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**TO URGE FOREST PRESERVATION**

Engineers Plan National Campaign to Save Trees.

**FOREST FIRES CHIEF MENACE**

North Carolina Forest Service Recommends Strengthening of Forest Fire Laws to Include Protective Measures by Railroads and Lumbermen and Largely Increased Appropriations for Fire Prevention and State Policy for Acquiring Forests and Parks.

A national program of reforestation, to be pushed by the government, engineering societies, universities, railroads, farmers' organizations, boy scouts and moving picture interests is being planned by the American Engineering Council of the Federated Engineering societies, the council announced at New York.

A forestry committee of the council, headed by Charles H. MacDowell of Chicago, is in active charge of the movement, under direction of the president of the council, Dean Mortimer E. Cooley of the engineering department, University of Michigan.

The committee already has received reports from most states regarding existing forest conditions, with recommendations for meeting the problems of forest protection and extension in those states. Many of these reports, it is said, regard this a critical period in the development of a national policy of reforestation.

**Tells Romance of Forest.**  
The United States forest service and the engineering council have taken steps to inform the public regarding the utility of forests. The forest service has prepared a scenario depicting the romance of the forest, as a medium for giving this information. That part of the plans affecting the moving picture industry will be laid before Will H. Hays, it was explained.

Among the reports of forest conditions in various states were those showing that in Maine, Massachusetts and many other states the chief problem was that of forest fires.

The North Carolina forest service recommended the strengthening of forest fire laws to include protective measures by railroads, lumbermen, etc., largely increased appropriations for fire protection; state policy for acquiring forests and parks, for supplying nursery trees and for education and publicity in forestry; increased federal appropriation for cooperation with states, purchase of lands for national forests and for investigations of forest and wood using problems.

New York, Michigan and several other states recommended reforestation by planting of proper trees. Many states had problems of excessive grazing, and urged protection for small trees.

**Urged Protection of Trees.**  
The American Engineering Council's committee is obtaining exact data on the extent of the national forest land. Reports from state foresters thus far received show the following figures: California, 13,500,000 acres; Georgia, 20,000,000; Idaho, 23,000,000; Indiana, 1,500,000; Iowa, 2,500,000; Kansas, 1,051,000; Maine, 13,000,000; Maryland, 2,228,000; Massachusetts, 1,000,000; Michigan, 15,000,000; Minnesota, 26,000,000; Missouri, 10,000,000; New York, 12,000,000; North Carolina, 20,000,000; Ohio, 3,200,000; Oregon, 18,776,000; Washington, 11,800,000.

**GETS FIRST TRAIN RIDE**

**Aged Woman Tried an Automobile and Did Not Like It.**

Some one is always bobbing up to give the blind a world a new grip on itself. Mrs. Sarah Beauchamp, eighty-three, had her first train ride recently when she came to La Grande, Ore., from her home near Hillgard.

Mrs. Beauchamp came to Oregon 75 years ago in a prairie schooner with her parents, and has lived near Hillgard since that time. Her first ride in an automobile came last summer, but once was enough.

The "Devil's Stink Wagon," as she named the car on the spot, was the first and last vehicle of gasoline locomotion that she has "enjoyed."

A speaker at a recent parent-teacher meeting said that the absent-minded child may be a genius but the chances are that he is merely wishing dinner was ready or school out, or something like that.

**The AMERICAN LEGION**

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**DADDY OF AMERICAN LEGION**

E. Lester Jones of Washington, D. C., Founder of the Movement Back in 1919.

E. Lester Jones of Washington, D. C., because he was the founder of the American Legion movement in America, was called the "daddy" of the organization back in 1919 and the title has stayed with him ever since.



Mr. Jones was one of a handful of veterans who met in Washington, March 7, 1919, and formed what was known as the John J. Pershing post of World War Veterans. Later, when the several societies of those who had fought in the World war combined under the name of the American Legion, Mr. Jones was made commander of the newly-formed George Washington post No. 1. When the department of the District of Columbia was formed, he was made departmental commander. Legionnaire Jones was an enlisted man with the District of Columbia National Guard prior to the World war. During the war he rose from private to colonel, taking all the grades.

**LEGION HONORED ALL DEAD**

Organization Participated in Services at Final Interment of Men Brought Home.

Army transports in which many of them went across eager for the conflict have carried back the last of the 45,000 A. E. F. dead, those relatives had requested to be returned to this country for permanent burial. The graves registration service of the army, which had the work of returning these bodies in charge, did an almost superhuman task. But this service could not give the comradely human touch to the handling of these bodies after they reached the United States that seemed due them.

No organization was so well suited to perform the last rights of honor and respect for these soldier dead as was the American Legion. The men of the Legion took upon themselves the obligation. Forty ship loads of bodies came to eastern ports during a period of two and a half years. It was not always possible to have an elaborate service, because the arrivals were too frequent, but in every instance there was at least a prayer by a chaplain of the Protestant, Catholic or Jewish faith, an address by a prominent citizen or army officer and a rifle salute.

