
Legion To Hold Honor Roll Rites

Miami Springs Memorial and Honor Roll will be dedicated by the Miami Springs post of the American Legion at 7:30 p. m. May 23, F. Lester Ballantine, commander, announced Sunday.

Following the dedication, A. B. Lambert, captain of the American Legion Guard of Honor, which will participate, will present gold certificates to the families of those who have been killed in service.

Newly elected officers of the post will be installed after the dedication. They are Carleton S. Ellsworth, commander; Claude C. High, first vice-commander; William S. Leaycraft, second vice-commander; F. Lester Ballantine, adjutant and finance officer; Edward H. Riopel, chaplain; D. Mace Kavanaugh, sergeant-at-arms, and James N. Farmer, historian.

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Miami Springs Honor Roll Is Dedicated

When Miami Springs Memorial and Honor Roll was dedicated Wednesday night by the American Legion, families of three servicemen who were killed in action were presented with Gold Star citations.

F. Lester Ballantine, retiring commander, dedicated the memorial and A. B. Lambert, of the Dade county guard of honor, presented the citations.

The citations honored Elmer S. Park, Joseph A. Whitesell and Walter D. Kniffen.

Welford H. Tyler, Miami Springs mayor, spoke at the brief ceremonies, which were attended by Miami and Dade county officials.

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Work For Freedom, Smathers Urges Gathering

By JOHN OPPITZ
Herald Staff Writer

A continued struggle for world freedom was urged Sunday by Rep. George Smathers, who addressed one of several Memorial day meetings held in Greater Miami.

The congressman and World War II Marine veteran spoke in Flagler Memorial cemetery, where several hundred persons assembled for a program arranged by Clement Theed, Jr., American Legion post. Additional Memorial day observances are on tap for today.



SMATHERS

The struggle for freedom could not end with World War II, Smathers said, because "we began to realize the Soviet didn't want peace as we know it."

"More people had been lost to tyranny since World War II than during that war. This tyranny was marching under the Red flag of Communism."

When appeasement was urged, he said, America was

fortunate in having "some who know appeasement had never stopped dictators."

Smathers credited the Marshall plan with "stopping Communism in Western Europe."

Describing the Atlantic pact as "another policy of resistance and firmness toward Communism," he said "It had to be done. 'The Atlantic Pact is giving hope and encouragement to people who believe in freedom overseas.'"

"It's up to us to pick up the torch of freedom that fell from the hands of these fallen service men if we are not to make a mockery of their graves."

Smathers was introduced by Clement Theed, sr., father of the Army fighter pilot for whom the post was named. Commander Harry Nixon presided.

Helen Cleary of Kinloch Park school recited "In Flanders Field." A wreath was placed to honor war dead and Dade County Guard of Honor firing squad fired a salute.

Marine Air Reserve Corsair and Navy reserve Hellcat fighters flew overhead in a cross formation and students of Kinloch Park Junior high and Palmlawn Elementary school marched to the cemetery from

their schools before the program.

The traditional Miami Beach ceremony at 10:30 a.m. at the cenotaph, Washington ave., and 11th st., and an unusual airborne service in a plane flying from International airport are among observances scheduled today.

Main speaker for the Beach program will be Maj. Harold Hillman, commanding officer of the Miami Army and Air Force Recruiting station. Councilman Maurice Klein is chairman of this observance for the 11th consecutive year. He'll preside along with Commander Lawrence Hoffman of the Beach Legion post.

The aerial program is to be started by Eastern Air Lines Legion post at 11 a.m. Following services in front of the EAL 36th st. terminal, members of the post will go aloft in a DC-4 to drop flowers on Woodlawn cemetery as a tribute to war dead. Lt. Carroll Varner, USNR chaplain, will conduct the airborne service.

