



30TH ANNIVERSARY

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OF

EMERSON AND LANE POST

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# HATS OFF!

This History which I have just completed does in no way tell all the facts and events of Emerson and Lane Post #132 for the past 30 years. It would be impossible to record here all of the events that have taken place which tend to make this Legion Post one of the many in this great organization known as the American Legion. I have tried to pick out the most important events as recorded in the minutes of the post meetings since that first meeting April 20, 1923. It is my wish that the elder Legionnaires will have fond remembrances as they recall the experiences through which they passed and we of the younger generation may learn from their recorded history.

As I read the minutes as recorded down through the years, I could not but be thankful that Emerson and Lane Post had gone through its trials and disappointments before we of the Second Great War became a part of it. I can readily see why those fine members of the post as the older Legionnaires are, wish to sit back and let the younger men run the post. I could not but help notice the number of times Pearl Perry was Chairman of the Community Christmas Tree Program, or that to Roy Dickinson fell the task of putting together the Annual Minstrel Show, or how many times Don O. Cate had signed his name in the minute-book as Adjutant, that Raymond Libby was ever ready to lend his financial assistance when the post was in distress, how Harold Libby had watched over the post finances for over 20 years, or the number of men who made plans and formulated our present Memorial Day Plans, not forgetting that fine work of Roy Brown in ever caring for the home and all post property. We shall never be able to forget the traditions that have been handed down to us such as the Annual Community Christmas Tree, Our Annual Memorial Day Services, The Annual Minstrel Show, The Annual Summer Fair and the many others that were left to us to carry on.

April 20, 1952, marked the 30th Anniversary of the beginning of Emerson and Lane Post. Our hats are off to those few who long ago had a desire of community service by the Veterans. To those charter members who nurtured this fledgling post through its most difficult year we must say "Well Done". But at this time we must acknowledge the outstanding service to the post that has been rendered by 9 of our Comrades who not only gave of their time and efforts but have made sure that their dues were always paid. Thus for their 30 Years of Continuous Membership we honor you. May I take the pleasure of Dedicating this Issue to the names of Roy M. Brown, Don O. Cate, Leroy E. Dickinson, Roy H. Gilpatrick, Raymond E. Libby, Lewis Loon, George H. McMaster, Thomas R. Merrifield and Pearl E. Perry. Congratulations Gentlemen!

I have enjoyed writing this history of Emerson and Lane Post and I am much wiser as to the achievements of the post in the past and am much better prepared for service in the future. My only closing wish is that this record might be kept up from year to year so that future members may know what has been done before and we who have been a part of these experiences may ever be reminded what we have accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Thrower

## MEMBERSHIP

OF

1923

(On Original Charter)

Earl B. Preble  
 Roy M. Brown  
 Victor R. E. Carey  
 Harold N. Libby  
 Roy N. Patch  
 Thom. R. Merrifield  
 William L. Champney  
 Leroy E. Dickinson  
 Everett D. Kincaid  
 Edward Pinkham  
 Eben Buker  
 James Carr  
 Don Cate  
 Walter Pinkham  
 Roy H. Gilpatrick

(All Others)  
 Carl Dixon  
 Raymond Libby  
 N. A. Gilpatrick  
 John Dixon  
 Lewis Loon  
 Raymond Foote  
 L. W. Richardson  
 Charles Watson  
 George H. McMaster  
 John Skillin  
 Fred Lusskie  
 Samuel H. Tarr  
 Ralph Southard  
 Frank McKenney  
 R. E. Dickerman  
 Albert Palmer

## POST

## COMMANDERS

YEAR	NAME	DATE INSTALLED	MEM.
1923	Earl B. Preble	April 23, 1923	92
1924	Charles Watson	January 16, 1924	36
1925	N. A. Gilpatrick	December 24, 1924	34
1926	Victor R. E. Carey	November 5, 1925	38
1927	Clarence Peacock (Don O. Cate)	October 5, 1926 March 27, 1927	34
1928	Don O. Cate	September 28, 1927	25
1929	Owen McGurty	October 19, 1928	38
1930	Harold P. Richardson	October 15, 1929	27
1931	Roy H. Gilpatrick	September 30, 1930	46
1932	Harold N. Libby	November 24, 1931	62
1933	Richmond Sargent	October 25, 1932	31
1934	Melville A. Brown	October 17, 1933	44
1935	Harry Sykes	October 4, 1934	53
1936	Leroy E. Dickinson	August 6, 1935	32
1937	James J. Carr	June 6, 1936	35
1938	Pearl E. Perry	June 13, 1937	29
1939	George Coughlin	June 7, 1938	28
1940	John Dixon	June 27, 1939	41
1941	Ernest W. Frye	June 25, 1940	41
1942	" " "	June 16, 1941	72
1943	Harold P. Ballard	June 23, 1942	71
1944	Wesley Beales	June 8, 1943	63
1945	Ernest C. Drew	June 13, 1944	79
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1947	Carroll Terrell (John W. Quarrington)	March 19, 1946 May 14, 1946	62
1948	Arthur L. Terrell	May 13, 1947	57
1949	Eugene C. Gordon (Glenn B. Lamoreau)	May 31, 1948 November 16, 1948	167
1950	Glenn B. Lamoreau	February 1, 1950	113
1951	Charles E. Guion	June 6, 1950	107
1952	John W. Thrower	June 5, 1951	

