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Adam Lee Laumann, left, a member of Voiture 1402 of the 40 & 8 and Post 49 of the American Legion, was presented the Distinguished Voyageur Award for 1986 by Wayne Gregory, right, Grand Chef De Gare Du Missouri, at the Mo-Kan Wreck held in Tarkio on Sunday, Nov. 16. This award is given annually by the 40 & 8 to World War I veterans who have given their time and efforts in promoting the 40 & 8 and the American Legion.

[Staff Photo]

Lee Lauman Presented With Special Award

Adam Henry Lee Lauman, Westboro, Mo., was presented the Distinguished Voyageur Award for 1986 on Sunday, Nov. 16. He is a member of Voiture 1402 of the 40 & 8 and Post 49 of the American Legion in Tarkio. He was presented the award by Wayne Gregory, Grand Chef De Gare Du Missouri at the Mo-Kan Wreck in Tarkio. The award is given annually to World War I veterans who have given their time and effort in promoting the 40 & 8 and the American Legion.

Born on Dec. 23, 1894, Lauman has farmed the land and lived in the house that he was born in in the Farmers City area west of Westboro. His father came to this area from the old country.

Lauman attended eight grades

he has been one of the faithful leaders throughout his lifetime.

Inducted into the army Feb. 26, 1918, Lauman was a member of the Wagoner Supply Company of the 89 Division of the 354th Infantry. He served in this capacity during the St. Mihiel Offensive from Sept. 12 to Sept. 16, 1918. He was also in the fighting at the Muese Argonne Offensive from Oct. 19 to Nov. 11, 1918. This was one of the fiercest battles of World War I.

Lauman was discharged June 3, 1919, at Camp Funston, Kan. In 1980 he retired from farming, turning the farming duties on his farm over to his daughter and her husband. He now lives at Fair Oaks Senior Center in Rock Port, Mo.

Lauman is a mid 40 & 8 Sen. He

Around The State



MARYVILLE Daily Forum

There will be a new focal point for Christmas activities in the Maryville area this year. The Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce's Retail Committee plans to transform Franklin Park into a "Winter Wonderland" complete with lights, Christmas displays, Santa Claus and weekly entertainment.

The **Cuba Free Press**

Jeff McKinney, reporter for the St. Louis CBS radio station, spent a day in Cuba visiting with civic leaders and businessmen, attempting to learn what is happening in Cuba, why and how. A large part of the success, according to several community leaders, is the utilization and work done with the University of Missouri-Rolla.

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South Holt Lumber and Hardware in Forest City, Mo., has begun an inventory reduction sale that eventually will lead to the closing of the store. The store has been open since early in the century. The poor agriculture economy of the past few years has brought about the closing, according to the present owner.

The Lawson Review

The Home of Watkins Woolen Mill State Historic Site and Watkins Mill State Park

Most libel lawsuits involve a public official and a media representative. Generally the public official is the one alleging libel and the media is the one charged with committing libel. Such is not the case in Ray County as the news editor for The Daily News in Richmond, Mo., has filed a lawsuit charging Richmond City Administrator with libeling him in a letter sent by the administrator to several city officials and businessmen.

MARYVILLE Daily Forum

In April 1987, the Sisters of St. Francis occupants will return to St. Louis, Mo., where their order will reunite with the Sisters of St. Mary's after a 92-year split. The two groups petitioned Pope John Paul II in 1985 and permission to become one congregation was granted earlier this year. The Mount Alverno Convent east of Maryville will not be for sale.

"First with the news"

The Fairfax Forum

Bob Gaines, publisher of the Fairfax Forum, was elected president of the Fairfax Merchants group. Hank Oswald was recognized for being in business for 50 years. Plaques were presented to three new businesses that opened in Fairfax.