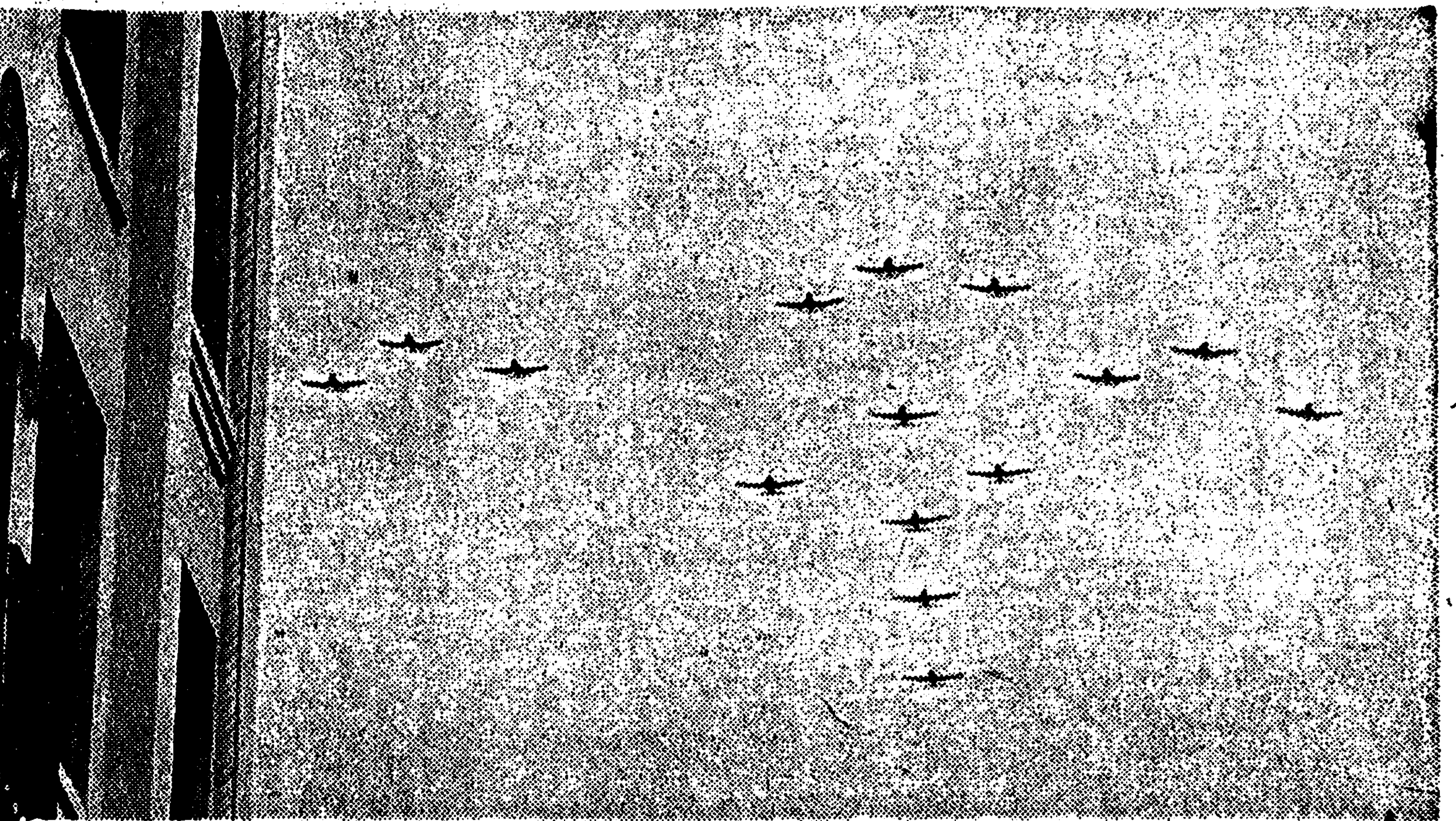
Services will be held at 11 a.m. in Hialeah's Triangle park by Sullivan-Babcock American Legion post.

