



Martin O. Weddington Papers.

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INSTALLED AS OFFICERS of the American Legion's fourth district here were, left to right, Will Olberding, 791 Tatum, vice commander; Shelby Sim, 2357 E. Seventh ave., North St. Paul, vice commander; Bert Rodenkirchen, 890 Bidwell st., West St. Paul, commander; Claude E. Whitney, 1917 Rome ave., vice commander, and Peter T. Monsour, 210 E. Sydney st., vice commander.

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Paulite Writes School Funds

Article by Dr. Nolan C. [unclear], assistant superintendent in charge of research and [unclear] for the St. Paul public schools, appears in the current School Executive. "Mr. [unclear]'s article deals with the passage last fall of the [unclear] amendment and the [unclear] funds available for [unclear] education.

Legion To Sponsor H. S. Speech Contest

Attucks-Brooks post No. 606, American Legion, will sponsor an oratorical contest at Central high school Friday starting at 2:30 p. m.

Martin Weddington, chairman of the contest, said about 12 students are expected to enter and the winners will go to the district contest Feb. 23 at Concordia college. The public is invited to attend.

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FOURTH DISTRICT - AMERICAN LEGION

REPORT OF THE COLOR GUARD

It has been a privilege for me to serve as Chairman of your Color Guard during a busy year. It is my sincere belief that the past year has been a success. I would like to express my appreciation to all the Legionnaires who have worked so faithfully and contributed so much of their time. The reason this group was successful in its activities is each one did his or her job exceptionally well and seldom failed to respond to whatever the request was.

Submitted herewith is a report of the activities of your Color Guard.

Lincoln Park Super Market - Flag dedication and raising.
State Convention in Duluth - Parade.
National Rabbit Growers Convention - Advancing of Colors.
Veteran's Day Service - Advancing of Colors.
Twin City Football Game - Carrying of Colors.
Edwin O. Perl Post - Initiation.
White Bear Winter Parade.
Color Guard Dance
Como Park Speed Skating - Flag Presentation, Dedication and Raising.
Como Park Jr. High School - Flag Presentation, Dedication and Advancement.
Winter Carnival Grand Parade - Won our First Trophy
Junior Fishing Contest, Lake Phalen - Advancement of Colors & other help
Winter Carnival Torch Light Parade - "A Sharp Unit."
Fairview Jr. High School - Flag Presentation, Dedication & Advancement.
Edwin O. Perl Post - Funeral
Post 8 - Installation of Officers.
Leslie Lawrence Post, Back to God Service - Advancing of Colors.
American Legion Baseball Night, New Stadium - Flag Raising
National Cemetery, Memorial Day Service - Parade & Post Colors.
This Fourth Dist. Convention - Advancement & Retiring of Colors.

Coming Events:

Highland Park Post - Installation of Officers.
Dayton's Bluff Post - Installation of Officers.
Attucks-Brooks Post - Installation of Officers.
New Stadium Dedication
Edwin O. Perl Post - Installation of Officers.

We, as a group wish to thank Commander Harding for his fine cooperation. The Color Guard is a wonderful means of public relationship for the Legion.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTIN O. WEDDINGTON,

Chairman.

* Suggested 1958 Memorial Day talk *
* for American Legion Speakers. *

MEMORIAL DAY

(1958)

MY FELLOW AMERICANS:

This is the Nation's Day of Remembrance!

~~Today~~ ^{tomorrow} we call the roll of the only noblemen we pay homage to in democratic America. ~~Today~~ ^{tomorrow} we salute the hero dead of all our wars. They are the soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines who took ~~their~~ ^{died} ~~knighthood from the hand of God, on the Field of Honor, in the service of our Country.~~

These brave men - and women - resting in their angel-guarded sleep at home and overseas, accepted death in the defense of our freedom. They won immortality for their patriotism and their devotion to God and Country beyond the call of duty. The memory of their ~~valer~~ ^{brave deeds} and their loyalty will inspire countless generations yet unborn.

Memorial Day 1958 for members of The American Legion has a deeper and more intimate ^{meaning} ~~meaning~~ than for the average American. We join our neighbors in ~~testimonials~~ ^{honoring} of our gratitude to the countless ranks of American heroes from the Revolutionary War to the Korean Conflict, who died in order that our Republic might live.

Both The American Legion's and the Nation's most dramatic Memorial Day exercises are focused today at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers in Arlington National Cemetery.

