

The AMERICAN LEGION

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RADIO IS USED BY LEGION

Widespread Membership of Veterans Organization Reached by National and State Officials.

The voice of the American Legion is being heard over the radio by members of the organization throughout the country. Almost daily some officer or Legion leader talks to the widespread membership of the veterans' association using the wireless telephone as the means of dissemination. This is made possible by the installation of hundreds of receiving sets in the homes of local Legion posts throughout the country.

In practically every post may be found some ex-service man who worked with the wireless telephones through the days of the war, or who has become an ardent fan since the broadcasting of regular programs came into vogue. Officers of the Legion recognize this fact and are taking advantage of the closer touch afforded them by means of the latest "miracle."

One of the first instances of this use by officers was the broadcasting of National Commander Alvin Owsley's "keynote speech" from Lincoln, Neb. This was heard by Legionnaires all over the country, some as far away as the Atlantic coast.

State department commanders in many instances are beginning to make use of this method to reach their members, many urging the installation of receiving sets for this purpose.

In the future further use of the radio is planned. The Decoration day address of Commander Owsley in San Francisco is to be sent out by a powerful station so that Legionnaires in the West may hear the commander at this time. At Kansas City, Mo., when a new Legion home was dedicated, Commander Owsley's talk was heard by Legionnaires of five states, who were asked to "stand by" at special meetings to hear the Legion leader.

Followers of radio, who are active in the Legion, predict that within a short time all official utterances of national officers of the ex-service men's organization will be relayed by radio to the more than three-quarter of a million members throughout the United States. And because of the power of many of the broadcasting stations, Legionnaires in other climes may soon be "listening in" on what their comrades at home in the states are doing.

HASTEN HANDLING OF CLAIMS

Decentralization of Legion Service Work Will Be Carried Out on Joe Sparks' Plan.

Decentralization of service work undertaken by the American Legion will be carried out by the use of a plan put into effect by Joe Sparks, national chairman of the committee of the Legion. This plan, Mr. Sparks believes, will expedite the handling of claims referred to the Legion, and will draw quick action on the part of the veterans' bureau.

Under the new system, all claims coming to the attention of the national service division will be forwarded direct to the Legion department service office in the state in which the claim originates.

Contact with the subdistrict offices of the United States veterans' bureau will be maintained by these officers and the offices which have jurisdiction over the claims presented will be regularly visited. Any inattention or lack of co-operation by veterans' bureau heads will be reported to the national service division.

If for any reason a claim is not settled satisfactorily by the subdistrict office, the department head will refer to the liaison representative of the American Legion at the district office of the veterans' bureau. Files in the majority of the cases are in the office of the district in which the veteran lives.

COOKIES FOR DISABLED MEN

One Hundred and Thirty Auxiliary Units of Kansas Make Regular Donations to Hospitals.

A cookie-jar containing 18,720 cookies should satisfy the most ravenous appetite.

That's the number of cookies prepared by members of the American Legion Auxiliary of Kansas for disabled veterans in hospitals at Kansas City and Leavenworth. There are 130 units of the Auxiliary in Kansas. Each unit prepares and mails 12 dozen cookies to the hospitals every month.

The cookies are sent to the chief dietitian of each hospital and she places them in big jars in the corridors. When the cookie jar is set out, the disabled men come from every ward, on crutches, in wheel chairs, and with canes rapping the floor, eager to get a hand in the jar.

Nurses say the boys reach around the jar until they find the cookies with nuts on them and fruit chopped up on the inside. The old-fashioned flat sugar cookies do not seem to be popular.

MURAE PRAISES THE LEGION

Past Commander of First Post in the United States Finds Bride, Also Former Leader.

Kenneth H. McRae, a past commander of the first American Legion post to be organized in the United States, lays claim that the Legion is an organization for service. From his activities in the Veterans' association, he has obtained many benefits, but he believes the utmost in service was rendered when association with Legion affairs provided him with a wife!

McRae, who was active in the doings of George Washington post in Washington, D. C., was thrown into frequent association with the commanders of the other posts in the city. He met Miss Lois May Beach, a past commander of the U. S. S. Jacob Jones post, composed entirely of "yeomanettes," or, as they were known during the war, Yeomen (F). Miss Beach had successfully guided the affairs of her post for a year and had left an active duty station in the naval reserve force at the close of her term of Legion leadership.

