It's Me Talkin'

By Ross

Iowa Amvets are justifiably proud of Herb Bennett, now the National Judge Advocate. Herb, following such Iowa National notables as Ed Corry, George Heath, Father Menster and "Doc" Longstreth. Ed Corry, richly deserving, was presented the Ray Sawyer Award, and our Auxiliary didn't go naught. Not only did Iowa Amvets and Auxiliary win awards, but each winning candidate was endorsed by the majority of Iowa delegates.

R. H. Wilson, National Comdr. elect, my old school chum, a very able and talented person, will lead Amvets to success this next year.

Pete Crivaro and wife will think twice about deep sea fishing the next time. Earl Fletcher and Frank Davey, the miserable characters, were in the center of things—the manager of the hotel is still trying to "get" the guys using scotch tape. Please Frank and Earl! Believe me, both did a good job in letting the delegates know Iowa was there.

Ed Gallagher, and incidentally the Chorus was missed, had his hands full trying to control caucus debate.

Carl Heine, cautioned by last years experience, carefully watched the sun, but Ben Kroma threw caution to the wind and you couldn't keep him out of the water. I hear tell he got up very early each morning for a dip. Father Menster played his guitar and was the biggest hit in the hotel lobby.

The next Convention is in historic Philadelphia.

Holy Cats, is the Department busy this month with meetings scheduled each Sunday—12th the Membership Committee, 19th Service Foundation, 26th Hospital Committee, October 3rd the S. E. C. Great plans are being made to make '55 the best. As Walt Pickett said, "Keep Alive, Renew for '55." I wonder which post will be first with a dues form for '55. The October S.E.C. meeting is inviting all Post Commanders, Adjutants and interested Amvets, and further, a surprise treat will be in store for those who attend. More information on the S.E.C. meeting will

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Commander To You

By Edw. J. Gallagher, Jr.

State Commander, Department of Iowa

It was a real thrill to be your delegate to the National Convention at Miami Beach, Florida. . . . The Convention was all that the Convention Corporation stated it would be and more as well. . . . Many important mandates were passed which I will endeavor to have forwarded to the Commanders of all our Posts. . . . The Convention in 1955 will be held in Philadelphia and the Convention Corporation promises another great conclave. . . . **We accomplished our main objective in the election of Herb Bennett as National Judge Advocate. . . . Although competition was threatened by some states, it failed to develop and Herb was unopposed for the position, which certainly is indicative of the fine reputation which Herb enjoys on the national level.**

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Your State Department committees will be busy during the month of September arranging programming for you during the coming year. . . . Our slogan — **"BE ALIVE IN '55"** — and it is up to all of us to carry it out by increasing our membership and developing better programs of service to the veteran and the community. . . . Your State Department is going to give you the tools to carry out these programs and is willing to serve you at any time. . . . During this month you will be electing and installing the men who will serve you as officers for this important year. . . . **The State Department will see that a member of the SEC handles the installation ceremonies at your Post if you send the request, either to Ross or myself.** . . . I have had the pleasure of officiating at installation ceremonies for four of our Posts and will accept as many invitations as possible. . . . Last evening I installed Commander Dick Hemingway and the rest of the newly

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THE IOWA ROUND-UP

Third District Comdr.

Duane Wylam of Waverly, Amvets Post No. 79 was elected as the 3rd District Commander to succeed Tony Wagner of Cedar Falls.

Duane promises the 3rd District will continue to carry the lead in Iowa Amvets.

Wheatland Elects

Wheatland Amvets elected Vernon Hansen to be their Post Commander for the next fiscal year. Other elected officers are: Wallace Lange, First Vice Commander; Victor Wiedenhoff, Second Vice Commander; Robert Schanze, Adjutant; Ellsworth Voelkers, Finance Offices; George Bleadorn, Chaplain; George Washburn, Judge Advocate.

