



FOUND 'BUDDY EXCHANGE' . . . With the purpose of reuniting wartime buddies lost in the labyrinth of civilian life, ex-sergeant Norton Roth, 24, launched a Veterans' Exchange in New York. Here he and his secretary scan a file in search for somebody's buddy.

FINDS OLD 'MATES' Reuniting Wartime Buddies Is Objective of Exchange

NEW YORK.—Reuniting wartime buddies who became separated after leaving the services is the avowed purpose of the Veterans' Exchange, a novel enterprise launched here by ex-G.I. Norton Roth, 24.

Every man wearing the ruptured duck discharge emblem often wonders what became of the buddy who shared a foxhole with him or slept in the next bunk. Realizing that it was easy to lose touch with old buddies and difficult to locate them after discharge, Roth hit upon the idea which is bound to make many an ex-buddy happy.

Started only last summer, the exchange already lists home addresses of nearly 2,000 ex-servicemen and women looking for a friend from overseas days. Scores more already have found lost buddies through the exchange. Mail to the exchange gets "heavier and heavier" each day, Roth reports.

Keeps Complete Data
Roth carefully files all requests for information and location of buddies, taking and indexing names, outfits and other information which might help.

"There just wasn't any way to find a Joe from Texas or Illinois if you lived in Montana or Maine," Roth, veteran of 20 months overseas, said. "I've been home since March, and I simply started a service lots of G.I.'s wanted to start but couldn't afford."

The exchange, a nonprofit service, doesn't cost Roth anything because the office is upstairs in the family restaurant, one of the oldest on Broadway. A bookkeeper who used to spend all her time adding up figures on a million-dollar business helps out, receive a maximum of \$120.

Reunite Poker Fans
First veterans to get together

Legislature in Six States Authorize Bonus for Veterans

CHICAGO.—Legislation intended to provide veterans of World War II with bonuses totaling nearly 1 billion dollars has been approved in six states, a survey by the Federation of Tax Administrators reveals.

The bonuses which have won legislative approval in Illinois, Rhode Island and New York will not become effective until upheld by the voters, however, the federation said.

Massachusetts began paying a veterans' bonus last year. New Hampshire in 1943, and Vermont in 1942. Legislatures in Maine and Michigan are holding special sessions to consider bonus action.

The Illinois bonus of \$10 for each month of domestic and \$15 for each month of foreign service would be awarded to all ex-military personnel who served between Sept. 16, 1940, and Sept. 2, 1945, at a cost of 385 million dollars.

New York's bonus plan to 1,700,000 resident veterans who served between Dec. 7, 1941, and Sept. 2, 1945, would cost 400 million dollars. Payments would range from \$50 to \$250, depending on length and type of service.

The Rhode Island plan calls for a \$200 gift to veterans and merchant seamen who served between Sept. 16, 1940, and Sept. 2, 1945, at a cost of 20 million dollars.

Massachusetts is paying bonuses ranging from \$100 to \$300. The total cost is estimated at 170 million dollars to 180 million dollars.

The New Hampshire bonus pays a maximum of \$100 to each veteran, and in Vermont, ex-servicemen

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were five men from the 2nd armored division who live in the New York area. They vowed they'd play poker together once a week after the war, but they forgot to note down home addresses. Each registered at the exchange.

A Wac, whose husband was injured while both were in the E.T.O., found that he had been transferred to a United States hospital. She had been moved so much, notification of his address failed to reach her by the time she reached New York. A buddy from Halloran hospital had listed him at the exchange.

"I never saw a girl so happy as she was when she checked in and found we had him on file," Roth said.

Leads to Marriage
"A Des Moines navy nurse checked in to find the Brooklyn address of a former patient in the Pacific theater.

"Darned if he hadn't checked his name to look for her," Roth said. "Now they're going to get married."

The exchange refuses to give civilians the location of veterans or to reveal the names of buddies who have located each other.

But Roth thinks it is all right to tell about Harry Koretsky of Brooklyn. He asked to be put on file because "I am anxious to see my buddy and I also would like to repay a loan I got from him."



MOTHERHOOD TRIUMPHANT

. . . When the 16-year-old son of Maria Spinella of Palermo, Sicily, was kidnapped, Maria didn't sit down and cry about it. After calling the cops, she donned male attire and joined in the hunt for the kidnapped boy. The hunt ended in a gunfight, from which Maria and Giuseppe emerged without injury. The kidnapper was Giuseppe's uncle.

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IN THESE UNITED STATES

Travel Innovations Seek To Break Long Monotony

NEW YORK.—In an attempt to eliminate travel monotony, entertainment features for passengers have a major role in postwar planning for new transportation equipment. Among devices planned to break the monotony of long trips are radios in busses, movies in trains and lounge rooms in planes, according to plans being mapped by Henry Dreyfuss, noted industrial engineer.

