR LEGION FINALS

Names	AB	R	H	PCT.
Fulmer	21	5	12	.571
Punola	19	5	7	.368
Martin	18	3	6	.333
S. Kortyna	18	7	6	.333
R. Kortyna	18	4	6	.333
Cowden	13	3	4	.308
Roberts	9	3	3	.333
Linkesh	14	2	3	.214
Johnson	12	2	2	.167
Clair	4	2	2	.500
McConnaughey	10	2	1	.100
Strongosky	7	2	2	.286
Robertson	8	1	0	.000
Noah	5	0	0	.000
Kittle	4	0	0	.000
Downer	1	0	0	.000
Capozzoli	1	0	0	.000

RBI-Fulmer, 13; Cowden, 4; R. Kortyna, 3; Punola, Martin, Roberts, Linkesh, Johnson, Clair, McConnaughey, each with 2; Capozzoli and Robertson 1.

Doubles-Fulmer, Roberts, Linkesh, Clair, each with 1. Triples-Fulmer and Martin, 2; S. Kortyna 1. Home Runs-Fulmer 2.

Pitching-Johnson, 2 and 1; Linkesh, 1 and 1; McConnaughey and Punola, 1 and 0.

Post 698 finished with a 5 and 2 record, placing second in the league standings. Gus Repole managed the club with Don Hall assisting.

LANGELOTH SCOUTS RE - ORGANIZE

Under the sponsorship of the Burgettstown American Legion, the Langeloth Boy Scout troop has been re-organized with Earnest Reasons as scoutmaster. The Legion has named the following as members of the troop committee: Rev. Giffen, chairman, F. G. Pope, Don Hall, Ray Kirsch, Richard Carroll, E. S. Wheeler and Nels Dodds.

The boys are collecting newspapers and magazines and will use the revenue from this project to buy equipment for the troop.

Instruction in First Aid is being conducted by D. G. Downer. E. S. Wheeler has started a class in map making and Horace Mann is instructing the boys in knot tying and leather work.

Memorial Day To Be Observed With Parade And Service At Honor Roll

Memorial Day in the Burgettstown Community will be observed with a parade and a service on Main street Monday, May 31. Under the sponsorship of the American Legion Post 698 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 6955, the community celebration has been designed to present as fine a program as possible in honor of those who offered their lives for their country.

A parade which will form in South Burgettstown near the former ice house or the present Davies' Farm Supply Building, Race street, has been scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. The organizations participating have been requested to assemble at 12:45. The parade will proceed down Main street to the honor roll where services will be held at 2 p.m. The program has been arranged as follows: Union high school band; Invocation by

Rev. R. C. Sutton, Introduction of Master of Ceremonies; Women's Choral of the Tuesday Music Club; Commanders' addresses: John Sloan of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Eugene Petrucci of the American Legion; Memorial Day Address by Rev. W. J. McCashin, Soloist; Military Salute and Taps; Placing of Memorial Wreath; Benediction by Rev. J. Herbert Cruickshank and Band Selection.

Among the organizations to participate in the parade are: American Legion Post 698, V.F.W. Post 6955, Slovan Veterans, Barto Post; Burgettstown Fire Department; Slovan Fire Department; Boy Scouts of Burgettstown and Slovan; American Legion Auxiliary to Post 698; Francis Mine Local and Harmon Creek Local.

Committeemen are Blake Miller, chairman; Arthur Simpson, William Craig, Alfred Bundy, and John Harshall.

PLAN SERVICE FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Members of the Burgettstown Post No. 698 of the American Legion are making plans for Memorial Day Observance at Fairview cemetery. The Burgettstown and Slovan Volunteer Fire Departments are cooperating. Edward Hamilton, chairman on arrangements announces that the Memorial Day parade will form at the Burgettstown Honor Roll at 2:30 o'clock and led by the Union high school band will march to Fairview cemetery where the speaker for the day will be John A. Stoup of Waynesburg.

