

# The American Legion

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## SHADE VETERAN OF 2 WARS

### South Dakota Legion Man Had Many Experiences in Philippines and in France.

M. L. Shade of Mitchell, S. D., a veteran of two wars, has one recollection of army life that he claims is unforgettable, and at least is so unusual that experiences of any A. E. F. man cannot duplicate it, unless they be "gobs". Shade, an ardent American Legion worker in South Dakota, declares that he spent 90 days on an army transport without setting foot on shore, during the Spanish-American war and the Philippine insurrection following.

He was born in Princeton, Ill., in 1876, and at the age of fifteen was thrown on his own resources, with but a scant education gained in rural schools. His earlier life work was that of a laborer in mines, steel mills and on farms.

But the war with Spain came and he enlisted with an Iowa Guard regiment ordered to San Francisco, which embarked on the transport Covington for Manila. After a long sea voyage the boat was sailed into Manila bay, but orders were changed and the ship was sent southward with the troops. At Manila the transport put in, but the troops were held up again. Back the ship went to Cavite, where, after 90 days, the men set foot ashore.

Shade served with his regiment in several severe engagements, and in discharge of duty was awarded the Philippine Cross. In all, he fought in 122 battles. He was captured at Manila in 1901, remaining there for a period on confidential work for the government.

Back in the States, he became associated with the insurance firm in Rockford, Ill., and while there was a member of the National Guard. Then he went to Texas, where he was hit by the grip of 1907, but, undaunted, made his way back to Sioux Falls, S. D., joining the grand army immediately after his arrival there. He served as chief of police of Mitchell, S. D., in 1915, and received a commission as major in the South Dakota Guard that year. He was called for further service in 1918, and was discharged early in 1919.

At the outbreak of the World war he was sent to Camp Green, S. C., and was attached to the Forty-first Division. During overseas service he commanded several successful guard units, befriended



Col. M. L. Shade.

with the French at Soissons and was sent to St. Aignan-Noyers to establish a large replacement depot for motor transportation. He was later commissioned as lieutenant colonel and ordered to Romorantin, where he assumed command of the air service shops, built up from a personnel of 600 to 7,000 men. He virtually commanded all troop units at this camp.

Before he sailed for America he was cited for meritorious service and given a full colonelcy. On his arrival in South Dakota he was named to the state highway commission, of which he is now a member.

His work for the American Legion has been thorough and enthusiastic. He led the local post of the Legion during its early days and served in several capacities with this post. He was named as department commander in South Dakota in 1919-1920, and was national executive committeeman during that time. He has been a delegate to all national conventions of the Legion and has served on convention committees of military policy and of finance.

In all his reminiscences of army days, however, Colonel Shade declares that none are so vivid as those spent drifting around the Philippines on the army transport, seeking a place to land.

### Removed Flag From Graves

Legion members in Butherford, N. J., recently appeared before the city council to protest the action of municipal employees in removing flags from the graves of veterans in a local cemetery. The flag had been removed following a "break up" of the burial plot and was discovered by the Legion in a 1922 army cemetery, the cemetery.

## LEGION BAND AT CONVENTION

Wichita (Kan.) Organization, Made Up of Former Service Men, Attends National Meeting.

The American Legion band of Wichita, Kan., one of the first musical organizations formed entirely from membership of the former service men's association, represented the state at the national convention in San Francisco.

The band is composed of 45 musicians, and was awarded \$1,500 from the Legion's state treasury in order to help pay the expense of taking the musicians to the convention city. The band was organized early in 1922 and went to New Orleans with 22 musicians. In competition with bands from all over the country, the organization received seventh place, despite the small instrumentation. The band has played many local engagements since the 1922 convention, among these being a contract with the city of Wichita for municipal concerts, and for the International Wheat and Farm exposition. Lester Weatherwax, formerly director of the Three Hundred and Forty-first Field Artillery band and well known on lyceum and chautauqua circuits, directs the organization.

## HEAVY CHARGES ON CASKET

Tag Calling for Two Hundred Forty-Six Dollars on Box Containing Unclaimed Body.

The body of a World war veteran who died in a government hospital 3,000 miles from home recently arrived in Wilmington, N. C., with charges totaling \$246 attached to the casket. No relatives could be found to meet the body, nor was there any one to pay the charges.

The body was that of Seaman E. I. Vance, who succumbed in the Veterans Bureau hospital in Palo Alto, Cal. When no one appeared to take charge of the remains, J. L. Sprunt, commander of the local post of the American Legion, guaranteed the charges and the body was interred with full Legion ceremonies.

Protest was immediately filed with Veterans Bureau authorities because of shipment of the remains without first ascertaining if relatives could pay the shipping charges. An explanation will be sought from those in charge, as a return calling for payment of transportation charges to the place of burial.