Dreyfuss, whose designs run the gamut from alarm clocks and inexpensive kitchen utensils to streamlined continental trains and war strategy rooms in Washington, has included entertainment ideas in all plans for new transportation equipment.

Ships Take Lead
Contrasting entertainment facilities in various fields of transportation, Dreyfuss points out that ships long have offered swimming pools, movies and play decks for diversion of passengers.

"Train and bus passengers, on the other hand, have had little to do but read or look out the window," he adds. The designer has eliminated the glare problem in planes by use of adjustable polaroid windows to control the amount of light admitted without obstructing the view. An observation room in the nose will enable camera enthusiasts to take pictures.

Radio is the principal entertainment planned for land and air

travel, Dreyfuss said.

A wing-type coach chair in which the passenger has only to lean his head back to hear his favorite program and not disturb any other passenger is the designer's answer.

To Install Telephones
Telephones will be installed in trains and planes for passenger use.

New reclining coach chairs allow more footroom. Fluorescent fixtures will give softer light and some coaches are being made with individual fluorescent lamps above each seat grouping.

New ideas in dining cars are following a less formal trend. Not only snack bars, but lunch counters complete with stools have been installed in some trains.

Greater utility from diners is one of the current problems, Dreyfuss said. It might be worked into the railroads' entertainment plans, possibly as space for motion picture showings.

Covered Bridges Comprise Hobby For Nebraskan

Although covered bridges have been relegated to the past by most people, Fred C. Williams of Lincoln, Neb., collects pictures and data about them as a hobby.

Photographs and stories about bridges in 22 states are included in the collection. Its latest addition is a picture of a snow covered span in Iowa, the only one from that state.

The Massachusetts highway department sent 8 by 10 inch glossy prints of every covered bridge in the state, and those of Maine, Maryland and Missouri contributed smaller photographs. Williams also saves newspaper clippings, postcards and other items on the bridges.

Prize of the collection is data on a span near Biddeford, Me., to which the poet Longfellow is believed to have referred in his poem "I Stood on the Bridge at Midnight."

Bridges in New England are the most interesting, Williams explains, because so much legendry has grown up about them. However, only about 200 are found in that region.

Rejected for Union Army, Centenarian Insists Knees 'Fine'

WEVER, IA. — Although he could not get in the Union army back in 1861 because he had "buck knees," Augustus Staub, local centenarian, has started on his second 100 years and the knees still are "feeling just fine."

He admitted that the first 100 years had been the hardest and he didn't know for sure whether he'd care to go through it again or not.

The centenarian, who lives with his son, P. A. Staub, on a farm near here, retired from active farming 16 years ago, but he still keeps busy chopping firewood and working in the garden.

As to the Civil war, Staub said he wanted to get into it so he "rode all the way to Keokuk," only to be turned down by the Union medics.

Used Car Racket Profits Americans On Mexican Jaunts

MEXICO CITY.—Sale of used cars has developed into racket proportions for American tourists in Mexico.

Here's the way the deal works:
An American drives a used car for which he paid \$800 in the States into Mexico City. He sells it for anywhere from \$1,500 up.

The buyer reimburses the seller for the amount of the bond which he has been required to sign and post at the border guaranteeing that he will not sell his car in Mexico. The Mexico City buyer turns around and sells the automobile for \$3,000 or more, for export to Spain.

As for the American, he has to pay a couple of hundred dollars to fly back home but at that he's still ahead of the deal.

Postcard Mailed 37 Years Ago Delivered

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—Servicemen are not the only ones receiving belated mail. Mrs. Lucille Bellm has received a picture postcard mailed 37 years ago in Pine Island, Minn., by her mother.

Postmarked Pine Island, Dec. 1, 1909, it bore family greetings. Mailed originally to Mrs. Bellm at Rochester, Minn., it was forwarded from there July 11.

"Off We Go" AVIATION NOTES CAREERS FOR WOMEN

Although stewardesses remain the glamor girls of aviation, there are many other positions in this soaring postwar industry open to girls—girls who want to work where they can see the sun glint on silver wings and hear the constant zoom of plane motors.

Many girls returning from the services, like the men themselves, are eager for jobs in the aviation industry.

On one point there is general agreement—at present there are no openings for the woman who wants to make a living as a pilot. While the woman veteran can get government pilot training under the G.I. bill, she stands slight chance of getting a job in competition with more than 200,000 former army, navy and marine pilots.

Most widely publicized position for women, of course, is that of hostess or stewardess. All leading commercial airlines are increasing the number of stewardesses monthly as new planes take to the skyways.