**Plan Announced for Memorial Day
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 20, 1943 Edition**

American Legion
MILITARY BALL

ARMISTICE EVE

Friday, November 10

Municipal Bldg., McDonald

Dancing 9:00 to 1:00

Music by
JOHNNY CIMINO and HIS ORCHESTRA

EVERYBODY WELCOME

Admission \$1.25 (Including Tax)

TICKETS ON SALE AT THE DOOR ONLY



American Legion Post 698- Mortgage Burning



**L-R: Frank Dellaria, Red Riddle, Don Proudfit, George Connelly, Tom Lee,
James "Abbie" Couch, Unknown, and Al Hook.**

American Legion Post 698-Mortgage Burning



American Legion Party-November 16, 1948
L-R: Officer Enos Smith, Dave Tunno, _____ Parham, and Officer Sam Powell

LEGION AUXILIARY PLANS CARD PARTY FOR WELFARE

Burgettstown American Legion Auxiliary to Post No. 698 made plans to hold a card party on Washington's Birthday, February 22, in the Haines Hall, at the regular meeting held in the Legion rooms on Monday evening. The proceeds will be devoted to the Auxiliary's Child Welfare program.

The Auxiliary voted to buy two war bonds, a \$100 and a \$25 bond. Contributors of \$1 each toward the operation of a Clubmobile in the Italian theatre of war were Mesdames Purdy, Bywaters, Halkas, Addington Cramer, Schmidt, J. H. Durst, A'ner-ton, Myers, Rumbaugh, Gnagey, Saxton, Downer, DeValkeneer, Wayne Culley, Robbie Durst, Stephens, Harris, Harbaugh, W. L. Moore, Hulick, Hill, Farnor, Nora Moore, Mary Marcus and Mrs. Matilda Taylor.

Three new members, who were welcomed into the group are Mrs. George P. Schmidt, Mrs. Matilda Taylor and Mrs. Rena DeValkeneer.

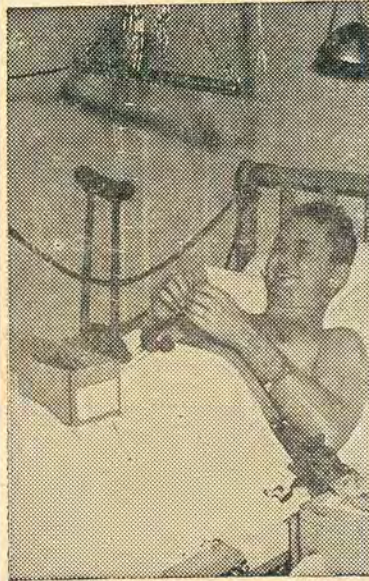
Mrs. Donald G. Downer, child welfare chairman gave an interesting report on the Layette Shower given the Allegheny County Council. Mrs. Downer made an appeal for clothing for needy children, boys and girls of all ages.

Mrs. E. F. Charlier was named delegate to the Allegheny Council meeting and annual luncheon for the state president.

Hostesses for the evening were Mesdames Harold Purdy, Rose Rumbaugh, Nelle B. Myers, George Halkas and Helen Halkas.

Poppy Day Set For Saturday, May 15

Poppy Day will be observed in Burgettstown Saturday, May 15, when members of the American Legion Auxiliary will sell veteran poppies in the business sections of town. Each member of



the Auxiliary has been requested to assist in the sale. Poppies will be distributed at the Legion home early Saturday morning, Chairman Mrs. Harold Purdy announced.

"A poppy on every coat; a remembrance in every heart" is the goal of the Legion Auxiliary.

Five school children were awarded prizes in the poppy day poster contest sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary to Post 698 in the Burgettstown-Smith township school district. The pupils were: Robert Froats Burgettstown; George Vranjes Atlasburg; Robert Williams, Burgettstown, Dolores Bianchini, Raccoon and Raymond Hughey, Atlasburg.

Posters are on exhibition in Petrucci's Market, Main street.

Poppy Day Set for Saturday, May 15
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 13, 1948 Edition

Book Depicting History Of American Legion Presented To Local Libraries



Don Proudit, Senior Vice Commander of the Burgettstown American Legion Post 698, presents the book, "The American Legion

Story," to Miss Mary Wilson, treasurer of the Burgettstown Community Library Board.



Nine copies of the book, "The American Legion Story," have been distributed for the local reading public, it was announced today by Jerry Stiffler, Commander of the Burgettstown American Legion Post 698.

