

## Eagles Activities Mount Since Founding In 1898

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phetic. Led by the Eagles, other states began the enactment of similar old age pension legislation.

Simultaneously, the Order launched its pioneering campaign for the National Social Security Act. More than a mil-

lion dollars was spent to publicize the need for such a measure through pamphlets and other literature. When President Roosevelt, a life member of Buffalo, N. Y., Aerie, signed the act in 1935, in presenting the pen to the Eagle delegation which he had invited, he said:  
"The pen I am presenting to the Order is a symbol of my approval of the Fraternity's vision and courage. May its possession inspire your members to rededicate their own efforts and those of the Fraternity to the insuring of such economic and political conditions as will bring

a greater degree of happiness to our people. . . . Our countrymen owe the Eagles good will for their unselfish service."

Shortly before Mother's Day was recognized by the Eagles, the Order launched two campaigns for social legislation which were to bring a measure of economic security to millions in America.

A mother's pension act, the first in the nation, was enacted by the State of Missouri in 1911, after Eagles initiated the measure and propelled it into law. The legislation was fathered by the late Judge Edward Everett Porterfield of Kansas City, an Eagle, who had observed the distress of needy widowed mothers in his courtroom. Other states began to follow the lead of Missouri.

A workmen's compensation act, also the first in the nation, became law in Wisconsin about the same time as the Missouri legislation for mothers, again through the support of the Eagles. Daniel W. Hoan, an Eagle who became mayor of Milwaukee, drafted the measure, and although his proposal was bitterly fought in those early days, it passed, due to the efforts of the Eagles and organized labor.

The F. O. E. has taken the leadership in advancing patriotic observances. Emblem Day, commemorating the adoption of the eagle as the national emblem, by the Continental Congress on June 20, 1782, was first observed by Aeries, and placed upon the Eagle calendar in 1943. Today, this event is annually observed by Aeries and a movement has been started in Congress to proclaim the day as one for national observance. Eagles played an important role in launching America's first Citizenship or "I Am an American Day" with Manitowoc, Wisconsin, the scene of the first observance.

In peace, staunch champion of the American ideals of freedom and democracy, the F. O. E. in two World Wars rallied with all its resources and energies in the struggles to preserve this heritage.

In World War I, more than 47,000 Eagles served in the armed forces. On the home front, Aeries bought millions in Liberty Bonds, provided entertainment for veterans, boosted morale with letters and gifts to servicemen, and sparked blood donations and salvage drives in many Eagle communities. In World War II, 56,000 Eagles served on all battle fronts of the world, and 3,123 made the supreme sacrifice. On the home front, Aeries purchased more than 25 millions in war bonds and the activities to aid the war paralleled those in World War I, only on a more expansive scale as the war continued in intensity.

More than a half century of noteworthy achievement and unselfish service behind it, the Fraternal Order of Eagles marches toward new and glorious goals, inspired by the slogan of its Golden Anniversary Year in 1948—"hats off to the past, coats off to the future." In the offing lies the objectives of Administrative Director Matty Brown . . . 2,000,000 members and 2,000 Aeries. A vital and moving force for brotherhood among all men, America's greatest fraternity, remains steadfast to its oft-proclaimed ideals . . . Liberty, Truth, Justice and Equality—and to the aims voiced with its founding—"to make human life more desirable by lessening its ills and promoting peace, prosperity, gladness and hope."

## Eagles Are Rated Greatest Benefit Paying Fraternity

The Fraternal Order of Eagles today is America's greatest benefit paying fraternity. More than a million members are affiliated with the fraternity that bears the banner of Liberty, Truth, Justice and Equality in the United States, Canada, Alaska, Hawaii, the Philippines and Guam. Dedicated to brotherhood, friendship and help-

ness to their fellowmen and their communities, the Eagles have been a potent force for happiness and the enrichment of the lives of its members and all fellow-citizens.  
Who are Eagles? Eagles are people, your neighbor, the butcher, the grocer, the judge, the lawyer, the business man, the civic leader. An Eagle may

be the president of the United States, for four Eagles have served in the White House. An Eagle may be a celebrated sports figure like Jack Dempsey, or another famous American, like the late Father Flanagan of Boys Town. He may be a member of the cabinet, or a congressman. An Eagle is drawn into his fraternity by his yearning for sociability, friendliness and the opportunity to participate in worthy endeavors.

