

MECCA LEGION #9

TRI-LEGION SUPER CEREMONIAL



Let your thoughts ramble to circa 1918, autos, airplanes, trains, silent movies. Golly but things sure have changed these past 60 years. World War I was still on when Earle W. Horton went to work at Mooseheart as a mail carrier, then on to the engineering and supply departments into the Supreme Lodge, through to the many positions that he holds today.

As this is a Legion affair we are most concerned about his activities as our Grand Herder, building the second degree to over 118,000 members, attaining many Legion-sponsored projects. Greatest of them is the Mooseheart Museum of Moose History. Holding equal status is another program, not tangible as the Museum Building, but just as important to the growth and fellowship of the Legion Degree is the annual International Legion Ritual Competition.

We've detailed all of Earle's many positions on the flyer you received a short time ago. Now it is up to each and every member of Mecca Legion to do his very best to pay honor and tribute to these 60 years of service that Earle has devoted to our beloved fraternity. The one thing that we ask of you and from you is your participation, both in attendance with your lady at the Ceremonial and banquet but one step further, and that is to have a candidate seated for this historic event. We don't ever again expect to see anyone that has served the fraternity on a full-time basis for 60 years.

On page 2 we've made a pictorial history of Earle's Moose activities. We hope that you'll enjoy them as you look them over.



Paul P. Schmitz, our beloved Past Director General, will be with us and give us an inspirational talk during the enrollment ceremony. Then he will perhaps let us in on some of the things that he and Earle experienced the many years they served together at Mooseheart.



Robert Hanke, Superintendent of Mooseheart, will also be with us to tell us of some of his Mooseheart experiences and some of the noteworthy things that the Legions have done for our Child City.

The outline of the day's schedule is as follows, those wishing to have breakfast at the Batavia lodge may do so from 9:00 A.M. till Noon. Catholic Mass will be served at the Mooseheart House of God at 9:00 A.M. Protestant Service is at 10:15 A.M. Perhaps you would like to attend Church first and then have breakfast. Student Guided Tours will be available for our ladies from 12:00 noon till 2:40 P.M.

Also at Noon candidates will be able to check in at the

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership Chairman Bob Fatten, ever trying to please the ladies, has set up some awards that will please both Legionnaire and lady for our September 17th Ceremonial.

On a one chance per candidate sponsored, a set of matching wrist watches. Now you and your lady will have a set and never ever need to ask the other what time it is. Here is another one you can share - a Sunbeam Electric Coffee Maker. The third award is a cassette tape recorder and player. Now this is an item you can have fun with. Usually this is it; but Bob wanted to make the offering a bit better, as this is a Super Ceremonial, and he added on a Maxi-Fry cooker, the type you can make hamburgers and sandwiches on. We know who can use this. It's so easy that Dad can make his own from now on.

In addition to all of these nice awards, our Grand Herder has an array of awards, his way of saying THANKS for being a Mecca Sponsor.

Sign your first one and you'll have a Traveler's Sewing Kit. How many times at conventions

and such have we needed an item like this.

Sign five and you'll get a beautiful Leatherette Photo-Easel with spaces for fourteen photos, a really nice way to remember your loved ones. It's small enough to carry along on long trips so you can show grandma and gramps the family.

How about an electric Auto-roll Memo Pad? Jot down your message and push the button to advance the paper automatically. It takes only ten candidates to receive this wonderful award.

A few years ago Earle offered something distinctive, a commemorative plate with Mooseheart's House of God fired right into the plate. A limited number were made and then the mold was broken. All were not used and Earle has offered it again while the supply lasts, so sign 15 applications soon and procure one of these limited edition plates. After they are gone a substitute award will be made. We don't expect you to sign 15 applications all at one time, but you have till our May Ceremonial to do so.

OKTOBERFEST

Hardly seems possible, but it's time to turn one's thoughts to the Monks of Munchen (Munich, Germany) who invented beer as a substitute for bread. For a period of six weeks the Oktoberfest hosts people from all over the world. Five big beer halls with a capacity of 1,000 people each, ongoing music, the festivities of the midway, rides, food, games. Each year we find more places celebrating with an Oktoberfest. Just had a call from a Mecca lodge asking where and how to get the things needed, bands, etc.

Mecca has the 22nd of Oktober reserved at the Aurora Lodge for our 7th annual OKTOBERFEST. The beer mugs are on order, the band is hired and Chairman Rollie Abell has the tickets on order. Just as soon as he has them they will be distributed to your lodge.