John Grecco, supervising principal of Burgettstown Area schools, accepts copy of the book, "The American Legion Story," from George Connelly, chairman of the Americanism Committee of Burgettstown Post 698.

The books were purchased by the local post. Six were presented to the Union high school library, and three were given to the Burgettstown community library.

The book, written by Raymond Moley, Jr., with a foreward by J. Edgar Hoover, is a story of what individuals have done and can do in a free society. The history of the American Legion is significant, not as something separate and apart from the history of the United States, but as a dynamic, consistent force in national affairs. It is an integral part of any full account or appraisal of our country's progress in the twentieth century.

The Legion's activities and services to community, state and nation are covered in the brief narrative—Rehabilitation, National Security, Child Welfare, Americanism, Youth Training For Better Citizenship, Religion, Disaster Relief, Foreign Relations and many more.

From the closing days of World War I to today's atmosphere of renewed world crises, this is a vivid story filled with dynamic vignettes such as



Angie and Anthony Strapazzon with Santa



Ashley Donnelly with Santa

**American Legion Post 698
The Enterprise-December 23, 1992 Edition**



THE ENTERPRISE / JIM DALLARA

Two for one

Sister and brother sat on Santa Claus' lap during a recent Christmas Party at American Legion Post 698 of Burgettstown. Angie Strapazon, 5, of Langeloth, and Anthony, 2½, took time out from whispering in Santa's ears to pose for a photograph. Santa was busy all day as youngsters of all ages presented their wishes of the season. The Legion Home was a beehive of activity during the party held Sunday, Dec. 13. Scenes such as this were common throughout the Burgettstown area as the magic day of Christmas approaches.



THE ENTERPRISE / JIM DALLARA

He said he would!

Six-year-old Ashley Donnelly of Burgettstown R.D.3 is all smiles after telling Santa of her holiday wishes. The jolly old gentleman from the North Pole will be visiting area homes on Christmas Day.

Santa Visits the American Legion Post 698
The Enterprise-December 23, 1992 Edition

DISTRICT WINNERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SCHOOL AWARD

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Burgettstown Enterprise-July 3, 1947 Edition

Legion Post No. 698 Sends Holiday Greetings To Community's Men With U. S. Armed Forces



In the picture, L. to R.: Downer, C. Durst, Kirsch, H. Durst, Diamond, Cramer and Com. Miller. Commander Harry Miller and the Post Color Guard displayed the New Flags for the first time in the Armistice Day Parade at Charleroi, Penna.

**Legion Post No. 698 Sends Holiday Greetings
to Community's Men with US Armed Forces (pg. 1)
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 24, 1942 Edition**

This special holiday greeting edition of the Burgettstown Enterprise is being mailed to every man from this district who is in the service of the United States. A pre-Christmas edition has already been mailed to every man in the service who is engaged in foreign service.

The DECEMBER 24TH edition of the Burgettstown Enterprise goes to our men in the armed forces with the compliments of Burgettstown Post, No. 698, of the American Legion. Men of the Post, under the leadership of Commander Harry Miller have collaborated with the Enterprise in securing for this edition, Christmas and Holiday greetings from the entire Community. The ambition of the Legion to send a complete greeting card to every soldier, sailor and marine from this district, has been realized with this edition. It is a sincere token of the high regard of your Legion Post (back home) to the men in the front lines of battle.

While a Christmas newspaper for Burgettstown service men was the special Holiday project of the American Legion, many different groups have cooperated to make this newspaper a true measure of Community regard. The advertising of the participating merchants, business men, lodges, and clubs which made this issue possible was solicited by the Legion committee; the mail list, containing the names of 750 soldiers was secured by the grade school children; the mail list and wrappers were typed by high school commercial students as regular class work; a card index file of all service men and their correct addresses was compiled by members of the American Legion Auxiliary; editorial content for the issue and news stories was furnished by the Clergy and other interested citizens.

Of particular interest in this issue is a personal message from Pennsylvania's new war time Governor General Edward Martin, who is a Washington County soldier with an enviable military record. General Martin will assume command of the affairs of the Commonwealth in January 1943.



Home of Dr. A. O. Hindman and family



Burgettstown American Legion #698

January 11, 1940 members of the American Legion voted unanimously to purchase the Hindman property for a permanent home for the organization. \$20,000 was needed to pay for the home, to remodel and furnish the property.