## THE

## RECORD

1923

- April 17 Letter received in Department Adjutant's Office from Dr. V. R. E. Carey stating a group here was interested in forming a Legion Post.
- April 20 First meeting of Veterans called to order By Dr. Victor Carey of all who wished to form an American Legion Post. Officers elected were: Com. Earl Preble; Vice-Com. Roy Brown; Adjutant Victor Carey; Finance Officer Harold Libby; Chaplain Thomas Merrifield; Historian Roy Patch and Sgt-at-arms Carl Dixon. By a vote of those present it was decided to call the name of the Post Emerson and Lane.
- April 25 Temporary Charter with 15 names received by the Department Adjutant and forwarded to National Headquarters for action.
- May 1 It was reported that \$155.00 was realized from the first fund raising activity by the post namely a dance at the Grange Hall.
- May 9 First Memorial Day Plans made. Commander authorized to secure Government Rifles for the Post.
- May 15 By a vote of the post it was voted that the charter remain open until June 1, 1923.
- May 21 Original application and Temporary Charter mailed to Commander Preble.
- May 27 Post attended Sunday Memorial Services at the Richmond Baptist Church at the invitation of Rev. Fredericks.
- May 30 Memorial Day Services observed by the Post.
- June 12 A 10 year lease was drawn up for the post to rent the room over the Augusta Trust Company.
- July 10 All members asked to bring in their discharges for inspection.
- Aug. 1 Comrades Earl Preble and Roy Brown elected as delegates to the Department Convention.
- Nov. 10 An Armistice Day Ball held by the post.
- Nov. 11 Post attended Armistice Sunday Services at the Congregational Church at the invitation of Rev. Beems.

1924

- Jan. 16 Charles Watson installed as Commander by Commander Perkins of Roland H. Smith Post #21 of Bath.
- Feb. 5 It was voted to ask all 1924 Paid up members to sign the charter which was being help open until June 1, 1924.
- May 24 Attended Memorial Sunday Services (Place was not named).
- May 30 Post attended Memorial Day Services for all Veterans.
- July 22 Charles Watson and Ray Foote elected as delegates to the Department Convention.
- July 29 A Joint Meeting of Emerson and Lane Post and Roland H. Smith Post of Bath held with a buffet lunch served.
- Oct. 7 By a vote of the post, it was voted to purchase a piano from E. P. Faver for \$400.00.
- Nov. 18 Invited all the other service organizations in Richmond to join with the Legion in providing Christmas Dinners for all needy families in town.  
It was voted to hold a dance and funds to be given to the Richmond Chamber of Commerce to start fund to be known as Kennebec Bridge Fund.

Dec. 30 Nathaniel A. Gilpatrick installed as Commander by Past Com. Roscoe Perkins of the Roland H. Smith Post #21 of Bath. It was recorded that many were the tales and long were the stories told.

Post basketball team planned. Ira K. Burke, Ray Foote and Owen McGurty names as committee to run the team.

#### 1925

- Mar. 3 Letter read from G. A. R. Officials officially authorizing Emerson and Lane Post to decorate the graves and to have full charge of future Memorial Day Exercises.
- Mar. 19 Adjutant instructed to write to Mrs. Grace A. Sthen seeking information concerning the formation of an Auxiliary.
- Apr. 28 13 Ladies met after the regular meeting and signed an application for an Auxiliary Unit Charter.
- May 12 Roy Brown instructed by the post to have sign printed "Here Comes the Flag, Take Off Your Hat" to be carried in the Memorial Day Parade.
- May 24 Members attended Sunday Memorial Services at the Richmond Methodist Church at the invitation of Rev. Clifford.
- May 30 Memorial Day Services performed by the post under the chairmanship of Ira K. Burke.
- July 26 The First Annual Legion Clam Bake held at Popham Beach.
- Oct. 20 All members solicited for \$1.00 to defray expenses of the Armistice Celebration.
- Nov. 3 Victor R. E. Carey installed as Commander by Past Com. R. E. Perkins of Roland H. Smith Post #21. Ladies of the Bath and Richmond Posts also present.  
A cut glass dish was presented to the newly wedded Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dixon.
- Nov. 10 Basketball financial difficulties arose. By vote of the post the post Finance Officer to act also for the Basketball team.
- Dec. 15 Department Adjutant James L. Boyle visited the post and outlined duties, service and aims of the American Legion.

#### 1926

- Feb. 14 Members met in a body to greet Leon Shepherd home.
- Feb. 23 A joint meeting was held with the Richmond Chamber of Commerce.
- Mar. 2 Comrades M. A. Morris and Earl Preble appointed by the Commander to call on 1st vice-commander Burke and 2nd Vice-Commander Peacock to find out if they intended to attend future meetings and to report back to the post.
- Mar. 17 Annual Minstrel Show held. Net Profit of \$219.21 reported.
- Mar. 27 All male members of the Minstrel Cast invited to a smoker at the Legion Hall and voted to send all ladies of the cast a box of chocolates.
- Apr. 20 Recess declared and a debate held on "Prohibition" Roy Gilpatrick and Clarence Peacock taking the Dry while Ray Foote and Tom Peace took the Wet Side. A vote was taken after the debate ended and the "WETS" won by one vote.
- May 30 Members attend Sunday Memorial Services at the Richmond Baptist Church at the invitation of Rev. Dresser.
- May 31 Annual Memorial Day Services were held. Francis Bate gave the address on Lane Field.
- June 1 Ray Foote appointed Graves Registrar for the Post.
- Sept. 18 A special meeting was called inviting all interested citizens to see what could be done about getting a Chemical Truck for

