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Among the many historic sites which may be seen by delegates and visitors to the Sixty-Seventh Annual Congress is the impressive monument to the early pioneers. It was through Emigration Canyon that the Pioneers of 1847 first entered Salt Lake Valley, and from the entrance one may look over the valley which greeted the venturesome pioneers a century ago. A commemorative "This Is The Place" Monument was dedicated July 24, 1947, the centennial of the pioneers' arrival.



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THE EDIOTR SAYS:

This issue of the Magazine will be printed and distributed before the final figures on our membership campaign are compiled. However, we can state without qualification, that the totals will not be satisfactory. They may equal the figures of the preceding year, and they may exceed them, but it is safe to assume that any increase will be too small to be of any real consequence. The fact remains that we are doing a thoroughly inadequate job in the matter of enrolling new members in our Society.

Now is the time for all of us to re-appraise our efforts, both as individuals and as an organization. As for the individual effort which has been made there can be little room for criticism of the 500 or more Compatriots who have sponsored one or more new applications. But, 500 is a small fraction of our total membership. What have the other 18,000 been doing? The 500 who have worked have established an average of approximately 2½ new members each. Just think how much more effective our Society would be in its efforts to combat all forms of subversion if we had an additional 45,000 members.

Perhaps the over-all program of the National Society should be given a general over-hauling. Certainly, the members of the Organization-Membership Committee cannot do all of the work. The President General, the Vice Presidents General and the other General Officers of the National Society cannot personally contact all eligible prospects for membership. The final result will depend on the effort made by the individual member who can meet the prospective member face to face and convince him of the advantages of membership in our Society. Possibly the awards which are offered to individuals, chapters and state organizations are inadequate. We know that one of our most difficult problems is the lack of activity on the part of local chapters. Too many of our chapters meet so seldom that the members have no chance to become acquainted with the officers and with their fellow Compatriots.

It is impossible to analyze all aspects of the membership situation in this column. The remarks printed herein are designed to stimulate thinking on the part of Compatriots who are interested in building a stronger society.

Faternally yours,

HAROLD L. PUTNAM

April 1957



EUGENE P. CARVER, JR.
President General

This is my last message to you all via the magazine, as our next quarterly issue will include a message from my newly elected successor. Did I hear a voice in the back of the room say "Thank God!" If so, I second the motion because I realize that writing columns is not my forte!

However, I have for you all this time some real news! We have sold our Washington building (or to be exact, at the time of this writing, have entered into an agreement to sell our Washington building and the sale doubtless will be consummated before you people read this). Probably most of you have heard that we called a Special Congress to consider the sale of our building and the purchase of the Belgian Embassy building. That Special Congress voted to sell our building for \$305,000 less a \$10,250 commission, but the Congress voted NOT to buy the Belgian building. In the Agreement for Sale, on which a deposit from the National Education Society has been received, we are to have the privilege of staying in our building until July 1, 1958 at a rental of \$100 a month for the first four months and \$750.00 per month for the remaining months up until July 1, 1958. That will give us roughly fifteen months in which to find a new place to live, and I am very confident that the problem will be satisfactorily resolved quite some time before the time limit in

The President General's Message

which we can stay has expired. Of course, that will be in my successor's term rather than mine because I have no authority as President General to buy any property on behalf of our organization without the proper vote of the Board of Trustees and, if it is possible to get a proposition by the time of the Congress, without a vote of the Congress. I am very hopeful, however, that when finally settled, we will have a building which for our purposes will be equal to our present building and somewhere around \$100,000 in cash!

When you get to be my age, the days, months and years seem to just race by and while it seems but a few weeks ago that I went into office at Bolton's Landing, the calendar convinces me that at the time this is written, I have but 2½ months left of my term of office. As has been the case I imagine with every one of my predecessors, I have not accomplished nearly as much as I had hoped to do, nor have I visited as many states as I expected to, though I think I will end the year with an excess over twenty-two states; sixteen being in the bag already. Everywhere I have been received most cordially and the message which I brought seemed to be very well received. I do hope that I have at least in some measure stimulated a greater interest in our Society on the part of those who heard me, and I have tried very hard to increase the prestige of our organization throughout the country. I have received splendid cooperation from my officers, and as far as I can determine from the State Societies and Chapters. I certainly would not want to go out of office without publicly expressing my thanks for everybody's kind and courteous putting up with me and their sincere and wholehearted cooperation. May I express the wish that you give as much to my successor!

While the final figures are not in, and I may be over-optimistic, I am quite positive that (without considering in any way the sale of the building) I will turn over to my successor a much more prosperous organization than I received. We are in a really very healthy financial condition, and I can see no worries on that score for the foreseeable future.

Just a word about our Salt Lake Congress. Of course, I would have very much liked to have gone out of office in my own home town. We all like to show off just a bit before our neighbors, but I felt (and apparently the Executive Committee to which this matter was left, also felt) that the West was entitled to some recognition. Some of us have given our tentative promise to support Pittsburgh for next year because it would coincide with their State's 200th Anniversary. Under those circumstances, had we gone to the East and then next year to Pittsburgh, we would have pushed the West two years further off, and I am still of the opinion that we did the right thing because I believe Salt Lake City is going to give us all a fine time. I hope the West will appreciate our sympathy with their desires and will turn out in large numbers, and I hope that the East and the South will turn out in as great numbers as they did at Bolton's Landing, if for no other reason than to prove that we are an all-American organization and that we will attend no matter where the Congress is held.

EUGENE P. CARVER, JR.
President General

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR RESERVATION FOR THE SIXTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS?

If you are one of those who have delayed making your reservation for the Sixty-Seventh Annual Congress of the National Society at Salt Lake City, Utah . . . DON'T DELAY ANY LONGER. . . . You might be disappointed by not being able to obtain the type of accommodations you desire.

For your convenience a reservation coupon has been published in this issue of the Magazine on page 2. The use of the coupon will enable the management of the Hotel Utah to handle your reservation promptly and will help the Arrangements Committee to make plans for your entertainment and comfort.

Remember the dates are: May 26-May 29; the place Salt Lake City, Utah.