Burgettstown Enterprise-January 11, 1945 Edition

Fort Vance Historical Society

Veteran's Day launching tribute expansion project

Monument will include all wars

By Bridgette B. Nofsinger
The Record-Enterprise

"Proudly we pay tribute to the members of our community who answered the call to the colors . . . that we here highly resolve that the dead shall not have died in vain..."

This is the current inscription - surrounded mostly by empty space - on the war memorial in front of American Legion Post 698 in Burgettstown.

That inscription describes the feelings of the Burgettstown Legion members.

John Stiffler and Dan Johnson both served in the Korean War. When it was over, they had friends who did not return to Burgettstown. Upon joining the American Legion, they have made it their special mission to commemorate all veterans from Burgettstown.

The monument, which has rested in the front lawn of the post's Main Street location since the late 1970s, bears wit-

ness only to those who fought in World War II.

Although the Legion was initially formed in 1943 at the close of World War I, none of the founders are recognized on the current stone.

The Korean War took the lives of 36 men from Washington County, while Vietnam doubled that figure with 67 dead from Washington County. Neither of these significant events is noted on the monument.

Burgettstown, alone, lost five soldiers to the jungles of Southeast Asia. Vietnam took seven from Hanover Township, and two each from Avella and McDonald. Countless more were injured or permanently disabled.

Their efforts may not be known to those who stroll along the sidewalks of Main Street in Burgettstown. Stiffler and Johnson want to eliminate all doubt.

"The monument only recognizes World War II, there is no World War I, Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama or Persian Gulf," said Post 698 commander Dan Johnson. "This is a shameful oversight.

"We would like to update the old monument but we are a small community post and cannot afford the high cost of

this improvement."

Gaydo's Monument Services in Canonsburg quoted a price of \$4,200 for the additions to the current stone.

"We have raised almost \$1,000, and the Legion members are willing to donate more but we need the help of local citizens and businesses," said Stiffler.

The additions to the monument would include two new stones to commemorate veterans from the Korean and Vietnam wars. The center pillar would add the dates from World War I.

Along the bottom, the Marine and Coast Guard seals would be added joining the Army, Navy and Air Force service symbols. The Persian Gulf and other conflicts would also be recognized.

Once funds are collected, the new monument could be finished within six to eight months.

"One man's death is worth the cost of the memorial," said Stiffler. "It needs to be dedicated to all of the men and women who served their country so we never forget the sacrifices they made."

Donations can be sent to Donald Collett, finance officer, c/o American Legion 698, Burgettstown, Pa. 15021.



THE BURGETTSTOWN WAR Memorial in front of the American Legion Post 698 building on Main Street in Burgettstown awaits improvements

APPOINT DISTRICT HEAD

Wayne M. Culley who has been appointed Deputy Commander of District 4 of the American Legion took the oath of office at an installation ceremony Sunday evening at Donora. The service was attended by a number of World War II veterans and was opened with the advancement of colors and the offering of the invocation by the Rev. Mr. Brown. The installation was conducted by Western Vice Commander, John A. Stoup of Waynesburg.

**Wayne M. Culley Appointed Deputy Commander of District 4
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 13, 1945 Edition**

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FOURTEEN PUPILS RECEIVE AWARDS AS WINNERS IN THE CONTEST

Pictured on this page are fourteen eighth grade pupils of the Greater Burgettstown Community who are the district winners of the contest conducted by the Americanism Department of the Burgettstown American Legion Post 698 and the American Legion Auxiliary. Each boy received a small pin with a star on it and an engraved certificate signed by the commander, J. H. Durst and post adjutant E. F. Charlier of the Legion and each girl received the same signed by the president of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Earl Farner and the Americanism chairman, Mrs. K. Bruce Myers. The results were tallied from a vote taken by the pupils of each eighth grade classroom and the winner was selected as to the student ranking highest in courage, character, service, companionship, scholarship, Americanism, and good sportsmanship.

Mrs. Bruce Myers, chairman of the Americanism program of the Auxiliary, was in charge of these awards, and Bob Stottlemeyer, chairman, and Ed Jackson, as co-chairman, represented the American Legion.