- the town. The towns four fire companies attended.
- June 10 A \$100 pledge was given the town towards a new fire truck.
  - Aug. 15 The annual Clam Bake and Picnic was held at Little Island.
  - Oct. 5 Clarence Peacock was installed as Commander by Dr. Moran of Roland H. Smith Post #21 of Bath who also gave an interesting talk on membership.
  - Nov. 9 The Adjutant instructed to inform all bachelors in the post that they may bring a lady friend to any of the social events.
  - Dec. 7 Adjutant instructed to write Eben Buker that he owed \$1.50 as his share on the Armistice Day Supper.
  - Dec. 28 Basketball Team present at meeting to give their grievances as how the team was run and going.
  - Dec. 31 A New Years Dance sponsored at the Grange Hall.

#### 1927

- Feb. 8 The book "Five Minutes with Our Presidents" given by the post to the Richmond High School Library.
- Mar. 26 Commander Peacock relieved of all duties as Commander.
- Apr. 26 Don O Cate elected as Commander for the rest of 1927.
- May 3 Don O Cate and John Dixon elected as delegates to the Department Convention.
- May 29 Members attended Sunday Memorial Services at the Richmond Baptist Church at the invitation of Rev. Dresser.
- May 30 Memorial Services Observed. An address delivered by T. J. Southard at Lane Field.
- July 17 Annual Clam Bake and Picnic held at Popham Beech.
- Sept. 13 \$5.00 given to the Dresser Memorial Fund to be used to purchase an organ for the Baptist Church.
- Spet. 20 By a vote of the Post it was decided to sell the Legion Basketball Suits and equipment.
- Nov. 11 The Post under the direction of Joe W. Randlette, presented the play "Adams Apple".
- Nov. 13 Members attended Armistice Sunday morning services at the Richmond Methodist Church at the invitation of Res. Grundy.
- Nov. 22 Department Commander Griffin made his visitation to the post. A weenie Roast was held after the meeting.

#### 1928

- Mar. 14 The Annual Minstrel Show presented. a net profit of \$220.00 realized.
- Mar. 28 Post voted to give Mrs. Iva Ring a \$20 Gold piece for her assistance in the recent Minstrel Show.
- Apr. 27 Meeting held in the Methodist Church Vestry where William Tudor Gardiner showed films taken of the Legion Convention in Paris September 1927.
- May 1 Committee appointed to interview Mr. Bliss in regard to the purchase of the Congregational Church for a Legion Home.
- May 27 Members attended the Richmond Methodist Church for Memorial Sunday Services.
- May 30 Post held usual Memorial Day Exercises with an address by Rev. Leslie Grundy.
- June 18 Victor Carey and Harold Libby elected as delegates to the Department Convention.
- Oct. 16 Owen McGurty installed as Commander by Past Commander Victor Carey.
- Oct. 17 Members journeyed to Brunswick to visit George T. Files Post #20 in a Booster Night Program.

- Nov. 27 First Legion sponsored community Christmas Tree approved by the post.
- Dec. 14 First Community Christmas Tree held in the Opera House.
- Dec. 16 At the invitation of Rev. Grundy, members of the post and the Auxiliary attended the dedication of the Chimes in memory of H. E. Emerson and Willis Lane, at the Methodist Church.
- Dec. 18 Past Commander Preble appointed to secure the service records of H. E. Emerson and Willis Lane for the Post.

1929

- Jan. 22 Suggested that since the town has built a new high school, that this post underwrite the cost of putting in showers. Approx. \$100.00.
- Apr. 2-3 Annual Legion Minstrels presented.
- Apr. 9 Wallace "Pat" Nichols reported laid-up with a broken leg.
- Apr. 23 First mention of Kennebec County Council in records. Members invited to attend meeting at Hallowell April 26.
- May 30 Annual Memorial Day Services performed.
- July 4 First Annual Legion Summer Fair held on Lane Field.
- July 23 Owen McGurty and Victor Carey elected as delegates to the Department Convention.
- Oct. 15 Harold P. Richardson installed as Commander by Past Commander Don O. Cate.
- Dec. 24 Annual Legion Community Christmas Tree held at the Opera House.

1930

- Jan. 21 Annual Legion Minstrel Show presented at the Opera House. A net profit of \$113.88 reported.
- Feb. 18 Letter from Department Adjutant James L. Boyle inviting this post to join Kennebec County Council. Post accepted this invitation.
- Mar. 11 A mock trial held with Roy Dickinson as the defendant; Earl B. Preble the plaintiff; William Champney the Sheriff; Roy Gilpatrick and John Plummer as Lawyers; It was voted to buy 2 qts. cream, 2 qts. milk and 50 White Owl Cigars for this meeting.
- May 25 Members attended Sunday Memorial Services at the Richmond Methodist Church.
- May 30 Annual Memorial Day Services were performed.
- May 30 to Sept. 16 No meetings held.
- Sept. 30 Roy H. Gilpatrick installed as Commander by Past Department Commander James L. Morse.
- Nov. 11 Members attended Sunday Armistice Services at the Richmond Baptist Church.
- Nov. 25 Department Commander John J. Maloney visited the post.
- Dec. 9 It was voted that Kennebec County Council Meeting for February be invited to Richmond.
- Dec. 24 Annual Community Christmas Tree held.
- Dec. 31 The legion indoor baseball team defeated the team from the Odd Fellows by the scores of 13-11 and 7-6.