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND THE SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONGRESS AT SALT LAKE CITY

Each of the Annual Congresses of our National Society has been characterized by some important action which has affected the growth and development of our Society. The Sixty-Seventh Annual Congress will be no exception. In fact it may easily be the most important Annual Congress held since the organization of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The delegates in attendance at the Sixty-Seventh Annual Congress will be called upon to make decisions which will affect the future of our Society for decades to come. Perhaps it is not overstating the situation to say that the Compatriots who will represent the various State Societies, will assume the greatest responsibility that any group of delegates has been called upon to assume in the history of our Society.

As the results of actions taken by the Special Congress and the Board of National Trustees at the meetings held in Washington, D. C., on February 16, 1957, the contract to sell our present Headquarters Building, at 1227-16th Street N.W., has been signed. Under the terms of the sales contract, we are obligated to vacate the property on July 1, 1958.

A committee has been appointed by the President General, in accordance with the instructions of the Board of National Trustees, which committee is charged with the responsibility of inspecting all available properties which may be offered as a location for our new Headquarters. The members of this committee are working diligently on this assignment and a report and recommendations will be presented at the Sixty-Seventh Congress.

If the committee presents a report which includes a recommendation for the purchase of a particular property, it will then become the duty of the Sixty-Seventh Annual Congress to act upon that recommendation. This situation will place an unusual responsibility upon each delegate. He will be called upon to exercise his best judgment and give full consideration at all times to the welfare and future of the Society of which he is a member.

The decisions arrived at by the delegates to the Sixty-Seventh Annual Con-

gress will determine the future course of our Society. We cannot stand still. We must go forward to a greater growth in membership, in activity and prestige or we will slip back into obscurity. It is, therefore, of vital importance that the decisions be made by a truly representative gathering of delegates. Every Compatriot who has the welfare of our Society in his heart should make an extra effort to attend this all-important Annual Congress. Remember the dates are; May 26 thru May 29, 1957.

FROM GENEALOGY TO SKIING

While the younger visitors to the 67th Congress take the one-hour trip to the famous slopes of Alta and Brighton, you can browse among the volumes and films of the Genealogical Library of the L. D. S. Church, the most complete institution of its kind in the whole world. It is in the same block as the Hotel Utah.

At the January inventory it was found to contain 215,868,100 pages on microfilm, which is more feet of film of genealogical material than the Congressional Library has on all subjects combined. These include the census reports for 1830, 1840, 1850, and 1860. Also there are some three million feet of microfilm taken from records in Sweden, and roughly half as much from Great Britain, the Netherlands, Denmark and Finland *each*. That from other countries is, in most cases, much less.

The microfilming has generally been completed in Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Vermont, Tennessee and Virginia. Some has been done, but not completed in

Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Kentucky, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Utah and the District of Columbia. There are 100 reading machines available to the public.

There are also 55,000 volumes of printed matter on genealogical subjects. Delegates and visitors to the 67th Congress will be shown every courtesy and given all assistance that this great library can possibly offer.

As to skiing again. There is snow in the mountains here in the last week of May, but it is too crusty to be good for the skier unless there has been a recent storm. We remember one May 16th when there was excellent skiing, but this is not usual so late in the season. But there is one thing nice about the old snow. One can walk on it without skis or snowshoes, and Alta and Brighton are most interesting places even without the snow.

FACSIMILE COPIES OF THE BASIC DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE

A supply of the Basic Documents, the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights is now available for distribution to schools by chapter and state organizations.

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If rooms of the desired rate are not available, we shall reserve accommodations at the next best rate.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION HELD AT NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, D. C. FEBRUARY 16, 1957

The President General called the annual mid-winter meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 10:00 A.M. He called upon the Chaplain General who pronounced the Invocation. The Executive Secretary called the roll and those present were:

President General Eugene P. Carver, Jr.; Past Presidents General A. Herbert Foreman, John W. Finger, Wallace C. Hall, Arthur A. de la Houssaye, Milton M. Lory, and Edgar Williamson, Jr. Vice Presidents General Stuart H. Tucker and Burt Brown Barker. Secretary General Charles A. Jones; Treasurer General Herschel S. Murphy, Registrar General Arthur G. Trimble, Historian General John E. King; Chaplain General Dr. Grant Ladd Jordan; Librarian General P. Harry Byerly; Surgeon General Dr. John A. Fritchey. National Trustees: George E. Tarbox, Jr., Colorado; Howard E. Coe, Connecticut; George Morris Whiteside, II, Delaware; Col. Thurston H. Baxter, District of Columbia; John H. Babb, Illinois; James T. Mulhall, Iowa; Herbert S. Hodsdon, Maine; George S. Robertson, Maryland; John C. Wroe, Massachusetts; Marion H. Cramer, Michigan; Harry E. Sherwin, New Hampshire; Ross K. Cook, New Jersey; Abram Zoller, New York; Travis B. Callum, North Carolina; Andrew P. Martin, Ohio; Dr. H. Ryerson Decker, Pennsylvania; Senator J. Strom Thurmond, South Carolina; Col. E. Griffith Dodson, Virginia. Executive Secretary Harold L. Putnam. (There were also at the meeting a number of delegates to the Special Congress who had arrived early.)

President General Carver declared a quorum present.

In connection with the approval of the minutes of the last meeting, Executive Secretary Putnam read a statement from Chancellor General Sargent amplifying his report and it was the sense of the Trustees that all reports as published in the minutes must be very brief. On motion, duly seconded and carried, the minutes were approved as published in the January, 1957, issue of the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION MAGAZINE.

The President General announced that he had appointed Compatriot John H. Babb to act as Chancellor General in the place of Compatriot Sargent who was unable to be present.

On motion of Treasurer General Murphy, seconded by Past President General Williamson, Mr. Joseph Oliver, C.P.A., was appointed to make the annual audit by a unanimous vote.