The presentation of these awards was made during the last week of school by the following in behalf of the Legion and Auxiliary: Burgettstown: Mrs. William Miller and Rev. R. C. Sutton; Our Lady of Lourdes School: Mrs. Matilda Taylor and Tony Longo; Langeloth: Mrs. Clyde Harris and E. S. Wheeler; Francis Mine: Mrs. E. S. Wheeler and Ed Jackson; Eldersville: Mrs. J. A. Blackburn and Ed Jackson; Atlasburg: Mrs. Donald Downer and Nicholas Mervosh; and Raccoon: Mrs. Charles Rommes, Sr., and Ed Jackson.

ATLASBURG



JOHN KOVAL



HELEN BALOGA

ELDERSVILLE



RICHARD BANE



MARY RATKOVICH

RACCOON



FRANCES GRATCHEN



WAYNE PHILLIS

BURGETTSTOWN GRADE SCHOOL



DONNA MAE LONG

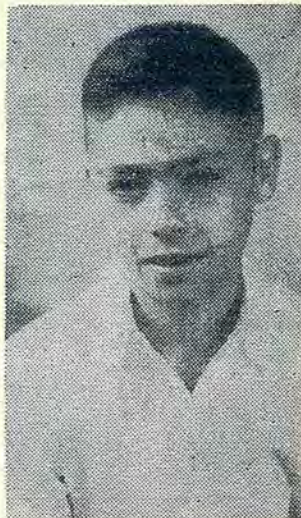


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HARRY STRONGOSKY

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL



LOUIS DUGAS



ELIZABETH CASTNER

Legion Auxiliary 20th Birthday Held

The Burgettstown American Legion celebrated its 20th birthday Monday, Mar. 19 in the American Legion home with a covered dish dinner at 6 p.m., serving 17 members and two guests. Miss Hazel Hall, president presided at the business meeting. \$25 was donated to Woodville State hospital for Veterans, \$8 was sent to Harrisburg for the Annual, and \$12 was presented to the Community Library.

A picnic for veterans of Oakland hospital will be held at Raccoon State park, date to be named later. A Tupperware party will be held April 16 following the next regular meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of guests and the reading of winning essays in the Americanism contest sponsored by the Auxiliary. Forty persons attended this portion of the meeting. Miss Hall opened with the pledge to the flag and singing of the national anthem. Following a welcome to guests, the meeting was turned over to Americanism chairman, Mrs. Wayne M. Culley, who introduced winners and their families.

Judges attending were Mrs. Anna Mary Puckett and Mrs. Elizabeth Harper, who were presented with the book "Rembrandt" by Gladys Schmitt. JoAnn Hemphill Miller, judge, unable to be present was sent a book. Each winner read his essay and received a check. Mrs. Kathryn Edwards, teacher of two winning contestants, was a guest.

Mrs. Culley thanked all who helped make the contest a success. Guests seated at tea tables decorated in the patriotic motif were served cake and coffee.

**American Legion Auxiliary 20th Birthday Held
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 29, 1962 Edition**

**TO SELL POPPIES IN
COMMUNITY, SATURDAY**

Boy and Girl Scouts of Burgettstown, Langeloth, and Sloan will assist members of the American Legion Auxiliary in a Poppy Tag Day on the streets of these respective towns on Saturday, May 22. Mrs. Aldah Conn is chairman of arrangements. Proceeds from the sale of the poppies, which were hand made by disabled veterans at the Aspinwall Veterans' hospital, will be used in the rehabilitation of disabled veterans.

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**Scouts and American Legion Auxiliary to Sell Poppies
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 20, 1943 Edition**

CHAIRMEN REPORT AT AUXILIARY MEETING

Twenty members of the American Legion Auxiliary met in the Post Home Monday evening, Jan. 17, with Mrs. Vance Lee, president in charge. Plans were made to participate in the March of Dimes campaign in Burgettstown which is headed by Mrs. Lee. Other committee reports followed.

Under rehabilitation activities, Mrs. Earl Farner, chairman, reported baskets were given to ten veterans' families at Christmas time and comfort articles and stamped greeting cards were sent to the Aspinwall veterans.