1931

- Feb. 14 The First Kennebec County Council Meeting to be held in Richmond was held at Enterprise Grange Hall. A banquet of Baked Beans, Frankforts and all the trimmings was served.
- Mar. 17 Annual Minstrel Show presented. Net profit of \$144.03.
- Apr. 28 Charles Watson and Melville Brown elected as delegates to the Department Convention.

- May 24 Members attended Sunday Evening Memorial Services at the Richmond Methodist Church at the invitation of Rev. Sinder.
- May 30 Annual Memorial Day Services held by the Post. Forest Smith Band of Augusta furnished the music.
- June 16 Committee of Roy Gilpatrick, H. N. Libby, Lynn Richardson and Roy Dickinson appointed to make plans to raise money in which to purchase members Legion Uniforms.
- June 30 An invitation from the Roland H. Smith Post #21 of Bath for members to visit the Frigate "U S S Constitution" in Bath July 14 accepted by the post.
- Aug. 11 Annual Legion Fair held on Lane Field for 3 Days netting a profit of \$470.00.
- Oct. 27 General get-together and good time held with 45 members and Veterans present.
- Nov. 24 Harold N. Libby installed as Commander by Department Vice Commander Charles Roberts. Other guests present were Dept. Comm. Smith Dunnack, Dept. Vice-Comms. Lewis Cate and Charles Roberts, General Albert Greenlaw, Past Dept. Comm., Emery Beane, Commander Fitzgerald Post #2 of Augusta, Roscoe Perkins, Past Commander Roland Smith Post #21 of Bath.
- Nov. 30 Voted to write Dept. Adjutant James Boyle concerning the status of veterans in neighboring town who wish to join this post.
- Dec. 22 Letter of congratulation sent to the newly formed D. A. R. Organization and invited them to attend a Washington's Birthday Party at the Post.

#### 1932

- Jan. 19 A supper was served to a joint meeting of the Post, Auxiliary and Daughters of Union Veterans.
- Jan. 26 Post contributed \$10 for the John J. Pershing Memorial. Voted that post sponsor a Drum and Bugle Corps.
- Feb. 11 First rehearsal of the Legion Drum and Bugle Corps.
- Feb. 16 The Initiation Degree Team from the Richard R. Wills Post #42 of Damariscota with Lester Hall, Commander, worked the initiation on a group of new members.
- Feb. 22 A Washington's Birthday Party was held with the Legion, Auxiliary, D. A. R. and the D. U. V. present.
- Mar. 22 7 members appointed by the commander as a board to apply for a charter to incorporate the post.
- May 3 Five Directors elected for the purpose of incorporating the post. It was voted to purchase a lot in the Cotton Cemetary for the use of the Legion. Joseph Frances first veteran to be buried there.
- May 17 Harry Sykes and Roy H. Gilpatrick elected as delegates to the Department Convention.
- May 27 Members attended Sunday Memorial Services at the St. Ambrose Catholic Church at the invitation of Rev. Biglin. 8 P.M.
- May 30 Annual Memorial Services performed in Richmond and Dresden.
- July 12 It was voted to ask for the resignation of all Drum and Bugle Corps Officers.
- Aug. 16 County Committeeman Harry Sykes instructed to seek the month of November for the Kennebec County Council meeting in Richmond.
- Aug. 20 Annual Legion Fair held on Lane Field. A profit of \$214.45 for the five day affair.
- Oct. 18 Lynn Richardson authorized to purchase a tent for use in outdoor beano for the post at a cost of \$20.
- Oct. 25 Richmond Sargent installed as Commander by County Commander Sam Tarr.



- Nov. 16 Kennebec County Council entertained at Enterprise Grange Hall with a Roast Beef Supper was served by the Auxiliary. A net profit of \$42.30 was split between the post and Auxiliary.
- Dec. 24 The Annual Community Christmas Tree held at the High School Auditorium with over 250 children attending.
- Dec. 27 Comrade Harold Libby reported that 44 Christmas Baskets were given to the needy at Christmas Time.

#### 1933

- Jan. 10 A minute of silence was observed in the memory of the late President of the United States, Calvin Coolidge.
- Jan. 22 About 40 Legionnaires turned out to give full military honors for William Fairclough of the G.A.R.
- Feb. 15 Members invited to attend meeting at Lewiston Post #22 to hear National Commander Louis Johnson.
- Feb. 22 10th Annual Legion Minstrel Show presented. \$80.70 cleared.
- Mar. 10 A special meeting was called to present the charter to the newly organized Boys Scout Troup. A Flag was also presented to the Troup led by Scoutmaster Edward Mansir. Ice cream and cake was served after the program.
- Mar. 27 30 members attended and carried out a Military Funeral for John A. Rittall, Jr.
- May 16 Malcolm Stoddard, Regional Director of the U. S. Veterans Bureau, was guest speaker at this meeting.
- May 28 Members attended Sunday Memorial Services at the Richmond Methodist Church at the invitation of Rev. Edgette.
- May 30 Annual Memorial Day duties performed by the post.
- June 6 Roy H. Gilpatrick and Melville Brown elected as delegates to the Department Convention.
- July 13 Annual Legion Clam Bake and Outing held at Pemaquid Beach.
- Sept. 12 Roy Gilpatrick announced that those whose 1934 Legion Dues were paid could have an A. L. on their Auto Registration Plates.
- Oct. 10 County Committeeman Melville Brown instructed to oppose the resolution proposed by Bourque Post #5 of Waterville that County Legion and Auxiliary Business meetings be held separately.
- Oct. 17 Melville Brown installed as Commander by Androscoggin County Commander Thibodeau.
- Nov. 5 Members attended Armistice Sunday Services at the invitation of Rev. Cleveland at the Richmond Baptist Church.
- Dec. 23 Annual Community Christmas Tree held at the high school.

