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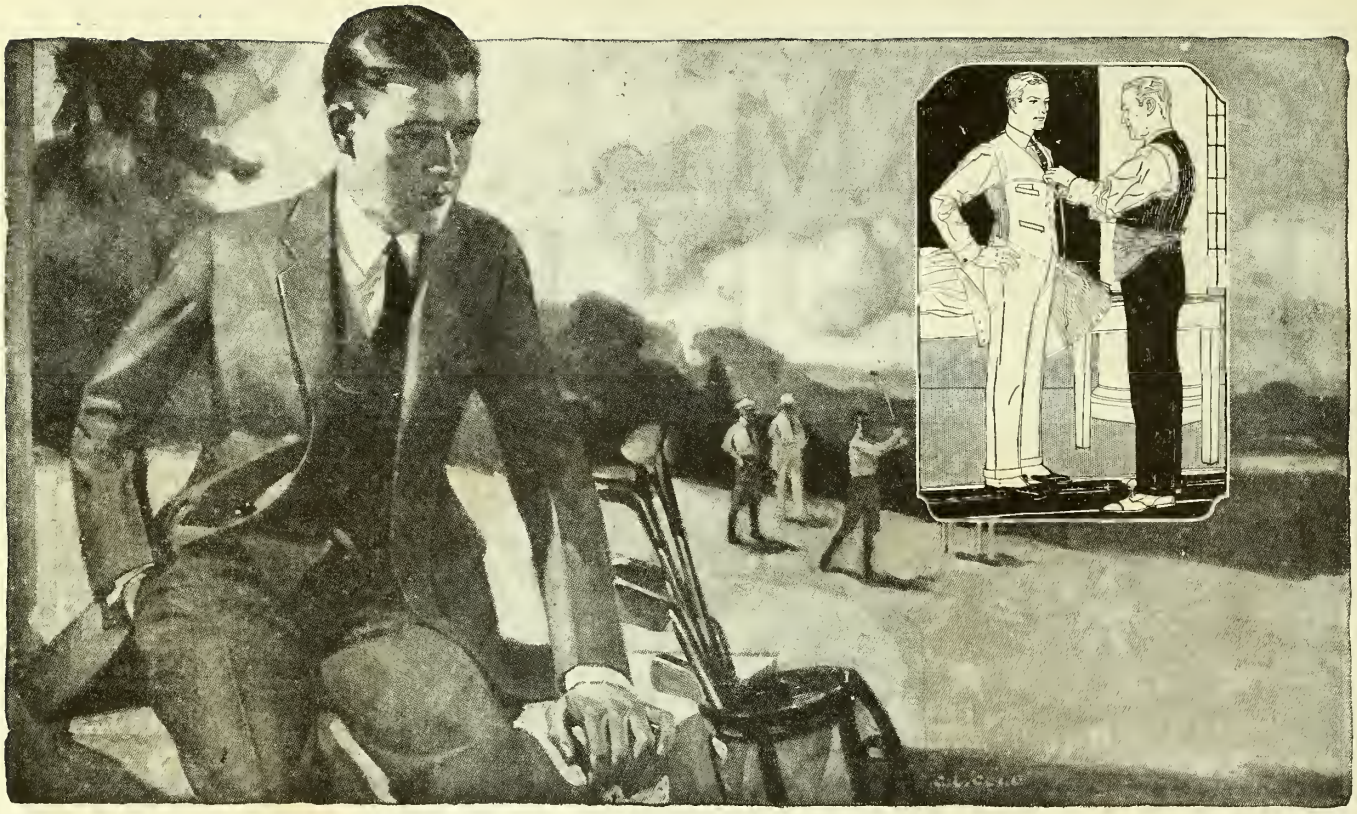

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Yes, the Legion plays polo. Tompkins, Legion, driving the ball out of the danger zone near Cavalry's goal in a game between Davis King Summers Post of Chattanooga and the Sixth Cavalry, Fort Oglethorpe. The Legion won 4 to 3

The Outlook in Legion Athletics

DOWN in Buenos Aires, Argentine, the local Legion post has no Americanization problem. It does have an Oriental problem, or it did have. A few weeks ago it got its Oriental problem out in the open and solved it. Batteries: Legion team, Wellford and Jewell; Japanese team, Negamine and Inao. Neither pitcher allowed a base on balls, but, the limitations of armaments treaty not having been ratified at the time, one pitcher did allow a free base by hitting a batter. With a tactful regard for international good will, newspaper accounts of the game do not say which pitcher it was. Who won? Oh, the Legion. Fourteen to six.

All this happened on January 16th, so that it is safe to say that Buenos Aires Post gets the credit for opening the Legion's 1922 baseball season. January, of course, is midsummer on that side of the world; now, in latter April good Argentinians are looking forward to the Argentine equivalents for Columbus Day, Thanksgiving and the Harvard-Yale game. But Buenos Aires Post has done its duty. Wrapping its baseball uniforms in moth balls and reaching for its hockey sticks, it may rest secure in the knowledge that it fired the opening gun in the biggest year in outdoor athletics that the Legion has ever enjoyed.

All this muscular activity will culminate, it is planned, in a monster championship meet at the New Orleans convention, where, as the National Commander told department officers and the National Executive Committee at the January conference in Indianapolis, "We can play off everything from heavyweights to tiddle-de-winks."

"If Tennessee can come down to New Orleans," he went on, "with a football team which is the champion team of their State and play with Oregon, for example, for the championship of The American Legion, or play a series of games, baseball or something, we are going to add something very vital and interesting to every man in the Legion. This is one of the healthiest things we could do—healthy for the individual and healthy for the organization."

That is a look ahead—a good half year ahead. How little or how big an affair the New Orleans games will be is going to depend on what happens in the interval. The Legion's newly-appointed athletic commission will devote the coming weeks to watching the countrywide Legion athletic situation. If the Legion takes hold (and everything indicates that it will), ambitious announcements may be expected from the committee giving in more detail the plans for the convention tourney.

Some outfits are already looking New Orleansward. The Illinois department recently made known to all the world, particularly the blue-and-gold-buttoned part of it, its intention to back Pal Moore, Illinois Legionnaire, against all comers for the bantamweight championship of ex-servicedom. Thus at least one good bout may already be said to have found a place on the New Orleans card—if somebody takes up the challenge, and, as the Illinois athletic commission says, "This challenge is made to be accepted."

Just what the New Orleans contests are to be will be announced in good time. Meanwhile, the Legion does not intend to let its muscles grow soft.

Other big events are in the wind—state Legion athletic carnivals; big local meets with dozens of Legion and non-Legion athletes in action and busy young men at the ticket window; department and district championships; city and county Legion leagues.

It all, you will notice, gets back to the posts. If the posts don't organize teams, fini county and district and department championships (to say nothing of New Orleans all-Legion championships) right at the start. But the posts aren't asleep. No accurate statistics are available, but out of 11,000-odd posts there will be 11,000-odd teams of one kind or another—principally baseball, but likewise track, golf, polo, basketball (which is hanging on well into the spring), bowling and whatever other diversions have place on the sporting calendar.

It does not take a National Convention resolution to organize a post baseball team. Two posts in two neighboring towns, or even two posts in the same town, can get as much fun out of a world's series of their own (and excite as much community interest) as can a fully organized department league. The department league, however, has its distinct advantages. It lends the competition an official touch, makes it authoritative, makes it count for something bigger than pure local pride. It insures wider interest among posts; it means more teams in the field. It means, too, that to win the championship a team must be of championship caliber, and thereby elevates the athletic standard of the Legion in that department. Thus, while two posts might have a track meet and develop a hundred-yard-dash "champion" capable of crashing through the tape in 15 2/5 seconds, the department championship for the same distance would not be likely to go to a runner who required more than 11 seconds.

Legion athletic commissions are now functioning in perhaps one-quarter of the departments, but in many States among the one-quarter athletic activity this spring and summer will be confined to the posts or to small local districts. In others, however, ambitious athletic programs have been mapped out that are arousing widespread interest within the department.

New Jersey is working on a plan to organize two baseball leagues, one for the northern and one for the southern part of the State, the leaders in each league to play for the state Legion championship at the department con-

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Watchman, What of the Goat?

By A. B. Bernd

The services of practically a complete squad were required to withdraw the dainty morsel

THEY called him Oleo because he was a little butter. He stood scarcely two feet on the hoof, even to the tip of his frolicsome horns. His eyes could have been mistaken by a near-sighted man for military buttons; his was the only beard in the company exempt from a daily razoring.

How he became attached to the Clerical Training Company for quarters and rations no one even knew—or told. The personnel awoke one morning to find him tethered to the coal bin. The mess sergeant had been in Jacksonville unduly late the preceding night. When he returned to camp, he announced to the top, in mess sergeant terminology, that he was tearing up the picture of that girl who lived on Duval Street and ensconcing the Laura Street lady in her place. The theory which Clerical Training forthwith adopted was that Oleo was a metaphorical message from the Lady of Laura Street; her goat was got.

The nebulosity of his genesis did not trouble the Clerks. They accepted Oleo as they found him. He was duly christened, instructed in the school of the soldier, and taught reveille and retreat. Lieutenant Wall, who commanded the company, entered the rookie on his ration return, but scratched him off as soon as he found a fringe of his best silk socks protruding from the epicure's leisurely munching jaws.

"I'll feed him on Army Orders hereafter," said the lieutenant. "Perhaps he can even digest the Quartermaster Manual. It's more than I ever did."

Other companies regarded Oleo, first with mockery, then with cajolery, finally with envy. The number of dog and cat mascots about the camp was legion. There were two monkeys and a litter of pigs scattered among various organizations. Three units had baby alligators. But no one except Clerical Training possessed a kid. His ownership largely palliated the ignominy of so unmartial a name as "Clerical Training." Only the men of the command knew the ridicule they had suffered for their unmilitary designation. Only the men of the command realized the prestige they gained by boasting the only Oleo on the earth.

One could describe at length how His Capric Majesty endeared himself to the hearts of his owners. A measles quarantine was made delightful by his antics when tobacco sacks and tomato cans were fastened to his horns. The solemnity with which he began dining on a wrap-legging, only to find the job too much for him, was worth ten days' K. P. He discovered, when he was half through, that he could neither stop nor keep on, and the services of practically a complete squad were required to withdraw the dainty morsel and ease his painful quandary.

But his crowning antic occurred one day at retreat. The company was standing at attention and the lieutenant, with his back toward his men, was

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New Eyes for the Old That War Closed

In their own little world at Evergreen School the men who gave their sight for their country learn again to fit themselves for life and, watching what they do, it's hard to believe they're blind.

By John R. Tunis

A blind typist who seldom strikes the wrong key

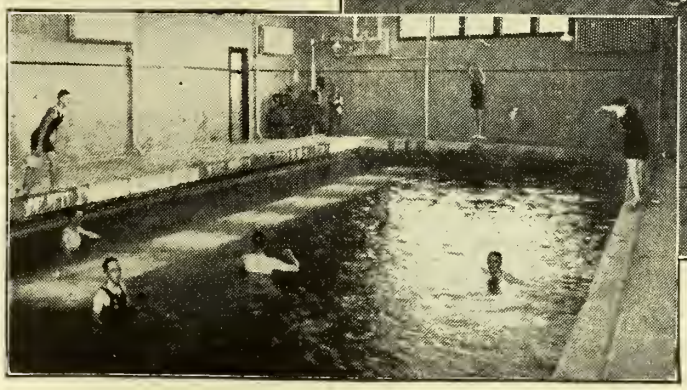
THERE was something queer about the look the man behind the counter gave me as I asked for a package of Camels, and I hardly noticed that he had tossed out Fatimas instead. His companion in back of the counter noticed it, however, and said to him:

"He asked for Camels, you gave him Fatimas."

The other whipped up the cigarettes, replaced them in the rack behind him, tossed out the right package, took my coin, and with a bang the cash drawer opened and a second later my change fell upon the glass counter. The whole incident occupied half a minute perhaps, but as I stepped out of the store a glance at the man who had served me confirmed what I had thought. He was stone blind!