Executive Secretary Putnam read the recommendations of the Budget Committee as submitted in a letter from the Chairman of the Committee, Compatriot Wheaton H. Brewer, which provided for the transfer of funds from items on which there was a surplus to items on which there was a deficit. The transfers recommended and approved did not affect the total amount budgeted for the fiscal year. On motion of Past President General Williamson, duly seconded and carried, the Trustees voted to approve the transfers in the budget in accordance with the recommendations of the Executive Committee. NOTE: The amended budget has been made a part of the permanent record of the meeting.

The interim budget for the period April 1 through May 31, 1957, was presented and discussed. On motion of Compatriot Ross K. Cook, duly seconded and carried, the interim budget was adopted in accordance with the recommendation of the Executive Committee and has been made a part of the permanent record of the meeting.

On motion of Compatriot Cook, seconded by Past President General Williamson, the following revised rules for the use of the President General's Suite, which had been recommended by the Executive Committee, were adopted unanimously:

REVISED RULES GOVERNING THE USE OF THE PRESIDENT GENERAL'S SUITE

The following rules governing the use of the President General's Suite at National Headquarters shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Board of National Trustees of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

"The President General's Suite shall be reserved exclusively for the use of the President General and Past Presidents General and their accompanying family.

"The President General shall have priority of use and occupancy at all times.

"The Past Presidents General and/or family shall have the privilege of the use of the suite whenever the President General is absent.

"Any Past President General desiring the use of the suite shall notify the Executive Secretary at least five days prior to planned date of arrival, and the Executive Secretary shall notify him by letter or by collect wire as to its availability.

"A contribution of \$2.50 per day of occupancy to cover maid service, laundry, maintenance and care of the suite shall be expected, from Past Presidents General. All telephone toll charges shall be paid for prior to departure.

"Any damage to furnishings or equipment shall be fully compensated for by the occupying President General or Past President General.

"All keys to National Headquarters and to the President General's Suite shall be returned to the Executive Secretary upon termination of the period of occupancy.

"No Past President General shall occupy the suite for more than three days in any thirty-day period and not more than fifteen days in any calendar year, unless the period of occupancy is extended by the written permission of the President General.

"The President General shall notify the Executive Secretary of his intended arrival at least 48 hours in advance, in case a Past President General is in occupancy."

Adopted this 16th day of February, 1957

Attest: Charles A. Jones, Secretary General

On motion of Treasurer General Murphy, seconded by Past President General Williamson, the Trustees voted to recommend the continuation, if feasible, of having a President General's Suite, wherever the Society moves, if such a move takes place.

President General Carver asked the Executive Secretary to exhibit a rubbing of the plaque in memory of the Americans who fell in the assault on Quebec which is to be placed at the Citadel in

Quebec as authorized by the Trustees at the meeting which was held October 13, 1956. On motion of Compatriot Babb, seconded and carried, the action of the committee in arranging the plaque was approved.

At the request of the President General, Executive Secretary Putnam read the report of the Special Committee on Minute Man Awards, which had been approved by the Executive Committee; and on motion of Treasurer General Murphy, duly seconded and carried, the Trustees approved the Minute Man Award to be made at the next Annual Congress to:

Cyril E. Cain, Mississippi
Stanton T. Lawrence, New Jersey
Warren M. Taylor, Ohio

President General Carver recognized Compatriot Wentworth who expressed his sorrow at learning of the sudden death of Mrs. Harold L. Putnam on January 30th. The Trustees rose and stood in silence in respect to her memory. Chaplain General Jordan offered a prayer.

The President General reported briefly on his visits to several State Societies.

Secretary General Charles A. Jones read the report of the Douglass G. High Historical Oration Contest Committee in place of the Chairman, Warren M. Taylor, who was unable to be present. On motion of Compatriot King, seconded and carried, the report of the committee was received.

Executive Secretary Putnam reported that he had visited Salt Lake City in December and that the plans for the Annual Congress to be held there May 26-29, 1957, are being developed by the excellent committee which has been appointed. He stated that a blank form for reservations at the Hotel Utah had been provided in the January issue of the Magazine and recommended that reservations be made as promptly as possible.

Treasurer General Murphy reported briefly, stating that the Society was within its budget. On motion by Compatriot Martin, duly seconded and carried, his report was received.

On motion of Compatriot Babb, seconded by Compatriot Tarbox, the Trustees voted to recess until the adjournment of the Special Congress.

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The meeting of the Board of Trustees

reconvened at 4:30 P.M. immediately following the adjournment of the Special Congress. President General Carver stated that there were certain resolutions to be adopted to implement the action of the Special Congress selling the Headquarters property. He read a resolution which had been prepared by the Chancellor General. Compatriot Babb moved the adoption of the resolution as read. Past President General Hall suggested that the resolution should include the phrase, "as directed by a Special Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution." On motion, duly seconded and carried, the resolution which follows was adopted unanimously:

"RESOLVED that the offer of the National Education Association for purchase of the Headquarters Property and adjoining vacant lot at 1227 16th Street, N.W., in the City of Washington, for the price of \$305,000.00, be, and the same is, as directed by a Special Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, hereby accepted on the terms and conditions respecting payment, delivery of possession, and other matters set forth in the letter of offering dated January 3, 1957, a copy of which is attached to the minutes of this meeting, the legal description of the property here involved being the following:

Original Lot 10 in Square 196.

Subject to covenants of record.

Taxed as Lots 818 and 819 in Square 196.

RESOLVED FURTHER that Eugene P. Carver, Jr., President General, and Charles A. Jones, Secretary General, be, and they are, hereby authorized to execute and deliver a good and sufficient deed conveying said property to the National Education Association in the name and on behalf of this National Society.

RESOLVED FURTHER that said President General and Secretary General be, and they are, authorized to do and perform such other and further acts as may seem necessary, proper or advisable to consummate said sale, collect the purchase money, and otherwise complete said transaction."

In order to implement this resolution, President General Carver read a reso-

lution which had been drawn up by the attorney employed by the Society. Past President General Hall pointed out that the word, "General" should appear after the words, "President" and "Secretary." On motion of Compatriot Hall, seconded by Compatriot Williamson, with this emendation this resolution was adopted unanimously:

"At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution held on the 16th day of February, 1957, the following resolution was adopted:

"RESOLVED, that the President General of this corporation be and he is hereby authorized and directed to accept the offer of National Education Association of United States to purchase the following described property owned by this corporation and situate in the District of Columbia, namely:—

Original Lot 10 in Square 196.

