

# The American Legion

BY APPOINTMENT TO THE AMERICAN LEGION

**BUSY AT VETERANS' BUREAU**

Leon Fraser, Executive Officer, His Had Broad Experience in Army and Business Life.

Looking after old members of the A. E. F. comes natural to Leon Fraser, executive officer of the United States Veterans Bureau, with headquarters in Washington, D. C. Back in the historic days of the war, Fraser jumped into the army as a private.

Though he left the presidency of the International Steel company of Findlay, O., when war was declared, he started at the bottom of the Veterans' Bureau and again worked upward to the top. His life has been varied. It started in Boston, went to the New York World, and finally passed the bar examination, after which he practiced law. The action of the French government in elevating him with the order of the Silver Legion is a special citation from General Pershing were just incidents of his wartime service.

Col. Charles R. Forbes is Fraser's boss now. When his colonel is away Fraser is director of the Veterans Bureau, and as such tends to the desires of thousands of wounded ex-soldiers. The members of the Legion post thought so much of Fraser that they have elected him vice commander.

## TAYLOR WAS GOOD BAD MAN

Former Bandit and Holdup Artist Put His Knowledge to Good Use During War.

Joe Taylor was once an automobile bandit and holdup man. His activities along these lines landed him in jail. Unlike many another criminal, Taylor found it hard to leave the prison with a vow to renounce his life.

His part in the war was one of the most dangerous. He put his knowledge of anarchists at the government's use. To stand on a street corner and refuse to lift your hat to a man in uniform during war times took real nerve, but Taylor did it as part of his duty with the secret service.

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## WILL BOX AT LEGION MEET

Two Ministers Are to Step Into Squared Arena at Washington State Convention.

MRS. HARDING TULIP. The latest botanical development is this tulip which appears to be a cross between the common tulip and the tiger lily. It has been named by Mrs. Warren G. Harding tulip.

## STILL AIDS EX-SERVICE MEN

Mrs. John Marshall, Kentucky, National Committee Woman, Active in After-War Work.

Mrs. John Marshall of Anchorage, Ky., known to thousands of ex-soldiers who were stationed in the Blue Grass state during the war and who still find her a most helpful friend.

J. L. MITCHELL MEDAL. This is the gold memorial medal, to be struck annually at the Paris mint, which is awarded each year to the University of Wisconsin student who writes and submits the best essay on "Industrial Relations."

NEW "RADIO BUG" IS POPULAR. American Legion Posts Are Enjoying the Same Amusement for Hospital Patients.

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## Breaking of a Great Levee During the Middle West Floods



Floods in the Mississippi river valley have been doing immense damage. Many towns have been inundated and millions of acres of land are under water. This photograph was taken just as the 30-foot levee at Beardstown, Ill., gave way.

## "Scotty," Hero Newsboy, Comes Home



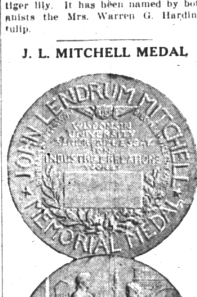
"Scotty," sixteen-year-old newsboy of Brookline, Mass., who ran away to war and made the Hundred and First infantry proud of him by killing single-handedly 20 Germans, returned to Boston the other day in his uniform draped with the American flag. The report reads: "Private Scott killed in action." This photograph shows the funeral procession of "Scotty" with a detachment of his own regiment acting as a guard of honor.

## Scene in Beardstown During Flood



Among the towns inundated by the Mississippi river valley floods some of the worst sufferers was Beardstown, Ill., the main street of which is here shown.

## Jazz Even in the Hospitals Now



"It is a pretty state of affairs," some people will say, "that you can't get away from the constant jazz." However, hospitals are now forced by competition to add this to the list of attractions, and here we see surgeons at the Providence hospital, Washington, performing an operation to the lively strains of canned music.

## PAVED ROADS AND DAIRYING



Paved roads and dairying go hand in hand. As more improved roads are constructed, milk routes are being extended.

## INTERESTING FACTS

An electrical method for quickly detecting counterfeit coins has been invented by a mint official in India.

A new gauge for registering the air pressure in automobile tires replaces the valve cap and does not have to be removed when a tire is filled.

The Peixin Gazette, founded in A. D. 908, was for a long time the only journal permitted to be published in China, but within the last sixty years a number of others have been established.