Had I not been at Evergreen, the School for the Blind, it is likely that this fact would have escaped my notice; but after all, it is not surprising that a blind man makes a mistake now and then that a man with two perfectly good eyes often makes.

On with the dance! And the sightless veteran enjoys it just as much as if he had two good eyes



The joys of dive and crawl stroke are part of the daily life at Evergreen

I said as much to my guide and he answered:

"Yes, they make a slip occasionally when they are learning. That's what an instructor is for and why we keep one in the shop with the new man all the time."

I agreed with him. To teach a blind man to do what many men with eyes cannot properly do needs someone who can both see and correct his errors.

"See!" echoed my guide. "See! Why, that instructor can't see! He is blind himself. That's Harvey Gilbert. Lost both his eyes fighting at Chateau Thierry in 1918, and hasn't seen a thing since."

And this was true, for although this man has seen nothing for three years yet today he is an accredited instructor on the teaching staff at Evergreen. How this man and others like him found new eyes for the ones they had lost, how they overcame the disability with which they were handicapped by their service with the armies of their country, makes a story more heroic than any that came from the battlefields of the older world.

At the time of the Armistice there were approximately two hundred men totally blinded from wounds received in the Army and Navy. Since that time sixty more men have become totally blind, while there are another hundred and fifty whose eyesight is so defective that they are considered practically blind. Nor is the total decreasing, for the Veterans Bureau expects that the number of blind ex-service men will increase until the year 1925, without any perceptible decline until 1930.

That the number should be on the increase is not surprising, for many men are just beginning to feel the effects of gas, of exposure, and of the other results of their service in France. Again, many men who were blind, but refused treatment, are being discovered and sent to Evergreen to be trained, thanks to the publicity that the graduates of that institution are giving it. The causes of blindness are in most cases attributable to high explosive shells, bombs or bullets; although mustard gas did its part, and there are men who were blinded, especially in the Navy, through explosions and other accidents.

Contrary to general belief, however, a man can have no sight and yet be possessed of a pair of normal-looking eyes, for the injury may be to the optic nerves or to that part of the head where the light impressions become transformed into pictures. Most blind men, and this fact was what so deceived me in the shop at Evergreen, talk and act like anyone with two seeing eyes.

With their real eyes gone, it was important to substitute other eyes to take their place, and this is the object of

the training which all blind ex-service men can get at the Evergreen School for the Blind at Baltimore, Maryland. To this end the men learn that, although their eyes are gone, their other senses can be so sharpened as to take their place. The instructor in the shop, for instance, had known by the sound of his companion's movements as he reached for the cigarettes, that he had taken the wrong brand; he knew there was a mistake. The blind man here is taught that he is a normal human, and though each is given money from the Government every month for an attendant, none of them are legally obligated to use it for that purpose. Why? Simply because they have learned and are learning to do for themselves.

They dress themselves as carefully and as correctly as any man with vision, they tie their ties exactly as do their fellow men. They even shave themselves, and one blind man who had always used a straight razor told me personally that he still used it, and that since he had become blind he had not cut himself once. This man was as well shaved and as well dressed as the manager of a city office. How did he learn to shave himself? Well, for one thing, he tried to do it. Yes, it was awkward at first. He used, so he said, to leave little patches unshaved here and there; but he persevered, he stuck to it, and today he shaves himself with as little thought as you do. You see, they have nerve, these blind men.

As a substitute for eyes the hands are trained to serve, and luckily most men who were blinded in our armies have the use of their hands. The courses at Evergreen are so arranged that the man will learn an occupation that he can carry on after he leaves. The actual success of men who have taken these courses and gone into the world to earn their living proves that they were well chosen. Basketry, (real commercial baskets, let it be said,

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Florida's Secret of Success

By Sumter L. Lowry, Jr.
Retiring Department Commander

FLORIDA is proud that it leads all other departments of The American Legion in renewals of membership for 1922. Its record of more than 100 percent has been reached within two and a half months of the new year. We not only expect to hold this lead but to increase it to 150 percent before the Fourth National Convention at New Orleans in October.

The membership in the Department of Florida for 1921 on March 15th of that year was 2,500. The total membership for last year was 4,763. The number of members March 15, 1922, was 4,904. Since that time the total has been increased to 5,100.

At the request of the National Commander I will try to point out what, in my opinion, is responsible for this record. There is but one answer, and that is *personal contact throughout the department.* It has been my effort during the past year to gain personal contact with everyone in the State whose efforts could contribute to the development of the Legion and, having gained such contact, to keep it. It has been the aim of all other officials to do likewise.

The success of the Legion depends entirely on the effort and the interest of its members. The only way to stimulate interest and effort is for the strongest and best men in each community to take an active part in the work of the Legion. To secure this result, continued effort has been made in Florida to reach such men in every community, not by form communications or bulletins, but by personal visits and personal letters directly and through mutual friends.

While post officers are primarily responsible for the development of the posts, only the best results can be accomplished when their efforts are supplemented by the interest and activity of other strong men in their posts.

Every community has such men. The problem of the department commander is to awaken their interest in the Legion and keep their energy and effort in active service for the Legion.

The necessity of keeping in close personal contact with post commanders cannot be over-emphasized. Personal interest in post activities results in close co-operation between the posts and the state department. It is necessary for department headquarters to keep thoroughly advised of the condition of the posts, and for the department commander to concentrate efforts on posts that exhibit some weakness, whether such weakness be lack of local interest, factionalism, incompetence of post officers, or is due to any other cause.

The outstanding feature of the Department of Florida is that we do not have department conventions; we *do* have annual reunions. Every ex-service man in the State is urged to attend, and they come by the thousands from every hamlet in the State. Entertainment such as is likely to attract them is provided; organization reunions are held; everything is done to stimulate the personal touch between each service man and his buddy. *He* is the important consideration of the reunion. The arrangement of the whole thing is to re-awaken and renew in him the very spirit which is responsible for The American Legion, the very comradeship which binds him to every other ex-service man. He is a better Legionnaire after this annual contact and the Legion is stronger.

At our recent reunion at West Palm Beach the visit of our National Commander gave us an opportunity to enlarge this personal contact so as to include the national organization.

The purpose of all effort in the department is to attain success in the individual

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A Living Memorial

Arbor Day, 1922

NONE of us but had a buddy who didn't come back—whose memory does not rise before us as we stand to face the East. On Arbor Day, let's plant a tree for him. Better small, perhaps, that we may watch it grow. Just as our thoughts of him will grow bigger, finer, and stronger through the coming years. For we shall come to appreciate him more. A tree—a living memorial that shall represent all he meant to us—inspiration for continued service through all the years to come. To remind us that he gave his all that we might enjoy the privileges of citizenship in the finest land of an unfettered world—America. A tree to be an ever-growing monument of his fine and high example.

Let's plant a tree—surely somewhere we can find a place to make the world a little better and a more kindly place to live in, and it can stand there after we too have gone—silently to tell the world:

"I represent the strongest of all bonds, the bond between men who have served their country side by side during dangerous days."

HANFORD MACNIDER.

NOTE—Arbor Day is observed in the Northern States on various days during April and May, and in the South between November and March.

Your Post and Your Town

Pointing the Way

OUR post is located in a town of about 800 inhabitants lying in a progressive and prosperous farming district. We have no general community organizations such as a Chamber of Commerce or a Rotary or Kiwanis Club. Realizing the need of some boosting organization, our post has opened a Boosters' Fund which is composed of contributions made by citizens and business houses for the purpose of accomplishing those things which will advertise our town and community and develop community pride and community interest.

Our first project, now on foot, is to place large signboards along the state road leading through the valley—the first roadway into Western territory in the Colonial period. The signboards will be for the special attention of the great mass of tourists who travel this road every year. We shall put the name of the Middletown Valley and some vital facts about it on the signboards. Of course, each board will contain the following: "Erected by Everhard Post No. 51 of The American Legion."

It is also the purpose of the post to get behind movements for better schoolhouse facilities, better roads, home improvements, and in every way to do the work of direct community boosting organizations.—LESLIE N. COBLENTZ, *Commander, Everhard Post, Middletown, Md.*

Triple Endeavor

CHARLES H. CAREY POST, starting with four men and using the rooms occupied by the Chamber of Commerce, has grown to 200 members with well-furnished clubrooms of their own. Our post now is working on the following plans:

To erect street signs about the entire city of Salem.

To place waste paper cans in convenient spots in the business district.

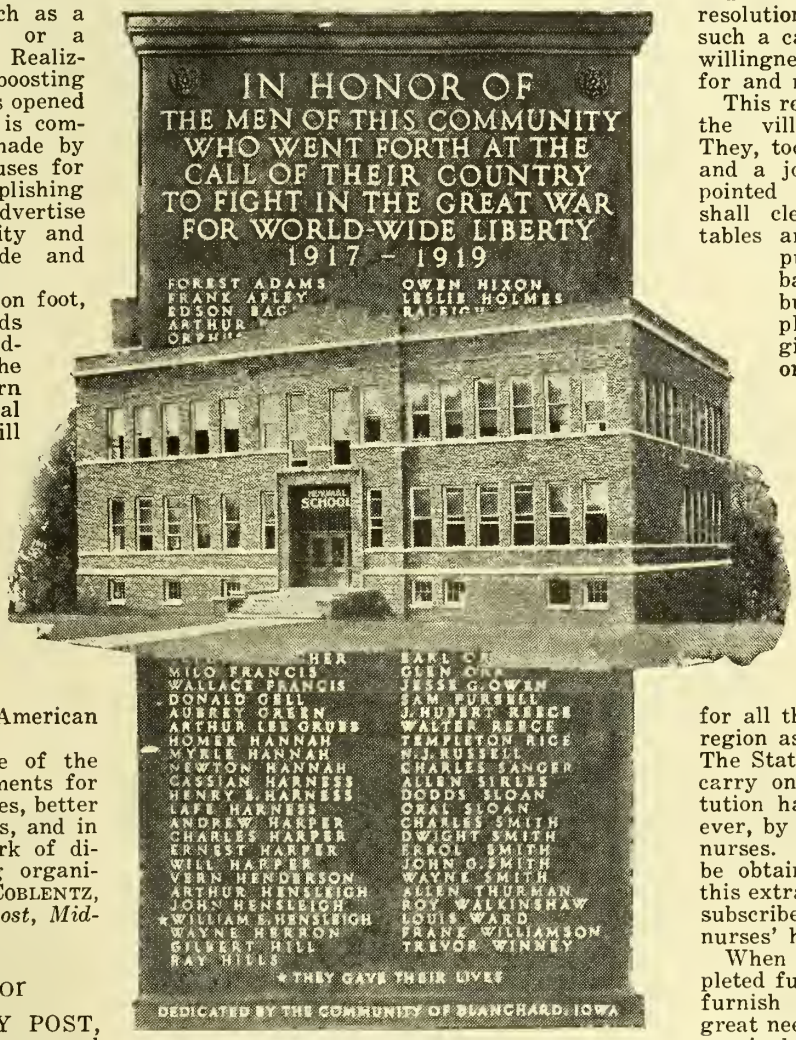
To conduct an open-air dancing pavilion in the city park.—C. L. FLICKINGER, *Publicity Manager, Charles H. Carey Post, Salem, O.*

First Aid to Tourists

WE ARE a small post in a town of about 200, and our principal aim is to be of service to our community. A large number of motor tourists pass through here every summer, and many of them, we noted, carried their tents and equipment with them and camped as they went. Many of our members also had cars, and reported from their travels that a motor camping ground was really something to appreciate. We felt that by getting behind such an activity we could accomplish something of real benefit to our community, and also create and leave in the mind of the tourist a favorable impression of our town and of the Legion. We passed a resolution sensing the need of such a camp and expressing our willingness to aid in providing for and maintaining it.