Waterloo Names Redden

Waterloo Amvets elected James Redden as the new Post Commander. Other elected officers are: Harold Speck, First Vice Commander; Carl Knapp, Second Vice Commander; Thomos Frey, Third Vice Commander; Nick George, Fourth Vice Commander; Esther Hagemann, Adjutant; William Smith, Judge Advocate; Dean Gesme, Finance Officer; Melvin Meyerhoff, Provost Marshal.

Cedar Falls Amvets Aid

Cedar Falls Amvets collected a total of $300.00 toward an emergency Polio Fund.

Havelock Amvets Win First Place

Havelock Amvets took top honors in a Lions Club Invitation Soft-Ball Tournament by defeating Harold's of Emmetsburg 2-1 in the final game.

The Amvet team took home $90.00 in first place prize money. Peterson and Braizer were the batteries in the final game.

Moose Lodge and Fort Dodge Amvets Honor Youth

Herb Bennett has been named General Chairman for the Youth Honor Day Program which will be sponsored in Fort Dodge this year by the city's Local Order of Moose and Amvets Post No. 4.

Bennett was named at a recent meeting attended by representatives of both sponsoring groups.

The annual Youth Honor Day is held in many Iowa communities on Halloween. Boys and girls participating in Halloween events are placed on their honor to carry out their aims, and to help prevent the destruction and careless acts that have marked Halloween celebrations.

Dick Knudsen Wins Amvets Derby Race

Dick Knudsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Knudsen, 702 Oak, won the Amvets derby race held Friday evening on downtown Chestnut street. Knudsen finished first in a field of ten entries.

David Kilcoin of Adair won second and John Sharp of Atlantic finished third. All contestants built their own racing cars for the event, and each received a prize.

Rockwell City Wins

The Rockwell City Amvets softball team, which last week won a tournament at Farlin, came through first round competition in the Ida Grove Tourney Monday night by defeating Cherokee, 2 to 1, according to Gerald Sheely, manager.

Walnut Amvets

Walnut Amvets again held their annual Fun Day, August 30 and 31. Offitt Air Base Marching Band led the big parade.

Street dancing marked the closing of the two day event. Many prizes and awards were presented.

Waterloo Chorus

The Waterloo Chorus, now nationally known, are scheduled to appear on the Ed Sullivan, Toast of the Town, TV show in January, and are also to entertain at the Phillips 66 Petroleum Convention to be held in Oklahoma in the near future.

The Chorus was brought to Pella by the Pella Post who sponsored the program as a means of receiving funds for their highly regarded Midgets Baseball Team. The people of the great town of Pella were fortunate to enjoy an evening of good music.

Aplington Wins

Aplington beat Dumont 10-1 on a three hitter by Bergman at the Amvet Park.

Washington

National Capital Post 15 of the Amvets said it has "carefully examined" the position of the Girl Scouts on such issues as "marshmallows and Gregory Peck" and "heartily endorses their program."

The Amvets post jibed back at the Illinois Department of the American Legion which voted recently to withdraw its support of the Girl Scouts on grounds there were some un-American facets to the organization.

The Amvets conceded they were unable to sound out the Girl Scouts on all subjects. They said "certain Brownie packs, for example, refused to express themselves on reciprocal trade agreements and the Middle East defense community."

But, the post said in a statement, "Their stand on other matters was unequivocal and very American."

"They favor marshmallows and Gregory Peck. They oppose homework and mosquito bites. None of these are on the attorney general's subversive list," the Amvets said.

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be sent to the Posts. If all goes well, Al Keller, National Program Director says National will have a membership contest the likes of which is unheard of.

Our Membership Committee will also launch a program to coincide with Nationals. With each post doing its share, Iowa should jump above the 6,000 mark easily. Watch for your post's quota and push for early renewals—the key to any successful membership campaign.

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elected officers of Waverly Post No. 79. . . . Waverly Amvets are in the process of building a splendid new home which is a credit to their ingenuity and resourcefulness.

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Al Keller, National Program Director, gave us a sneak preview at the National Convention, regarding membership awards for 1955. . . . **It promises to be a plan which will give us a terrific shot in the arm for our state drive.** . . . You will receive the details soon.