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State Committee for Living War Memorials

Dear Fellow Members:

It has been some time since we have had an opportunity to meet and discuss problems in connection with our work as members of the committee. During this period many communities and organizations, however, have made inquiry regarding contemplated projects and in each instance have been given as much encouragement as was possible and were sent whatever material the writer had in the way of brochures, drawings and details of any specific project the inquirer and his associates had under contemplation.

I think we all admit that the committee, without funds for office supplies, drawings, etc., has been handicapped to some extent but in most cases, in my opinion, each member of the committee has furnished to organizations and individuals in his immediate section of the State the best knowledge, advice, and suggestions possible concerning any queries made.

In order to bring you up to date regarding just what is or has been done in furtherance of Living War Memorial projects throughout the State permit me to enumerate the following:

1. This office has been advised that Living War Memorial Committees have been appointed in the following counties; Multnomah, Union, Baker, Umatilla and Benton. Other counties have appointed committees or are in process of making appointments but have not notified the writer.

2. The Portland committee appointed by Mayor Earl Riley has under consideration, with committees appointed for the purpose, location of site, and finance, a building to house approximately ten to fifteen thousand people for basketball, ice hockey, boxing, wrestling, horse shows, automobile shows, conventions, flower shows, professional tennis exhibitions, swimming pool, bowling alleys, large banquets, committee rooms, and portion of building to be meeting room and headquarters for veteran organizations, and parking space. The thought seems to be that such a project should cost not less than \$3,000,000. Roland Davis, Porter Building, Portland, is chairman of this committee.

3. Central Catholic High School has planned for Living War Memorial \$75,000 addition to its athletic facilities.
4. Arlington --- Memorial Home and Civic Center will be dedicated May 30, 1946. They should be congratulated for their fine job.
5. Halsey --- Large tennis court, Have ordered plaque for names of servicemen to be placed in immediate area.
6. Pendleton--- Memorial Building.
7. Sheridan --- Addition to Memorial Building erected in 1926.
8. Springfield --- Veteran's Hall to house Legion, VFW and Chamber of Commerce.
9. Cottage Grove --- asked for all data on War Memorials
10. Newport --- Public Library. Fund subscribed for site is \$1500.
11. Metzger --- Fixed up a building for meeting purposes and now plan a swimming pool.
12. Albany --- Plan a memorial to all servicemen costing approximately \$85,000 to be especially dedicated to Tommy Swanson, athlete, killed in World War II. To be operated and maintained by City of Albany.
13. Baker --- Stadium to seat 12,000 and to be used for rodeos, horse shows, football games, hard and soft baseball games, track meets, playgrounds, 4-H and Future Farmer activities. Estimated cost \$75,000. Leo Adler, member of state committee, has done an outstanding job on his assignment.
14. La Grande --- Charlie Reynolds, member of the state committee, as always, is doing a fine job in his locality. As one of the projects for a memorial, La Grande raised \$27,000 for a swimming pool and now plans boat landing and golf course as additional projects.
15. Salem --- Paul Wallace, member of the state committee, was power behind project approved by Salem voters to purchase 100 acres of the famed Bush's pastures for \$150,000 to be used for field, playground, and park. West Salem is considering a waterfront park consisting of 18 acres already donated for a Memorial.
16. Gresham --- Tom Purcell, East Multnomah County "live wire" helped raise \$30,000 towards a contemplated \$100,000 War Memorial project for Gresham.

17. Corvallis --- American Legion post has already appropriated \$10,000 towards a veteran's building, river front project, boat landing, stadium and baseball park. M. E. Woodcock, member of the state committee has been the leading light in the Corvallis project.

18. McMinnville --- The Kiwanis Club is working up enthusiasm for a project in McMinnville.

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Other communities are undoubtedly interested and planning war memorials but have not notified this office.

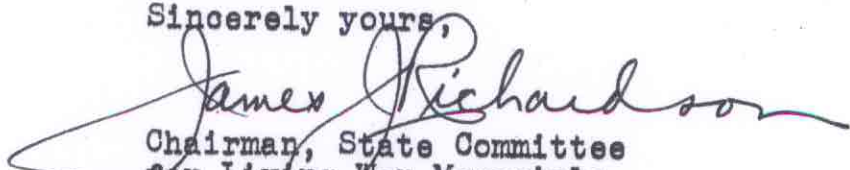
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19. Colonel J. J. Crossley, representing the auxiliary of Batteries A and B, 147th Field Artillery, has offered, on behalf of his organization, \$747, plus interest, for a soldier's memorial. This money, I understand, can be distributed in whole or in part by the State Committee.

A few additional brochures have arrived in this office and if you need one or two for your community I can mail them out to you provided the demand is not too heavy for what we have left.

I cannot see any need to ask out-state members of the committee to come to Portland for a meeting unless something of great importance should develop. Please call me on the telephone when you visit Portland or give other Portland members of the State Committee a chance to discuss your program.

Sincerely yours,

  
Chairman, State Committee  
for Living War Memorials