Subject to covenants of record.

Taxed as Lots 818 and 819 in Square 196.

"and that the President General be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver in the name of this Corporation, a Deed sufficient and adequate to convey the said real estate in fee simple to the said National Education Association of United States on compliance by them with the terms of said offer."

"This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, at a meeting held on the 16th day of February, A.D., 1957."

Secretary General.

President General Carver stated that the Executive Committee had adopted certain recommendations in regard to expenditures that had been authorized by him. One was the expenditure of \$250.00 for an appraisal of the building owned by the Belgian Government. On motion of Compatriot Williamson, duly seconded and carried, the Trustees adopted the recommendation of the Executive Committee that this action of securing an appraisal be ratified and confirmed.

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TRUSTEES MEETING—Continued

The President General outlined the reasons for employing a legal counselor who is expert in the real estate laws of the District of Columbia. On motion of Compatriot Cook, duly seconded and carried, the Trustees, in accordance with the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approved the employment and payment of said attorney.

On motion of Compatriot Williamson, duly seconded and carried, the Trustees voted to ratify and confirm the action of the President General in authorizing the expenditure of approximately \$200.00 for the box lunch which was served to the delegates to the Special Congress.

Compatriot Stanley S. Gillam asked that the record of the meeting show that Compatriot William R. Howard was present, representing the Minnesota Society Trustee, and that he, Compatriot Gillam, represented the Minnesota Society.

The Executive Secretary read the list of Committee Chairmen and because of the lateness of the hour no reports of any length were presented.

On motion of Treasurer General Murphy, seconded by Past President General Hall, the following resolution was adopted:

"RESOLVED that the Treasurer General of this Society be authorized to pay such commission on the sale of our Headquarters property at 1227 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. as is customary to be paid to brokers in the District of Columbia."

President General Carver stated that after the payment of the commission to the real estate broker and sundry expenditures for real estate stamps, etc., the Society would have approximately \$290,000.00 to invest. He stated that he would like to see the Permanent Fund, which was used to pay off the mortgage on the Headquarters Building, restored. It was the sense of the meeting that the money for the restoration of the Permanent Fund must be budgeted.

On motion of Treasurer General Murphy, duly seconded and carried, the Trustees approved the investment of the money resulting from the sale of the Headquarters Building, from that time until changed, in U.S. Treasury Bills.

Past President General Hall moved

that the President General appoint a committee of five Compatriots who shall make as thorough an investigation as possible of various properties available in the District of Columbia, and submit a report and recommendations to the meeting of the Board of Trustees which will immediately precede the convening of the Annual Congress at Salt Lake City. This motion was seconded by Compatriot Cook and carried.

President General Carver announced that he would appoint Compatriots William Rea Furlong, Charles Marsteller, and Thurston H. Baxter, of the District of Columbia Society, to this committee and that the two other appointments would be announced later.

After some discussion, President General Carver appointed Compatriot Abram Zoller chairman of a committee to investigate the proposition which had been submitted by the Empire State Society, it being understood that Judge Zoller would appoint a committee to serve with him.

Senator Thurmond stated that if it becomes desirable to amend the Charter of the Society, he would be glad to introduce a bill in Congress providing for such amendment. There was discussion of the provisions of the charter and the President General appointed Compatriot John Babb to read the Charter and write the Executive Secretary as to any changes that may seem desirable. There was further discussion and Senator Thurmond suggested that it be left to the Annual Congress to determine whether it desires to consider moving from Washington, saying that if the mandate came from the Society it would carry more weight.

On motion of Treasurer General Murphy, seconded by Compatriot Zoller, the Trustees voted to ask the National Education Association to extend the time of occupancy of the present building to two years.

Compatriot Tarbox moved that the Trustees rescind any authorization for improvements to the present building which had not already been made. This motion was seconded by Compatriot Thurmond and it was so ordered.

Chaplain General Jordan pronounced the Benediction. On motion of Treasurer General Murphy, seconded by

Compatriot Anderson, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
HAROLD L. PUTNAM
Executive Secretary.

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THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL CONGRESS
OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION HELD AT NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
WASHINGTON, D. C., FEBRUARY 16, 1957

President General Carver called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M., stating that he had called the meeting in accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 2, of the Constitution of the National Society. The Executive Secretary read the notice of the Special Congress, dated January 15, 1957, which had been mailed from National Headquarters on that day to the Presidents and Secretaries of all State Societies.

The President General stated that the business to be transacted would be limited to that outlined in the notice, namely, consideration of the offer of the National Education Association to purchase the present Headquarters property for \$305,000.00; the offer of the Commercial Counselor's building of the Belgian Embassy at 1780 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. for \$150,000.00; and authorization of an expenditure to renovate the latter building if purchased. The Acting Chancellor General concurred that only matters set forth specifically in the notice could be acted upon.

The President General read Article XX of the By-laws—Delegates and Members of a Congress—and he asked for the report of the Chairman of the Credentials Committee. Compatriot Howard E. Coe reported that there was a quorum present.

Thereupon the President General declared a quorum present and this a legal meeting.

He ask for a prayer from the Chaplain General and the delegates stood while Compatriot Jordan asked for Divine guidance.

President General Carver announced that he had appointed Compatriot John H. Babb as Acting Chancellor General in the absence of the Chancellor General.

Compatriot Babb suggested that it be determined if there were more than twenty-five delegates present accredited by State Societies, as differentiated from General Officers and National Trustees. The Chairman of the Credentials Committee, Compatriot Coe, stated that there were more than twenty-five delegates present who were not National Officers. President General Carver thanked Compatriot Coe for his serv-

ices as Chairman of the Credentials Committee.

