

AHLGREN ADDRESSES LEGION POST

"The only way to get your post back on a firm footing is for every ex-service man to get his shoulders to the wheel, meet all obligations—and then open the throttle wide" was the admonition of State Representative Oscar Ahlgren in his address before the members and visitors of the Indiana Harbor American Legion Post No. 266 at a meeting held in the Odd Fellows hall last evening.

In a brief way Representative Ahlgren gave a summary of the Legion's inception, growth, aims, principles and accomplishments in this region since the birth of the organization. Mr. Ahlgren is an ex-service man and a member of the Whiting Legion Post. Being engaged in active work in the Legion since receiving his discharge from the army, he understands the difficulties and hardships that face the local organization and the work required to overcome them.

Roy W. Feik, principal of the Washington grade school, and historian of the Indiana Harbor American Legion Post, gave an address on "The History of the American Legion." Mr. Feik recalled the forming of a small organization in Paris during 1918, while most of the boys were still "over there," to the present time; a gigantic organization of approximately 10,000 posts in seventy departments of the states, every American possession and practically every foreign country. "And standing on the threshold of the organization's fourth year, the American Legion has now more than an enrolled membership of more than two and one-half million," said Mr. Feik. He said that within the three years of existence it has convinced the vast majority of the hundred and ten million honest Americans that its ideals are pure and lofty, that its actions are honest, and that its sole purpose is the defense and promotion of the principles of American democracy. The Legion historian brought out the points in The American Legion preamble to the constitution and the purpose of the ex-service men of the World War associating themselves together. "For God and Country," were the words of Mr. Feik in paraphrasing what the Legion stands for.

The main lecture of the evening was Rev. Frank Maples of the East Chicago Congregational church, who gave his experience as a Y. M. C. A. worker in France. The "Battles of Paris, Tonnay," and other S. O. S. headquarters were mentioned in humorous parts of the speaker's address. Everything, however, wasn't as lovely for the minister as might have been expected. Sometime in the early part of the war Rev. Maples was attached to a French army division and ordered to the front lines. His experiences there in the dug-outs, dodging "Jerry's" missiles and witnessing the mowing down of

human souls, was the other side of the war, viewed by the minister.

Organizing a Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion is understood to be the main factor to the live Harbor Post. Mrs. Robert McQuilkin spoke on the work of the sisters, wives and mothers of ex-service men in organizing an Auxiliary in Indiana Harbor.

The speaking program was augmented by vocal and instrumental music rendered by prominent local talent. The meeting was closed with a dance and lunch.

Chairman Tim of the entertainment committee is to be congratulated on his work of drafting such a complete and entertaining program.

WOMEN MAY BE FIRE VICTIMS

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) WAUWATON, Wis., March 2.—Mrs. Howard Curvey and Miss Stella Michels are missing today and are believed to have perished in a fire which destroyed the vulcanizing plant of C. H. Shafer and Co. The women were at

work in the punch press room of the plant when the fire started.

The plant of the Shafer Company was entirely destroyed and other buildings in the vicinity were damaged. The total loss is estimated at \$350,000.

N. Y. C. HAS NEW PLAN

ELKHART, Ind., March 3.—The New York Central railroad management has

adopted a policy of using the same locomotive to haul a passenger train between Chicago and Toledo, instead of changing engines here. All passenger trains are included in the order, with the exception of the Twentieth Century Limited, following a period of experimentation. These trains number twenty-seven.

The company estimates it will save several hundred dollars daily, chiefly in the cost of coal. The cost of waiting the engines and otherwise getting them ready for their next trips, is also a heavy item in the total estimated cost of about \$20 for each engine.

The engineers and firemen change during the station stop here. The engineers have expressed their preference for the new plan, but the firemen are opposed to it, and it is said the grievance committee of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers has taken up the matter with the management.

The engineers find that under the new plan they have no duties to perform prior to the arrival of the train, but the firemen say that the stoker who is relieved, often has not kept the fire in satisfactory condition.

HUNDREDS VANISH IN YEAR FROM NEW YORK

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) NEW YORK, Feb.—More than 1,500 persons were reported "missing," swallowed up by the huge city during the year 1921, according to the report of Police Commissioner Enright. More than that number were located, returned to their homes or disposed of in other ways, so they were considered "closed cases."

These figures showed a decrease from

the "missing" list of 1920, when 1,650 persons were reported missing and 1,095 were located. The previous year 1,895 were reported missing, and 2,254 were located.

Crime of all kinds showed a decrease from the year 1920, according to the report, making a continued decline in crime from the high point of 1918. This record was made "notwithstanding the increase in population, the unsettled industrial conditions and the increase in unemployment."

Traffic accidents increased, but few

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