Mary Grayce, soprano, and Bob Lynn, baritone, will perform as guest soloists with Caesar La Monaca's band in a special Memorial day program at 7:45 tonight in Bayfront park bandshell.

John Knuck VFW post will hold services in Triangle park at 3 p. m. then place a wreath at the service honor roll in Miami Springs.

Additional services scheduled during the day are to be held at 10 a.m. in Graceland cemetery, 11 a.m. in Woodlawn Park cemetery, noon in City cemetery and 1 p.m. at the Bayfront park cenotaph by the Dade County Guard of Honor; at 10 a.m. in Woodlawn and 3 p.m. in Triangle park by the honor guard of William McAllister VFW post; at 1:30 p.m. in Woodlawn by the GAR woman's relief corps assisted by the DUV; at 11:30 a.m. in City cemetery by Spanish War Veterans; and at 9:45 a.m. in Graceland by Coconut Grove Legion post.

The day will be a holiday only for workers in the courthouse, city halls and federal buildings except the post-office. Most businesses will remain open.



AERIAL SALUTE TO WAR DEAD was provided by Marine Corsairs and Navy Hellcats which flew over city in cross formation Sunday afternoon. The flight from Miami Naval Air station by reserve pilots was arranged in connection with Clement Theed, jr. post American Legion observance at Flagler cemetery, which formation crossed. Flight was led by Lt. Col. R. F. Smith, commander of Marine Fighter Squadron 142.

Long Proud History

Few War Memorials Honor Miami's Heroes

By JAMES LYONS

Herald Staff Writer

Busy growing to greatness, Miami has had too little time to honor its fallen heroes with permanent memorials.

Many another American city, heavy with history and set in its ways, is covered with monuments.

Not Miami, though it figured in wars of other centuries and has given dearly of its sons and daughters in this century.

Few cities, surely, take their patriotism so seriously. Miami is famed for its parades. Its observance of traditional holidays like Memorial Day is always deeply felt.

Yet the city's first major memorial to its war dead is just now a building in Bayfront park.

This is the new public library, to be dedicated as a war memorial at the urging of local Gold Star Mothers.

Still on the drawing boards is the million-dollar cultural center and patriotic shrine long proposed by the Living War Memorial Association.

Dade county gave 656 lives in World War II. In death, they are remembered on honor rolls throughout the area.

The largest of these is in Bayfront park, near the library site.

Outlying communities, industrial plants, schools and the like proudly display plaques in memory of their honored dead.

Some list World War I casualties, others the victims of the more recent holocaust. A few include both.

In Miami Beach, there is the memorial cenotaph opposite the city hall at Washington ave. and 11th st.

The Beach has no cemeteries.

At Woodlawn park, there is a monument in honor of the Grand Army of the Republic.

At Miami city cemetery, the good, gray soldiers are remembered by a Confederate stone.

Harvey Seeds American Legion post maintains a memorial plot at Woodlawn.

Similarly, components of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Spanish-American War Veterans and other such groups hold services hard by memorial flagpoles and the like.

Down on Lower Matecumbe key, there is a memorial to those hapless veterans who died in the vicious 1935 hurricane.

The Coral Gables Youth Center, at 300 Andalusia, is a memorial to the departed heroes of that community.

Robert R. Sherbondy park in Opa-locka is dedicated to the memory of the only Opa-lockan to go down in World War II.

In Hialeah there is Benny Babcock Park, a stone water fountain on downtown Palm ave., and a memorial in Triangle park.

Atop a shaded mound on NE 86th st., is a plaque honoring the Tequesta Indians who lie buried there.

North Miami has its cenotaph,

and there is a memorial on Curtiss parkway in Miami Springs.

According to Knox Eldredge, city welfare director, there are no war memorials in Miami's municipal parks, except the big honor roll in Bayfront park.

Neither are there any in the county's parks.

