# Dedication of French Box Car Slated Today InLegion Dates about 200 members. Its first companies was 10, organized in 1919 at the end of World War I, numbers about 200 members. Its first companies was 10, organized in 1919 at the end of World War I, numbers about 200 members. Its first companies was 10, organized in 1919 at the end of World War I, numbers about 200 members. Its first companies was 10, organized in 1919 at the end of World War I, numbers about 200 members. Its first companies was 10, organized in 1919 at the end of World War I, numbers about 200 members. Its first companies was 10, organized in 1919 at the end of World War I, numbers about 200 members.

11:45 a. m. today, the French box-car which has been permanently located in front of the Salem American Legion headquarters on South Commercial street is perhaps the unofficial symbol of this

year's state convention. Certainly it is a memory which every delegate will take home and long associate with his 1949 trip to Salem.

For many, this week will be the first glimpse at this box-car which arrived here last February bearing gifts for all of Oregon part of the "Merci train" which grateful French citizens sent back in response to the American "Friendship train." Entrusted to Salem

After the gifts were distributed to Oregon counties, the state pre-sented the car to the 40 et 8 Grand Voiture du Oregon. By vote of the grand cheminots the box-car was entrusted to Salem voiture 153, and arrangements were made with Capital post 9 in Salem for permanent inshrinement at its present location.

The 40 et 8 is the fun and honor society of the American Legion. From French, box-cars, in fact, came their name. On the side of all box-cars of the variety to be dedicated this morning (it was used during World War I) is a sign reading "Hommes 40, Chevaux (en long) 8." Translated, as most adults know, this means "40 men, 8 horses" - either being the intended capacity of the car. Brightly-Colored Shields

The 40 brightly - colored shields on both sides bear the coat-ofarms of some of France's 90 department's which correspond somewhat to our states.

For years replicas of French trains and box-cars mounted on autos have been cynosures at state and national Legion conventions. But this year Oregon Legionnaires can look at the real thing.

#### Legion Series Set at Omaha

The Little World Series, climaxing the 22nd consecutive season of American Legion junior baseball, will be played at Omaha, Neb., August 31 to September 4.

Teams representing the four sections of America will vie for the national championship in the Omaha stadium. They will be the survivors of a starting field of more than 16,000 teams in 47 states, the District of Columnia and Hawaii.

A trip to the first two games of the real World Series is awarded the winning team. The present junior legion champ team is that of Trenton, N. J., post 93.

#### Memorial Service To Precede First Business Session

One of the outstanding features of the 1949 annual convention of the American Legion in Salem this week will be the memorial services to be held at the Elsinore theatre at 9 a.m., Thursday. Rabbi Philip Kleinman

Temple Nevah Zedek, Portland, will give the invocation, following which wreaths will be placed by B. E. (Kelly) Owens, department commander, and Mrs. Mitchell Thorn, auxiliary president. Jose-phine Albert Spaulding will sing "The Lord's Prayer", and Father Vincent Eagan, department chap-lain, and Beulah Round, auviliary chaplain, will address the dele-

Closing ceremonies will feature the choir of the First Presbyterian church of Salem singing "Battle Hymn of the Republic". The Rev. George Swift, chaplain of Capi-tal post 9, will give the benedic-

#### 572 in Association For Legion Press

The American Legion Press as-sociation has attained a new alltime high membership mark with 572 members representing 366 affiliated publications, the American Legion magazine for August

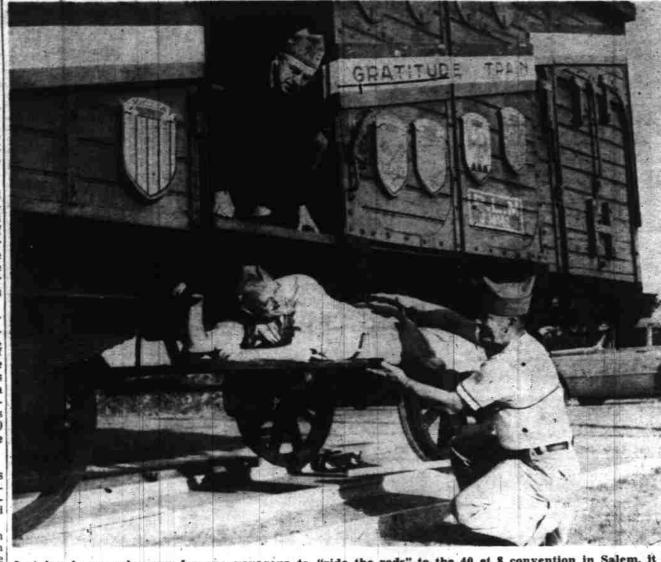
The ALPA has member papers in 47 Legion departments. The annual meeting this year will be during the Legion national convention at Palumbo's in Philadelphia, Pa., August 28.

Jack rabbits can leap at speeds of 30 to 35 miles an hour when



TATION - Mrs. Alice Qualis, 73, smokes her pipe on the steps of a Pineville, Mo., grocery store as her neighbors celebrate the 100th anni-versary of the town's founding.