This resolution we presented to the village commercial club. They, too, acted favorably on it and a joint committee was appointed to proceed. Soon we shall clear the grounds, erect tables and fireplaces, put in a pump, and provide garbage cans and rubbish burners. Lastly, we shall place large American Legion and Welcome signs on the camp so that the stranger who passes will know that we, as American Legion members, are not thinking only of ourselves.—RAYMOND K. STARK, *Adjutant, Harris (Minn.) Post.*

"To Inculcate a Sense of Individual Obligation to the Community"



Republics may be ungrateful but towns are not. Blanchard, Iowa, recently dedicated this memorial school in honor of the World War veterans of a community of 600, part of which lies across the Missouri line. The new building replaced one destroyed by fire, and the money to build it was raised by passing the hat. The tablet is set in the wall in the main hall of the building. Each room is dedicated to some soldier who died in service, his name being perpetuated in bronze over the room door

For a Hospital

OUR city is the seat of a large hospital which cares for all the injured miners of the region as well as all other cases. The State appropriates money to carry on this work. The institution has been hampered, however, by lack of quarters for the nurses. No appropriation could be obtained from the State for this extra work, so local residents subscribed $50,000 to erect a nurses' home.

When the building was completed funds were still lacking to furnish it. Our post saw the great need and held a local talent carnival and donated more than $4,000 to furnish the home.

Our post is held in high esteem in the community and is asked to aid in all community events. Last Armistice Day we took part in the dedication of a twenty-six-room junior high school building.—FRED H. BACHMAN, *Commander, Hazleton (Pa.) Post.*

"A Day in the Army"

OUR post invited all the local business men to meet with us in the Legion hall on a certain date and partake of our hospitality. The plan was to give them as nearly as possible "a day in the Army." Every man who had the least claim to being a business man was there, and before the evening was out a complete and friendly understanding was established between them and the post members.

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IS your town a better place to live in because it has a Legion post? What has your post done to prove its practical and unselfish interest in its community? Tell the Community Co-operation Editor, The American Legion Weekly, 627 West 43d Street, New York City.

Keeping Step with the Legion

and The American Legion Auxiliary

Mothers' Day

FOLLOWING Grant Day, Mothers' Day is the next event on the Legion's anniversary calendar. Strictly, it is on the Auxiliary's calendar, for the program arranged for this year is in the hands of the Auxiliary units. The plan is to make it a Go-to-Church Sunday with a difference, for on May 14th every Legionnaire is asked to observe Go-to-Church-with-Mother Sunday. The Indiana department has just observed a Legion Go-to-Church Sunday, so they've had practise. For too many of us the event will be something of a novelty.

The church service planned and suggested to local units is an afternoon community service. It is also planned to follow it, wherever possible, with visits to hospitals sheltering disabled buddies, where singing will be in order —likewise letter-writing. Orphanages sheltering dead ex-service men's children will also be visited.

The letter-writing feature should be the big culminating event of the day wherever posts and units can reach disabled men—and that ought to mean wherever disabled men are. Postal cards, paper, envelopes, stamps and ink will be furnished the patients—yes, and stenographers too, if any of them are suffering from cramped fingers.

The two million of us who were in France on Mothers' Day in 1918 will remember how the whole A. E. F. wrote letters home—something like 1,450,000 of them, the postal authorities announced after the Armistice, for the number would have furnished the Boche with an accurate total of our forces overseas if it had been released at the time. The shipment was far and away the greatest quantity of first-class mail ever sent to America by American citizens abroad. Yes, outgoing hospital mail ought to be pretty heavy this May 14th.

The Auxiliary also is planning an impressive ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery—services at the grave of the Unknown Soldier in honor of his Unknown Mother. It is expected that this ceremony will be repeated, with the necessary changes, in other parts of the country, or that the speeches at Arlington will be broadcasted by radio.

In addition to these activities, the Auxiliary, through the local units, will stand sponsor for unemployed ex-service men, and, where possible, will raise funds sufficient to pay the Legion dues of these men until they can pay it themselves. Details of this plan have been left to local post adjutants and unit secretaries, which are organizing Mothers' Day committees, one from the post and one from the unit, to work together on the local program.

Remember that The American Legion Auxiliary is before all else an organization of mothers—an organization of the mothers of men who served. Auxiliary headquarters estimates that mothers make up fifty percent of the membership.

The National Commander has issued the following bulletin, through National Headquarters, on the observance of Mothers' Day:

Mothers' Day, which falls on Sunday, May 14th, this year, will be observed in a special manner by The American Legion Auxiliary. This is the first big national endeavor of our sister organization and we of the Legion want to give our good allies our fullest support.

As usual, the efforts of the Auxiliary will in no way be selfish but will be directed toward honoring the mothers whom we all revere and helping, in the name of their mothers, Legion men, unemployed veterans and orphans of men of the World War. It will be a labor of love and merits the support of every Legionnaire.

Every post should name a Mothers' Day committee to aid the local Auxiliary unit committee in such things as program, arrangements and publicity. Every Legion department headquarters should name a man to assist an appointee of the Auxiliary department in co-ordinating local efforts. If a post has not an Auxiliary unit, it can help mightily by taking this occasion to form one.

The Auxiliary exists to aid—and the Legion it is that receives the aid. Now is our chance to pay back a little of our debt of gratitude. The purpose is to honor our mothers. Surely this deserves our hearty affirmation.

Legion Calendar

Grant Day

Centennial observance April 27th. Posts will co-operate with the Grand Army locally.

Mothers' Day

Community church services, hospital sings, letter-writing for disabled buddies, exercises at the grave of the Unknown Soldier in honor of his Unknown Mother—all these are on the program for May 14th. It is the Auxiliary's day, but there's work for the Legion. Read the details in this department.

Memorial Day

Don't forget the fund for the annual decoration of graves overseas—a minimum of five cents per member from each department or five dollars for posts of less than one hundred.

Service Census

The best chance for all-around service that the Legion ever had.

Unemployment

The war won't be over until every veteran is in as sound an economic position as he was just five years ago.

The Grant Centennial

THE anniversaries of two great Americans have been added to the special days of observance of The American Legion, in accordance with action taken by the National Legion Conference in January—that of General Ulysses S. Grant on April 27th, and that of General Robert E. Lee on January 19th. It is the privilege and the honor of Legionnaires to assist our older comrades in the observance of these two days.

On April 27th of this year there will be observed the centennial of the birth of General Grant. The National Headquarters of the G. A. R. has extended an invitation to all Legionnaires to join with it in properly celebrating this day in commemoration of a great citizen, soldier and President.

All Legion posts have been requested by the Legion's National Headquarters to co-operate fully with the local G. A. R. posts, and where the request is made, or where no G. A. R. post exists, the Legion post is urged to take immediate steps to arrange a proper program. It is especially appropriate that exercises be held in the schools, or that school children be invited to evening programs. Other patriotic, civic and fraternal organizations will no doubt desire to participate in this celebration.

A program of exercises compiled by the National Patriotic Instructor of the G. A. R., which contains many valuable suggestions fitly to observe the day, follows:

1. Music: "America," four stanzas.
2. Salute to the Flag.
3. A statement of the occasion and purpose of the program.
4. Music: One of the Civil War songs.
5. Sketch of the life of Ulysses S. Grant.
6. Boyhood and youth of Grant.
7. Music: One of the Civil War songs.
8. Grant in the Civil War.
9. "Tenting on the Old Camp-Ground."
10. Grant at Appomattox.
11. "Battle Hymn of the Republic."
12. Grant as President.
13. McKinley's appreciation of Grant.
14. The American Creed.
15. "The Star Spangled Banner."

Memorial Day

"THE most successful observance of Memorial Day," says a new National Headquarters bulletin, "is that in which all the people of the community participate. This is the great opportunity for The American Legion. If committees are properly formed, plans properly outlined, and the Legion's work tactfully done, the observance of the day will be generous, whole-hearted and in keeping with the spirit of the occasion, and will not be marked by activities and enterprises

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Company Clerks, Attention! *By* Wallgren

EDITORIAL

The Belated Beginning

Twelve insane ex-service men have been sent to the asylum since Thanksgiving Day, two months past, from Tampa and vicinity. A story was published in the *Tribune* two or three weeks ago and at that time the number was five. Now twelve have gone. These are not cases of slightly unbalanced minds. They are an even dozen World War heroes who have been pronounced incurably insane. They have dementia praecox. One man was in a submarine four terrible days in the war. One was in the Air Service. One was in the trenches. One saw his best friend die, horribly mangled by a shell, and has brooded over it ever since. One man here during the hurricane last October told his mother, "This is the way it was at the front," and went insane soon after.—*Tampa (Fla.) Tribune*.

THIS is only the two-months' record of one representative American city. What is happening in Tampa is also happening on a greater or a lesser scale in the other cities of this land. Nine thousand ex-service men suffering from mental and nervous diseases are now government charges. They comprise the regiments of the forgotten whose only duty has been to keep out of sight.

The Government's neglect of these men has been both damning and inexcusable. This is the indictment presented by the foremost American medical experts in the treatment of insanity and nervous disorders. The Congress that voted billions for the war, which spared no expense to give hospital treatment that would enable as many as possible of the wounded to resume their places in the battle line—that Congress after the war declined to spend the money needed for hospitals for nervous and mental casualties.

Today more than half of the 9,000 neuro-psychiatric patients are still in state insane asylums or private contract institutions.

How many of the 9,000 neuro-psychiatric patients would today be back in civilian life with their faculties restored if this Government had acted in time?

How many who could once have been saved have now passed into permanent mental darkness?

How many more are doomed to become incurable because whatever tardy provisions are now made will be carried out too late to help them?

Of course statistics cannot be mustered to answer these questions. It is certain, though, that the wrecking of many human lives is the direct result of early governmental neglect.

The special neuro-psychiatric hospitals specified in the $17,000,000 appropriation bill now pending in Congress must be provided. The recommendations recently submitted to Director Forbes of the Veterans Bureau by the Committee of Consultants on Neuro-Psychiatry, composed of eight of the country's leading medical experts, must be carried out. This committee urges that men be removed from contract hospitals to government hospitals as soon as possible. It also emphasizes the need of undertaking immediately an enlarged and uniform program of training neuro-psychiatric patients to restore them to usefulness in society.

The National Rehabilitation Committee of the Legion has been working with the Committee of Consultants on Neuro-Psychiatry to frame the comprehensive plan which will in some measure help repair the damage caused by early Congressional neglect and prevent a continuance of a national scandal. The Veterans Bureau has adopted the experts' program and promises to do everything within its power to end a deplorable situation. Congress should now seek atonement for past sins by granting the money needed for the new special hospitals and for the training system. The country has had enough of Dark Ages statesmanship which makes helpless mentally wounded soldiers the victims of governmental shirking.

The by-word should be RUSH.

Economizing on Safety

THE fat and prosperous American public's habitual peacetime attitude toward military and naval preparedness is comparable only to its interest in polo, blindfold chess and six-day bicycle races. It does not even have an academic interest in them. It is content to relegate them entirely to experts. It has faith in a mysterious power which will protect it from the penalty of its own indifference. It agrees amiably enough that an Army and a Navy are necessary, but beyond that—please don't annoy Mr. Average Man.

These facts make it possible for the lower House of Congress to propose that the Navy be manned by only 65,000 men, and that the Army, despite the lessons of the World War, shall be cut to 115,000 men and 11,000 officers. Such reductions would paralyze our power of national defense. Making due allowance for sentiments for peace everywhere, this country can not safely reduce its Navy below 87,000 men or cut its Army below 140,000. Forces of this size are really below the margin of national safety, but they would prevent the country from being caught in a state of flat defenselessness in an emergency.

The proposed reduction of the Navy to 65,000 men would place our strength below that of Japan. In place of an equality with Great Britain, as we had been led to believe the Washington conference would guarantee us, we would find ourselves in third place. Another important consideration is the fact that the American Merchant Marine is composed in great part of foreign-born men, whereas the merchant marines of Great Britain and Japan are composed almost exclusively of the natives of those countries—and in time of emergency the Merchant Marine is the great reserve upon which every nation relies.