President General Carver gave the delegates a detailed summary of the developments which led up to the call for the Special Congress. He said that a box lunch would be served at headquarters and immediately afterwards everyone who had not seen the building at 1780 Massachusetts Avenue would be given an opportunity to do so. President General Carver stated that a questionnaire had been sent to all National Trustees in connection with the proposed sale of the Headquarters Building and the purchase of the building offered by the Belgian Government and since the result had been strongly in favor of the sale and purchase he had called the Special Congress for February 16th. He said that after the call for the Special Congress had been sent out some complications and some question of proper zoning had arisen in connection with the purchase of the Belgian building and he had authorized an appraisal of that building and the employment of a lawyer who is expert in the field of Washington real estate. He then called upon the delegates for any questions.

The Empire State Society was given an opportunity to present a proposal to move the National Headquarters to New York City and to occupy a building now owned by Mrs. George F. Baker. Past President General Finger introduced President Pierce of the Empire State Society who gave a narrative account of the proposal which is attached to the official records of the meeting.

On motion of Secretary General Jones, seconded by Compatriot Cook and carried, the Congress was recessed for luncheon and in order that the delegates might have the opportunity of seeing the building offered by the Belgian Government, the meeting to be reconvened at 2:30 P.M.

The President General called the meeting to order at 2:30. He announced that in the interval he had received a message from the attorney employed by the Society, Mr. Kane, to the effect that he had been notified that the Belgian Government would not accept a contract contingent upon obtaining proper zoning. He said that he would not have

called a Special Congress if he could have foreseen the development of this situation but he suggested that he read the proposed resolutions to the delegates for their information and consideration. President General Carver read the proposed resolutions which had been drafted by the Chancellor General. There was full discussion. Mr. Carver asked for an expression of opinion (not a vote) in regard to moving the Society's Headquarters away from Washington. A standing expression showed 59 delegates to be opposed to moving away from Washington and 45 not opposed.

Compatriot Wade H. Cooper moved the adoption of the resolution providing for the sale of the Headquarters building to the NEA. President General Carver stated that he could not recognize such a motion until the action of the Congress at Bolton Landing stating that the building was not for sale was rescinded. On motion by Compatriot Robert H. McNeill, duly seconded and carried, the following motion to rescind was adopted unanimously:

"RESOLVED that the resolution adopted at Bolton Landing, New York, on May 30, 1956, at the Sixty-sixth regular Annual Congress of this Society, in reference to the proposed sale of the Headquarters Property at 1227 16th Street, N.W., in the City of Washington, be, and the same is, hereby rescinded."

Compatriot Cooper moved that the Headquarters Building be sold in accordance with the resolution drafted by the Chancellor General. President General Carver read the resolution:

"RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of this Society be, and it is, hereby authorized and instructed to accept the offer of the National Education Association for purchase of the Headquarters Property, and adjoining vacant lot, at 1227 16th Street, N.W., in the City of Washington, for the price of \$305,000.00, upon the terms and conditions respecting payment, delivery of possession, and other matters as set forth in the letter of offering dated January 3, 1957, a copy of which is attached to the minutes of this meeting.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the said Board of Trustees be, and it is, hereby further authorized and instructed to adopt such resolutions as may appear necessary, proper or ad-

visable to accept said offer, to enter into a contract for said sale on behalf of this Society, and to authorize conveyance of title, provide for collection of the purchase price, and the performance of any and all other acts required to consummate said sale."

President General Carver made a further explanation of the contract of sale which had been submitted by the National Education Association, including the provision that the Society should have the right to remain in possession of the property until January 1, 1958.

Amendments to the proposed resolution moved by Compatriot Lowmaster were ruled out on parliamentary grounds. There was further discussion and delegates asked for clarification of certain points in connection with the contract for sale. Other motions to amend the resolution were ruled out of order as not germane to the proposed resolution.

Compatriot Coe moved that the resolution be amended to provide that the President General and Board of Trustees be directed not to sell the present Headquarters property unless and until the Society acquired the Belgian Commercial Counselor's building and the proper zoning was obtained. The motion was seconded by Compatriot Burn. After discussion, Past President General Finger moved that debate be closed and this motion was seconded and carried. The President General then called for a vote on the amendment to Compatriot Cooper's motion saying he would ask for a standing vote if the voice vote was not decisive. After a standing vote, the President General declared the amendment defeated. The next order of business was the vote on Compatriot Cooper's motion to adopt the resolution to sell the Headquarters property to the National Education Association. After some further discussion, on motion, duly seconded and carried, debate was closed. President General Carver called for a standing vote, which resulted in 89 affirmative votes and two opposed, one of these being Compatriot Abram Zoller of New York.

On motion of Compatriot McNeill, duly seconded and carried, the Special Congress voted the adoption of the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Treasurer General of this Society be authorized to pay such commission on the sale

of our Headquarters property at 1227 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., as is customary to be paid to brokers in the District of Columbia."

Compatriot Robert P. Waters moved the adoption of the resolution providing for the purchase of the Commercial Counselor's building of the Belgian Embassy, contingent upon a good title and proper zoning. This motion was seconded by Compatriot Decker. Compatriots MacDonald and Murphy spoke against this motion. Compatriot Decker asked if someone would speak in favor of the motion to purchase the Belgian building. Compatriot Waters reported for a committee of George Mason Chapter of the Virginia Society which had reported favorably on the purchase of the Belgian building. After some further discussion, Past President General Williamson moved that debate be closed. This motion was duly seconded and carried. The President General called for a standing vote, which resulted in a decisive defeat of the motion to adopt the resolution providing for purchase of the building offered by the Belgian Government.

A motion providing for the investment of the proceeds of the sale pending the selection of a new Headquarters building was proposed by Compatriot Lowmaster. The motion was ruled out of order by the Acting Chancellor General in as much as the Board of Trustees is charged with the responsibility of investing the funds of the Society. It was suggested that a committee be appointed to investigate available properties and prepare recommendations to be considered by the 67th Annual Congress and the President General stated that such a committee would be appointed.

At this point President General Carver called attention to the presence of Senator James Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, National Trustee, and

Representative Charles E. Chamberlain, delegate from the Michigan Society. There was applause.