Many Jobs Open
Other jobs currently open to young women include stenographer or clerk, reservation clerk, ticket office agent and many specialized positions, such as dietitian or home economist for airline food service, personnel director, public relations representative, staff photographer, designer, librarian or airline executive.

Woman's role in aviation has increased with marked rapidity. As recently as 1938, major airlines offered free trips to wives who would accompany their husbands on flights. Now women need no inducement to fly—a recent survey revealing that 62 per cent of the women interviewed planned to use airline service as compared with 68 per cent of the men.

During the war the airlines, like the railroads, hired women for many jobs customarily held by men. In some airlines the women employees accounting for 40 per cent of the total. Women served as pilots, meteorologists, flight and ground instructors, aviation mechanics, traffic control operators, aircraft communicators and ramp workers.

MOVIE PILOT . . . One of the most enthusiastic pilots in the movie colony is Dick Powell. An ardent sportsman, Powell also participates in yachting, polo, automobile and motorcycle racing.

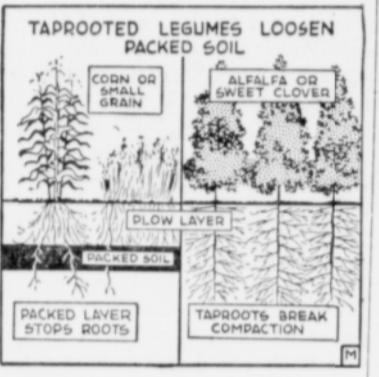
LANDING AIDS STATION
In connection with authorization from the Civil Aeronautics board to inaugurate flights between San Francisco and Honolulu, United Airlines has assumed operation of the navy's all-weather aircraft landing aids station at Arcata, Calif. The station, picked by the navy during the war because it had the most consistently foul weather on the West Coast, is equipped to develop and to test all kinds of aids to landing planes.



Legumes Open Soil To Air and Water System of Rotation Prevents Compaction

Tight "stuffy" soils are robbing many farmers of high bushel-per-acre yields of corn and small grains each year. Loams, silt loams and clay loams need large amounts of organic matter in the plow layer and deeper to keep them open and loose for high crop production.

Heavy soils that are low in organic matter and worked with heavy tractors and machinery become



Tap roots of alfalfa and sweet clover, as shown in sketch, break through packed soil to assure water and plant food for growing crops.

packed, especially just below the plow sole. These compactions slow down the intake of water. They cut down the amount of water and air the soil will hold for crop use. They keep the fibrous roots of corn and small grain "upstairs" away from water and plant food held deeper in the soil.

Temporary relief can be had by using machines that reach below the ordinary plow layer and break up the plow sole compactions. Real relief, however, comes only through regular use of deep-rooted legumes in the rotation.

The driving tap roots of sweet clover and alfalfa force their way through the compactions and reach deep into the soil, thus opening it to air and water. The mineralized organic matter they leave there improves soil tilth and furnishes plant food for other crops.

Channels of the tap roots are routes for water and air and fibrous roots to follow deep into the soil. Compaction-busting alfalfa and sweet clover need phosphate and potash if they are to do a good job.

Smash Sale Records



All records for Ayrshire auction sales in the U. S. were broken when an average of \$2,267.39 was paid for 23 Scottish bred Ayrshires imported and sold by Frank V. Life of Bellefontaine, Ohio. The sale grossed \$52,150.

A new record price for Ayrshire bull calves was set at \$4,600 by Howard Baum and Sons of Paint Valley farm, Bainbridge, Ohio, in the purchase of eight-months-old Killoch Gay Spark (above).

Increased Yields Noted With Use of Fertilizer

Wheat yields can be stepped up 7 to 14 bushels per acre and the hay crop can be increased through use of more fertilizer in hay and pasture crops seeded in small grains, declares Dr. D. R. Dodd of the Ohio experiment station.

This practice is particularly profitable on land already highly productive, Dodd points out. As an example, he cites tests made by research men on plots at the Ohio station. The land's producing capacity already had been built up by good soil management so that it was producing an average of 85 bushels of corn, 23 bushels of wheat and 3 tons of hay per acre.

In the tests, a 2-12-6 fertilizer was applied at increasing rates to wheat.

Minnesota Starts Big Tree Planting Project

As the first step in a far-reaching tree planting program authorized by the state legislature last year, Minnesota is planting about two million trees this year.

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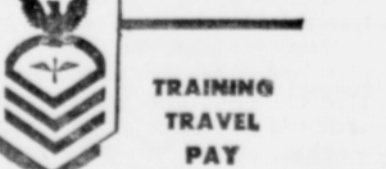
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