The American public, true to form, has remained inarticulate while well-meaning but stubborn and unknowing advocates of disarmament have undermined in Congress our entire system of national defense, but the Legion has been busy at Washington trying to help stem the tide of unreasoning pacifist sentiment. National Commander MacNider has personally telegraphed President Harding that the Legion is squarely behind him in his stand that the Navy must retain sufficient officers and men to hold the place given it under the five-five-three ratio. The Military Affairs Committee of the Legion is battling for the preservation of the system under which an adequate Regular Army shall be supplemented by effective National Guard and Organized Reserves.

But Congress may not listen to the voice of naval and military authorities. The American people will demand protection, however, if they understand the facts. There is an opportunity for every Legion post—for every one of the 11,000—to do its bit now in helping mobilize intelligent public opinion.

Taking the Air

THE Legion is an outdoor gang. It is used to sleeping outdoors, eating outdoors, fighting outdoors, and even when it did the first two things in an Adrian barracks there were usually enough chinks in it to supply plenty of ventilation. This open-airness, to be sure, was not of the healthiest variety—mixed with drizzling rain, the fog of the Meuse valley, and the mud of Camp Upton or of St. Aignan, it tended to produce rheumatic joints or scarred lungs rather than red corpuscles.

But that was four years back. This year the Legion can thrive on an outdoors of its own choosing. The outlook is that it is going to, and to the full extent of its ability to organize outdoor activities. The term includes many things besides straight athletics. There are tourist camps to maintain, Boy Scout troops to organize and foster, week-end hikes and fishing parties and boat trips, enterprises pleasant or profitable or both, activities which are designed solely to benefit the members of the post or to include the whole community.

There is more air between the hills than in all the houses, and in the same proportion there are more things that a live post can do outdoors than it can in. This is the time to be getting them under way.

Yes, the Auxiliary Has a Chaplain

She's Known as Ma, not Rev., and Her Doughnut Batter Had a Whole Lot to Do with Winning the War

By Pauline Mears Naylor
American Legion Auxiliary

KANSAS CITY'S thoroughfares were crowded on the day of the big American Legion parade in November, 1921. A woman more than middle-aged, in the uniform of a Salvation Army worker, essayed several vain attempts to push forward to a position nearer the line of march. Suddenly a Legionnaire in the crowd recognized the kindly smiling face, framed in curling gray hair.

"Hey, fellers!" his cry rang out. "Here's Ma Burdick! Gangway, gangway!"

A front line position was immediately secured, and it was gangway for a famous A. E. F. doughnut and pie maker from then on to the close of the convention.

Ma Burdick—Mrs. F. O. Burdick—was elected to the office of National Chaplain of The American Legion Auxiliary at its first national convention at Kansas City. She was put on important national committees, and when a special banquet was given for the Allied chiefs, Ma Burdick was among the honored guests, right along with Marshal Foch, General Jacques, General Diaz, Admiral Beatty and General Pershing.

There was one question that the soldiers at Kansas City who had known her overseas always asked of Ma Burdick. "Where are you now, you and Pa Burdick, and what are you doing?"

For the past two years Ma Burdick has figured practically not at all in news stories and pictures, like many another of the war celebrities of other days. But there has been for her no resting on laurels won during the war. Her overseas khaki has been folded up carefully and laid aside, to be donned proudly only on state occasions. Her decorations, including the Croix de Guerre, are locked up with her citations. She is back in the dark blue of the Salvation Army of peacetime.

On the official roster of the Salvation Army, Ensign and Mrs. Floyd Burdick are in charge of the Wichita Falls, Texas, station. For nearly two years they have been leaders in the social work in the city of 40,000 which sprang into national prominence through the sensational oil discoveries of 1918 and 1919.

In addition to her work as joint officer in charge with Mr. Burdick, Ma Burdick is one of the most active workers among disabled soldiers in the State of Texas. As first vice-president of the Texas American Legion Auxiliary she is in charge of supervising and visiting the six soldiers' hospitals in the State.

Ma Burdick demonstrating two styles of millinery, the natty chapeau de fer of the Western Front and the comely bonnet of the peacetime Christian soldier of the Salvation Army

Democracy's Life Insurance

By D. John Markey
Chairman, National Military Affairs Committee, The American Legion

THE American Legion is the greatest potential army of defense that our nation has today, but in an expression of the Legion's military policy this fact cannot be permitted to exercise any degree of importance. The above statement has been frequently quoted to justify a small Army and Navy, but, it will be observed, it is a statement that springs from sources outside the Legion itself. It is an indisputable fact that the Legion is the greatest stabilizing force in our country for law and order and the suppression of the radical elements of our body politic. Yet the Legion collectively and individually feels that it is unfair and unjust to expect its members to carry the responsibility of national defense when a proper military policy would train and prepare the present and coming generations for this national duty. The Legion also recognizes that a reasonable amount of military training and discipline is essential to the best development of young America, and that the benefits of this training will be useful to the individual and the nation in the proper preparations for peace as well as war.

"GOD willing, never again!" we said as we took off our uniforms back in 1919. But while the ungrateful were counseling that the nation would be impregnable so long as it had 4,000,000 vigorous World War veterans, we planned real national security. The Legion helped frame the Army Reorganization Act of June 4, 1920 providing for a Regular Army, National Guard and Organized Reserve. That law now is menaced by the zealots of a false economy. The Legion must help save it.

The American Legion knows better than any other class of men that our country was hopelessly unprepared for the World War, and this lesson of unpreparedness caused so much grief among those in the service that one of the Legion's first thoughts on national defense was a resolution that this country should have in the future a sound, practical and harmonious military policy that would forever prevent such a situation as developed in 1917.

At the Legion's First Convention at Minneapolis, when most of our members had not been out of uniform more than six months, there was rendered the report of the Military Affairs Committee, on which were representatives from each State, calling for just such a military policy and its report was

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BURSTS AND DUDS

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Tonight's the Night!

I ought to take Madge to the movies,
I promised to call on Lucille;
Great Scott! I forgot to take Nellie and Dot
For a spin in the automobile.
It's tough, but I'll just have to stall 'em,
Although my intentions were right;
I'll be S. O. L. with the girls for a spell,
For I'm goin' to the Legion tonight.

I'm due for some bowling at Casey's,
There's a pinochle game on at Fred's;
I fall like a fool for a game of straight pool,
And they've got some good tables at Ed's.
If they 'phone me I'll say I'm not coming,
Though I know they'll be ready to fight;
They can threaten or swear, or go up in the air,
But I'm goin' to the Legion tonight.

I've answered roll call every meeting,
And nothing can keep me away,
For I've got a hunch that I'll meet the old bunch
That I chummed with for many a day.
So it's me for the live-wire outfit,
Where the slogan is "Merry and Bright,"
Where I'll talk and harangue and swap jokes with the gang,
For I'm goin' to the Legion tonight!

ALLWORTH WEBB.

An Afternoon with a Bonus

From a letter to the *New York Times.*

"The bonus bill, if passed, would start a career of foolish spending. . . . After he left the Army my hired man got sixty dollars—in ten days he was back at work, broke."

FARMER.

Halt!
As you were!
Forward—
Ber-rum-ph!

Scene: Popular clothing store, Chicago, June 10, 1919.

Cast: X. Buck and Sixty Little Bonus Bucks.

Extract from the Death Sentence:

One suit, civilian.....	worth	$20.00..	$40.00
One shirt, civilian....	"	1.00..	2.50
One hat, civilian, 1917 issue	"	1.00..	4.00
One shoe, skid soles..	"	2.00..	4.50
Other shoe.....	"	2.00..	4.50
One collar, white.....	"	0.05..	0.30
One tie, audible.....	"	0.15..	1.50
One sock, non-fuzzy..	"	0.02..	0.25
Other sock.....	"	0.02..	0.25
One belt, including fastener	"	0.06..	0.50
One topside B. V. G...	"	0.15..	0.75
Other B. V. G.....	"	0.14..	0.75
One handkerchief, clean	"	0.02..	0.20

Verdict: Bonus expired while attempting to stretch to cover a pair of garters.

A Swell Shindigger

"What does Jack mean when he says I slide a slippery heel?"

"You mustn't mind him. That's just his slangy way. What he means is that you wobble a vicious hoof."

The Better 'Ole

A bad fire broke out in a garage on the main automobile route between New York and Boston and apparatus from half a dozen nearby small towns was rushed to the scene. When the chief of the first apparatus to arrive dashed in, he was amazed to see the proprietor sitting on a chair in the middle of the flaming structure.

"For Pete's sake, get out quick!" bellowed the chief. "This place is full of gasoline and it'll be blown sky-high any second."

"Can't leave," calmly retorted the proprietor. "A guy said he'd drop around in ten minutes and pay me five dollars he's been owin' me for a month."

"That man you were just talking to is a mind reader."

"Impossible. Why, I was just dying for a sundae all the time I was with him."

That Being the Case—

Private Rooke arrived in the barracks just in time to prevent his buddy from committing suicide with his rifle.

"Holy smoke, old man!" he ejaculated, snatching away the weapon. "You don't want to do that. What's the matter?"

"Life won't be worth living now," replied his buddy despairingly. "I just sold my dog to the major."

"Shucks, old scout! You can always buy a new dog."

"That ain't it. You see, just after I sold it, I found out the blamed thing belonged to the colonel."

Going and Coming

"I cracked a lawyer's house the other night," said the first burglar disgustedly, "and the lawyer was right there with a gat all ready for me. He advised me to get out."

"You got off easy," commented his pal.

"Easy nothing!" exploded the other. "He charged me twenty-five bucks for the advice."

Calling in the Expert

It was visiting day aboard ship and the newest gob was strolling along the deck with his sweetheart in that particular port. Along came the main gazabo himself, but the gob did not salute. The main gazabo, having the rudiments of humanity in his system, did not give him a public bawling out but called him aside and administered a few well-chosen words.

"What did he want of you?" asked that particular sweetheart when the gob came back.

"Oh," answered the latter easily, "he just wanted to consult me on a bit of naval discipline he happened to be thinking about."

Revenge

The discharged doughboy was having his picture taken. He stood in a slovenly attitude, leaning against a table, his hat tipped over one eye, a cigarette in his mouth and his coat and vest unbuttoned.

"Don't you think," queried the photographer discreetly, "that the picture would be a great deal better if you posed more erectly—say in a more military manner?"

"That's just the point," said his nibs, shoving his hands deep in his pockets and assuming a fixed, sneering expression. "I wanter send this one to my old top kick."

The Silent Partner

"Does yo' take this woman for thy lawfully wedded wife?" asked the colored parson, glancing at the diminutive, watery-eyed, bow-legged bridegroom, who stood beside two hundred and ten pounds of feminine assurance.

"Ah takes nothin'" gloomily responded the bridegroom. "Ah's bein' tooked."

Inevitable

A hotel keeper at an old-fashioned cross-roads house in Arkansas had a clerk who suddenly developed kleptomania, systematically stealing from the guests until complaint became general.

The proprietor was at his wits' end, but because of the scarcity of available help and because his clerk was a model one except for this slight failing, he hesitated to part with him. Finally he solved the problem. Over the desk in the office he placed this sign:

"Leave your valuables with the clerk. He'll get them anyhow."

Suggestions of a Doughboy

Being the
Suggestions of a Doughboy on 'he Manner of Conducting the Next War, Together with Certain Reflections on the Conduct of the Last One

20. That all attack orders reach the battalion commander not more than twenty-four hours after he is supposed to make the attack. There is always more or less confusion and a degree of uncertainty as to the outcome in the efforts of a battalion commander to make an attack at 6 o'clock Thursday morning if he does not receive the orders to advance until some time Thursday night.

(*To be continued*)

Fair Warning

A Mobile darky was asked what name he had given his youngest son.

"Erasmus Pro Tem Johnson, suh."

"But why the 'Pro Tem'?"

"Well, suh, dat am to show de name am only temporaneous, suh. We figgered as how Erasmus might want to choose his own name when he growed up, so we put in 'Pro Tem' as a warnin' to de public."

The Innocent Law-Abider

Dyer: "I hear poor Sparker was killed on his very first night flight."