Past President General de la Houssaye moved that the Special Congress express its appreciation to the President General and Executive Secretary for their fine work in bringing the proposals before the Congress and to the President General for his fair and able conduct of the meeting. The motion was seconded and carried with a rising vote and the delegates applauded. President General Carver thanked the delegates for their attendance and for their patience throughout the meeting.

On motion of Compatriot MacDonald, seconded by Past President General Williamson, the Special Congress was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

HAROLD PUTNAM, *Executive Secretary*.

A KEY TO HISTORICAL RESEARCH

A concise but comprehensive guide to the preparation of historical research in history, the first of its kind, has been prepared by Wood Gray, Professor of American History at The George Washington University, Washington, D. C., in collaboration with seven other members of the University's history faculty.

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I, Howard E. Coe, Chairman of the Credentials Committee for the Special Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution held at National Headquarters, 1227 16th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., on February 16, 1957, do hereby certify the attached to be a true list of the delegates accredited by their State Societies who were in attendance at said Special Congress.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of the Society this 25th day of February, 1957.

HOWARD E. COE

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Signed _____

Address _____

NEWS FROM OUR STATE SOCIETIES

The accounts of the activities of our State and Chapter organizations are of inestimable value. They serve a dual purpose; they offer a means whereby the organizations which are carrying on a program of constructive activities receive recognition for their work, and they furnish inspirations and suggestions for the officers of those organizations which are lacking in activities.

The cooperation of those officers who are sending us "ready-to-print" accounts of activities is hereby acknowledged and sincerely appreciated. To those who have failed to heed our repeated requests, we can only express the hope that they will follow the good example. The time at our disposal does not allow "re-writing" miscellaneous collections of newspaper clippings, programs and scribbled notes. Please send in accounts that can be sent to the printer without re-writing and editing. Thank you.

Alabama Society

Milton M. Lory, Past President General of the National Society, was the featured speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the Alabama Society of the Sons of the American Revolution held at 12:30 P.M. Sunday, February 24, in the Officers Club at Gunter Air Force Base at Montgomery, Alabama. His address was entitled, "Masks of Subversion."

Mr. Lory was one of the last Americans to journey across the entire breadth of Siberia and Russia, and witnessed the closing of the Iron Curtain. A secret diary was kept that warrants a serious appraisal when viewed in the light of present day events.

Mr. Lory is President of the American Coalition of Patriotic Societies and Past President General of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Alaska Society

The members of the Anchorage Chapter held their fourth annual Washington's Birthday dinner at the Rainbow Room, Officers' Club, Elmendorf Air Force Base, on the evening of the 22nd of February, 1957.

Colonel Willis F. Lewis, Deputy Base Commander, Elmendorf Air Force Base, was the principal speaker. His topic "General George Washington and the Problems of International Relation-

ships During the Revolution" was presented in a most interesting and novel way.

The Colonel was born in Benton, Illinois, and attended the University of Illinois for one and a half years. He graduated from West Point Military Academy in 1940, after which he took postgraduate work at the University of Maryland, obtaining a Master's Degree in International Law and International Relationships. He served ten years in the Diplomatic Service as Air Attaché. He was a member of the Inter-American Defense Board, Joint Brazil-United States Defense Commission and joint Mexican-United States Defense Commission.

Honored guests included persons from the Alaska Command; U. S. Army; U. S. Navy; Army and Air Force National Guards; City of Anchorage; Daughters of the American Revolution; and President of patriotic societies.

Compatriot Marshall C. Hoppin, Treasurer, Alaska Society, Past Vice-President and Past Acting President of the Alaska Society, was master of cere-

monies. He introduced the new 1957 officers:

President—James Wardlaw
Vice President—Karl Rozell
Secretary—Ray Ellis, Sr.
Treasurer—Glen Doughty
Chaplain—Rev. Frank J. Walkup
Historian—Marlin Myers
Publicity—Lawrence Whitehurst

Two new members were welcomed into the Society: Compatriot Edwin Maxwell and Compatriot Lawrence Whitehurst, Past President, Norfolk Chapter, Virginia Society.

It was the consensus of opinion that this dinner was one of the outstanding events of our relatively new Chapter. The attendance was all that could be desired, and this during the week of the annual Fur Rendezvous of Anchorage. Here at Anchorage "The All-America City," the S.A.R., in keeping with its tradition, is taking part in promoting and encouraging progress and good government.

Like our forefathers, we desire to live in a sovereign State and you Compatriots may help us by giving aid to our cause.

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(Ward W. Wells photo)

The newly elected officers of the Anchorage Chapter, Alaska; standing l. to r. Karl O. Rozell, Vice President; Rev. Frank J. Walkup, Chaplain; Lawrence Whitehurst, Publicity Chairman. Seated, James C. Wardlaw, President. Other officers, not in photo are, Ray L. Ellis, Sr., Secretary; Glen Doughty, Treasurer; and Marlin Myers, Historian.

STATE SOCIETY NEWS—Continued

Our thanks for this very delightful evening to the committee on arrangements: Compatriots Marshall C. Hopkin, A. Letcher Seamands, President Alaska Society, and James C. Wardlaw, President, Anchorage Chapter.

Arkansas Society

The Arkansas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, met in its 68th Annual Meeting at the Sam Peck Hotel in Little Rock, on February 22, 1957, with the largest number of Companions present in recent years. General Compere, President, was not present on account of illness, and William R. Snodgrass, First Vice President, presided.

The following officers were elected for 1957-58:

General Douglass MacArthur, Honorary President, *New York*.

William R. Snodgrass, President, *Little Rock*.

John E. Harris, First Vice President, *Fort Smith*.

Dr. James M. Nisbett, Second Vice President, *Little Rock*.

Seth C. Reynolds, Chancellor, *Ashdown*.

Sam M. Clark, Registrar, *Conway*.

William K. Amo, Genealogist, *Little Rock*.

Julius T. Garner, Historian, *Nashville*.

Dr. Ellis G. Mosley, Chaplain, *Batesville*.

Pat C. Herrington, Librarian, *Little Rock*.

Frank E. Robins, Treasurer, *Conway*.

Mason E. Mitchell, Secretary, *Conway*.