~~At this hour~~ amid the most solemn ceremonies, the Unknown Soldiers of World War II and of the Korean War are being interred in the Tomb of Glory in Arlington to rest beside the American Soldier of World War I known but to God.

As part of these sacred national exercises, The American Legion today is awarding its Distinguished Service Medal to the Unknown Soldiers of World War I, of World War II and of the Korean War. This highest honor ^{is the} within the ability of The American Legion to bestow, ~~was voted unanimously~~ to these three Unknown Soldiers of our last three great wars by our National Executive Committee at its November 1957 meeting in Indianapolis.

Apart from these expressions of laureation with which we lay at final rest in the Tomb of Glory, the Unknown Soldiers of World War II and of the Korean War at Arlington today, we also place our affectionate garlands of honor on the graves of ~~all~~ ^{tomorrow} gallant American patriots who died that we might live in freedom. ~~With symphon-~~ ^{we remember them} ~~ies of~~ ^{with} flowers, music and accolades, we kneel at their shrines to rechristen our faith in America. There is little that we can add to their laurels. When great deeds speak, the tongue is dumb. ^{when a man's action speaks, it speaks louder than the tongue} Their sacrifices are today our sources of purest inspiration for our continued patriotic services. ^{these memories belong to the ages} They belong to the ages now. The poet expressed it well:

"On Fame's eternal camping ground
"Their silent tents are spread.

"And Glory guards, with solemn round,
"The bivouac of the Dead."

Glory indeed guards the bivouac ^{to} of our war dead. It is the glory of right, the glory of truth and the glory of justice. ^{read} For our nation has a truly unselfish record. Not a single mound in this or any foreign land marks the resting place of ^{not one} an American patriot ^{has been} who was sacrificed in a war of conquest, spoils or aggrandizement! America's soldier dead gave up their lives only in righteous and sacred causes - for liberty, for unity, for the preservation of human and national rights and for the championship of great ideals. Our Country has played one role and only one role in all of its history - that of the defender of God-given ideals and principles!

The Unknown Soldiers of our last three wars whom as a nation we honored with such gratitude and show of affection today are known but to God. But the hearts and minds of American Legionnaires today turn to many "known soldiers" whom we as individuals knew and served with and who gave their all for God and Country on the fields of battle. They are the men and women whom we learned to know and to cherish in a common ordeal by fire. They are not an ^{make believe} abstraction to us but comrades-in-arms whose names and faces are ~~indelibly~~ ^{we now we can see them} engraved in our private memory. ^{you may not believe it, but} Each of us has his own roster of buddies who paid the supreme price of patriot-ism. We crave to give them a sign that we have not forgotten through the piled-up years - to pay something on account, ~~as it were~~, on the staggering debt of affection and gratitude that we owe them.

The best way to do this is by dedicating ourselves with a new conviction and a ~~new earnestness~~ to the ideals which drew our fallen comrades into battle. They laid down their lives to insure the survival of our America - not merely the physical country and nation - but the concepts of human liberty and dignity which the name implies.

Few of them, ~~to be sure~~, formulated this in words. For the most part they were average Americans - from the schools, the shops, the offices - just common men and women. Yet what sustained them to the end was the inner ^{belief} certitude that they were fighting and risking ^{their lives} for Freedom, Equality, Justice and Tolerance. There was no room for doubt or cynicism on this score in the life-and-death ^{game war} lottery in which they were engaged. Above the thunder of the batteries and of shattering bombs, they heard echoes of noble phrases, absorbed since childhood, which somehow summed up the American purpose which they were defending with their bodies - for which they were willing to give their lifetimes of living.

One nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all - Land of the free and home of the brave - sweet Land of Liberty - Man is endowed by his Creator with certain unalienable rights, among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

They might not have been able to recite the Bill of Rights and the Preamble to the Constitution by heart. But they were aware of the reality of those documents in terms of their own experience and considered them treasures ^{could not buy with money} beyond calculation.

The finest and most enduring monument we can dedicate to them, therefore, is not in granite or marble. It is in the living fact of a nation true to the traditions for which the sacrifices were made. To the extent that we labor to apply basic American principles to everyday life, we are paying that debt contracted on the battlefields.