Fryer: "Yes, it was very sad. You know old Sparker was always such a law-abiding chap. Well, the other night the moon went behind a cloud, and without ever stopping to think where he was at, he just stepped out to light the lamps."

Grounds for Jealousy

Hornbaker: "Why don't you and Bilkins go into partnership?"

Snedeker: "He was engaged to my wife before I was. You don't suppose I would take a smarter man than I am for a partner, do you?"

Florida's Secret of Success

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post. This can only be done where the principle of personal contact is carried on in the post organization to the fullest extent in much the same manner as it is carried on in the department organization. All the system, preparation or membership drives will be without success unless the idea of personal contact is carried out to the fullest.

To illustrate what is meant: Tampa Post had a total membership of 787 for the year 1921. This post could reasonably expect as large a membership for 1922, but not without *personal effort, personal contact* and *personal solicitation* of practically every member. During January much publicity was given to the membership drive, careful plans were made, notices and letters were sent out, and everyone was urged to solicit members. The result was that at the end of January less than 300 members had been enrolled. The first of February the post commander and the post executive committee, joining forces with the membership committee, determined on an intensive campaign that would bring the active, interested and most enthusiastic men of the post in *personal touch* with practically every ex-service man in the community. This was carried out. Within ten days the membership had passed the 800 mark and enrollments are still coming in.

The whole problem, and the answer to it, is to interest the strongest, the livest, the most energetic men of each community in Legion work and, having interested them, to keep those men, regardless of whether they are post officials or not, actively and enthusiastically engaged in stimulating and holding the interest of all others in the Legion.

In the Army it was Personal Reconnaisance. In the Legion it is Personal Contact.

The Hankerin'

By John Palmer Cumming

Have you got the hanker-hanker for a somethin' that you want,
That requires an East-bound tanker, or a jolly foreign jaunt?
Are your innards short of fillin' an' your soul so full of glum
That you'd like to kick the stuffin's out of signs like "Glad-U-Kum"?

Then you ain't so extra, buddy, if you've got it in your brains,
For it's filled the sea with seamen and the countryside with swains;
There is them that take it twisted and they play it like a game,
An' there's them that's double-fisted that will beat it all the same.

There is them that's like the pilgrims, an' there's them that toil an' sweat,
For the things that most men hanker ain't the things that most men get;
An' most every feller's got it till he's chokin' to the brim,
But the guy that gets the doughnuts keeps *it* from gettin' *him.*

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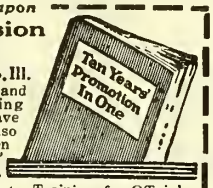

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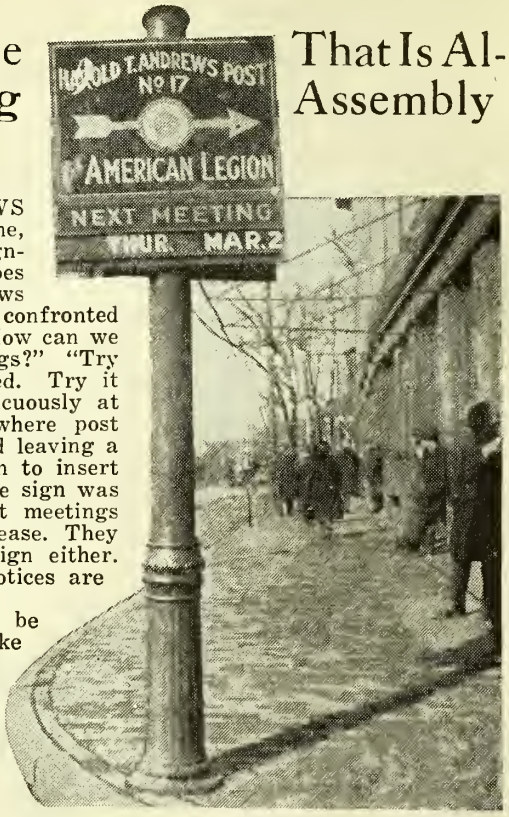

HAROLD T. ANDREWS Post of Portland, Maine, does not claim that its sign-post idea is original, but it does claim that it works. Andrews Post has in the past been confronted by the Great Question: "How can we get them out to post meetings?" "Try a sign," somebody suggested. Try it they did, posting it conspicuously at the corner of the street where post headquarters is located, and leaving a slot at the bottom in which to insert the meeting date. Since the sign was put up, attendance at post meetings has shown a consistent increase. They don't leave it all to the sign either. The customary post-card notices are sent out as well.

Another great benefit to be derived from sign posts like this (and they have been adopted by many posts) is the advertising they give the post. Not only the member himself, but everyone in town, knows the town has a post.

The Outlook in Legion Athletics

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vention this summer. Track and field, boxing, golf and other championships will also be played off at the convention, as in previous years. Legion athletic supervision in New Jersey refuses to permit posts to run off championships in any sport until state athletic officers give the event their approval—a successful means of insuring a high standard in Legion sports.

Tennessee, too, plans a state division with a view to stimulating Legion athletic interest. East, west and middle Tennessee will have a chance to eliminate each other in all branches of summer sport—the weather won't be exactly the sort in which to round out that football team the National Commander wants to send against Oregon.

Minnesota Legionnaires likewise will proceed to eliminate each other this summer in order to develop two worthy Gopher nines to battle to the death and the department championship at the department convention. Eliminations will be conducted on a district basis. Minnesota last year had several successful county organizations, and her most ambitious plans for this year are grounded on the interest aroused in 1921.

Arkansas plans an eight-team circuit among the larger posts and another league of smaller posts—a sort of Class A and Class B division. Kansas is encouraging inter-post athletics with a view to developing district championships during the summer. Illinois is working on a county basis and developing a twenty-four-team league among twenty-four posts, and in addition plans to enter a professional team to represent the department in some fast semi-pro company. Bowling is engaging Illinois's attention too, and on May 14th, 15th and 16th, The American Legion State Bowling Tournament will be held in Chicago. From the present outlook at least 100 teams will roll for the state championships.

California and North Dakota are among the departments which will conclude a busy sporting year with championship events at the department conventions, awarding suitable trophies.

In addition to these activities, some big-time athletic meets under all-Legion auspices are being planned for the open-air period. The District of Columbia department is now busy with final plans for its second annual track and field meet, to be held in the Central High School stadium at Washington May 6th for the benefit of the Legion relief fund maintained for ex-service men who go to the capital to press their claims against the Government in person. Neighboring departments, such as Virginia and Maryland, realizing that many of their men are among the number of claimants, are lending wholehearted support to the project. Legion posts and departments, high schools, colleges and athletic clubs will all be represented, and some of the best-known track stars will compete. The D. C. Legion says it is not too late yet to get department relay teams entered. The event will easily be the most important athletic carnival ever held under the shadow of the Capitol.

New York's summer activities will culminate on September 22d at Syracuse in a giant all-Legion meet which

will be open to all paid-up members of the New York department. Preliminary heats and tryouts, except semi-finals, are to be played and run off in the districts, insuring a high degree of outdoor activity before the big meet itself. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to contestants, and a silver cup will go to the post scoring the greatest number of points. Novelty events, such as a centipede race with eight men astride a sixteen-foot pole, are planned in addition to the orthodox features.

Events of this magnitude naturally make necessary a careful distinction between the amateur and the professional status. In an inter-post contest the presence of a pro or semi-pro player does not matter essentially; if it does, the difference can be straightened out by mutual agreement. In a big meet, especially where outside teams are competing, the amateur-professional question matters very much.

Here is the New York athletic committee's view:

The committee after a most careful consideration voted that the best interests of all would be served if all athletic activities were kept on an amateur basis, and that it would affiliate with the New York Metropolitan Chapter of the Amateur Athletic Union of New York for posts in the metropolitan district and with the Buffalo Chapter for all other posts in the State.

The District of Columbia meet, also, will be held under A. A. U. auspices, a necessary step in view of the fact that school and college teams are to be entered. Department officials here believe that all Legion meets should be held under similar auspices, "else they cannot prove a success." In other departments the question has not been raised; the problem is one that develops only with the development of athletic activity on a big-scale basis. But it is worth bearing in mind when the time comes to move the post's stars from the sand-lot to the dignity of the arena.

What good are sports anyway, from the Legion's point of view? Well, they stimulate the circulation of the blood, for one thing, and they stimulate interest in the Legion, for another, both among eligible veterans (thereby getting more members) and among the public (thereby building up a high degree of community interest). They get publicity for the Legion, and without publicity (of the right kind) the Legion cannot live.

There is at least one other essential, however, which summer sports do not produce—revenue. That statement belongs in the class of dicta which, once uttered, must immediately be hedged about with all kinds of reservations. The District of Columbia meet will produce revenue, for instance; last year it netted $4,000. But compare baseball with basketball, for another instance. The latter is held on an indoor court, with every facility for seating a good audience and for collecting its spare change at the entrance. Baseball grounds, particularly those with fences around them, are not to be had for the asking. Even baseball grounds without fences do not blossom as the rose. And it is hard to extract admission fees from spectators on unfenced grounds, even if the use of the grounds is free, which is by no means always the case. Uniforms cost money (ask any ex-

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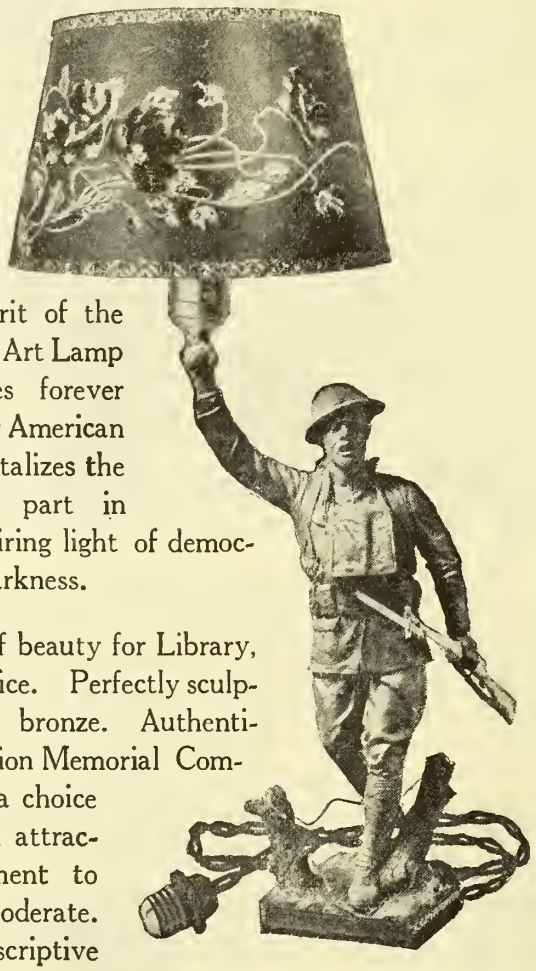

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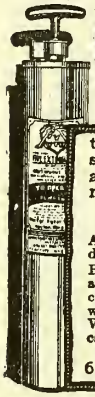

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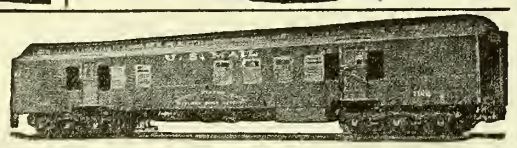

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In passing, note should be made o the plan adopted by some posts of en gaging non-Legion teams to play unde Legion auspices. Harold T. Andrew Post of Portland, Maine, for instance stages an intercollegiate game ever Armistice Day, and has a contract fo the next three years with Bowdoin an Tufts. The game is usually good fo profits in four figures. Posts in Water ville, Sanford, and other Maine com munities have adopted the same plan with smaller teams and with a cor responding degree of financial success

But, once organized, Legion athleti teams do unquestionably arouse inter est. Glen Ellyn Post, in Illinois, pro vides an excellent example of whole hearted public support—the sort of sup port sure to be accorded a team whic both represents the whole town an plays winning baseball. Interest i the team was so keen in 1921 that th Illinois Legion athletic commission re ports a ninety percent attendance o townspeople at Legion games. Ninet percent, mind you, means that of ever hundred people in town only ten staye away from the field of battle. That seems obvious, but it is so startlingl high a figure that it is worth dwelling on an instant.