#### 1934

- Jan. 24 Members attended the Victory Celebration at the Benjamin E. Smith Post #4 of Gardiner.
- Mar. 13 A joint meeting of the Legion and Auxiliary held on the 15th Anniversary of the found of the American Legion in 1919. A Large birthday cake was cut by Past Commander Preble and Com. Brown.
- May 15 Roy Gilpatrick and Melville Brown elected as delegates to the Department Convention.
- May 27 Members attended Sunday Memorial Services at the Richmond Baptist Church at the invitation of Rev. Cleveland.
- May 30 Annual Memorial Day services performed by the post.
- Aug. 15 Kennebec County Council meeting held in Richmond with County Commander Roy Gilpatrick presiding.
- Sept. 21-22 The show "In the Money" presented at the Opera House netted the post \$44.85.
- Oct. 4 Harry Sykes installed as Commander by James Garnett.
- Oct. 16 Past Commander Earl Preble was given a send-off on the eve of his departure for the National Convention in Miami, Fla.

- Nov. 16 At the invitation of the Lion's Club many members attended the meeting at which Malcolm Stoddard spoke.
- Dec. 22 Annual Community Christmas Tree held at high school.

1935

- Feb. 14 A smoker with a wrestling match featuring Sammy Nichols was held by the post.
- Feb. 26 An open meeting was held to hold discussion on "Adjusted Service Certificates". A fried Oyster and French Fries supper was served after the discussion.
- Mar. 19 A supper prepared and served by the Past Commander was said to have been the best ever.
- Apr. 2 Committee of M.A. Morris and Willard Lane appointed to see what could be done about the building an associated meeting hall on the site of the old Opera House.
- Apr. 16 Post presented placque by Kennebec County Council for their 1935 successful membership effort.
- Apr. 29 Annual Legion Minstrels presented. Net profit of \$59.86.
- May 14 Lynn Richardson and Harold Libby elected as delegates to the Department Convention.
- May 27 Members attended Sunday Memorial Services at the St. Ambrose Catholic Church at the invitation of Rev. Biglin.
- May 30 Annual Memorial Day Services perform in Richmond, Dresden and in Bowdoinham for the first time.
- July 9 At a joint meeting of the post and auxiliary, Mrs. Lorena Prothero gave an interesting talk on Porto Rico. Stawberry Festeval was enjoyed by all after the program.
- Aug. 6 Leroy Dickinson installed as Commander by County Commander Herbert Marston.
- Oct. 8 Past Commander Harry Sykes reported on the National Convention held in St. Louis where he presented the post colors.

1936

- June 9 James J. Carr installed as Commander.
- June 14--September 21 No meetings held because of the Polio Epidemic.
- Dec. 8 Past Commander Sykes reported a profit of \$310.31 from a dance held for the benefit of the Drum and Bugle Corps. Music was donated by Howe's Blue Romancers.

1937

- Jan. 12 Meeting held in Bowdoinham with an Oyster Staw prepared by Fred Fides. Meeting was addressed by Dpet. Vice Commander Roy H. Gilpatrick.
- Feb. 23 First action taken on the purchase of the present home.
- Apr. 13 It was reported that \$1000 could be borrowed at once if needed to purchase a home.
- May 18 It was announced that the new Legion Home had been purchased for \$1000.
- June 29 First meeting held in the new legion home. George McMaster and James Lothridge furnished truck for the moving of legion equipment.
- July 13 Pearl Perry installed as Commander.
- Nov. 16 Dr. and Mrs. V. R. E. Carey given a farewell party on the eve of their moving to Portland to take up residence.
- Dec. 24 Annual Community Christmas tree held at the High School.

## 1938

- June 7 George Coughlin installed as Commander.  
 Aug. 2 Voted to accept the emblem light to be placed over the front door given by Comrades Libby and R. Gilpatrick.  
 Aug. 9 It was voted that the pictures of all Past Post Commanders be secured and placed on the walls of the home.  
 Nov. 8 Department Commander Frank E. Lowe present at a Joint Meeting at Curtis Hall.  
 Nov. 29 A Special Meeting held in the Grange Hall in Dresden.  
 Dec. 24 Annual Community Christmas Tree held at the high school.

## 1939

- June 27 John Dixon installed as Commander by County Commander Peter Theanum.  
 July 25 Special Meeting held at the Bowdoinham Grange Hall.  
 Aug. 9 Kennebec County Council held its annual meeting in Richmond at Lakehurst Pavilion at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Lothridge.  
 Aug. 29 Annual Clam Bake and Outing held at Brown's Point. Irving Prindle furnished the clams, Ray Tibbetts doing the cooking.  
 Oct. 10 Legion defeated in both games of Indoor Baseball by a team from the Methodist Church. It was rumored around after the match that the "Lord" was on their side.  
 Dec. 23 Annual Community Christmas Tree held at the high school.

