

American Legion Makes Plans For Memorial Service

Memorial observances will start in Millerton with union services at the Methodist Church on Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock with the Rev. William Phinney, pastor, officiating. Commander Richard Tanner asks that all Legionnaires and other veterans, members of the Auxiliary, Junior Auxiliary and Boy Scouts assemble at the Legion room at the firehouse, in uniform, at 7:15, from where they will march to the church. Commander Tanner invites the residents of the area to join with the Legion and other organizations in this memorial service to honor our war dead.

The program for Wednesday will start at 6:30 a. m. when members of the Legion will meet at the post rooms and proceed to the outlying cemeteries of the town where services will be held and a salute fired. Following these services, the Legionnaires will hold their annual memorial breakfast at the Millerton Inn.

All organizations of the town will assemble at the firehouse at 9:30 a. m. and William Bradley, past commander and parade marshal, will set the line of march. The parade will start promptly at 10 o'clock and will proceed through the village streets to Irondale Cemetery where short services will be held. The program will include Call to the Colors, invocation by Rev. William Phinney, "America" by the entire audience, rifle volley by the firing squad under the direction of Capt. Robert Lind, and taps by Cynthia Deuel and Richard Valentine. Following this a similar ceremony will be held at St. Patrick's Cemetery.

The main observance will take place on the Village Green with Mayor Isaac M. Deuel as master of ceremonies. Following a brief welcome by Walter Davis, town justice of the peace, the entire audience will join in singing the "Star Spangled Banner."

The memorial address will be given by Paul S. Samuels, Dutchess County Commander of the American Legion. Mr. Samuels, a Poughkeepsie attorney, joined the army as a private in March, 1942 and was commissioned an infantry officer at Fort Benning, Ga. He served two and a half years with the Army Transport Division and made 32 crossings of the Atlantic Ocean. He was discharged in October 1945. Mr. Samuels was the first World War II commander of Lafayette Post, Poughkeepsie, and during the past year served as adjutant of the Ninth District. He has served on two national committees and at the present time is a member of the executive branch of the Law and Order Committee of the National American Legion.

A final rifle volley, taps and the benediction by the Rev. Thomas Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, will complete the program.

Included in the line of march will be the Village and Town Boards, citizen's committee, speakers, war veterans, Gold Star mothers, high school band, Legion Auxiliary and Juniors, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, school pupils and Millerton Fire Department. The Millerton Grange and the Auxiliary will have symbolic floats. Commander Tanner invites all war veterans, whether Legion members or not, to take part in the parade and services. He requests that veterans wear service uniforms if possible.

Donald Banks, past commander of the Millerton Post, is chairman of the committee on arrangements.