Offhand, one would find it hard t think up any objection to Legion ath letics. But the old Socratic command ment of "nothing in excess" applies here just as strictly as it does to bridge o poker or cocaine or playing the trom bone—it is easy to carry anything too far. There are serious-minded men in the Legion who believe that, as Legion naires are growing older every year they should look ahead—and building up athletic prowess, they say, is not looking ahead; eventually joints will become rusty and eyes incapable of judging flies. This is not a highly reasonable or widely-held opinion, but it does exist, and it must be taken into account.

A much more reasonable objection to high-keyed athletic activity is this, voiced by a Minnesota Legionnaire who speaks both for his post and his department athletic commission, and representing not so much his own opinion as it does that community opinion which the Legion must always take into account, whether it goes with the grain or not:

Whether or not Legion teams have proved a direct benefit in stimulating interest is a matter of conjecture, and whether all communities have been stimulated as ours has I do not know. But allow me to cite what happened here. Our basketball team was very successful this winter, winning sixteen out of nineteen games, and getting to the finals in a tournament promoted by some independent teams in which four or five Legion teams participated. Among certain people the team created a great deal of interest, and many came out who had never seen a basketball game before. But this criticism was made by some, and it was a just criticism: That the only thing that was heard about the Legion was its athletic prowess. We advertised our games extensively, and

many began to associate the name of the Legion with athletics only. We did not advertise our service work and other activities in the same manner as we did our basketball; many people would overlook the fact that athletics was only one of many activities. This criticism may not be pertinent in many places, but it manifests how some people look upon athletics.

A problem appreciated is half solved, and this Gopher post may be depended on not to let its good works apart from athletics go without recognition. But the situation must be taken into account by every post embarking seriously in summer no less than in winter sports.

It is a local problem, a problem that must be fitted to the town and solved accordingly, but certain all-American rules stand out that ought to apply anywhere. They are:

Athletics is a commendable activity, profitable in muscle and morale and more members and rekindled community interest in the Legion, but not universally profitable financially. Go into athletics up to your neck, but use your head—use your head.

Help Your Disabled Buddy

THE queries given below are printed in behalf of disabled men seeking to get in touch with comrades whose aid is necessary to substantiate claims for government compensation. This magazine will publish further inquiries from men seeking proof of disabilities incurred in service, but can do so only after the usual means of obtaining the information have failed.

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EARL OLIN HARRIS, P. O. Box 372, Aberdeen, Wash., requires addresses of Pvt. Guskoyski, Pvt. Lerner and Dr. Ginsberg, formerly of 247th Aero Sqdn.

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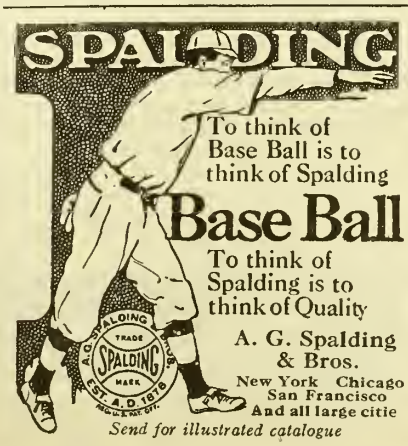

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Oh, gold's a possession that's pleasant to get and pleasant to spend and to hold,
And fame is a glorious guerdon to win, a thing to be praised and extolled,
But glory and gold without friendship or love are husks that are withered and brown,
While friendship and love get along very well without either wealth or renown.
So I bow to the fates as I puff at my weed, to destiny's word I salaam,
For though I'm undoubtedly poor and obscure, I do very well as I am,
For I have what I know are the best things of life, the best of all riches there are,
The love of a woman, the faith of a friend, and the smoke of a good cigar!

Watchman, What of the Goat?

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facing the flag-staff while the band before headquarters played the national anthem.

Oleo, in his wanderings, noticed the unusual immobility of his comrades. He trotted the full length of the front rank, stopping now and again as if for inspection. Being dissatisfied with the muffled giggles he evoked, he nosed up to the lieutenant. There was no response from him. The expected caresses were missing. Oleo did not like it.

He retreated a good six paces. Then he faced about toward the lieutenant and lowered his head. No H. E. ever sped across No Man's Land with the fervor Oleo put into that drive. As the flag came down, the lieutenant went up. And Oleo got the attention that he craved.

One night not long after, His Friskiness disappeared. Clerical Training staged a careful search, but failed to find him. A day later he was back, apparently unharmed, though some maintained that his spirit seemed dampened. His absence had caused anxiety and his buddies began once more to tie him every night to the coal bin.

Oleo was too wise for them. He discovered that he was held fast by one of his favorite breakfast foods. It was like imprisoning a child in a cage of stick candy. Oleo ate his way out. One morning he was gone again.

This time he did not return.

Searching parties were organized by the company. Every approachable inch of the grounds was scoured. The surrounding woods were gone over in detail by details. Notice of Oleo's loss was posted on all bulletin boards. The camp commander was asked to take cognizance of the case. Divers went to the bottom of the St. John's River, and permission was sought to fire cannon across its expanse.

Through it all Clerical Training maintained an air of dignified stoicism. They refused to be shaken by the laughter which greeted their ubiquitous inquiries. They would not give up hope. Though they found no joy in life, they comforted one another in the faltering belief that some morning they should awaken to find their mascot calmly grazing on the supply sergeant's serge uniform.

Day followed day, as it always does. The army routine went on. Drill and class-room instruction and slum and taps. A letter from home or from a best girl. What did it matter? Who started the darned war, anyway? Why shouldn't we go on and make peace, even if the Germans were at the gates of Paris? It wasn't our fight, and we had no reason to get mixed up with it. Things were different when Oleo was around. The war didn't worry us much then. But now—oh, for heaven's sake, let's go home.

Then one day—but let Private Barry tell it.

"I'd been down to see Bradshaw with the Motor Truck unit. When I left his tent, I heard a sort of bleat, or baa, or something like that. It was so faint that I scarcely noticed it. Then I thought it sounded like Oleo. I made a dash for the tent that the sound came from.

"Say, those Motor Truck guys are big fellows! Eight of 'em piled up in front of me and kept me from going in. I yelled out 'Oleo!' and he bleated back. He recognized my voice, blamed if he didn't. I couldn't get to him, but I knew it was Oleo.

"Come on, about a dozen of you fellows, and we'll wipe up the earth with those guys. I knew they had Oleo all the time."

The stock exchange in the war baby period was as quiet as a hospital beside the furore which arose. Every Clerical Trainer within sight or hearing rushed pell-mell from the barracks. In two minutes a formidable battalion, with Barry at its head, was making off toward the tented enclosure which housed the Motor Truckies.

Lieutenant Wall spoiled it all.

"I'm not going to have this," he said. "If those boys have got our goat, I'll go down and get it back. But I'll use diplomacy, not force. You fellows stay here and I'll take Barry and the top along with me."

The detail returned half an hour later, dejected. The first sergeant announced the news.

"Their C. O. called 'em all out," he said, "and asked 'em if they'd seen a goat. They didn't answer. He turned around to our looey and said, 'See, I told you we ain't got it.' Our looey argued, but it didn't do no good. And they all laughed like a pack of hyenas when we left. Ding it, we gotta get that animal!"

A council was formed and methods were discussed. Lieutenant Wall sent out word that the men should trust to him. They were not to use force, unless he first sanctioned it. For two days the matter stood thus, while spies were sent out to the Motor Truck grounds, and headquarters of Clerical Training busied itself profoundly with strategy and tactics.

The plan they finally adopted was amazingly simple. The lieutenant took his bugler, his first sergeant, Barry and a dozen men. Fifteen minutes before mess time, he stationed the bugler behind the mess shack. He himself, with the rest of his party, hid among the tents.

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In an instant Motor Truck soldiers appeared, eating utensils in hand. They had one thought—to get at the head of the line as speedily as possible. Every tent was vacated.

Lieutenant Wall and his cohort marched into the tent Barry pointed out to them and captured Oleo.

Then as the disgruntled men, learning the alarm was false, returned to their tents, the Clerical Trainers formed a guard of honor around Oleo and proceeded back to their own barracks.

Oleo returned in state. There were vine leaves in his hair. His military escort was commanded by a commissioned officer. Three sergeants flanked him. Two corporals brought up his rear. A squad of cheering privates trailed after. Weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth gave place to hilarity and song. Oleo got an extra sheet of carbon paper for his dessert.

Thereafter the detail roster of the Clerical Training Company read like this:

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Your Post and Your Town

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They got the works from reveille to retreat, had roll-call, counted off, underwent medical examination, enjoyed calisthenics, and, when they were about all in, were served real army slum. The awkward squad was given rifles and made to drill for fifteen minutes, after which the entire company passed in review to the music of the local band—which, by the way, is directed by an ex-army bandmaster and consists mostly of Legion men.

Boxing and other entertainment features came later in the evening—and the final event was the reorganization of the Commercial Club, which had been asleep for the past year.—W. F. BENDER, *Vice-Commander, Stinar-Sturdevant-Stoltz Post, New York Mills, Minn.*

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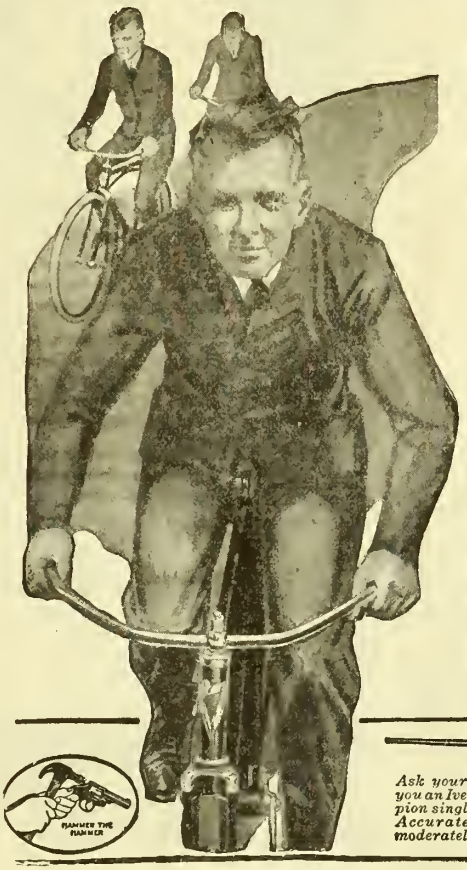

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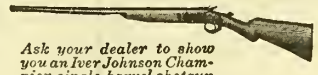

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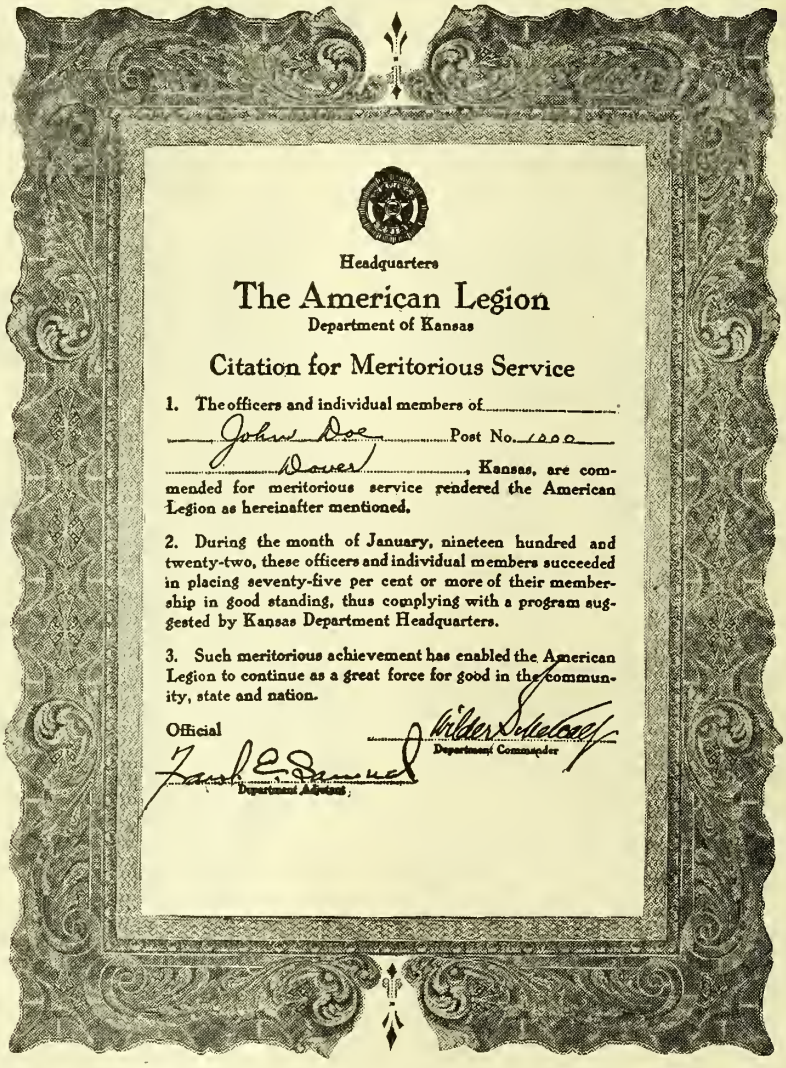

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Department of Kansas

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2. During the month of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, these officers and individual members succeeded in placing seventy-five per cent or more of their membership in good standing, thus complying with a program suggested by Kansas Department Headquarters.