## CONCERT FUNDS GO TO NEEDY

Prominent Artists to Participate in Program Planned by State Legion Post.

A concert series in Columbia, S. C., at which some of the leading operatic artists in the nation are to appear, is sponsored by the American Legion county council.

Direction of the concerts is by Gen. Clarence E. Baker, department commander of the Legion in that state. Madame Schumann Heinecke, Minka Etkin and Louis Grayson have been announced as three of the artists to appear. The concerts will be given in Memorial hall.

Funds from the events will be turned over to the Legion for the purpose of aiding needy ex-service men and women.

## Question Answered

The old lady who says she is miserably starving a mother and finally demanded of the attendant:

"You say you don't have to feed him very often. What kind of food does he like best?"

"Bables, ma'am," replied the man, mildly.

"Why, mercy me; how horrible! I shouldn't think the law would allow you to feed him such things."

"It doesn't, ma'am," asserted the attendant. "We feed him fish, mostly, but you asked what he liked best."—American Legion Weekly.

## Friend of Ex-Service Men

A believer in the employment of ex-service men, Richard Hardy, president of the Dixie Portland Cement company at Richard City, Tenn., is offering additional incentive for his employees to become members of the American Legion. Of the 61 former service men in the employ of the cement company, 58 are members of Marlon post No. 62 of the Legion. The interest of Mr. Hardy in the Legion post has raised its membership from 40 Legionnaires to more than 100 veterans.

## Post Composed of Indians

A post of the American Legion, composed entirely of Chippewa Indians who served in the World war, has been formed on a reservation at Reserve, Wis. National Commander Alvin Owsley was made a chieftain of the tribe, when he paid a visit to the Wisconsin convention of the Legion. The Legion official was named "Beautifying Bird" in honor of the tribe's greatest orator. He is said to have been the first white man to be accorded this honor.

## Legion Parkway 155 Feet Wide

The widest cement thoroughfare in Buxton, Mass., and believed to be one of the widest in the nation, is known as the American Legion parkway. The parkway is 155 feet in width. It features a beautiful garden and a fountain, and is a beautiful example of the Legion's work in the community. The parkway was dedicated to the Legion in honor of the service men who have given their lives for the country.

# BOY SCOUTS

(Conducted by National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.)

## SCOUTS BOOST GOOD READING

"The days of the cheap and harmful novel are numbered." So says a metropolitan daily in commenting on the recent gift of \$100,000 to the Boy Scouts of America to improve the recreational reading of American boys.

This big effort, the first of its kind, is to be carried out by the mobilization, in the interests of boyhood, of the talents and services of many of the best writers in the country.

The idea underlying the whole plan is to give the boy as nearly as possible the kind of stories he likes to read under such conditions as to make his reading wholesome as well as interesting, and thus crowd out trashy and undesirable literature.

Already writers of national prominence have been engaged to aid in the new project. Zane Grey, who knows the American out-of-door, and Arthur Reeves, whose detective stories brought approval from the late Theodore Roosevelt, are among these authors. Douglas Fairbanks is another contributor. The marvels of modern science and invention also are to be the basis of further tales and thrills.

"We have no intention of depriving the boy of literature with romance and adventure," says James E. West, chief scout executive. "To do so would deprive him of the opportunity to have what he wants. Spotting very definitely concerns itself in seeing what boys want, and then undertaking to supply it under conditions which would be helpful for character building and citizenship training."

The scout movement which exists as an influence for well-directed leisure time of boys has, since its organization, been vitally interested in the promotion of good juvenile literature, inasmuch as reading serves so largely in the practice of the boy.

## BOY ARCHER FROM GEORGIA



Much of the present-day activity in the sport of archery is due to the interest of boy scouts. Many scouts make their own bows and arrows. Archery is one of the 70 subjects in the scout curriculum, for which merit badges can be earned. Photograph shows Eagle Scout L. C. Irvin, Jr., of Augusta, Ga., who has developed considerable prowess as a bowman.

## MOTHER PRAISES SCOUTING

Scouting's long list of scout mothers who are earnest supporters of its program, has an addition in Mrs. J. T. Farran, the Bronx, N. Y. Speaking of a recent visit to her son at the local camp, Mrs. Farran says: "I don't think there is a bigger force toward making this next generation a splendid one physically and spiritually than the boy scouts. The vacation alone is a wonderful time of swimming, canoeing, hikes and campfires. It is filled with memories that will be a wholesome tonic for the health and an anchor for the spirit throughout the boy's life."