Soon romance between the two



Kenneth H. McRae.

Legion members budded, and within a few months Legionnaires in the capital were invited to attend a wedding ceremony which united the two.

Mrs. McRae enrolled in the United States Naval Reserve force on April 8, 1918, and served in the navy department until February 15 of this year. McRae served with Nebraska troops in France and has been very active in Legion affairs. He is now historian of his post.

MUST PROTECT OUR CITIZENS

National Adjutant of American Legion Declares Foreign Labor Should Not Be Given Preference.

Substitution of foreign for American labor was declared contrary to the interests of America by Lemuel Bolles, national adjutant of the American Legion. In a recent letter to the commander of the Legion post at Medford, Ore., which recently protested against the discharge of Americans and the employment of Japanese laborers on a large fruit orchard near the town.

"We must be ever alert to protect the interests of American citizens against the encroachment of those from foreign lands who have in mind, in coming here, nothing but the enrichment of themselves at the expense of our people and of our resources," the letter stated. "Our people must be made secure in the American standard of living and in the enjoyment of satisfactory working conditions. This is impossible unless the influx of all aliens from all lands is checked."

Vigorous and united action is necessary as a measure of prevention, according to the Legion national adjutant, "first in the education of all our people so that they may present a united front against the efforts being made to promote further foreign immigration; second, in the enforcement of all laws, particularly those designed to regulate the number of immigrants reaching our shores annually, or to totally exclude them, and third, the enactment of such additional legislation as may be necessary to preserve America for those who are capable of appreciating and becoming worthy citizens of the Republic."

WELCOME TO ALL FOREIGNERS

Distinction Between Foreign-Born and Americans to Be Erased at Sioux Falls, S. D.

Harold B. Mason Post of the American Legion is fostering a plan for Americanization in Sioux Falls, S. D., where a "community center" has just been formed for the purpose.

Working through the schools, it is planned by the Legion men and co-workers along the same line that all distinctions between foreign-born and native Americans will be erased. A committee of 12, representing as many organizations offering co-operation in the city, joined with the American Legion in the plan, and a special worker of the local school force was employed to direct the work of the "community center."

This will be conducted in the form of an institute with set talks on Americanization for foreign-born residents of Sioux Falls, schooling in citizenship for American-born, and other subjects. Special programs will be rendered at each session and as an added attraction refreshments will be served those who attend.

Will Use Thoroughbred to Develop Breed of American Utility Horses



Imported Thoroughbred Stallion Glaisdale.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)
The imported thoroughbred stallion Glaisdale, shown in the illustration, has recently been obtained by the bureau of animal industry from the remount service of the War Department, for use in the work for the development of a breed of utility horses especially adapted to western range and farm conditions. He will be used at the horse-breeding station near Buffalo, Wyo., where the United States Department of Agriculture is co-operating with the state of Wyoming in this breeding work.

Handsome Specimen.
Glaisdale is a brown stallion, three years old, a handsome specimen of his breed, and he carries the blood of many of England's equine aristocrats in his veins. His sire, Rosendale, won two of England's high-class races as a three-year-old and was third in the Derby the same year. His grandsire, St. Frusquin, has sired some of the greatest horses ever produced in England. Other famous horses appearing in Glaisdale's pedigree are: Acclaim, St. Simon, Galopla, Isomy and Ayrshire. The names of horses which were either winners or placed in the famous Derby appear nine times in Glaisdale's pedigree.

Practical Method of Getting Rid of Rats

Exhaust From Gasoline Engine Will Destroy Them.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Are you troubled with rats, especially around the chicken house, garage, barn, or vegetable farm? Fasten a length of hose on the end of the exhaust from your gasoline engine—whether it be a "divver" or a tractor—back the car up within reach of the rat burrow, and adjust the carburetor for a rich mixture. Pack damp earth around the hose at the entrance to the hole to seal it. Run the engine at a moderate speed for ten minutes or more and the rats will be destroyed. This method is entirely practical, according to the United States Department of Agriculture, when there are only a small number of holes or the area to be fumigated is not too extensive. It may also be used successfully in destroying rats beneath floors or in other places where a concentration of the gas can be obtained.