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One hundred and six of 360 Kansas posts received this citation for reporting 75 percent or better of their 1921 membership by the end of January

Keeping Step with the Legion

(*Continued from page 8*)

which are totally repugnant to the whole idea of Memorial Day."

National Headquarters offers the following outline as a suggestion for Memorial Day services conducted by local Legion posts:

1. Selection by band or other musical organization.
2. (See Memorial Day Service No. 1 in Manual of Ceremonies, page 24.)
   a. Remarks by post commander.
   b. Invocation.
   c. Music or readings.
   d. Brief introduction of Memorial Day speaker by post commander.
   e. Memorial Day address.
   f. Standing silent tribute to the heroic dead (thirty seconds).
   g. "The Star Spangled Banner" (sung by audience or played by band).
   h. Benediction.
   i. Formation of line of march.
3. (See Memorial Day Service No. 2, Manual of Ceremonies, page 27.)
   a. Order of march:
      1. Colors.
      2. Music.
      3. Firing squad.
      4. Civil War veterans.
      5. Spanish War veterans.
      6. The American Legion.
      7. Other patriotic bodies.

Note: Where ceremonies are only held at the cemetery instead of the post headquarters or a hall it is suggested that Memorial Day Service No. 1 be amalgamated with Memorial Day Service No. 2, as follows:

   b. Invocation by chaplain.
   c. Brief introduction of Memorial Day speaker by post commander.
   d. Memorial Day address.
   e. A salute to the dead by the firing squad (all heads will be bowed in silent prayer for thirty seconds during this salute).
   f. Taps.

Where the services are held at a hall or Legion headquarters and a parade follows such services, the ceremonies at the cemetery should be brief as outlined in Memorial Day Service No. 2.

In every community there should be included among the public records a complete roster of deceased veterans of that particular community, giving all essential data relative to the organization and service of the soldiers and the location of graves. Whenever possible, this list should be published in a local newspaper, with proper

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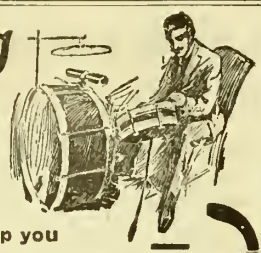

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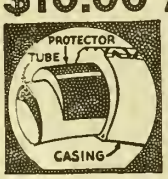

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comment, prior to Memorial Day. Great care should be used in compiling and completing this list and provisions should be made for additions and corrections.

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Over the Top

FLORIDA has been and went and gone and done it. Florida has returned more subscription cards to the Weekly office than she had members last year. It's another way of saying that Florida now has more members than she had on December 31, 1921.

Actually she has more members than the score card printed below gives her credit for. And thereby hangs a tale. Arkansas and New Mexico are both claiming more than 100 percent of their 1921 membership, and they are probably right. But the table, remember, is based, not on members enrolled, but on subscription cards received by the Weekly. If a department had 10,000 members in December, and now has 12,000, of whom only 8,000 have returned their Weekly cards, the table would credit that department with only .800 points.

Here are the standings of the twenty blue-ribbon departments (the figures at the left of the States' names indicate the order in which the departments ranked during the week ending on the date specified):

Feb.	March				Apr.		
28	7	14	21	28	4		
1	1	1	1	1	1	Florida. . . .	1.001
5	4	3	4	4	2	Arkansas. . .	.906
7	8	2	2	2	3	Vermont . . .	.898
2	2	4	3	3	4	Oklahoma. . .	.894
4	5	6	7	6	5	Missouri. . .	.864
8	7	7	6	5	6	Utah.	.863
12	14	12	10	10	7	Wyoming. . .	.845
16	12	11	11	12	8	N. Carolina..	.822
15	15	19	19	11	9	Nevada. . . .	.815
3	3	5	8	9	10	Nebraska. . .	.811
10	9	8	9	8	11	New Mex. . .	.809
0	20	15	5	7	12	Mississippi. .	.805
11	13	10	12	13	13	Iowa.	.791
6	6	9	13	15	14	Minnesota. . .	.769
9	10	14	14	14	15	Ohio.	.761
14	11	13	15	16	16	Wisconsin. . .	.760
13	16	18	16	17	17	N. Dakota. . .	.737
19	19	16	18	18	18	Rhode Isl. . .	.731
18	17	17	17	19	19	Penn.	.728
0	0	0	0	0	20	Oregon. . . .	.720

"How about the other departments?" a fellow asked us. Here they are as of April 4th:

Indiana.	.715	Illinois.	.626
Georgia.	.717	Dist. of Col. . .	.617
Kentucky.	.696	Idaho.	.606
So. Dakota. . . .	.677	Colorado.	.603
Kansas.	.671	New York. . . .	.581
Tennessee. . . .	.663	Louisiana. . . .	.570
Alabama.	.643	West Va.	.569
Maine.	.641	California. . . .	.556
New Hamp.. . .	.639	Mass.	.552
Texas.	.637	Connecticut. . .	.550
Maryland. . . .	.635	New Jersey. . .	.530
Virginia.	.634	Washington. . .	.526
Montana.	.632	Arizona.	.491
Michigan.	.627	Delaware. . . .	.485
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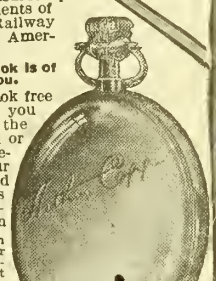

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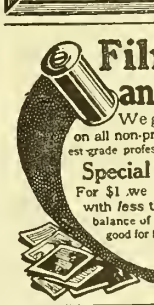

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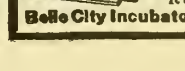

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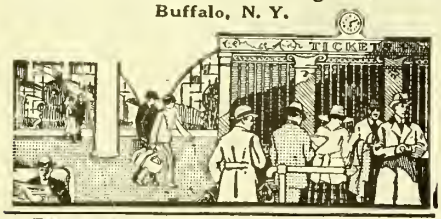

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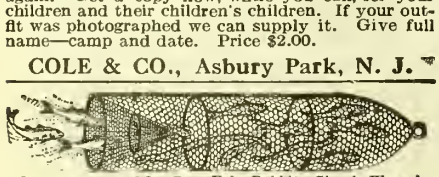

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New Eyes for the Old That War Closed

(*Continued from page* 4)

not the amateur kind), carpentry, poultry farming, and the management of a small store or a garage are some of the trades taught. Besides this, there is an academic course from which many men have graduated, and today there are blind ex-service men leading their classes at Columbia, Harvard, Michigan and other colleges.

The buildings at Evergreen are low, wooden dormitories and schoolrooms connected with covered runways. The men you see around are exactly like the men you see at other schools; they are walking about whistling just as cheerfully as their more fortunate brothers. With few exceptions they wear no glasses or covering over their eyes, they walk along the boardwalks with an easy swinging gait, turning in at the door they want, or perhaps hesitating for a second when they come to a corner. They don't use canes for the same reason they don't use attendants—they don't need them. In fact it would be pretty hard to discover in the confines of the United States today a more self-reliant man than the blind veteran.

If the man is married, there are quarters for him with his wife, large homey rooms, with chintz curtains at the windows, a piano and easy chairs and sofas in the large living rooms, for the blind man is extremely susceptible to beauty in its external form, and feels it at once if he is forced to live in dingy or cramped surroundings. The bedrooms are large, well-furnished, with beds, tables, chairs and the usual furniture of a comfortable home. Someone has asked me whether they used the same kind of furniture as other people? Of course, why not? They are normal people. But one thing is important to notice, the furniture must always be in exactly the same place, for if it is changed or moved in the least degree the blind man may receive a nasty knock.

The quarters for the unmarried men are also well-furnished; like the others, steam-heated, with a large living room, with a piano and comfortable chairs. The bedrooms are large enough for two, but as a rule are occupied by only one man.

There are at present about ninety-five men taking the training at Evergreen, of whom about half are absolutely blind. Of the other half, some can distinguish between darkness and light, others can perceive blurred figures; but none of them can actually use his eyes to any purpose. Sixteen families live at Evergreen, and twelve healthy babies play on the porches or jump up and down on the front lawn in their kiddie coops. These sixteen families, with the other men, the instructors, and the nurses make a lively crowd as they all pour into the big dining room for meals.

For a blind man to feed himself properly is merely a question of practice and touch. During the meal which the writer took at Evergreen, he was unable to tell which of the six people at his table were actually blind. He finally decided that the elderly gentleman who asked for the salt when it was right in front of him was blind. Strangely enough, he was the one person who was not blind, but who, so it happened, was near-sighted. How did the others deceive me? By carefully scraping their food into the middle of their plates, and then putting it into their mouths with their forks. But so skilfully was this done that it was impossible to tell who was blind and who was not.

The blind ex-service man whether in training or at home, receives from the Government one hundred and seventy-seven dollars a month if unmarried, and two hundred and twelve dollars a month if married. These figures apply only to those who carried the full amount of government insurance during the war, but in nearly every case they did so. Twenty dollars of this amount is for attendant pay, but as before indicated they do not usually use it for this purpose. A good many people at large with eyes need attendants more than the men who are putting themselves on their feet at Evergreen!

Out of their money they pay five dollars a week for board and room for themselves, and, if they are married, five dollars a week for their wives; their children are taken care of for nothing. The rest is velvet, and the bankbooks which the writer saw in the office of the director would indicate that the men are taking advantage of this fact. Some deposits total over two thousand dollars, several are over three thousand, and one of nearly thirty-five hundred dollars was observed. These men are determined not to go out into the world without a start.

The daily hours of instruction are from eight-thirty to four-thirty, and then comes what for the blind man is the most difficult part of the day. It is hard enough to work without eyes, to play without eyes is more difficult still, but somehow these men manage to substitute something for the eyes that are gone. For instance, one sport they enjoy is bowling. They learn to be good bowlers, and by the sounds soon learn to know whether or not they are keeping on the alley. But of all sports, swimming is the best, for here the blind man gets a sense of freedom that it is hard for him to find anywhere else. He can strike out as hard as he likes without fear of falling or stumbling over anything, and the swimming tank, some sixty by twenty feet, built by the Government on the grounds, is ideal for the men in residence.

Twice every week there is a dance. Blind men dance? Certainly. If you saw the partners these men have you would not wonder that they look forward to Monday and Thursday evenings, and if you heard their orchestra—composed entirely of blind men—you would want to dance yourself. The floor is arranged with a border of stone which slopes slightly upward, and when a man touches this border he realizes at once that he is on the edge, and must turn into the middle. But the really big night in the week at Evergreen is theatre night.