## 1940

- Jan. 16 A lengthy discussion held on having an outside entrance to the cellar.  
 Mar. 26 George Coughlin and Richard Palmer presented with Purple Heart Decorations by Comrade Crosby from N. Vasselboro.  
 May 10 Annual Legion Minstrels presented.  
 May 14 John Dixon and Roy Gilpatrick elected as delegates to the Department Convention.  
 May 26 Members attended Sunday Morning Worship Services at Bowdoinham, and Sunday Evening Services at the Richmond Baptist Church at the invitation of Rev. Norton.  
 May 30 Annual Memorial Services performed under the direction of Past Commander Roy Gilpatrick. An afternoon session was also held in Bowdoinham.  
 June 25 Ernest W. Frye installed as Commander by Past Commander Roy H. Gilpatrick. Refreshments of donuts-Cheese and coffee.  
 July 23 A quilt donated by Mrs. Ernest Frye netted the post \$30.70 when raffle off.  
 July 31 A public baked bean supper in Bowdoinham netted the post \$22.75  
 Aug. 14 The annual meeting of Kennebec County Council held in Richmond.  
 Oct. 8 Post members offered to assist the town in the registration in the first peace time draft.  
 Nov. 12 Kennebec County Commander Rawleigh made his official visit to the post.  
 Dec. 21 Annual Community Christmas Tree held at the high school.  
 Dec. 31 Commander Frye presented the post with a radio. The radio fund was then changed to a dish fund.

## 1941

- May 13 Roy Dickinson and Roy Gilpatrick were elected delegates to the Department Convention.  
 May 25 Members attended Sunday Morning Memorial Services at the Bowdoinham Baptist Church and Evening Services at the Richmond Nazarene Church.  
 May 30 Annual Memorial Services performed in Richmond and Bowdoinham.

- June 17 Ernest W. Frye installed as Commander by Dept. Sgt-at-arms Peter Thaanum.
- July 8 Committee of H. P. Richardson and Roy Dickinson and Roy Brown to act for the post to secure the baseball and basketball suits and equipment of the Tri-R Club.
- Oct. 7 Roy Gilpatrick and Don Cate authorized by the post to form an Auxiliary Police Unit at the request of Sheriff Messenger.
- Dec. 16 County Sheriff Bob Messenger attended meeting and handed out Special Deputy Commission Appointments for the Civilian Defense Organization.
- Dec. 20 Annual Community Christmas Tree held at the high school.

1942

- Jan. 13 Post voted to accept the book case offered by Ethel Robinson.
- Mar. 3 The Victory Membership Supper was held at this meeting with Department Defense Chairman Lew Fortier and Dept. Sgt-at-arms Peter Thaanum present.
- Apr. 14 General discussion on eligibility of World War II veterans. Generally felt that these veterans would not join the Legion.
- May 24 Members attended Sunday Memorial Day Services at the Richmond Methodist Church at the invitation of Rev. Voltz.
- May 26 Don O Cate and Harold Ballard elected as delegates to the Department Convention.
- May 30 Annual Memorial Day Services held in Richmond, Dresden and Bowdoinham.
- June 23 Harold P. Ballard installed as Commander by Dept. Commander Hector Staples assisted by Past Dept. Com. Lew Fortier and Dept. Sgt-at-arms Peter Thaanum.
- July 18 Annual Minstrel Show presented.
- Aug. 12 Annual visit of Kennebec County Council. A baked Bean supper served after the meeting.
- Nov. 10 It was voted to cancel the annual Community Christmas Tree.

1943

- Jan. 5 Voted to increase the insurance on the home and regalia to \$3000. An effort to get the names of all residents now in the service.
- May 30 Annual Memorial Day Service performed in Richmond, Dresden and Bowdoinham under the direction of H. P. Ballard, Parade Marshall
- June 1 Harold Ballard and Irving Prindall elected delegates to the Department Convention.
- June 8 Wesley Beals installed as Commander by Past Dept. Commander Lew Fortier and Dept. Sgt-at-arms Peter Thaanum.
- Sept. 7 Voted that the Cemetary lot be put into perpetual care at a cost of \$100. \$10 to be paid immediately.
- Nov. 16 Authorized Harold Ballard to contact antique dealer and see what we can get from our antiques.

1944

- Mar. 21 Open meeting called. Don O Cate was reported A.W.O.L. from his duties. Guests were Dept. Commander Tony Boyer, Kennebec County Commander Sam Tarr, Dept. Auxiliary President Mrs. Alice Gibson, Richard Saville and Winnifred Gahagan members of the Veterans Rehabilitation Committee.
- May 23 Harold P. Ballard and Maurice Robinson elected as delegates to the Department Convention.
- May 30 Annual Memorial Day Services performed in Richmond, Dresden and Bowdoinham.
- June 13 Ernest C. Drew installed as Commander by Past Dept. Commander Lew Fortier assisted by County Commander Sam Tarr.

