

Unique Insignia Chosen by Army Aero Squadrons

The Secretary of War has approved the insignia for forty-four airplane squadrons, submitted by the director of air service. These insignias are for use only on planes and on baggage for the purpose of distinguishing the different squadrons, and will not be worn as shoulder insignia by individuals. They comprise the insignia used in the A. E. F. by the squadrons actually organized in France, which saw action at the front.

The insignia selected for the First Aero Squadron is the American flag; for the Eighth Aero Squadron is a great American eagle, with wings spread, holding the Liberty Bell; the Ninth Aero Squadron will be designated by a silhouette showing the beams of three search lights pointing upward and forming the numeral IX.

The Eleventh Squadron is represented by a cartoon of "Mr. Jiggs" carrying a bomb under his arm; while that for the Thirteenth Aero Squadron shows the figure of Death depicted by a skeleton running at full speed with a bloody scythe in his hand. The Seventeenth Squadron has a great snow owl flying through the air ready to pounce upon the enemy. Three legs in a circle arranged in pin wheel fashion is the insignia adopted by the Twentieth Aero Squadron.

A number of stars in a ring with a large star with a tail, evidently a comet, superimposed, represents the Twenty-second Squadron, and an American eagle pouncing upon a German dachshund, which is running away with its tail between its legs, has been assigned to the Twenty-fourth Squadron. The Twenty-fifth has a masked headman with an ax; while the Twenty-seventh has another form of an American eagle superimposed upon a large round spot. A painted American Indian, looking to the left, with a single feather for headdress is for the Twenty-eighth, and a camel, appearing in a scene in an African desert, superimposed upon the numeral V, is the insignia of the Forty-first.

The Forty-ninth has a snarling wolf's head within a circle; the Fiftieth has a silhouette cartoon of one of the Dutch women used in the "Dutch Cleanser" advertisement. The 51st is depicted with Winged Cupid, wearing a campaign hat, sitting on the top of the world. The Eighty-eighth Squadron has a bucking broncho, ridden by a cowboy, all within a circle.

The Ninetieth Squadron has an odd device; a pair of dice, the lucky number, seven, uppermost. The Ninety-first shows a mounted knight in pursuit of the winged devil whose blood he has already drawn by the lance. The Ninety-third is represented by an Indian head, looking to the right, with two feathers for a headdress, and the Ninety-fourth Squadron's insignia is the well known "hat in the ring."

WILL HUNT FOR DEER

Elizabethtown, Pa., Nov. 28.—Deer hunters from this place will leave on Monday to hunt deer in Franklin county. The nimrods who will go are Benjamin and Guy Goehens, Christian Martin, Frank and Robert Fisher, Martin Lindemuth, S. Farver, Alen Harzler, W. Garrett and "Dock" Kinnard, all members of the Elizabethtown Gunning Club.

50 ODD FELLOWS GET DEGREE Elizabethtown, Pa., Nov. 28.—The degree team of Dauphin Encampment, No. 10, I. O. O. F., of Harrisburg, conferred the national degree on a class of 50 candidates at this place on Wednesday evening. George C. Ralston had charge of the degree work, assisted by a committee composed of W. H. Young, W. H. Skinner and W. H. Brown. An excellent supper was served.

Champion and Healer Who Eased His Pains



JAMES M. HICKSON (at left) AND HARRY FORBES

Among the hundreds of ailing and crippled persons who have gone daily to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Chicago, in the hope of being cured of their infirmities by James More Hickson, the famous English lay healer, is Harry Forbes, bantamweight champion from 1901 to 1903. Forbes, who is now about forty-one years old, says the healer's touch already has relieved a very painful rheumatism affection from which he has suffered for a year.

Missouri Hen Lays 304 Eggs in One Year

That once thought unattainable goal of the 300-egg hen has been reached. If but a few years ago a poultryman had been asked if he ever expected to see a hen that laid 300 eggs in one year he would have answered no. Yet, right here in Missouri, the greatest poultry state in the Union, a hen, during the year from November 1, 1918, to November 1, 1919, has laid a total of 304 eggs, one for every day of the year except Sundays and holidays.

The average hen lays from 100 to 150 eggs a year, extra good ones now 200 eggs. Not so long ago the 200-egg hen was considered something of a marvel, and the elevation of breeding of the average hen to the 200-egg mark was set as the ultimate attainment. Now thousands of pure-bred hens lay 200 eggs a year, and the goal has been set much higher, which breeding and selection may attain in flocks given the proper care.

Think what it would mean to increase by 100 the number of eggs laid on the average by the hens of the United States. Think what Missouri hens would add to the wealth of the state by such a proceeding. It is estimated that there are more than 100,000,000 less hens in the world to-day than before the war. At the low average of 100 eggs a year this means that this year the egg output of the world is 10,000,000,000 eggs less than it was five years ago. Perhaps you can see in that some reason for the prices we are paying. More hens and better hens, the kind that lay 200 eggs a year on the average, is the need of the world, not less Missouri than other states and nations.

This wonderful 304-egg hen has not only broken the world's record, but she has helped upset a theory of breeds which has prevailed. We do not say that the theory is completely demolished. It may work after a fashion still, and those who hold it may continue to cling to it despite the record. That is the habit of theorists.