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other people around them. Certainly you would never think they were blind, nor would you ever suspect it while an act was on. Keen for every laugh, they are eager to get every point that is made on the stage. They like best the song and dance acts, with a line of patter thrown in; these never fail to bring a wild burst of applause from the little group from Evergreen. Musical acts and one-act sketches are also much enjoyed.

Evergreen today has graduated over a hundred men, and these men have all been trained in some calling in which, if they choose, they can make a living. Graduates in all sorts of occupations are now doing work they were totally unable to do before the war. Men who took the poultry course are raising chickens and making good livings in different parts of the country. One of these men, Ewald Wegner, late of the 128th Infantry, has a farm a mile from Stockton, New Jersey, on which he lives and makes an income more than enough to support himself and his family without any help whatsoever from the Government. Elmer Stephan, late of Headquarters Company, 329th Infantry, graduated from Evergreen and returned to his home in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, with his bride. She was the sister of another Evergreen man, Joseph Hulin, of Co. K, 39th Infantry. These two men now earn a living making and selling commercial articles. They are, incidentally, never too busy to attend meetings of Wyandot Post of Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

The best way to describe the spirit of the men who are learning to be blind, who are finding new eyes for old, is to tell of an incident that occurred during the writer's recent visit to Evergreen. In the poultry house, a tall man, busy over the incubators, courteously offered to show me the different activities of the poultry section. Opening the door he led me outside along a narrow boardwalk for perhaps twenty-five yards, pointing out the various types of houses in the following words:

"There is a Massachusetts type house, while further to the right—no, over there, is a New Jersey type." He pointed in the proper direction when I looked the wrong way.

Explaining the difference he led the way to the last-named house. To get in we were obliged to step carefully through some chicken wire, cross one room and go through a door into another room. He then walked over to the opposite wall where several coops were built in, and taking a hen from each coop, held it while with his other hand he reached in and took out the egg. Then he wrote the bird's number on the egg and went on to the next coop, completing the row of a dozen in a few minutes. Arising, he led the way out with his pockets full of eggs.

The writer supposed, of course, that this man was an instructor. It was not until we got back to the office that I learned that he was not only a pupil, but that he was blind. Incidentally, at the last poultry show at Baltimore, out of eight birds entered from Evergreen, five won places, three of them firsts! And of these several belonged to Thomas Huskey, late of the 89th Division, the man who had piloted me around the chicken houses at Evergreen in such a way that I took him for one

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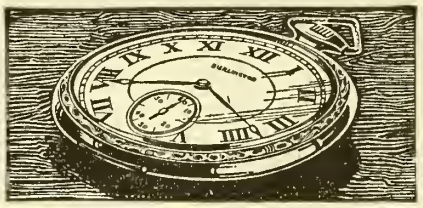

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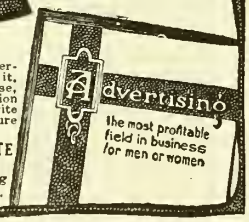

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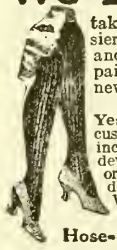

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At Evergreen where dwell the men
Who looked upon the face of war
And then returned to see no more,
The calm of peace has fallen now.
The dread of darkness is dispelled
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The light of Hope that life still holds
Some further duty unfulfilled,
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unanimously adopted. The American Legion takes just pride in the part played by our organization in the framing by Congress of the Army Reorganization Act of June 4, 1920, which established this military policy for our country.

At Minneapolis came also the demand that the interpretation and application of this new policy should be removed from the exclusive control of any class or clique. It was not fully understood at that time just how this could be accomplished, but before the Army Reorganization Act was completed it contained provisions for the use of National Guard and Reserve officers on the General Staff of the Army, and further provided that all subjects relating to the citizen part of the Army should be considered by committees of the General Staff on which National Guard and Reserve Officers would have equal representation.

This provision has proved one of the most important of the new policy for the successful development of the United States Army. It is recognized in the War Department today that without this provision it would have been impossible to have made a satisfactory allocation of units to the respective States, which allocation formed the framework of the National Guard. It was unfortunate that such a provision had not been in force for the past ten years as it would have eliminated many of the unfortunate misunderstandings that caused so much friction and bad feeling in the late war.

We must realize of course that The American Legion is interested in an economical, harmonious and efficient national defense and that the military policy which it approved called for one Army of the United States whose component parts are the Regular Establishment, the National Guard and the Organized Reserves. This Army is divided into nine corps areas, following the man-power curve of the nation, and in each area it was intended to have one Regular division, two National

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At both the Cleveland and Kansas City National Conventions the Legion continued its approval of the Army Reorganization Act, embodying this policy, and both Conventions instructed the National Military Affairs Committee to use its best efforts to have this policy properly supported by Congress and appropriately interpreted and applied by the War Department.

The Legion also has a deep and intimate interest in the perpetuation of our war organizations. The splendid fighting careers of our companies, battalions, regiments and divisions should forever be perpetuated in our New Army, as it will give a prestige and inspiration to these organizations that will continue to grow in importance and tradition. Boards of officers in each State named by the respective governors were authorized by regulations under this policy to allocate names of wartime units to the National Guard and Organized Reserves, and today practically all the fighting units of the A. E. F. are recreated in either the National Guard or Organized Reserves.

The active part of our citizen army under this policy is represented in the National Guard which will be the first line of our citizen forces, as it is expected that the Organized Reserves will not be mobilized as units except in time of war. It is hoped to have the Organized Reserves on paper and all officers assigned to the respective organizations with small cadres of enlisted personnel scattered in all parts of the corps areas.

The National Guard has a dual status and its officers and men must accept a larger military responsibility as they are available for state as well as national service.

There are many efficient men who find it impossible to give the amount of time from their business and profession required for service in the National Guard who will accept service in the Organized Reserves, and it is also expected that the National Guard will in the years to come provide a large part of the personnel of the Organized Reserves.

The American Legion believes there is no occasion for any friction between the National Guard and Organized Reserves, as both have distinct and well-defined missions in the plan for national defense. It is only necessary to bring to each organization a policy of mutual understanding in order that any doubts, jealousies and fears may be entirely eliminated.

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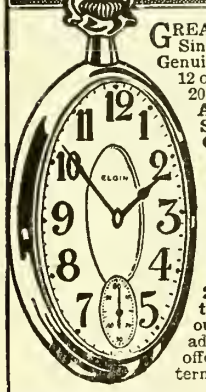

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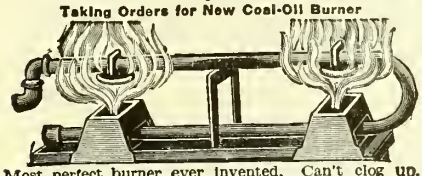

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An unsatisfactory situation may develop in the application of the new military policy if Congress insists upon the principle of having appropriations make policy. The American Legion will protest against the Army and Navy being run by Congress rather than by the Chief Executive through its department heads.

It must not be understood that the Legion believes this new policy to be perfect, but it does believe that the fundamental principles involved are sound and workable, and constitute the first real military policy our country has ever had. It further believes that one of the first requirements is to have the entire Regular Establishment, which is charged with the responsibility of interpreting and applying this policy, understand it as does General Pershing, who has lately made some important statements bearing on its application. He recently issued instructions stating that the first mission of the Regular Establishment is to train and develop the National Guard and Organized Reserves, and it was with this object in view that he recommended the elimination of a thousand of the least efficient Regular officers, who, he stated, were not qualified to properly carry out the new mission devolving upon the Regular Army.

He also stated that units of the United States Army would not be maintained in a more expensive category if they could safely be maintained in a less expensive category. This means an important step along economic lines to lessen the cost of national defense, and its application will be watched with much interest by the Legion.

The New Army, in contrast to the Old Army, should be close to the people and the Legion can perform a useful public service in bringing to the citizenship of the nation an intelligent understanding of our new military policy and the mission of the component parts of the New Army of the United States.

The ex-service men rightly believe that their experience entitles them to be heard upon our country's military policy, and it is expected that the nation will depend for many years to come upon our particular organization expressing a sound judgment upon all questions which affect our national defense.

The American Legion must exercise an eternal vigilance on matters concerning national security. It must always be prepared to properly inform Congress and the nation on these vitally important subjects, in order that the national safety may never be imperilled by lack of adequate support of the nation's new military policy.

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Ten Mistakes Are Being Made in This Picture

Can You Find Them All?

SOME are the bad blunders in table manners. Some are mistakes in dress. Some are glaring blunders in good form. All are errors that you should be able to find at once—errors that are usually made by those who do not know the rules of good society.

See how many you can find. See whether or not any of them are errors you have ever made. It is embarrassing to make blunders in a public place—humiliating to commit breaches that give others the wrong impression. To know exactly what to do, say, write or wear on all occasions, under all circumstances, is to be well-poised and at ease in the company of the most brilliant and highly cultivated people.

At the Dinner Table

Perhaps you are finding it difficult to find the ten mistakes illustrated in the picture above. Suppose you glance through these questions—they may help you.

What is the proper way to hold the knife and fork? Should the knife be placed on the table, after using, or on the plate? If a fork or knife is dropped, should a man pick it up or allow the waiter to attend to it? What is the correct and cultured way to eat corn on the cob? How should a napkin be used, a finger bowl? Should a gentleman sit to the right of a lady at the table, or to the left?

In entering a dining-room together, who precedes—the man or the woman? Who precedes when they leave the dining-room? How can a person learn to be calm and at ease in a public dining-room? Do you know how to create conversation?

Can You Answer *These* Questions?

It is not only in the dining-room that one must observe the rules of good form if one wishes to be happy and at ease. There is the ballroom, where problems of etiquette are constantly arising; the hotel, where one can suffer keen embarrassment if one does not know how to register, how much to tip the porter, how to conduct oneself in the dining-room. There are weddings, social entertainments, parties, teas—every day in our contact with men and women we need social knowledge to give us grace and charm.

Do you know what to wear to an afternoon dance? Do you know what a man should wear to an evening dance? How should a gentleman ask a woman to dance? What are the correct dancing positions?

When should wedding invitations be issued and how should they be acknowledged? What should the bride's trousseau consist of? Does the maid-of-honor carry a bouquet of flowers? How should the home be decorated for the wedding? What is the correct order of precedence for the wedding march?

Then, of course, there are the little personal problems that are constantly arising—problems that can be solved only through application of the rules of etiquette. These rules do not represent a fad or a fashion, to pass and be forgotten. They are customs that have come down through centuries of developing culture and that are observed today in the best families of America and Europe. For instance, do you know whether or not a widow wears her first wedding and engagement rings when marrying for the second time? Do you know whether the bride uses her own initials or not when embroidering her linens?

To those who know without hesitation or doubt all the important little rules of good conduct, mingling with men and women brings happiness, success. To those who are constantly in fear of doing or saying the wrong thing, who are constantly embarrassed and ill-at-ease, who commit breaches in etiquette, mingling with men and women often brings unhappiness, humiliation.

What Etiquette Means

You probably know, in your own acquaintance, a man or woman who always seems to do and say the thing that is absolutely correct. That person knows the rules of etiquette. He has a certain calm, well-poised dignity that makes people admire and respect him. He is always welcomed wherever he chances to go, and his friends never think of having an entertainment of any kind without inviting him—or her.

That is what etiquette does—it gives you poise, charm, grace. It gives to you that ease and fine repose of manner that characterize the well-bred person. The French like to call it *savoir-faire*. With it one may possess personality, dignity, cultivation. It means the difference between social success and social failure.

Etiquette should serve as a shield that protects you from embarrassment and humiliation. It should enable you to do and say at all times what is correct and in good form. It enables you correctly to issue invitations and acknowledge them, to give an entertainment and attend one, to make introductions and to acknowledge them, and helps you to create conversation and keep it flowing smoothly.

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