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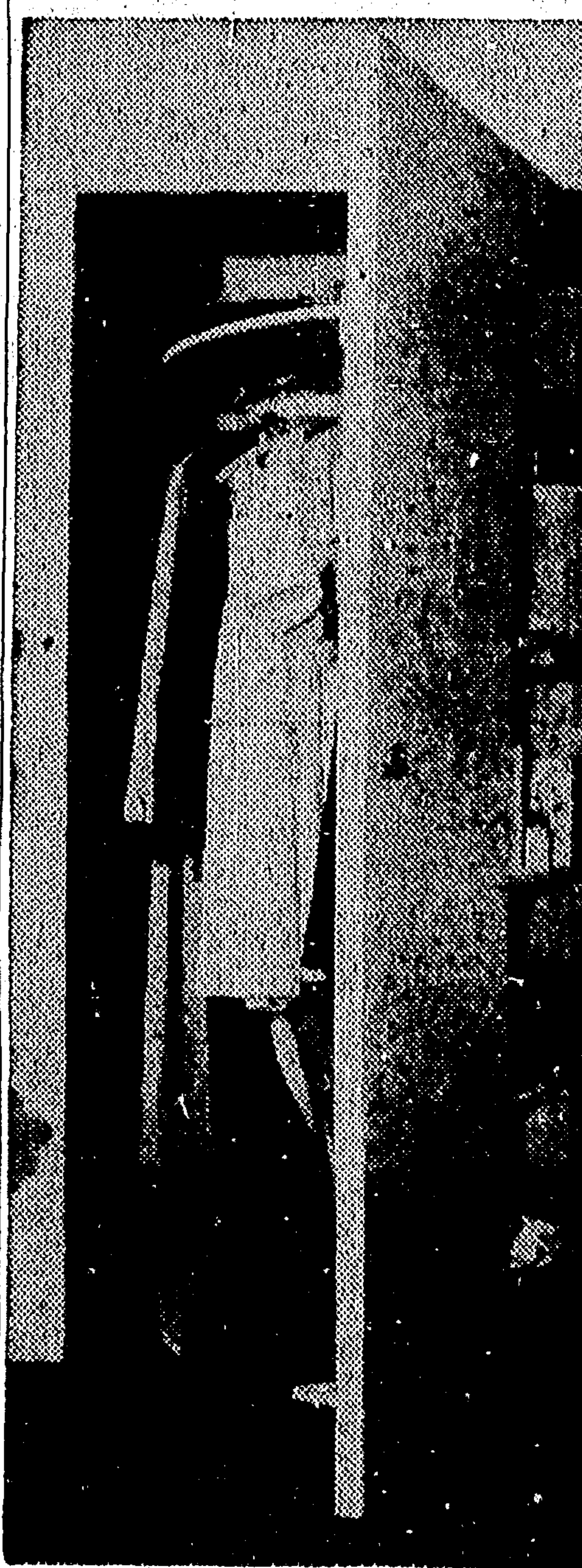
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Graveside Services Planned

3 Major Memorial Day Programs Slated Here

Martial music and military speeches will mingle today as Greater Miami pauses to pay tribute to the nation's war dead.

Traditional graveside services, massing of the colors and an open house will round out the Memorial Day program throughout the county.

Schools, stores and the banks will remain open, but city, county and federal offices will close. The post office will be open until 1 p.m., but there will be no mail delivery.

The county's three major Memorial Day programs are scheduled at the Miami Beach cenotaph at 10:30 a.m., at the Miami Springs "cercle" at 10:40 a.m. and at Bayfront Park bandshell at 8 p.m.

Major speaker of the day will be Maj. Gen. Joseph V. Dillon, Air Force provost marshal, whose talk at Bayfront Park will follow a concert by the 3rd Marine Air Wing band.

The Bayfront Park program, resumed in 1950 after suspension during World War II, is sponsored by the Patriotic Observance Committee. Gen. Dillon, who flew in from Washington Thursday, will be introduced by Circuit Judge Grady Crawford.

Brig. Gen. Albert D. Cooley, 3rd Marine Air Wing commander, will be present at the bandshell program.