One of the primary things we do not know about the Unknown Soldiers is whether they were Protestant, Catholic or Jew, whether they were native-born or adopted sons of our generous Republic. We do not know and we do not inquire. For us it suffices ^{it is} ^{good enough} that they were Americans, whatever the faith of their fathers or the color of their skins. ^{it makes no difference} In this sense these Unknown Soldiers are not only a symbol of patriotic death but a challenge to patriotic living.

Among the "known soldiers" in our private memories, there were men and women of every religion and racial origin. We who knew hardship and danger, together, learned that in the final showdown it is not a man's political creed, place of birth, church affiliation or color of skin that counts, but only personal merit and courage.

In a world shuddering under the tragic implications of an atomic armaments race that now includes a planetary struggle for control of outer space, this truth acquires a special dimension of urgency. Through no choice of our own, merely because we are what we are, the fateful decision at this juncture - between freedom and slavery, between the dignified human being and the terrorized robot - rests today upon us Americans.

Ours is the responsibility of leadership. We must bring to the crisis of this period, not alone dollars, military prowess and technical know-how but moral vitality as well. Death can never ^{cut} ~~sever~~ the bond which unites men and women who have ^{fought} ~~striven~~ and died for the common good, to those who live, ^{this country} ~~commemorate~~ and ^{it is your duty to see that this day lives on} ~~still strive on!~~

This is the meaning of Memorial Day. Across time and space we touch hands in spirit with those who have traveled onward. And from this communion with the dead we draw renewed faith to go forward, as they once did, to build a better world and not shrink from the sacrifices this may cost.

The tradition of sending our thoughts down the Memory Lane of History and of refreshing our own sacrificial willingness of service at the shrines of American valor, originated in the first demonstration of unity in our land following the War Between the States. On an April morning in 1863, a number of compassionate and kind-hearted women at Columbus, Miss., went together to lay spring flowers on the graves of their soldier dead. They recognized that all the war dead sleeping in their cemetery fought and gave their all in the light of their patriotic convictions. So they

placed their flowers of remembrance alike on the graves of their own dead and on the graves of two Union soldiers who lay in the same burial ground with their own beloved ones. A New York newspaper told the story of how these Southern women had made no distinction when they honored those on both sides who had gone to heroes' graves. This story got wide circulation. It was reprinted throughout the country. Other communities - both in the South and the North - followed the example set at Columbus and selected their days in the spring upon which the citizens would gather and go to the burying grounds to honor those from their community who had fallen in battle.

General John A. Logan, then commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, was deeply touched by this decoration of war graves. On May 5, 1868, he issued a general order to make such decoration of war graves an annual custom on May 30 of each year by members of the GAR and of its auxiliary organizations. He chose May 30 as the date because it marked the discharge of the last Union soldier from war service. For many years the GAR spearheaded what was known at first as observance of Decoration Day. Later the anniversary became known as Memorial Day. Today Memorial Day has been made a legal holiday. It is today also a great reminder that the bitterness of civil strife first washed out of the hearts of the gallant women of Columbus, Mississippi, has long since gone from the hearts of all.

Memorial Day now honors the dead of all of our wars from the 1770s to the 1950s.

With the passing of the GAR in the North and of the United Confederate Veterans in the South, The American Legion became the natural heir in the promotion of the observance of Memorial Day. Throughout our Nation, the 17,200 posts of The American Legion have carried on the annual tradition of "strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in the defense of their country."

X So today Memorial Day is a sacred rallying day of this Republic. It connects America as a family. It is a clinging together - a joint quickening in the South, in the North, the East and the West of our own patriotic fires. It emphasizes a common national bond of pride of American valor and of exemplification of traditional American sacrifice in fighting for what we always have held dearer than life itself - freedom and justice.

Let us all recognize Memorial Day as the sacred annual reminder of the eternal bonds of Fidelity which all of us as good Americans owe to our great heritage of Freedom.

The flowers which we place as the choicest garlands of spring on the graves of our honored war dead, will fade. But let there be no fading of our dedication and our loyalty to the ideals for which the men and women whom we honor on Memorial Day gave their all. As the poet has put it so well, and I quote:

"Theirs is the glory . . . now they are at peace!
"They've done their duty . . . But have we?
"Through the sad bugle's notes of Taps today
"Let us hear Reveille!"

IN DISTRICT 4

American Legion Votes for Mom

By DAVE MILLER
Staff Writer

A Shoreview mother of eight is the new Minnesota District 4 commander of the American Legion.

Mrs. Richard E. Lunn of 4949 E. Turtle Lane, elected Saturday during the district's annual convention, will be the first woman to head a district in the history of Minnesota legions.