Board of Governors: William R. Snodgrass, Chairman, Dr. Cecil H. Dickerson, Admiral Corydon M. Wassell, John Heiskell, Judge Edwin E. Dunaway, Mason E. Mitchell and General E. L. Compere.

Delegates to Salt Lake Congress: May 26-29th. William R. Snodgrass, John N. Heiskell, L. M. Hawkins, Dr. James M. Nisbett, Pat C. Herrington, William K. Amo and George H. Benjamin.

National Trustee: Mason E. Mitchell.

After the Annual Meeting adjourned, Washington's Birthday was celebrated in the Dining Room of the Sam Peck. Dr. Aubray G. Walton, Pastor of the First Methodist Church in Little Rock, gave a very interesting address on his recent visit to the Holy Land. Mrs. H. C. York, State Regent of the Arkansas

DAR, brought greetings from the 1400 members of her Society. Other guests included, Mrs. Daniel Byrd, Regent of one of the Little Rock Chapters, DAR, Mrs. E. G. Broock, Daughters of the American Colonists, Mrs. Mason E. Mitchell, Colonial Dames of the 17th Century, Mrs. John E. Harris, State President of Daughters of Colonial Wars and Mr. Alexander S. Smith of the Mayflower Descendants.

California Society

Los Angeles Chapter joined with other patriotic societies in the observance of Washington's Birthday, in a ceremony held at the Hall of Records on Spring Street in Los Angeles. Col. Warren S. Eaton, President of the Chapter and also President of the California Association of Patriots, introduced the guests present. Address was given by Dr. Lewis A. Alesen, Past President of the Calif. Medical Assn. and a member of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Freedom Club.

San Francisco Chapter together with the Society of Cincinnati, D.A.R., Military Order of the World Wars, and other groups, participated in a joint

Memorial Service and Massing of the Colors at Grace Cathedral in honor of George Washington. Commander Marvin H. Miller of San Francisco Chapter brought greetings and arranged for the participation of the various groups.

Riverside Chapter met at 12 noon Washington's Birthday with Judge Francis Estudillo, one of their members, as the speaker. It was voted to sponsor 10 Good Citizenship medals to be presented to selected Eagle and Explorer Scouts. Judge Estudillo traced the genealogical history of Washington's family from Normandy to England, and then to Virginia, his political service and his final years as a country squire.

Marin County Chapter met at San Rafael for their February meeting, with State President Charles A. Mersereau, and Compatriot Raymond L. Harkness, member of the State Board of Managers as guests. It was reported that their absent President, Col. Waddell Smith, had again won top honors at the International Pigeon Shoot held in the Principality of Monaco.

San Diego Chapter celebrated Washington's Birthday on February 23d at the San Diego Club. The new uni-

formed Color Guard dressed in the uniforms of the Continental Soldiers participated. Guests at the affair included organizations making up the Coordinating Group of San Diego Patriotic Societies. Consul General Hale of Tijuana was the speaker. The new President Richard J. Donovan and other officers were installed.

Palo Alto Chapter met on Washington's Birthday together with the two D.A.R. Chapters at the Vieux Carre. Judge Alden Ames, past president of the California Society, was the speaker and gave an eloquent account of the early life of George Washington. Compatriot N. Perry Moerdyke, Jr., Chapter President, and Mrs. H. B. Kessler, Regent of Gaspar de Portola Chapter, D.A.R., jointly presided. Compatriot Frederic J. Perry served as the Chaplain, giving the invocation.

Pasadena Chapter joined with the Los Angeles Chapter and the Association of Patriots, under the leadership of their President, Brig. Gen. Ellsworth D. McEathron.

Compatriot Glendon C. Hall of the Los Angeles Chapter has been appointed Senior Chairman of the C.A.R.-S.A.R. Committee of the State Society of the C.A.R.

President Charles A. Mersereau of San Francisco represented the Sons of the American Revolution and brought greetings at the Annual State Conference of the D.A.R. held at the Sheraton Palace Hotel in San Francisco.

Organization plans are continuing in Monterey County, Santa Barbara, Imperial, and Contra Costa Counties, and it is hoped that Charter arrangements can be completed within the next few months.

Colorado Society

At a special meeting of the Board of Managers held on January 18, the President appointed two special committees; (1) a 67th ANNUAL CONGRESS COMMITTEE, to coordinate all matters relating to the participation and activities of the Colorado Society in connection with the next Annual Congress, to be held in Salt Lake City next May, and (2) a SUSTAINING PROGRAMS COMMITTEE, to study and develop worthy programs for consideration by the Board of Managers, with a view to expanding the activities program of the Society for the general benefit of the S. A. R. at all levels. Certain amendments to the Constitution

and By-Laws were also proposed with regard to election of officers.

The annual meeting of the Society was held on the afternoon of February 22, 1957, and was very well attended. Upon motion, the assembled group constituted itself as a Board of Managers, for discussion and final approval of previously proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, after which it was reconstituted as an annual meeting, during which other important business was transacted. Election of officers was held, resulting in election of the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Horace T. Auburn; Vice President, Edward B. Wilcox; Secretary, Harold C. Thompson; Treasurer, Denman S. Galbraith; Chaplain, Rev. Gerrit S. Barnes; Registrar-Historian, R. Ewing Stiffler. The following were elected members of the Board of Managers: Frazer Arnold, Hon. George H. Bradfield, Roy Wayne Carter, Edwin Roy Chesney, Spencer Cole, Tenney C. DeSollar, Sidney P. Godsmann, John B. Greenlee, Thurston T. Houghton, Dwight C. Meigs, Bradbury B. Morse, George A. Mosley, Roy G. Munroe, Richard P. Vosburgh, and Edwin A. Williams. Mr. Lyle DeWitt Webber was designated to be National Trustee.