A number of times, however, the services were noteworthy. President Harding delivered an address at services arranged by the Legion, May 23, 1921, when the Princess Matka arrived with 451 bodies. General Pershing and Senator Lodge spoke when the Somme and the Wheaton arrived, July 10, 1921, with 7,000 dead. The last cargo of bodies arrived in Brooklyn, in April, 1922, on the Cambria. On that occasion, the body of Private Charles W. Graves, Company M, One-hundred and Seventeenth infantry, Thirtieth division, was borne on a caisson through the streets, lined with silent throngs, to the army base, where simple ceremonies marked the close of the last public demonstration for America's returned dead.

**RAN TOWARD BERLIN IN 1918**

Clarence De Mar, Winner of 25-Mile American Marathon Race, Interested in Boy Scouts.

Clarence H. DeMar of Melrose, Mass., winner of the 25-mile American Marathon race, got some of his endurance as a long-distance runner while running toward Berlin in 1918, and he undoubtedly acquired a good deal of his agility and sureness of foot while dodging Fritz's missiles. De Mar finished fourth in a 100-mile distance race between the men of the A. E. F. and the other allied nations in the Pershing stadium in Paris.

His chief interest, however, does not seem to be in racing, but in the welfare of a troop of boy scouts of which he has been in charge for several years.

**Ten Years to Displace the Blue.**  
It will require about ten years to clothe all French troops in khaki despite the efforts of the higher council of war to equip all branches of the French army in uniforms of that color. The horizon blue and steel gray cloth on hand must be used up and it will take ten years to do it, the ministry of war declares.

**EIGHTEEN HOURS IN WATER**

Philip Burger, Legion Man of Troy, Wears Decoration From Portuguese Government.

Spending eighteen hours holding to the edge of a life raft in icy water after saving a shipmate's life, made Philip J. Burger eligible for the unusual honor of a decoration from the Portuguese government and the American Distinguished Service medal. Burger was a second class gunner's mate on the American destroyer Jacob Jones, when she was torpedoed by a German submarine off Lands End, England, in December, 1917. Burger and the shipmate whose life he saved were among the few survivors picked up by a British warship after eighteen hours in the water.



He is now receiving vocational training in his home city, Troy, N. Y., and is a mainstay in the Noble Callahan post of the American Legion at Troy.

**PLANES ROUT HOTTENTOTS**

Air Forces Most Successful in Recent African Uprising.

Airplanes did more to strike terror into the insurgent Hottentots in the recent uprising forces, says the Cape Town correspondent of the Cape Argus. The airmen were successful both in spotting the enemy and finding the government's patrols.

Airplanes discovered one body of Hottentots in the mountain gorges, where they sat warning themselves by a fire shortly after dawn. The airmen dropped bombs and opened machine gun fire on them. Scores were killed, and the others fled in all directions, yet ten of them could have held the plateau against an army.

**Herd of Deer Quite Tame.**

A herd of deer, consisting of two bucks, six does and a fawn, have taken up their abode on the farm of Ell Reinboldt, in the Lurytown valley, near Weatherly, Pa., and are frequently seen by passing automobilists. The deer appear to be quite tame and feed in the fields not far from the Reinboldt farmhouse.

**WORLD'S GREATEST OAK TREE**

Can Shelter 7,000 Soldiers Under Its Branches.

The tree that impressed Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman more than all others he had seen during his years of travels was the famous oak at Chico, Cal., which is, according to the American Forestry association, the largest oak tree in the world.

This tree is more than 100 feet high, and has a circumference of 24 1/2 feet at a point 8 feet above the ground. The longest branch of the tree is 105 feet, and the branch spread from north to south is 200 feet. The greatest circumference of the branches is 450 feet. General Sherman estimated that it would be possible for him to station 7,000 soldiers beneath the shade of this giant tree at high noon.

The statement that there are more bolsheviks in the United States than there are in Russia may be true, but they are spread out a good deal thinner in this country.

Vienna has appointed an official whose duty is to give advice to all couples contemplating marriage. The dispatch doesn't state whether this official is married or not.

**Carrying On With the American Legion**

A tourist park for tired Fordsters is projected by the American Legion post of Tracy, Minn.

To give the town a thorough cleaning and brightening up for the summer, each member of the Legion post of Villard, Minn., donated a day's work.

A new definition of the well-known army phrase "S. O. L." has been evolved by the Douglas county Legionnaires of Omaha, Neb. It is "Staying Outa Legion."

At Grant's Tomb in New York a tree has been transplanted from the dooryard of the General's old home in Missouri by the Legion and the American Forestry association.

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**NOTICE**

At a meeting of the Democratic county held in Brevard on June 19, 1922, it was ordered that a primary be held in Transylvania county on Saturday, August 5, 1922, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the State Senate.

This will be a Democratic Primary and all members of the Democratic Party are urged to come out and vote for the candidate whom they wish for the State Senate. The Polling places will be at the usual voting places in each election precinct and the ballot boxes will be open from 9:00 o'clock A. M. 'till 4:00 o'clock P. M. on said date in all precincts except Brevard and Rosman, at which two precincts they will be open from 9:00 o'clock A. M. until sundown.

Again all Democrats are urged to come out and vote.  
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