Founded more than 50 years ago, the Eagles have achieved a noteworthy record in its programs and movements for economic and human betterment. It includes pioneering for the great social legislation of our time—the National Social Security Act, state old age pensions, mothers' pensions and workmen's compensation. The Order has paid out millions to its members in sickness and death benefits.

The growth of the Eagles achieved tremendous proportions from 1944 to 1950. During that period the membership reached more than a million. A total of 595 new Aeries were instituted. The organization of Ladies Auxiliaries attained impetus, with the institution of 360 such units, and doubling of the membership to 92,000. Formation of the Junior Order of Eagles was launched, youth groups, sponsored by Subordinate Aeries, to provide sports, civic and recreational programs for boys and girls in a movement to build better citizens. Other significant developments included the establishment of an Eagle Employees' Pension system, the Eagles National Life Insurance Company, the Architectural Service Department, the Reserve Membership Department, and the Benefit Fund Security Plan.

But undoubtedly most significant of all, the most humanitarian undertaking was the establishment and operation of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Memorial Foundation. The Foundation was born out of World War II, as a "living memorial" to benefit the lives of children whose Eagle fathers had given their lives for their country. The Foundation was established through the generous donations of Aeries and individual Eagles. The initial work of the Foundation is the providing of medical, dental, and other physical welfare services and college educations for the children of Eagle fathers whose lives were lost in World War II.



ESCAPED CUSTER MASSACRE . . . Army records listed Ed Ryan, 34, Los Angeles, dead in Custer's last stand, but he wasn't killed because he remained behind with an ill comrade. Here, he tells Jay Ryan tall tales.

### Eagles



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Mind Your Rs and Ts  
NEW YORK—Research by the Board of Education showed 45 per cent of the errors which make writing illegible are made on the letters A, E, R and T. The most frequently unreadable numerals are 5, 6 and 7.

### Small Towns To Be Hit By Doctor Draft

Present military planning for the induction of physicians into the armed forces will cause some of Nebraska's towns to lose their doctors, President C. H. Sheets of the Nebraska State Medical Association asserted today.

Dr. C. H. Sheets, Cozad, stated that several Nebraska doctors have already been called and that many more are expected to go by this summer. He thought that the majority would be those who have not served previously and those with less than 21 months service.

"The medical profession agrees with military leaders that the formula for inducing doctors is equitable. This formula is aimed at calling physicians first who have served least."

"Although this system is fair to the medical profession as a whole, it will undoubtedly mean that some towns will lose doctors. In some cases, the only doctor in a community may be called. It could mean, too, that some communities now requiring the services of three or four doctors will lose one or more of them."

Dr. Sheets stated that the medical association, in its advisory capacity to the military, is making every effort to prevent communities from losing their only doctor.

"At the same time," he said, "these efforts must be made in consideration of what is fair to all doctors. For example, we feel that it would be unfair to endorse the induction of a doctor who has served five years if there is another who has had no military service."

It would be impossible, the medical association president continued, to predict how many Nebraska doctors will be called. Nor is it possible to know which towns will lose physicians. He stressed, however, that it is important for Nebraska citizens to understand the causes if their doctor is taken.

He added: "The Nebraska State Medical Association will continue all its efforts toward keeping doctors at home if they are critically needed there. We will constantly advise the military on that basis, with the final decision being made by the Defense Department."

### Ex-Plattsmouth Resident To Edit Coast Magazine

Plattsmouth friends of Paul Vandervoort II, resident here for many years will be pleased to learn of his added success in the world of music. His song, "King Size Pappa" was a great success two years ago. While here Mr. Vandervoort was an employee of the local post office and was also devoted to orchestral work. He was for some time with the Journal.

Vandervoort, a former Burbank News writer, has just been named associate editor and manager of the West Coast bureau of Melodyland Magazine. Vandervoort is well known in the music field, having written numerous songs and articles about musical personalities. He is also the co-author of "Trumpet On the Wing," the life story of Wingy Manone, famous jazz musician.

Vandervoort's latest song, written in collaboration with Benny Carter, famous band leader, is "Rock Me To Sleep." The song has been recorded by Peggy Lee, Les Brown, Helen Humes, Miss Cornhucks, Rudy Render and Camille Howard. Vandervoort has been a resident of Burbank for 10 years, and during the War he wrote an entertainment column for the News.

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