At the Miami Springs service, Col. William A. Hausman, executive officer of the Marine Air Station, will be the key speaker.

The program, sponsored by American Legion Post 117, will include the color guard and flying squad of the 435th Troop Carrier Wing and massing of the colors with the Legion and Legion auxiliary guards.

Mayor Clifford C. Herrell will

present medals to three winners of the Legion's patriotic essay contest in Miami Springs Elementary School. Don Roderick, Post 117 commander, and Mrs. Merle Craig, auxiliary president, will lay a wreath on the city's war memorial.

Maj. Harold V. Shuemaker, 435th chaplain, will speak at the 14th annual Miami Beach program.

Veterans groups which will participate in the program include the Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Veterans Committee, Amvets, Marine Corps League and the Jewish War Veterans.

Col. Freeman W. Williams, 32nd Marine Air Group commander, will speak at 5:30 p.m. at the Opa-locka city hall. Mayor Frank S. Slade will lead a parade of veterans organizations through the city.

The Legion's Dade County Guard of Honor will make graveside visits at the following cemeteries.

Graceland, 9:30 a.m.; Flagler Memorial, 10:30 a.m.; Woodlawn, 11:30 a.m.; the British plot of Woodlawn, 12:15 p.m.; City, 1 p.m., and the Bayfront park cenotaph, 1:45 p.m.

Spanish War Veteran groups are scheduled to hold graveside services at 10:30 a.m. at City cemetery and will participate in massing of the colors at the evening program in Bayfront park.

The British-American Club of Miami will join the Legion honor guard in services at Woodlawn cemetery's British veterans plot at 12:15 p.m.

An open house is scheduled from 3:30 to 10 p.m. at the Coral Gables Youth Center, 300 Andalusia ave., with exhibitions of center activities. From 5 to 5:30 p.m., a reception will honor Franklin Parson, past president of the Coral Gables Civitan Club, youth center sponsor, and other Civitan members.

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On Memorial Day

Miami Springs to Dedicate Plaque Honoring War Dead

Dedication of a new plaque, commemorating the dead of all America's wars, will highlight the annual Memorial Day service of J. N. Farmer American Legion Post 117 at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Miami Springs circle.

Mrs. W. E. Park, a World War II gold star mother, will dedicate the plaque on the Legion post's memorial monument near the circle.

George H. Earle, former governor of Pennsylvania, will be the speaker on the half-hour program.

Mayor W. C. Herrell of Miami Springs will present Legion medals to fifth and sixth grade students at the Miami Springs Elementary and Glenn H. Curtiss Schools who won the post's essay contest on "What Memorial Day Means." Winners have not been announced.

Taking part in the service will be the University of Miami ROTC color guard and firing squad, a Marine honor guard from the Third Marine Air Wing and the 41st Infantry band from MIAD.

Wreaths will be placed on the monument by Charles E. Mount, post commander, and Mrs. Ruth Orr, post auxiliary president.

The Miami Spring Elementary school band will play before the program.

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Inclement Weather Puts Damper On Miami's Tribute to War Dead

By O. J. SMITH

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It was a wet Memorial Day in Miami.

Patriotic organizations had been planning observances for weeks, and despite the intermittent rains that drenched the city throughout the day, most of the ceremonies went off in more or less hurried or abbreviated fashion.

The big event of the day, the Memorial Day program sponsored by the Patriotic Observance Committee of Greater Miami Saturday night in Bayfront Park bandshell, was cut short by a downpour just as the principal speaker, Maj. Gen. Ivan L. Bennett, chief Army chaplain, was introduced.

Fewer than 100 onlookers had braved the threatening skies and brief drizzles to see the first half of the program. When the rain really let loose, all but a baker's dozen scurried for shelter.

The general and the leaders of the program gazed pityingly at these drenched souls, huddled two or three to a raincoat or an umbrella, and held a hurried conference.