### Voyageur 'Rides the Rods' to 40 et 8 Meet



barely enough room for one voyageur to "ride the rods" to the 40 et 8 convention in Salem, it is demonstrated above on the real French box car which Oregon's 40 et 8 dedicates today. C. C. Schneider is wedged into the outside platform while kneeling B. C. Lieuallen measures for clearance. Inside the car is R. C. Blaxall. All are members of Marion county voiture. (Statesman photo)

### Preamble States AL Purpose

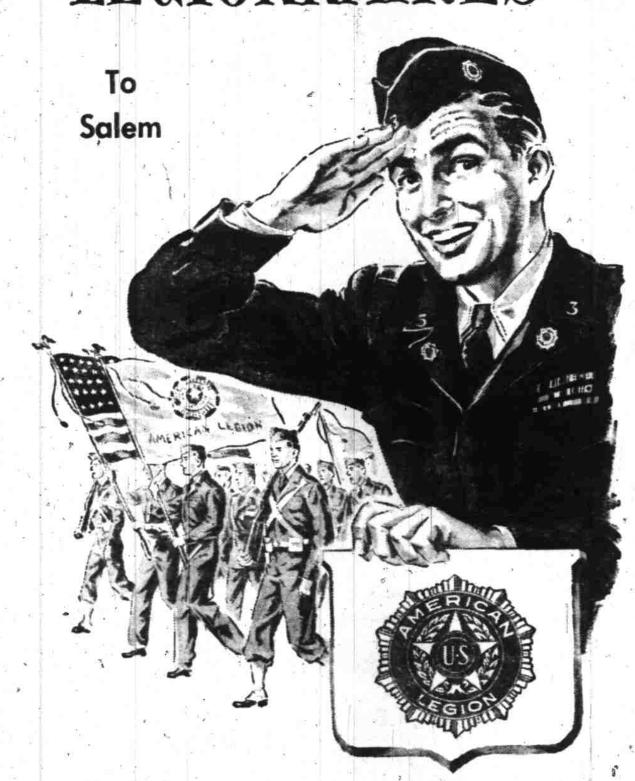
The preamble follows: sociate ourselves together for the munity, state and nation; to com- speed for safety, rather than seek-

Long range aims and goals of defend the constitution of the Unthe American Legion are consoli- ited States of America; to maintain freedom and democracy; to condated in a simple statement - law and order; to foster and per- secrate and sanctify our comradethe preamble to the legion's con- petuate a 100 per cent American- ship by our devotion to mutual stitution-It is recited aloud at ism; to preserve the memories and helpfulness. each regular meeting of every post. incidents of our associations in the great wars; to inculcate a sense of For God and country, we as- individual obligation to the com-

right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to pos-

Jack rabbits depend upon their following purposes: To uphold and bat the autocracy of both the ing refuge in holes.

# Welcomes! LEGIONNAIRES



We sincerely hope you will enjoy your stay in Salem. Drop in --- we'll be glad to meet you.



## Albany Post 10 30 Years Back

ALBANY - Delegates and of-

Post delegates are Tom Palmer, members. Walter Stuart, jr., George Parker, Albany's auxiliary was organized Merrill, Hollis Hull and Robed in 1923, with Mrs. Alton B.

Willis and Lonn Jones. 40 et 8 voiture 891 was started in historian; Mrs. Lonn Jones, ser-1923, with Floyd Hammell as geant-at-arms, Mrs. Charles Mcchef de gare.

more than 400 members. Present cording secretary, and Mrs. ficers of Albany post 10, American Legion, have been busy for mander; Carl Stanley, first viceAuxiliary delegates are state Legion convention in Salem adjutant, and Walter Kropp and organization now has 159 non- al (1) Wallace Eakin, executive board bers.

ert Sipe. Alternates are Frank Coates as first president. Present in 1792 in what was destined to Zarones, Walter Kropp, Ernest auxiliary officers are Mrs. W. M. become the steel center of Pitts-Larios, Edwin Fortmiller, Millard Chambers, president; Mrs. Roy burgh.

first and second vice-presidents

can Legion, have been busy for mander, Carl Standard Willis, second Chambers, Mrs. Gail Jones Mrs. Mrs. George Hancock, Mrs. Pale of and have a large representation at ne nance officer; Walter Stuart, it. Mrs. McCormack. The wearn's t

#### The Statesman, Salem, Oregon, Wednesday, August 3, 1949—9 Collins and Mrs. Stanley Malo, Legion Invited to mander was Dr. G. E. Riggs. Its respectively; Mrs. Verne Griffith, Belgian Memorial

Belgium will erect a huge mem-Cormack, correspondence secre- orial in memory of the Battle of The organization now boasts tary; Mrs. Thomas Palmer, re- the Bulge and through the Ameri-Pov can Lagion has invited a pilgrimage of Word War II veterans to the shribe for its dedication next

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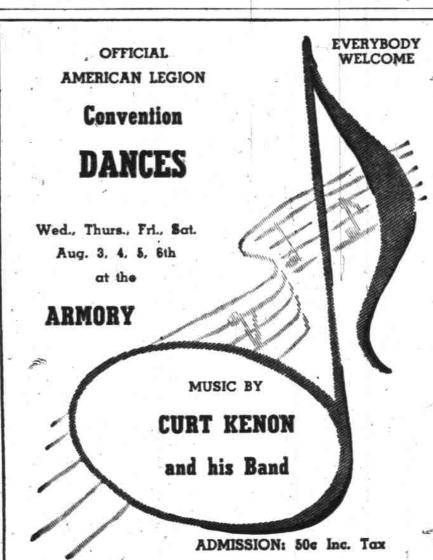
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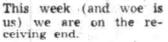
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Me and Chuck have attended a lot of conventions and always had a heck of a lot of fun, but we were on the outside of





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Claude

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