We have a new band this year, the "Jolly Gang Band." They number 8 in all with plenty of brass for the ole Umpa-pa-pa

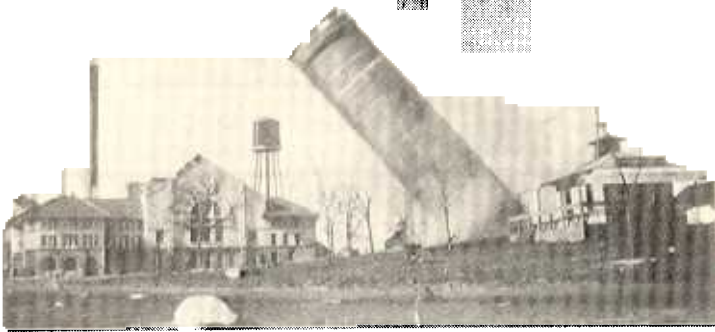
sound. Our good friend, Werner Jackert, recommended them to us. We have hopes that Werner will be able to be with us again this year. Perhaps Jerry Jordan can carry Mary Weidner over another puddle.

Our format will be the same, doors open at 3:00 P.M., souvenir mug with Mecca Legion Oktoberfest 1978 emblazoned thereon. Free Beer till 5:00 P.M. Rollie tells us that he'll have both light and dark available. We'll have a stroller for your singing pleasures till 6:00.

At 5:00 P.M. we'll again partake of a German plate, consisting of thuringer, potato salad and other yummys.

Then from 6:00 till 9:00 P.M. we'll dance to the music of the "Jolly Gang Band."

Although costs keep increasing we are maintaining our price of only \$5.00 per ticket for this fun-packed party. Make sure you get yours early, as this will be another sellout.



November 4, 1921, blasting of the silo at Mooseheart, the tower of the Camponile was built on this very spot. Milk house to the right was the first office that Earle worked out of. Memorial Auditorium at left. Right picture is after the blast. Earle is on the left in shirt sleeves, his brother Robert is next to him.



Radio Station WJJD. James J. Davis, was once at Mooseheart. Here is Earle as an announcer in 1934.



Earle in his new office in the then new Supreme Lodge building, 1954.



They say if no one will listen to Earle, Past President of the Batavia Toastmaster's Club, he'll talk anyway, even to a mynah bird.



Senator Jennings Randolph of West Virginia delivered two orations to the U.S. Senate, which appeared in the Congressional Record of Horton's record of helping the partially deaf through the hearing screening program.



Weatherman, Harry Volkman presenting a boat for the students of Mooseheart in 1962.



Comedian Marty Allen expressed his thanks for the Moose Civics Affairs programs under the direction of Earle W. Horton during the New York City Convention.



Auditorium. The Ceremonial will begin at 1:00 P.M. sharp. Officers of the Tri-Legions will rotate through the various parts of the Ceremonial. The ritual will be performed by Mecca's staff.

By 3:00 P.M. we will meet our ladies at the Field House and at 3:15 the banquet will commence. Ray Harrigan, famous for his corned beef dinners in Chicago, will serve our dinner family style. Ray tells us there are from 10-15% who would rather not have corned beef. For them he will have Roast Sirloin of Beef, provided that you make your desires known when you purchase your tickets.

Tickets are available at all Lodges in Mecca Country. They are at a nominal cost of \$6.50 per person. Candidates will receive their tickets compliments of Mecca Legion. We suggest that when you sponsor a candidate procure the usual \$10.00 enrollment fee and \$10.00 dues and this time ask him for the \$6.50 for his lady's ticket. We'll hold both tickets and give them to him at time of registration at Mooseheart. Please write the total amount collected in the upper right hand of the enrollment blank. If Sirloin of Beef is desired then so indicate. Re-enrollments do not qualify for the free dinner.

Absolute deadline for dinner tickets is September the 11th, at an 8:00 P.M. Meeting of the Tri-Legions at the Downers Grove Lodge. There will not be any tickets available after this date, none sold at Mooseheart. Remember if you want to have your candidate have a free dinner his application must be in by the 11th.

Since our last flyer went to press we have learned that our Grand North Moose, Clarence Hawthorne and our Junior Past Grand North Moose Robert Elliott will also be in attendance. We expect other dignitaries to also be in attendance from various parts of Moosedom.

As usual we will have an outstanding souvenir for your remembrance of the occasion - a Continental Coffee Mug properly inscribed with the Legion Emblem and the appropriate dedication of the event honoring Earle W. Horton. The wholesale value of this mug is easily \$1.50, so if you reduce this off your dinner ticket you'll see what a bargain you'll have for your \$6.50 ticket. While this writer is not a coffee drinker we received a similar type coffee mug from a lodge.

CAMPING

A wonderful campout was held at Hide-A-Way Lakes over the June 9-11 weekend. All present had a good time and a nice array of awards were drawn during the camp-fire on Saturday night.

This reporter had a fan belt go out on the rig and couldn't camp, but we did manage to spend the better part of Saturday afternoon and evening with the gang. Thanks to the Sterkas and the big group from Naperville we had plenty to eat. While admiring Ray DeWerff's new pick-up camper, we noted the ball hitch was on the front. What a way to go boating - push it to the lake. Well, we always worried about that boy anyway. Rough it Ray, with a propane fired, lava briquette grill.