The general stepped to the microphone and announced that although the handful of persons in the huge bandshell had done him a great honor by keeping their seats, he and the sponsors of the program had decided it wouldn't be fair to keep them there any longer. He thanked them and sat down.

Judge N. Vernon Hawthorne, master of ceremonies, announce-

ed that efforts would be made to have Gen. Bennett make his speech today over either radio or television.

Up until that time, however, the few who had attended the program had been treated to a concert of march music by the Marine Band of the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, under direction of Sgt. Clyde C. Dalley.

They also had watched color guards of 15 Greater Miami veterans organizations mass their colors on the bandshell stage in an impressive ceremony.

They had joined in singing the national anthem, led by Adolph Seerth, and had heard Mrs. Grace Houlette Hahn, past president of Spanish War Veterans Auxillary 6, read Gen. John A. Logan's general order No. 11 which in 1868 originally set up Memorial or Decoration Day as the May 30 honoring Civil War dead.

Ray M. Watson is president of the sponsoring organization.

Hy M. Morris was program chairman. The Rev. James H. Boston, Veterans Administration Hospital chaplain, gave the invocation; W. J. Bertrand directed the massing of colors.

A number of other observances, earlier in the day, were held under less damp conditions, but all were either sprinkled on or curtailed by the threat of rain.

The first district Disabled American Veterans had a ceremony at sea, aboard the destroyer escort USS Melvin R. Nawman, to drop an anchor of

forget-me-nots into the sea at 11 a.m. At the same time, floral wings were dropped from a 456th Troop Carrier Wing plane into the sea.

At the Miami Springs circle, the Memorial Day ceremony was sponsored by J. N. Farmer American Legion Post 117. About 300 watched the program.

Mrs. W. E. Park, a World War II Gold Star mother, dedicated a plaque on the Legion post's memorial monument near the circle.

Mayor W. C. Herrell of Miami Springs presented Legion medals to winners of the post's essay contest on "What Memorial Day Means."

Winners were:

Charles Curtin, fifth grade, and Evelyn Fuentes, sixth grade, both of Glenn H. Curtiss School; and Shirley Ann Martin, fifth grade, and Patricia Ann McCord, sixth grade, of Miami Springs Elementary School.

Lindley DeGarmo American Legion Post 70, had a program at Graceland Memorial Park, assisted by its auxillary and the Dade County Guard of Honor.

Fifteen veterans organizations took part in the service conducted by Miami Beach American Legion Post 85 at the cenotaph. Maurice Klein was in charge.

Saturday night the Polish American Congress, Florida district, presented a program honoring 15,000 Polish soldiers ed in the Katyn Forest.

Memorial Day

Miami Pays Tribute To All Of Its Dead

At the quiet green of graves, amid the dignified marble of tombstones and mausoleums, Greater Miami observed Memorial Day on Monday.

By official act of the legislature and signature of the governor, the day for the first time was a legal holiday in Florida honoring the dead of all wars.

But for the people who went to the cemeteries, it was a day for honoring all the dead of their families, just as Memorial Day had been so observed for long before the lawmakers intervened.

Nearly all Greater Miami communities had special Memorial Day services.

Largest of these was the program in Bayfront park Monday night, sponsored by the Patriotic Observance Committee of Greater Miami, with Col. R. C. Mangrum, commanding officer of the Marine Corps Air Station at Opa-locka, as speaker.

Mayor Abe Aronovitz spoke at ceremonies sponsored by the Gen. John J. Pershing and Helen Gould camps of United Spanish War Veterans and auxiliary in City Cemetery Monday morning.

The oldest program, that sponsored by the Miami Beach post of American Legion, was held for the 17th year at the cenotaph at Washington ave. and 11th st. Monday morning, with Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg, of the 3rd Marine Air Wing, as speaker.

Maj. Gen. Ralph Royce, USAF (ret.), spoke at the services sponsored by the Miami Springs post, American Legion, at the new Veterans' Memorial on Curtiss Parkway, near the Springs Circle.