Community effort is urged in getting rid of rats by the above means and also by cleaning up rubbish, spreading poison baits, setting traps, and rat-proofing buildings. Individual properties from which rats are exterminated soon become reinfested if there are rats in the neighborhood. The biological survey, United States Department of Agriculture, is willing to assist in organizing and carrying out anti-rat campaigns wherever possible and will furnish upon application bulletins and detailed directions for poisoning with barium carbonate and setting traps.

Soy Beans Can Be Grown Successfully With Corn

As a pasture crop for both beef and dairy cattle, sweet clover has several advantages over other grasses. It is a legume, high in protein. The succulent growth continues throughout the summer, even when dry weather occurs, furnishing pasturage when native grasses are short and dry. This clover will carry more animals per acre than the majority of bluegrass or timothy pastures.

Quality Hides Will Bring Higher Prices

Exercise the utmost care in removing hides and skins from the carcass with the idea of avoiding cuts and scores. Use fresh, clean salt on hides and skins. There is little strength in spent salt and consequently insufficient curing properties. Quality hides bring higher prices.

Tillage Is Important Factor in the Garden

Tillage is one of the most important factors in determining the success of a garden. It is work that often becomes drudgery, especially in the hot summer, but if a satisfactory garden is to be grown, the vegetables must be carefully tended during the entire season.

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Glaisdale was personally selected in England by Maj. Henry Leonard, a retired officer who has a national reputation as an expert judge of horses. Major Leonard was delegated to select several stallions in England for use in the breeding work of the remount service of the United States army.

Add Valuable Qualities.
It is thought by those conducting the horse-breeding work that the use of this thoroughbred stallion will add valuable qualities in the type of horse being produced at the Wyoming station. Officials of the bureau of animal industry are gratified to obtain such a royally bred young stallion for use in its horse-breeding investigations.

Big Damage Done by One Barberry Bush

Loss of \$12,520 Caused by Single Plant.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

"Not only can one barberry bush cause a loss of \$10,000 in a single year, but it produces seeds from which more bushes grow," says Dr. E. C. Stakman of the United States Department of Agriculture. "Still there are those in the United States who think barberry eradication either impossible or useless."

A single bush can cause extensive loss, and there is at least one instance on record where a loss of \$12,520 was caused by one bush. A special study to determine the extent of infection and loss from a single bush was made by one of the state leaders of barberry eradication. The outbreak of stem rust which started from a known bush traveled in one direction, at least, for about five miles. The total wheat area affected on 18 different farms was 963 acres. An average yield of only 8.1 bushels per acre was obtained, while it was estimated that had there been no loss from rust infection the average yield would have been 21.4 bushels. The average yield for that year was only 37 per cent of what it would have been without the black stem rust, or a total loss in yield of 12,520 bushels. At a dollar a bushel the combined money loss from this single bush in this one direction was \$12,520 or an average loss to each farmer of \$696 worth of wheat.

The barberry has destroyed too much grain in the past, says the United States Department of Agriculture. It will multiply and destroy more in the future unless it is destroyed first. A barberry bush with a \$10,000 potential damage possibility can be destroyed with ten pounds of salt, or an hour's work with a grub hoe.

Cabbage Maggot Attacks Prevented by Tar Paper

Cabbages and related crops are generally badly attacked by the cabbage maggot, which gnaws off the outer surface of roots and bores into the larger ones and finally into the lower part of the stalk. By looking closely at young cabbage plants, near the ground level, the little white eggs may be seen. If the eggs are exposed to the sun they will dry up and rot hatch.

The attack, however, is generally prevented by the use of squares or disks of tarred felt paper placed around the plants when set out, therefore preventing the egg laying of the fly. Common tarred paper generally curls up under the heat of the sun, but tarred felt paper will not.

Three-inch square or five-sided pads may be cut and slit from the center to a corner or side of pad. Several short slits like a star should be made at the center to allow close fitting around the plant. The squares should be placed around the plants when first set out, being careful to press closely around the stem and down against the ground. This paper must fit tightly around the stem.

POULTRY

Greater Egg Production Results in Pullet Year

'Tis the pullet that lays the profitable egg. Investigation has shown us that the pullet produces a greater number of eggs than does a yearling bird. Also, that the pullet consumes a smaller amount of food material. All of which shows that the pullet is more profitable than the hen.