Camping Chairman, Ken Martin's wife has had to spend time in the hospital twice this summer, so he was unable to set up the September camp-out. We'll shoot for two next year.

Food for thought - we are scheduled to have a Ceremonial at Joliet on May the 20th, 21st - '79. Would you like to make it a two-day affair as we had several years ago? Those wishing to could bring their rigs and camp out behind the lodge. Last time we had our banquet on Saturday night, Champagne Brunch and an early Ceremonial on Sunday. Those who didn't camp spent the night at the Holiday on Interstate 55 and Route 52.

Let's hear your comments at a future Ceremonial. We want programs that you'll have fun at.

My wife has used one daily ever since.

Those of you who attended the Convention in Chicago this June heard some of our students perform. They went into State Competition and walked off with most of the awards. We'll have an opportunity to hear some of them after the banquet is completed. In addition we will also have the famous Rich Family with us for their pleasures in the entertainment field. What a fun packed day you and your candidates can have at Mooseheart on the 17th of September. Let's make it known that Mecca will be there in force. Let's get to our lodge and pick up our tickets and let's use the application blank supplied in our last mailing to invite your eligible friend into advancement into the Legion Degree.

MEMBERSHIP STANDING

Goals have to be set, else we would stand still. Mecca has been trying to get over and stay over the 3,000 mark for a number of years, Legion Units in lodges have been trying to increase their membership. With this Super Ceremonial before us, one in which things are different from the ordinary Ceremonial, we have the opportunity to stretch for a higher goal and the incentive to excel, to attain. If we could increase our membership 10%, one Legionnaire in 10 sponsors 1 applicant.

The Aurora Unit has a big thing going for the Legionnaire that signs up their 1000 member, let's get something planned in each unit.

Lodge	Membership 6/30/78	10%	Goal
Aurora	901	90	1000
Batavia	126	13	150
Bensenville	86	9	100
Carpentersville	30	3	50
DeKalb	45	5	50
Downers Grove	274	28	300
Elgin	275	28	325
Elmhurst	132	13	150
Joliet	129	13	200
Lockport	219	22	250
Naperville	266	27	300
Romeoville	29	5	50
St. Charles	67	7	100
Streamwood	61	7	100
Sycamore	14	2	20
West Chicago	24	3	30
Misc.	30		30
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A cushion is needed to cover the drops that are always present at the end of a quarter, let's shoot for your reasonable goal, and make it by Dec. 3rd.

Brother Secretary, you can help the Legion Unit of Legionnaires of your lodge attain its reasonable goal by giving the Legion Chairman a copy of the names and addresses that you send to the Circulation Department after each enrollment. When 6 months are up these new lodge members can be invited to a Legion function and membership into Mecca Legion. We have special dispensation from Grand Herder Horton to accept members with at least 4½ months membership for the Super Ceremonial, this means that all those enrolled prior to May 2 are eligible to join the second degree of our order.

Last January during Legion Honor Month 131 applications were turned in to our Regional Director, Marvin Kaus' office. These men are now ready for advancement provided they completed their application into lodge membership. In a few cases the sponsor's weren't Legionnaires so the potential is very good if you'll just look around your lodge a bit. While there are 17 lodges in Mecca Country only the following lodges reported: Aurora - 36; Batavia - 12; Bensenville - 6; Downers Grove - 23; Elgin - 29; Lockport - 10; Naperville - 2; Romeoville - 2; Streamwood - 8 and West Chicago - 3.

IT'S GREAT TO BE A

Legionnaire

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FIRST CLASS

OKTOBERFEST

Aurora Lodge October 22nd 3:00 - 9:00 P.M.
Free Beer 3-5:00 P.M. German menu

SOUVENIR MUG — ENTERTAINMENT

Dancing to the "Jolly Gang Band" 6-9:00 P.M.
Legionnaires and ladies only \$ 5.00 per person

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

December 3, 1978	Ceremonial	Lockport
February 4, 1979	Booster Mtg.	Elmhurst
March 4, 1979	Ceremonial	Aurora
March 9-11, '79	Ritual Competition	Joliet
May 20, 1979	Ceremonial	New Orleans, LA



Installing Officer at the May Ceremonial, Steve Davis, Herder of Southern Illinois Legion 101, flanked by Jr. Past North Moose James J. Ledermann and newly installed North Moose Russell Smith.



Officers for the coming year are: Phil Johnston Custodian; Larry Zienkiewicz, Argus; Dale Smith, South Moose; Jr. Past North Moose, Jim Ledermann; North Moose, Russell Smith; Graham Scheppler, Guiding Moose; F. James Hubbell, East Moose; LeRoy Hagemann; not pictured is Frank C. Brand, Herder.



Russell Smith, new North Moose of Mecca Legion, Russ is a Past Governor of the Downers Grove Lodge, has served

in many capacities in Mecca Legion. The Fellowship Degree was conferred upon him in 1977.