

# Dedication of French Box Car Slated Today

Scheduled for enshrinement at 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."

After the gifts were distributed to Oregon counties, the state presented 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 enshrinement 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-of-arms of some of France's 90 departments which correspond somewhat to our states.

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

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



Just 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. Liewallen measures for clearance. Inside the car is K. C. Blaxall. All are members of Marion county voiture. (Statesman photo)

## 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 Columbia 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 of Temple Nevah Zedek, Portland, will give the invocation, following which wreaths will be placed by E. E. (Kelly) Owens, department commander, and Mrs. Mitchell Thorn, auxiliary president. Josephine Albert Spaulding will sing "The Lord's Prayer", and Father Vincent Egan, department chaplain, and Beulah Round, auxiliary chaplain, will address the delegates.

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 Capital post 9, will give the benediction.

## 572 in Association For Legion Press

The American Legion Press association has attained a new all-time high membership mark with 572 members representing 366 affiliated publications, the American Legion magazine for August reported.

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 frightened.

## Albany Post 10 In Legion Dates 30 Years Back

ALBANY — Delegates and officers of Albany post 10, American Legion, have been busy for several weeks making plans to have a large representation at the state Legion convention in Salem this week.

Post delegates are Tom Palmer, Walter Stuart, Jr., George Parker, Zed Merrill, Hollis Hull and Robert Sipe. Alternates are Frank Zaronas, Walter Kropp, Ernest Larice, Edwin Fortmiller, Millard

Willis and Lonn Jones.

Post 10, organized in 1919 at the end of World War I, numbers about 200 members. Its first commander was Dr. G. E. Riggs. Its 40 et 8 voiture 891 was started in 1923, with Floyd Hammell as chef de gare.

The organization now boasts more than 400 members. Present officers are Tom Palmer, commander; Carl Stanley, first vice-commander; Millard Willis, second vice-commander; Jim Howard, adjutant, and Walter Kropp and Wallace Eakin, executive board members.

Albany's auxiliary was organized in 1923, with Mrs. Alton H. Coates as first president. Present auxiliary officers are Mrs. W. M. Chambers, president; Mrs. Roy

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## Legion Invited to Belgian Memorial

Belgium will erect a huge memorial in memory of the Battle of the Bulge and through the American Legion has invited a pilgrimage of World War II veterans to the shrine for its dedication next month.

The first blast furnace was built in 1792 in what was destined to become the steel center of Pittsburgh.

The most important enemy of the rabbit are coyotes.

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Claude

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MEDITATION — Mrs. Alice Qualls, 73, smokes her pipe on the steps of a Pineville, Mo., grocery store as her neighbors celebrate the 100th anniversary of the town's founding.