Ellis Rubln, former assistant attorney general, talked at services at Triangle Park, Hialeah, a program sponsored by all of the city's veterans groups and auxiliaries.

There also were memorial services in South Miami, West Miami, Coral Gables, Opa-locka, in Southern Memorial Park, and Woodlawn Park.

Forty-six members of Disabled American Veterans organizations from the Miami area held memorial services at sea Monday on board the USS Tweedy, a destroyer escort.

The American Legion Guard of Honor held short ceremonies at Flagler, Graceland, Woodlawn and City cemeteries and in Bayfront park during the day. Veterans' auxiliary groups decorated graves of all war dead in all cemeteries.

There were two local traffic deaths over the weekend, but none on Memorial Day.

August Rennick, 60-year-old cab driver, died Sunday morning of injuries suffered when his cab collided with a car at NW 10th ave. and 29th st. Saturday night.

Detectives M. E. Gracey and E. E. Bergquist said Rennick ran through a stop sign.

A passenger in the cab, Ronfle Wiarzaczka, 56, of 2411 NW 13th ct., suffered a fractured jaw and multiple bruises. The driver of the other car, James E. Johnson, 25, of 3840 NE First ave., escaped with multiple bruises.

Rennick's last known address was 2142 NW 26th st.

John Turner, 21-year-old Negro, 2030 NW 67th ter., was killed late Saturday when his car was in an accident at Hainlin dr. and S. Dixie hwy.

Dade to Salute Its Dead On Land, at Sea, in Sky

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Memorial Day will be observed in a wide range of activities and celebrations today by civilian and military groups throughout Dade County. Here is a list of observances:

At Sea

Navy Destroyer Escort USS DeLong will drop an anchor-shaped wreath in the Gulf Stream as Air Force plane overhead drops Air Force Insignia. 10 a.m. Disabled American Veterans to participate.

Miami

William A. McAllister VFW Post and Auxiliary to meet at 9:30 a.m. at post home for services to terminate at McAllister Grave, Woodlawn Cemetery.

Dade County Guard of Honor Services. 10 a.m. Flagler Memorial Cemetery.

Gen. John J. Pershing Camp 10 and auxiliary and United Spanish War Veterans. 10:30 a.m. City Cemetery.

Harvey Seeds American Legion Post and Dade County Guard of Honor will hold services in Woodlawn Cemetery at 11 a.m. at site of mass grave for veterans killed in 1935 Keys hurricane.

American Gold Star Mother Services. Bayfront Park Centotaph. 1 p.m.

Seven Jewish War Veterans Posts to hold services at 1 p.m. at Mt. Nebo Cemetery.

Bayfront Park Bandshell Services. 8 p.m. Thirty veterans groups to participate. Marine Corps Air Station Band to begin concert at 7:30 p.m.

Miami Beach

Legion Post 85 Ceremony. 10:30 a.m. Centotaph. Washington Ave. and 11th St. Marine Corps Major Ernest Brenner to speak.

Miami Springs

Miami Springs Legion Post 117 Services 10 a.m. American Legion War Memorial. 100

block, Curtiss Parkway. South of Springs Circle.

Coral Gables

Legion Post 98 Ceremonies. 8 a.m. Auditorium. Coral Gables Youth Center. City Manager Ira F. Willard to speak. Organ prelude at 7:45 p.m.

North Miami

Recreation Department observance 1 p.m. Municipal Pool. Includes variety show and swimming races.

Opa-locka

Legion Post 144 Ceremony. 10 a.m. Sherbondy Park War Memorial at City Hall. Marine Major E. L. Abner to speak. Firing Squad. Taps.

North Miami Beach

Three Legion posts and Jewish War Veterans Post to assemble at 149th and W. Dixie Highway at 11 a.m. for services to culminate in Southern Memorial Cemetery.

South Miami

South Miami Legion Post 31 and Coral Gables Post 98 to hold services at Miami Memorial Park, 10 a.m.

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