

ROY PYLE SWEEPS LEGION ELECTIONS

Hayre De Grace Man Named To Head Legion

New Commander Named After Half Votes Counted In Convention's Last Day

District Leaders And Auxili- ary Officers Also Chosen At Final Meeting

Roy L. Pyle, of Hayre de Grace, yesterday was elected commander of the American Legion, Department of Maryland, at the closing session of its twenty-third annual convention at the Emerson Hotel.

Pyle defeated an ex-schoolmate, **Robert McCullough**, of Hyattsville, by such a large majority that before half the votes had been cast McCullough strode to the front of the room and asked the body to name his opponent by a general acclamation.

A plant engineer at the Aberdeen Proving Ground and the father of six children, Mr. Pyle succeeds George D. Harman, of Baltimore, as commander.

In Twenty-Ninth

He served with the Twenty-ninth Division during the World War and saw action in Alsace-Lorraine and the Meuse-Argonne. He enlisted at Elkton with the First Maryland, later the One Hundred and Fifteenth Infantry.

Election of eight district vice-commanders was ratified by the group. They are:

- JOSEPH O'GRADY, Baltimore district.
- GOFFREY CHILD, Southwestern Shore.
- WILLIAM BOYLAN, North Central district.
- HAROLD PRICE, Northeastern Shore district.
- WILLIAM MCGATH, Southern Maryland district.
- J. F. OMPS, Western Maryland district.
- HARRY LOCKREY, Mountain district.
- A. B. KOCEN, vice-commander at large.

Before the election the group cleared up the business on hand by acting on resolutions to promote the Aviation Cadet Corps program and indorsing the Rev. Father John Carroll Moore, department chaplain, for national Legion chaplain.

Auxiliary Head Selected

Mrs. Nora Goloman, of Baltimore, was elected president of the Legion Auxiliary at its final session in the Southern Hotel.

District vice-presidents elected by the auxiliary are:

- MRS. JOHN BOBENIA, Baltimore district.
- MRS. LEWIS STONER, Western Maryland district.
- MRS. HENRY FRENCH, Southern Maryland district.
- MRS. PEARL ALLEN, Mountain district.
- MRS. KEMP TROUPE, Northern Central district.
- MRS. CHARLES WILAND, Northeastern Shore district.
- MRS. KATHYRN THOMPSON, Southeastern Shore district.

Mrs. Earl Poorbaugh was elected department treasurer; Mrs. Francis Dietrich, chaplain, and Mrs. John Morris historian.

The convention city for next year's session was not decided on by the group but will be named later by the executive committee.



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