Saving Our Natural Resources

Preservation of Scenery, Forests, Big Game, Waterfowl and Fish Is National Concern

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and Minnesota make about the same estimates. In Colorado the tourist business is a leading industry. So all over the country there is a rush to build good roads, in many sections largely on account of gypsy motorists.

These estimates are not guesswork. Expert calculations made in many places show that the average daily expenditure of auto camp tourists is $2.30 and of those who use hotels is $4. Towns on the Harding highway in Ohio profited to the extent of 63 cents from each foreign car during thirty weeks last year, a total of $72,450 to each town which is equivalent to a factory payroll of $111,135.

America's beautiful and majestic natural scenery is much more than a mere economic asset to the nation. The greatest heritage the present generation can bestow upon the next is a sound mind in a sound body generated [illegible]

THE AMERICAN LEGION

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LABOR AND LEGION ALLIED

Member of Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Decries Efforts of Propagandists.

Declaring that no two American movements are more thoroughly allied than the American Legion and organized labor, Frank Wenig, a prominent member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers in Iowa, and senior vice commander of the Legion in that state, decried efforts of propagandists to defeat the purposes of the two organized [illegible].

Vice Commander Wenig's statement was made during the course of a joint meeting of members of the State Federation of Labor and of the Legion in Ottumwa, Ia.

The speaker denounced the efforts of certain interests to lead labor unions into the belief that the Legion men were willing and would serve as strike breakers. He cited recent incidents in Denver, Colo., where, in face of a threatening strike of street railway employees, announcement was made that the members of the Legion would man the cars in event of a walkout. This, the Legion men held as false propaganda emanating from capitalists who seek to forestall any alliance between labor and the Legion.

On many questions, declared Wenig, are the two organizations allied. He referred to the prohibition of child labor in mines, which both the American Federation of Labor and the American Legion endorsed. Similar [illegible] he cited the policies of the two bodies as allied on the immigration question, which, he said, was a [illegible] against the [illegible] [illegible] war were [illegible] the bill, the [illegible]

AUXILIARY IS SEEKING DATA

Questionnaires Are Sent Out to Ascertain Constructive Work of Past Year.

In order to determine the tools for development of the organization, officials of the American Legion Auxiliary have sent out questionnaires to various departments of the organization. These particularly affect the program of the women's stand by organization with regard to the assistance to be rendered the veterans' association.

Mrs. Jennie Stewart, of Bartlesville, Okla., vice president for the southern district, was the first to send out this questionnaire, though the course will [illegible] be followed by others in charge of the work in respective districts.

By this survey Mrs. Stewart hopes to determine what constructive work is outstanding in each department during the past year. Information as to methods of accomplishment of this work is also sought. According to earlier reports, some the problems have arisen in each department and information in regard to these is sought from the states such assistance may be afforded by national headquarters. Further data on influences working against the organization, process and promotion of membership campaigns, and other items are requested in the questionnaire submitted.

Plea for Patriotism.

A plea for a close cooperation between the American Legion posts of the states and the schools to keep patriotism has been made by superintendent Jesse J. Reynolds of the Kansas (I. H.) schools. In making his plea the educator requested the veterans' organization pursue a certain course in order to encourage patriotic observance. One of these suggestions was that a Legion speaker be present at every school on patriotic occasions, and that each new school be presented with a flag from the Legion posts because the men of that body represent a highly patriotic portion of the population. Superintendent Reynolds further suggested that the history of each Legion post, particularly in regard to the deeds of its members in service, be presented to the schools in order that such records may be retained for patriotic study in years to come.

Fined for Indecent Letter.

Emil Dick, superintendent of the Barker mills at Auburn, Me., has been fined $10 by a jury in United States District court for sending an indecent letter through the mails to Alvin M. Owsley while the latter was national commander of the American Legion. The letter used a strong epithet in attacking Mr. Owsley and declared the stand of the commander favoring French occupation of the Ruhr was French propaganda.

LEGION'S NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

Rev. Ezra C. Clemans, Known as "Padre," Has Seen Long Military Service.

It was on the Mexican border Ezra C. Clemans, national chaplain of the American Legion, won the title "Padre," which has clung to him throughout the years of the World war and up to the time of his selection as new chaplain of the veterans' organization.

For 37 years, Chaplain Clemans has given service to the military organizations of his state and nation. He graduated from Shattuck school, a semi-military academy in his home state of Minnesota, in his nineteenth year, and in the same year enlisted as a private in the Faribault Guards, an organization of that city. His early training was expected to fit him for life work as a physician, but a visit to a revival meeting and conversion there, led to a change of destiny and consecration of his life to the clergy.

At the opening of the Spanish-American war, he became chaplain with the rank of captain, and served with the Twelfth Minnesota regiment throughout that war.

For six months in 1916, Chaplain Clemans spent his time with Minnesota guardsmen on the Mexican border. It was there that the men learned to call him "Padre." At the outbreak of the World war he entered federal service as chaplain with the rank of major and was attached to the One Hundred and Thirty-sixth infantry. On arrival overseas he became chaplain of the Seventh Aviation center at Amiett, an important air service station later to be named as senior chaplain of the intermediate section, S. O. S. On his return to the United States he remained with the Fifty-eighth infantry, until that organization was mobilized in October, 1919. As a m[illegible]

Rev. Ezra C. Clemans.

[illegible] of the Minnesota National Guard, chaplain [illegible] assigned to the One Hundred and Thirty-sixth infantry.

During the World war, Chaplain Clemans is said to have preached to more men than any other chaplain in the A. E. F. He was well known for his visits to the sick. One of his traits is a faith in service men, to whom he loaned thousands of dollars which was invariably repaid.

His career in civil life is equally as prominent as that in the military. He is at present pastor of a Methodist church in Owatonna, Minn., which pastorate follows a long and useful service to his church. Shortly after entering the ministry, he became district superintendent, and was one of a group of pioneers who brought about construction of 30 new churches in the state. Chaplain Clemans was field representative for the board of conference claimants of the M. E. church, which helped to make available a [illegible] of $[illegible] for the care of re[illegible] ministers, their widows and orphans. According to his recollection of his life work, he also had a prominent part in Act, Spoken Page work, in Minnesota. In the Legion he became affiliated with Callaway post in Minnesota in 1919. He was elected chaplain of Owatonna post on acceptance of the pastorate in that city, and held the office of department chaplain during 1921-1922. Chaplain Clemans was one of the supporters of the newly organized Chaplains' association within the ranks of the Legion, and has many [illegible] to his credit in sponsoring the work of the organization both in his own post and throughout the state.

Finds Jobs for Many Veterans.

A total of 4,194 jobs were found for veterans in Kansas City, Mo., by the employment committee of the American Legion according to a recent report submitted to the organization. At least 400 of the men thus employed are in permanent positions as a result of the Legion's efforts in placement. According to the figures nearly 1,000 of the positions found for the former service men were permanent positions, the remainder representing the short-time jobs which are usually afforded veterans of more or less transient character. These jobs, committee members declare, have permitted many men to retain their self-respect, because the work forestalled requests for charity or relief.

Mrs. Pershing's Birthplace.

A marker denoting the place of [illegible] birth of the mother of Gen. Joh[illegible] Pershing has be[illegible] erected near M[illegible]ville, Tenn., by [illegible]erican Legion members of that state. The tablet is on the site of the old log cabin which served as the home of the leader's mother. A special ceremony, participated in by many prominent Legionnaires and Tennesseeans, marked the dedication.