- June 20 Past Commander Sykes announced that Council meeting donations was being raised from 35¢ to 50¢ effective next meeting.
- June 27 Voted that \$400 be raised on or by Sept. 1, 1944 to make the final payment on the home.
- July 17 Kennebec County Commander Sam Tarr made his official visit.
- Aug. 8 Voted that Past Commander Sykes present to Kennebec County Council for the Post the Kennebec Banner held by the post.
- Aug. 9 Kennebec County Council made its annual visit to Richmond. Kennebec Banner presented by Past Commander Sykes.
- Aug. 29 Dept. Americanism officer Peter Thaanum and Dept. Membership Chairman Ned Bigelow spoke on their activities.
- Oct. 3 Voted to hold a Thanksgiving Raffle.
- Oct. 24 Joseph Mellen made coffee for the members in his Russian Coffee Pot.
- Nov. 7 Coffee and donuts were served while listening to the 1944 National Elections results.
- Dec. 5 Voted to hold a Christmas Raffle.

1945

- Jan. 23 Committee appointed to see what price can be received in the sale of the home.
- Mar. 30 Annual Legion Minstrel Show presented. Net profit \$244.30
- Apr. 10 Voted that the final installment of the mortgage on the home be paid immediately.
- May 1 Town Memorial Committee report that \$500 was needed for a permanent Bronze Memorial Plate.
- May 27 Members attended the Richmond Baptist Church for Sunday Evening Memorial Services at the Invitation of Rev. McKillop.
- May 30 Memorial Day Services postponed because of rain until Sunday June 3.
- June 12 Special Meeting with 20 visitors plus members and the auxiliary present for the burning of the mortgage on the home. Dept. Commander Gerry Wade lit the match and set the mortgage afire. Afterwards he responded with a speech followed by speeches by Dept. Adjutant James Boyle, Past Dept. Commander Lew Fortier, and Paul Julien, Dept. Sgt-at-arms John Clancy, Kennebec County Commander Lloyd Calderwood, and Dept. Membership Chairman Peter Thaanum. Past Commander Ballard was said to be in rare form and acted as toastmaster.
- Aug. 28 Plans made to have a supper and invite all World War II Vets and make plans for redecorating the home.
- Sept. 11 Raymond E. Libby and Pearl Perry elected as delegates to the Department Convention.
- Oct. 19 Voted to give \$15.00 towards the Town Honor Roll.
- Dec. 4 First meeting with World War II veterans in prominence. 30 of said veterans present. Address by Malcolm Stoddard after the supper served by the auxiliary.
- Dec. 16 Assisted in the Dedication of the Honor Roll.

1946

- Feb. 12 Voted to order through the Dept. Adjutant 10 Enfield 30-06 rifles.
- Mar. 19 Carroll Terrell installed as Commander by Past Dept. Commander Lew Fortier assisted by Peter Thaanum. First list of officers that were Veterans of World War II completely. Post for the first time elected 3 delegates to the Dept. Convention. They were James Carr, Ernest Frye and H. B. Ballard.

- May 14 Commander Terrell tendered his resignation and John W. Quarrington elected to fill out the year.
- May 30 Annual Memorial Day Services performed in Richmond, Dresden and Bowdoinham.
- June 25 Peter Thaanum requested to let the post know what their status is in Kennebec County Council.
- July 9 Kennebec County Council Commander Thomas Matthews made his official visit.  
Voted that Togus be given the usual August date for the Kennebec County Council date. Their Past Commander John Nash to be installed as County Commander.
- July 23 Committee of Harry Sykes, Pearl Perry and Carroll Terrell to investigate the advantages of belonging either to Kennebec or Sagadahoc County Councils.
- Sept. 24 Comrades Bigelow and Frye from Augusta post present and authorized to go before the Kennebec County Council and start proceedings to make us a legal members of said County.
- Nov. 26 Voted that the post sponsor a basketball team.
- Dec. 21 Annual Community Christmas Tree held at the high school.

#### 1947

- May 13 Arthur L. Terrell, Jr. installed as Commander by Dpet. Comm. Peter Thaanum assisted by National Committeeman Lew Fortier.
- May 30 Annual Memorial Day Services were performed in Richmond, Dresden and Bowdoinham.
- June 10 James Carr and Arthur Terrell elected as delegates to the Department Convention.
- Sept. 23 It was voted install an oil burner in the furnace.
- Oct. 17 It was voted to borrow \$500 to put in the oil burner and redecorate the home.
- Oct. 28 State Trooper James Milligan outline the fire patrol to be formed in this area.
- Dec. 2 The following directors were authorized to sign note for \$500 James J. Carr, Eugene Gordon and Roy M. Brown.

#### 1948

- Feb. 17 Special Meeting held at the S. W. Purinton Coal Office as the Legion Home had been covered with soot because the breakdown of the furnace. House committee authorized to take steps to repair the damage.  
John W. Thrower elected Finance Officer to replace Chester Curtis who had moved away.
- May 18 Eugene C. Gordon installed as Commander by Past Dept. Comms. Peter Thaanum and Lew Fortier at the Methodist Church Vestry.
- May 25 Voted to reduce dues to \$3.00 beginning with the 1949 cards.
- May 30 Member attended Sunday Memorial Day Services at the Richmond Baptist Church at the invitation of Rev. A. A. Brough
- May 31 Usual Memorial Day Services performed in Richmond, Dresden and Bowdoinham under the direction of Owen McGurty, Parade Marshall
- Aug. 11 Kennebec County Council entertained at the Enterprise Grange hall.
- Sept. 9 Annual Legion Summer Fair held on Lane Field.
- Oct. 19 First installment of \$100 on note on house.
- Oct. 26 4th District Commander Sam Tarr and Kennebec County Council Commander George Vigue, jr. made their official visit.