A \$100 donation was made to the Legion Post 698 for the building fund. Mrs. Josephine Sciamanna, legislative chairman, reported on legislation pertaining to Veterans' laws at the present session of Congress.

Pan American chairman, Mrs. Edna Luttrell, gave a review of the existing conditions in Pan America. Mrs. Dushan Nicksick, finance chairman, announced a public card party will be held in the Legion Home February 7. Mrs. Oscar Harbaugh stated 81 members in good standing to date.

Refreshments were served at the end of the meeting by Mrs. Frances Hallahan and committee.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CONDUCTS CAMPAIGN FOR PHONOGRAPH RECORDS

Burgettstown American Legion Auxiliary to Post No. 698 is now in the midst of a second nation-wide campaign to collect old phonograph records to be distributed to the men and women in the United States Armed Forces. Mrs. Clifford McCormick, chairman of the drive in the Greater Burgettstown Community requests that persons having old records they desire to donate either take them to the Western Auto Associate Store or McCarrick's Garage or give them to a member of the Auxiliary. The campaign ends July 31.

This collection is being sponsored by the national headquarters of these two organizations, in cooperation with Records for Our Fighting Men, Inc., a not-for-profit organization of the country's leading musical artists with Bob Hope as its president. The campaign has the approval and authorization of the President's war relief control committee.

All records collected will be forwarded to the Columbia Recording company and exchanged for new records which will be given to the army, navy, marine corps and coast guard for proper distribution.

As the result of last year's campaign more than 370,000 new records have been distributed to American fighting men around the world. This year two million more are needed. The records are made in libraries of 48 double-side records and cover the entire field of music from symphony to swing.

The need for recreation among our service men and women is growing as their numbers grow and as they reach foreign soil, and by the donation of records to this cause, those at home can assist materially in promoting recreation for these young men and women.

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Legion Auxiliary Donates To Vet Hospital Project

The American Legion Auxiliary to Post 698 recently donated \$30 in cash to the Lebanon Veterans' Hospital drive for the building of sun parlors. The sum was received through collection of food coupons. Mrs. Bruce Myers, who attended a council meeting at the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, March 1, when units of the Allegheny Council donated \$1147.67 to the Lebanon hospital project, urges that individuals in the community donate their food coupons to Auxiliary members. During January, 663 coupons were sent in by the local organization to headquarters. Information concerning which coupons should be saved is available from any Auxiliary member.

Mrs. Oscar Harbaugh, membership chairman, at a meeting February 28 announced that 120 members have been enrolled in the auxiliary to date.

Poppy Day in Burgettstown has been set for May 28. Mrs. Edna Luttrell and Mrs. Julia Craig have been appointed Poppy Day chairmen.

Mrs. Wayne Culley reported 100 pupils attending the dancing school sponsored as a community service project by the auxiliary. Monday evening, February 28, A.

Vaught, dancing instructor, brought eight advanced pupils from Washington to present a special program for dancing school pupils and their parents. The program was given to show the Burgettstown class what might be achieved through regular attendance and persistent effort at the dancing classes. The performers were in costume and gave numbers in both ballet and tap dancing. About 150 attended.

The Auxiliary plans to hold a card party Tuesday, April 19 at the Legion home as a benefit. The public is invited.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be March 29 rather than March 28 and will be a covered dish dinner at 6:30. The occasion will be in celebration of the seventh anniversary of the local auxiliary.

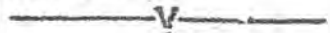
Hostesses at the last meeting were Mrs. Edwin Wagner, Mrs. Bruce Myers, Mrs. E. S. Bywaters, Mrs. Frank Rumbaugh and Mrs. Lee Addington.

**Legion Auxiliary Donates to Vet Hospital Project
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 17, 1949 Edition**

AUXILIARY PARTY

The first party given by the Ladies' Auxiliary to the American Legion in their new home, the Hindman Residence, Main street, last Thursday evening was attended by 136 guests and proved to be an entertaining affair.

Members of the hostess committee desire to express their appreciation for the fine support accorded them in their efforts to raise a fund to purchase furnishings for the home. They are: Mrs. Harold Purdy, chairman, Mrs. Enos Smith, Mrs. Earl Charlier, Mrs. Donald Downer and Mrs. Henderson.