This theory is that as mere egg layers the lighter breeds of turkeys like the Leghorns, Minorcas, Black Spanish, etc., are more profitable than the heavier breeds, because they lay more and are heavier than the so-called egg layers which also are good layers. Chief among these are the Plymouth Rocks, the Rhode Islands and the Wyandottes. It was one of these all-purpose breeds which broke the record, a Rhode Island White.

This feat was performed at the Missouri Poultry Experiment Station at Mountain Grove, which has just finished its eighth annual egg-laying contest, to which hens from all over the country are sent. In this contest there were 60 hens of five breeds each, comprising 15 different breeds.

It is noticeable that among the highest ten pens seven were of the American general purpose breeds and only three of the special so-called egg layers. The result of this contest, which is perhaps more pronounced in favor of the all-purpose breed as distinguished from the single-purpose breed, whether that purpose be eggs or meat, seems to be proof that the great majority of American farmers are on the right track when they choose one of the American breeds for their flock and then build up the flock by careful selection.

No mongrel hen ever laid 300 or even 200 eggs a year. We ought to have no room for mongrels in either the chicken yard or the pasture in Missouri if we expect to make poultry or livestock pay. The poultry experiment station has given the farmers the agricultural knowledge that will be worth many millions of dollars to them if they govern themselves by it.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Industrial Congress to Meet Next Year

Edmonton, Alta., Nov. —The industrial congress which held sessions at Edmonton, Calgary, Medicine Hat and Lethbridge last summer was so successful in exploiting Alberta resources to the capitalists of the United States and Canada that the Alberta Industrial Association is planning to hold another congress next year on a larger scale.

Next year's congress will include the exploitation of the resources of both the agricultural and industrial resources of Alberta and British Columbia and its sessions will be held not only in the leading Alberta cities, but in Vancouver, B. C. Distinguished financiers and manufacturers of the United States, Canada and Great Britain will address the congress.

Financial support already has been promised the association by the large banking interests of the two provinces. The association is preparing to open permanent offices in Calgary and the congress is expected to become a regular annual affair. Special efforts will be made at next year's congress to emphasize the agricultural advantages of the two provinces. Both Alberta and British Columbia are fine mixed farming countries. A great influx of home seekers is expected in western Canada next year and a large per cent, it is believed, will settle in the two provinces.

Dr. E. S. Behney, Dentist, has resumed practice at 236 North Second street. Bell 1814.—Adv.

Discovery of Poison Gas Said to Have Been Accident

Pearson's Weekly tells us that the idea of poison gas, which the Germans first used in warfare, was the result of an accident.

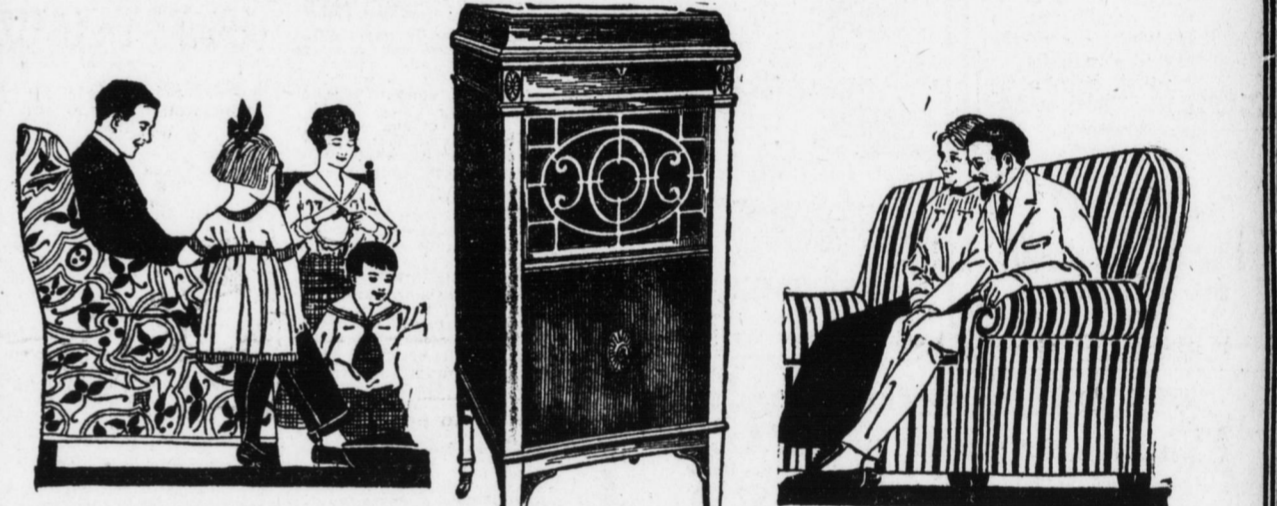
Some years ago a disastrous fire followed a chemical explosion at Griesheim, near Frankfort-on-the-Main, in Germany. The explosion took place in the Griesheim Electric factory, and almost instantaneously the whole building was in flames. Fire engines came galloping up, but as they approached the men were seen to fall from their seats. Spectators running after them dropped as if shot and meanwhile the blaze increased, involving fresh buildings, and even crossing the river into the village of Schwannheim.

What had happened was this: The sudden mixture of vats of different chemicals under intense heat had filled the air with a gas so terribly poisonous of nature that those who came in contact with its deadly influence were suffocated at once. Fifty-one died and three times that number injured was the result of that terrible fire.

This method of destruction appealed to the German war lords, who pigeonholed the idea, and brought it into actual operation soon after the war started.

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