- Nov. 2 Commander Eugene C. Gordon tendered his resignation.
- Nov. 16 Commander Gordon's resignation accepted and Glenn B. Lamoreau elected for the remainder of the year.
- Nov. 30 Past Commanders Night held. Now when I was Commander was the theme of many discussions.
- Dec. 9 An all-round good time was held in Bowdoinham Town Hall under the direction of of Past Commander Frye.
- Dec. 14 First Annual Legion High School Oratorical contest planned. Prize money offered by Past. Commander Quarrington.
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- Jan. 4 At this meeting Roy Dickinson said he had been shell-shocked and would the Commander please request Comrade James Carr from shouting.
- Jan. 11 Voted that this post sponsor the Western Maine Semi-Pro Basketball Tourney at the Gardiner Armory.
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- Feb. 8 Commander Best and Chief Farham and Wing explained the Navy V-6 Program and showed movies..
- Mar. 15 Motion by the post that we award annually to the outstanding boy and girl graduating from Emerson Grammar School an Americanism Award.
- Apr. 13 Annual Legion Minstrel Show presented.
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- May 30 Usual Memorial Day Services performed. Past Commander Harry Sykes parade marshall for Richmond and Past Commander Ernest Frye parade marshall for Bowdoinham. Past Department Commander Peter Thaanum gave the Memorial Address.
- June 6 Charles E. Guilou installed as Commander by Past Department Commanders Lew Fortier and Peter Thaanum.
- June 25 Post Colors were entered in the Department Convention at Old Orchard Beach.
- Aug. 9 Kennebec County Council entertained at the Grange Hall.
- Sept. 1 Annual Legion Fair held 2 days on Lane Field.
- Nov. 11 The Post dedicated a Flag Pole given to the High School. New local school band participated in a legion activity for the first time. Address by Rev. Fellows.
- Dec. 14 Annual Legion Minstrels presented. Two shows given the same evening at the New Richmond Theater.
- Dec. 23 Members assisted the Firemen's Auxiliary in the Community Christmas Tree.

#### 1951

- Jan. 31 It was voted to have Honorary Membership Cards printed to be issued to all members now in the Armed Forces, and to all local men serving during the emergency.
- Mar. 27 Joint meeting held with Auxiliary. Guests were John Smedberg, Candidate for Dept. Commander and Mamie Balkan, Candidate for Dept. President of the Auxiliary.
- Apr. 2 25 Gallons of Paint purchased to paint the outside of the home.
- May 22 Past Commander Night Observed. 13 Past Commanders present. 4th District Commander James Frost and Rev. William Bennett as guests.
- May 27 Members attend Sunday Memorial Services at the Richmond Methodist Church at the invitation of Rev. Bennett.
- May 30 Usual Memorial Day Services performed. Past Commanders Harry Sykes and Ernest Frye as Marshalls. The local school band participated. Speaker was Judge Frank A. Southard, Jr.
- June 5 John W. Thrower installed as Commander by Dept. Vice-Commander James V. Day assisted by 2nd District Commander John Robertson.
- June 24 The post sponsored the local school band in the Department Convention Parade where they won 1st Junior Honors.
- June 26 Post went on record as favor a summer Recreation Project on Lane Field this summer. It was voted to pledge one-half of the proceeds from the annual summer fair toward the project.
- June 30 Annual Legion Fair held 4 Days on Lane Field.
- July 12 A check for \$100 given to the Richmond Playground Association from the Post and Auxiliary.
- July 31 A public address system was purchased by the post for use in outdoor events.  
\$500 from the estate of the Late Ora A. Reed received by the post and accredited to the post account.
- Aug. 1 A two night showing of the play "Craze Daze" presented in co-operation with the Booster Club. A profit of \$200.03 turned over to the Playground Association.

- Aug. 8 Kennebec County Council entertained at the Grange Hall. Glenn Lamoreau, County Commander, presiding.
- Aug. 26 Annual Legion Clam Bake and Outing held at Ira Allens Point in Bowdoinham.
- Spet. 18 Department Rehabilitation Chairman Louis Balkan attended the post meeting and outlined the work of his department.
- Oct. 23 Grand Chef de Gare John Robertson and Grand Correspondant Daniel Lambert of the 40-8 visited the post.  
Voted to pay Bernard Smith \$175 for repairs to the home.
- Nov. 27 4th District Commander Arthur Fossett made his official visit to the post.
- Dec. 22 Members assisted the Lions Club in the Community Christmas Tree

1952

- Jan. 22 Annual Box Social held for the benefit of the local March of Dimes Fund.
- Feb. 26 Joint meeting with the ladies of the Auxiliary who were served Hot-dogs and Coffee with cake.
- Jan. 22 30th Anniversary Party held. 9 members honored with 30 year Continuous Membership Certificates.

## MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

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FRED DILLON  
JOHN DIXON  
MELVIN E. HUTCHINSON  
HAROLD LIBBY  
NELSON PICKETT  
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JOHN RILEY  
CARL F. ROBERTS  
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-----let us remember the good deeds they accomplished. Let us revere them as good soldiers who fought in a just cause, let us silently pray for peace, the peace that passeth all understanding. And let us in mind and soul consecrate our hearts and lives to the real America, the land of the free and the home of the brave, the American worth fighting for. As we remember our departed Comrades, may we sincerely say, "May their souls rest in Peace."