## GIVES ISLAND TO SCOUTS

An island in Kinderhook lake is the latest contribution of George C. Hawley of Albany, N. Y., to the local boy scout work. The island, which comprises two acres of well-wooded land, is located a mile and a half from the permanent scout camp, also donated by Mr. Hawley. This camp consists of 25 acres worth \$35,000, and contains buildings worth \$15,000. The island is valued at \$5,000, so altogether Mr. Hawley up to the present time, has given at least \$55,000.

## ALERT SCOUTS MAKE RESCUE

Upon starting through the dense forest of the Adirondacks, a hiker of an expedition was rescued by the alert scouts. The hiker was found by the scouts who had been alerted by the hiker's distress signal. The scouts immediately set out and found the hiker who had become lost in the forest. The hiker was rescued and taken to a nearby settlement.

## IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL

# Sunday School Lesson

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## LESSON FOR DECEMBER 2

### THE POWER OF THE EARLY CHURCH

LESSON TEXT—Acts 2:1-4; 37-42. GOLDEN TEXT—"Whoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."—Acts 2:21.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Peter Telling About Jesus. JUNIOR TOPIC—Three Thousand Converted in One Day. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—A Brave Preacher and a Great Revival.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Source of Missionary Power.

The power of the early church was the Holy Spirit. This same Spirit has been the power of the church in all ages. The watchword of God's mightiest men throughout the centuries has been, "Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord of Hosts." (Zech. 4:6.) The mightiest forces in the world are spiritual.

1. The Coming of the Spirit (Acts 2:1-4).

1. Time Of (v. 1). It was on the day of Pentecost. "Day of Pentecost" means the feast which was held fifty days after the wave sheaf was offered (Lev. 23:16). It was observed by presenting two loaves made of the new wheat (Lev. 23:17). These loaves were baked with leaven, while wheat was excluded from the Passover feast (Lev. 23:9). The reason was that the Passover feast typified Christ's sacrifice, while Pentecost represented the church, composed of Jews and Gentiles—the two loaves. Christ had to die in His death while the men and women composing the church have sin in them.

The feast of Pentecost is a figure of the church, for the body of Christ is not yet complete. Pentecost was a gift of the Spirit for the coming of the Spirit.

2. Upon Whom the Spirit Came (v. 1, of 1:14-15).

The twelve and others to the number of 120. The coming of the Spirit was not merely for the twelve but for all believers—members of the body of Christ. They were in "one place, with one accord" waiting for the fulfillment of "Father's promise" (Acts 2:1).

With a group of believers thus with eyes fixed upon Christ in expectation of the fulfillment of His promise, wonderful things are sure to come. In the church would be with an accord in one place wonderful things would come still.

3. The Marks of the Spirit (v. 2, 3). These marks were external and internal.

1. External. (a) The sound of a Mighty Wind. There was no wind—only the sound thereof. This suggests the all-pervasive abiding influence of the Holy Spirit.

(b) Tongues of Flame. Each of the 120 was crowned with such a tongue. The tongues show the practical purpose of the Spirit's gifts, and the fire indicates His purifying energy, purging the dove and making it whiter than snow.

(c) Speaking in Ecstasies—Singing of these humble followers to their great, unseen God.

2. Internal. This is seen in the transformation wrought in the disciples. They have great courage and self-possession. Peter, who a little while before was covering before a Jewish maid, now with lion boldness stood before the thousands of Jerusalem and a little later before the chief rulers of the city and declared that they had murdered their King.

3. The Converting Power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:37-42). Many people were convicted of their sins—about three thousand repented and were baptized. This revival was real because:

1. They continued steadfast in the apostles' teaching. They did not grow cold or run after every fad that came along. This is the real test of conversion.

2. They continued in fellowship with the apostles. The surest way to grow is to keep in fellowship with Christians. Death is sure to follow the neglect of the fellowship of the brethren in Christ.

3. In using the means of grace, "in the breaking of bread." God has instituted ordinances in His house and those who are genuinely converted will avail themselves of their use.

4. In prayer the apostolic church was a praying church. The Christian life cannot be lived without prayer.

Good Deeds. The influence of a good deed is great upon the world, but the reflex influence upon the doer is a priceless thing.—Gospel Banner.

Faith Prophets. False prophets and teachers have been deceiving and leading many astray. They say they have the word of God, but they have not. They say they have the Spirit, but they have not. They say they have the kingdom of God, but they have not. They say they have the life, but they have not. They say they have the power, but they have not. They say they have the wisdom, but they have not. They say they have the knowledge, but they have not. They say they have the truth, but they have not. They say they have the light, but they have not. They say they have the life, but they have not. They say they have the power, but they have not. They say they have the wisdom, but they have not. They say they have the knowledge, but they have not. They say they have the truth, but they have not. They say they have the light, but they have not. They say they have the life, but they have not. They say they have the power, but they have not. They say they have the wisdom, but they have not. 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