In a poultry flock, says N. R. Mehrhof, extension poultry specialist at Clemson college, we find that the ratio of pullets to hens is two-thirds pullets and one-third hens. However, we must consider not only egg production but also the breeding stock, and perhaps the yearling will make the best breeder. The reason for having two-thirds pullets and one-third hens is that greater egg production results during the pullet year and also it gives the practical poultryman a better chance to cull out his poor pullets and keep only his best for breeding birds the following year.

In the poultry business, we find that when the hen becomes older she produces fewer and fewer eggs; she lays the largest number during her first year; fewer the second, and so on through her life; so birds should not be kept for egg production after they are two years of age.

Egg Waste for Poultry Is Recommended by Ohio

Egg waste from incubators is rich in protein and, after boiling and grinding, can be profitably fed to poultry by mixing it with a dry mash to form a slightly moistened, crumbly mixture.

In tests at the Ohio experiment station, infertile and dead-germ eggs were boiled for an hour, passed through a sausage mill, dried, reground and mixed in the dry mash as a fattening ration for young cockerels. The average gains from this mixture were 3 per cent greater for the egg product than for skim milk, supplying the same amount of protein.

For feeding market broilers in crates the following mixture proved excellent: Ground corn 40 parts, standard wheat middlings 20, and moist egg product 40, with enough water added to make a batter that could be easily poured.

Like all moist mashes this mixture should be fed with great care to avoid overfeeding, as the egg material is a concentrated feed and is greatly relished by the birds.

Cholera Is Contagious Among Chicken Flocks

Fowl cholera is germ disease which is very fatal, says Harry Emblem, head of the poultry department of the Oklahoma college. A fowl showing no symptoms of the trouble may be found dead under the roost the next morning. All affected birds do not go in this way. Some may linger a few days, showing a great thirst, due to fever, also a loss of appetite. The bowels will appear very loose, the bowel discharge being of a greenish-yellow color.

This trouble is contagious and can be carried on the feet of fowls and man. If this trouble is apparent a thorough cleaning up of the premises should be made, and the house thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. The ground around the house should be plowed and cultivated. All affected birds should be killed and burned.

Development of Chicks Comes From Attention

Best development of young chicks comes from close attention to the brood coops, cleanliness, proper feed and water, shade and free range. Keep a good mash before them. Watch for lice and mites. They multiply rapidly during warm weather. Clean and spray houses and coops.

POULTRY NOTES

The eggs of ducks retain their hatchability for a shorter time than the hen eggs. The fresher the eggs are when incubated, the better.

If your turkeys are wild, make friends with them. It is cheaper and easier to handle birds that trust the caretaker.

Experimental work by the bureau of animal industry, United States Department of Agriculture, shows that good egg yields and economical results can be secured with a wheatless ration for chickens.

Lice, overfeeding and filth kill two-thirds of all turkeys that die. The other third die from too close confinement, accident or inherited weakness.

Let turkeys roost in the open air, but in a high, dry place. If turkeys roost near a swamp there is almost sure to be trouble from roup.

Young ducklings and goslings must be kept from the dampness the same as chicks. They grow fastest if kept on soft mash feeds and only allowed enough water to drink.

THIS LITTLE BABY GIRL

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It is remarkable how many cases have been reported similar to this one. Many mothers are left in a weakened and run-down condition after the birth of the child, and for such mothers the care of the baby is well-nigh impossible. Not only is it hard for the mother, but the child itself will indirectly suffer.

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SURELY CASE OF HARD LUCK

Usually Immaculate Housekeeper Caught at a Most Unfortunate Moment.

I am a methodical housekeeper, for which I have been severely criticized by my mother-in-law, and her daughter, who are more happy-go-lucky than I, about their work.

One day I discovered a moth in my flat, and decided, without delay, to clean out all the clothes closets and trunks.

My rooms were in utter confusion when the doorbell rang and, to my dismay, my mother-in-law entered with guests. She had a happy, confident look upon her face, which, however, soon turned to one of consternation when she saw the state of my flat.

After a short visit she took my aside and said, in an indignant voice, "Lulu, knowing what an immaculate housekeeper you are, I brought these two delegates to visit your home, in preference to my daughter's, and this is what I find."—Chicago Tribune.

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There's a Reason