**Ladies' Auxiliary of American Legion Hosts Party
In the New American Legion
Burgettstown Enterprise-Nay 17, 1945 Edition**

AUXILIARY MEETS

At a regular meeting in the Legion home Monday, Nov. 17th, the American Legion Auxiliary Union 698 held a Christmas Card shower for Veterans of Aspinwall hospital. Several dozen three cent stamped Christmas cards were received. Mrs. Earl Farner, Rehabilitation chairman announced anyone wishing to donate Christmas cards may leave them at the home of Mrs. George Atherton, 427 South Main st. The Auxiliary voted to give the following amounts to various projects.

\$50.00 to the Department of Pennsylvania for the hospitalized veterans Christmas package project. \$5.00 to the Forty and Eight Association of Allegheny County towards their annual Christmas dinner for orphans to be held at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial hall December 21. A \$5.00 Tuberculosis Bond was purchased. \$12.00 was given to Child Welfare in the Dept. of Pennsylvania. \$22.60 donated to Rehabilitation in the Dept. of Pennsylvania. \$10.00 to Junior baseball and \$3.00 to the Scholarship fund. Mrs. M. A. Hulick coupon chairman gave out lists of the coupons from which the American Legion Auxiliary receives money and merchandise for Rehabilitation. Anyone may have a list by contacting Mrs. Hulick. Membership quota for Unit 698 is 104 for this year. The next meeting will be held Monday Dec. 15, at which time the annual Christmas party will be held. Members are requested to bring a gift for a veteran. Mrs. Wayne M. Culley, music chairman, will have charge of the program and lunch will be served by the officers. There were 18 members in attendance at Monday night's meeting and lunch was served by the hostesses, Mesdames Atherton and Ruth Wade

Auxiliary Benefit For Aspinwall Hospital

The American Legion Auxiliary completed plans for a benefit card party to be held at the Legion home Monday evening, April 19, at a meeting Wednesday evening.

Plans were made to sell home made candy at the card party and all proceeds will be used for the Aspinwall hospital.

Mrs. Oscar Harbaugh and Mrs. W. V. Lee are in charge of arrangements. Committees are as follows:

Refreshment: Mrs. Hannah P. Vitmier, chairman, Mrs. Harold Purdy, Mrs. E. S. Wheeler, Mrs. L. H. Mitchell, Mrs. G. C. Henderson and Mrs. J. R. Lee; Prizes: Mrs. E. F. Charlier, Mrs. Jean Retzer, Mrs. Blanche Robinson, Mrs. E. L. Farner, Mrs. B. K. Myers; Tickets: Mrs. Sylvia W. Saxton; Candy: Mrs. Cecil Hill, Mrs. David Mader.

Tickets may be purchased from any member of the Auxiliary or by contacting Mrs. W. V. Lee, president.

The Auxiliary is also taking orders for flags. Information concerning their sale may be received from Mrs. W. V. Lee.

AUXILIARY PLANS SPRING ACTIVITIES

At the regular meeting held in the Legion Home Monday night the American Legion Auxiliary made plans to order 4000 poppies for Poppy Day May 24th. These poppies were ordered from Aspinwall Hospital where they are made by disabled veterans of World Wars I and II. The sale of poppies enables the auxiliary to provide funds for relief work among suffering ex-service men and their families. A double significance is attached to the poppy; that honoring the dead and helping the living.

Mrs. Beulah Blackburn gave the report of council meeting telling about the Child Welfare shower with money donations amounting to \$640.00. Mrs. Mary Dickson spoke on the Legislative work that the legion has before Congress and urged that every one support the Universal Service Bill now pending. A donation of \$5.00 was made to the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis drive. Mrs. Harold Purdy and Mrs. G. D. Henderson were appointed to buy equipment for the kitchen in the legion home.

Membership chairman, Mrs. E. L. Farnier announced 105 members enrolled and said that a drive will be made for new members before February 20. 28 members were present at Monday night's meeting. Lunch was served by the hostess committee with the chairman, Mrs. Margaret Wilson assisted by Mesdames Atherton, Wheeler, Mitchell and Taylor. Mesdames Virginia Smith, Etta Purdy and Louise Schmidt were awarded favors during a program of games.