French army surgeons have found that a mixture of freshly slaked lime and phosphorus will remove tanning so that it cannot be detected.

Among the guests at the wedding of the Princess Mary were the kings of Spain, Belgium, Norway, Italy and Denmark. In fact, about all the kings that are left in the block.

The heir apparent to the throne of Rhiphia wishes to install at Athens Albea, Aghyania, a mill for producing unleached cotton sheetings from locally grown short staple cotton. The production required would be approximately 500 yards per day.

The windows of the famous South-west cathedral in London have not been washed in 20 years.

Motor-driven, a new machine into which safety razor blades can be inserted while it is in motion, sharpens 200 of them an hour.

New window shades brackets not only can be adjusted to hold shades of different widths, but are also equipped with hooks for curtain poles.

A loose movable disk replaces the usual slide electrode in a new French spark plug and prevents oil and carbon from shorting circuits.

Hydro-electric power of 100,000 horsepower is expected to be obtained in India from waterfalls 830 feet high on the Bombay-Mysore frontier.

What is claimed to be the world's largest sleep shaver, having accommodations for 70,000 animals, has been built in Illinois by a railroad.

The light of meteors as measured by W. P. Denning, the English astronomer, makes it appear that the swift meteors become visible at an average height of 84 miles and disappear at 56 miles, while very slow meteors come in sight at about 65 miles and fade away at 38.

## ROAD BUILDING

PROBLEM OF SKEWED BRIDGE

Methods Used for Calculating Stresses and Proportioning Air Not Approved.

Skewed-Arch Bridge Used for Stream-Crossing Road Diagonally—Note Position of Railing on Opposite Side of Road.

roads of the United States Department of Agriculture. A skew bridge is one in which the center line of the bridge is not perpendicular with the abutment on which the bridge rests, and is used when a bridge crosses a stream or railway track diagonally. The bureau is jointly responsible with the several state highway departments for the entire tests of the design of all structures on federal lands, and for this reason the problem is being seriously studied.

## WIDER HIGHWAYS WIN FAVOR

Originally Engineers Considered 10-Foot Roadway Adequate—Now Urge 20 Feet.

Wider highways are being favored by engineers as more and more states are urged to build 20-foot highways to meet the needs of traffic between populated centers.

## THICK, SWOLLEN GLANDS

That make a horse cough and that can be reduced with ABSORBINE.

## HIGHWAYS ON PACIFIC COAST

Various Western States and Government to Spend Immense Sum for Road Improvements.

## BENEFITS OF GOOD ROADS

Good roads in the country will do more to lower the high cost of living and more for the prosperity, comfort, culture and happiness of the people than things fought over to 12 presidential campaigns.

## LET CUTICURA BE YOUR BEAUTY DOCTOR

Let Cuticura Be Your Beauty Doctor. Soap 25c, Ointment 25c and 50c, Tablets 25c.

## HARDIN PUT BACK ON HIS FEET TWICE

Was Relieved of Both Rheumatism and Stomach Troubles by Tania, States Los Angeles Man.

"For the second time Tania has put me on my feet, and you may know by that what I think of it," said William T. Hardin, 1400 Garden St., Los Angeles, Calif.

"Three years ago, I had rheumatism in my shoulders and neck so bad I could hardly work. I tried medicines after medicine only to get worse, but finally got hold of Tania, and I haven't had a trace of rheumatism since."

"The last summer my stomach got out of order. I lost my appetite and what little I did eat made me feel bloated, all stuffed up and miserable. I always felt weak, tired and worn out, and was so nervous I could not sleep."

"Well, Tania did a good job for me before, so I just got some more of it, and now it has again fixed me up, and I'm feeling strong and energetic. I like I used to. I'll tell the world Tania's the medicine for me."

Tania is sold by all good druggists.

## THANKFUL FOR A LITTLE CHILD

Mrs. Mertz Tells How Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Helped Her.

"I can say some words of praise for you and your picture. I shall be thankful as long as I live that I found such a wonderful medicine for my troubles."

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## RHEUMATISM

The Prudent Guarantee! It is a Relief You may be doubtful—don't get relief from your Rheumatism unless you get relief from your Rheumatism in Cuticura! Cuticura is a natural, a "genuine" relief—unlike a "patent" medicine—unlike a "patent" medicine—unlike a "patent" medicine. Thousands of our customers, send us their names and addresses. Write us, we will be glad to help you. R. F. Young, Inc., 319 West 47th Street, New York City.