"As far as I'm concerned I'm just another veteran," said the perky ex-Marine of World War II vintage. "Sex plays no part in this whatsoever."

She admitted she wasn't so certain of that last year when her bid for the Ramsey County district's top post was beaten back by a 72-year-old Army veteran.

A former commander of the White Bear Legion Post, Mrs. Lunn reacted coolly to a query as to whether she was part of a feminine plot to take over the world. "Is there one?" she asked.

In other balloting Saturday, the District 4 vice commanders elected for 1969-70 are Alfred J. Schoenthaler, 751 Rose Place, Roseville; Arthur A. Miller, 1007 Bayless Ave.; Reuben E. Thelin, 2338 E. Shoshone Road, North St. Paul; and Chris Horwath, 1241 Hague Ave.

The 1969-70 District 4 American Legion Auxiliary president, also elected Saturday, is Mrs. A.L.W. Anderson of 5044-13th Ave. S., Minneapolis. She is a past president of the auxiliary's Hiway Unit No. 155.

Auxiliary vice presidents elected are Mrs. Chris Horwath, 1241 Hague Ave., and Mrs. Oscar Sather, 737 Oakdale Ave.



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MRS. RICHARD LUNN DONS COMMANDER'S HAT

Elected Saturday, perky ex-Marine Denies "feminine Plot"

Bullet Torn Nicaraguan Has Surgery

PANAMA —(P)— President Anastasio Somoza of Nicaragua was flown here Sunday and operated on for serious bullet wounds inflicted by an assassin.

His condition afterward was described as satisfactory.

Three surgeons performed three separate operations in turn at the U. S. government's Gorgas hospital at Ancon in the Canal zone.

Somoza's right leg had been partly paralyzed by a bullet in the spine.

Another bullet was lodged in the muscle of his right shoulder.

Somoza, the 60-year-old president of Nicaragua for the past 12 years, was struck down in Managua, around midday while attending a workers' club in his home town. The gunman, Rigoberto Lopez, a Nicaraguan, was

under moderate guard in the wake of the assassination attempt.

Lopez was about 200 yards from Somoza in a search for the president's offices of Lopez.

Lopez launched his attack on Somoza.

Somoza's expected name and

from the U. S. Force. Somoza is expected to be in the hospital for several days.



EAST SIDERS AND LINCOLN PARK in particular were honored Saturday when the new flagpole was dedicated at the playground by the American Legion Fourth district color guard. Vernon Iverson, left, of 2001 Herschel, chairman of the Americanism committee, speaks, as Joe Kielsa, 1980 Stillwater, and Martin Weddington, 714 W. Central, hold the flag before the flag-raising.—Staff Photo.

St. Paulite, 22, Held In Slugging

Pioneer Press News Service

HUDSON, WIS.—Two men, one from St. Paul, were arrested Sunday by St. Croix county authorities in connection with a slugging and robbery near Roberts, Wis., Saturday night.

Held in the county jail here are William Radke, 22, of 722 Carroll, and Kenneth Rauschnot, 21, of Roberts.

Authorities arrested the pair after a filling station attendant, Fred Mecklenburg, 79, reported he was slugged and robbed of \$125. Mr. Mecklenburg was reported in critical condition in

Suez Bypass Plan Studied

PARIS — (UP) — France is studying a plan to pipe Middle East oil through Israel, thus bypassing the Suez canal, it was disclosed Sunday.

Secretary of State Maurice Lemaire, a lifelong transport specialist, told the French cabinet the best way to avoid the canal would be to build a pipeline through Israel from the Red Sea port of Eilat to the Mediterranean port of Haifa.

Britain's Lord Canning has urged for a pipeline between the Red Sea and the Mediterranean.

Minneapolis St. Paul Good

A St. Paul captain stationed in Leghorn, Italy, is interested.

They both like ship work. Pvt. Robert Oshorn and Mrs. George Oshorn, Plain, had to leave Magnolia, at home for Italy.

Capt. Vernon Iverson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kristensen of 527 S., South St. Paul, his new assignment is skunk, Flip, ahead.

Flip is de- can't ship him. He complained relative tensions in St. Paul, they said, on Dutch KLM, was as cargo. So from St. Paul, auto, hidden, the hotel man.

Body Of N. D. F.

BOTTLE

The body of a disabled man was found in a ditch near the intersection of 3rd and