In an effort to counteract recent unfavorable publicity, resulting from an unguarded remark by a prominent local member of the D.A.R., which had the effect of questioning to some extent the principles and Americanism of all local patriotic organizations, the President of the Colorado Society made a statement to the press proclaiming that this Society, in line with principles and policies of our National Society, teaches that patriotism knows no national origin, race, color or creed above any other, and that inasmuch as the population of our country includes persons from every nation in the world, we hold that all who pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America are entitled to the honor and respect of all Americans. He further stated that, like the altogether admirable Daughters of the American Revolution, the S.A.R. believes in maintaining the institutions of American freedom and the purposes expressed in the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States and the injunctions of George Washington in his Historic Farewell address to the American people; and that neither organization practices discrimination or intolerance in any form.

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Judge George H. Bradfield, former Colorado Supreme Court Justice was awarded the Good Citizenship medal and citation at the Washington's Birthday Banquet of the Colorado Society. Participating in the presentation, left to right: Col. Frank A. Cleveland, President; Judge Benjamin C. Hilliard, Jr., Federal Referee in Bankruptcy, who made the presentation and Judge Bradfield. Both Judges are Past Presidents of the Colorado Society.



(Dick Haeseler photo)

Mayor Maurice Holley of Palm Beach (second from left) presented the "Key to the City" to President General Eugene P. Carver, Jr., (second from right) at the dinner of the Palm Beach Chapter, December 19. Witnesses of the ceremony were: Primrose W. Fisher, President, Florida Society S.A.R., (left) and John Lanier, President of the Palm Beach Chapter.

STATE SOCIETY NEWS—Continued

On the evening of February 22, 1957, the Colorado Society held its Sixtieth Annual Washington's Birthday Banquet, in the Ballroom of the Albany Hotel in Denver, with President Frank A. Cleveland presiding as master of ceremonies. The room was effectively decorated, with a giant lighted replica of the official emblem of the National Society hanging over the center of the stage. Special colorful printed programs were provided, and for the first time by this Society the opening Pledge to the S.A.R., and the authorized Closing Pledge were incorporated in the interesting program. Past President, the Honorable Benjamin C. Hilliard, Federal Referee in Bankruptcy for the District of Colorado, presented the annual award of the Society's Good Citizenship Medal, with Certificate and Citation, to Past President, the Honorable George Herndon Bradfield, who was recently retired as a Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court, in recognition of his eminent services to God and Country. Certificates of Merit were awarded to Edward V. Dunklee, Wells Littlefield, and Robert R. Peale, in recognition of their long and faithful service to the Colorado Society. A special Certificate of Merit and Citation was awarded to Spencer Cole, retiring Treasurer of the Society, upon completion of thirty years as an officer of the Colorado Society, during the last twenty of which he has served as Treasurer.

The main address was delivered by Dr. Chester M. Alter, Ph.D., Chancellor of the University of Denver and former recipient of our Good Citizenship award. His subject was: "The Role of Education in Our American Democracy," and he delivered a brilliant address, stressing the need for maintaining our dual system of higher education and the checks, balances and variety offered thereby, as a means of protecting the freedom which was so dearly won years ago. He cited that provision in the Farewell Address of Washington which sought to promote general institutions for the diffusion of knowledge, and admonished his audience to take care that we do not follow that which has led to the loss of freedom, including educational freedom, in many European countries.

Following his address, President Cleveland called upon baritone soloist

Fred Nesbit, well known radio artist, to sing for the first time publicly in Denver the new official Boy Scout song: "Make America Proud of You." Past President Edwin A. Williams was called upon to install the newly elected officers.

Before closing the impressive program, the newly installed President, Horace T. Auburn, called upon all present to stand for a moment of silence, in memory of Wilber I. Hoklas and Charles F. Yeakel, who died early in January. Compatriot Yeakel had been a member of the Colorado Society for more than fifty years.

Connecticut Society

The Connecticut Society held its Annual Banquet at Bridgeport on February 23. A record number of Compatriots and their guests enjoyed the excellent arrangements and an inspiring speech by the Honorable Hugh M. Milton, II, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Forces. After three years of bad weather, our Banquet this year was favored in all ways.

Presiding at the opening ceremonies, General Gold Selleck Silliman Branch President Howard L. Haag welcomed the fine gathering on behalf of his Branch, and Bridgeport. Compatriot Brigadier General Frederick M.

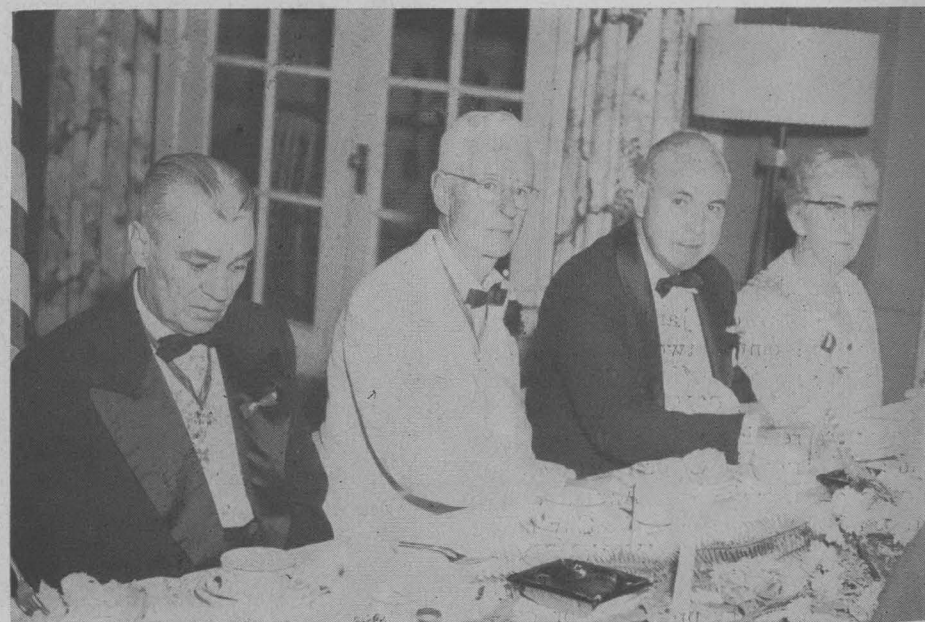
Reincke, the Adjutant General of Connecticut, ordered forward National, State and S.A.R. colors, and General Milton's flag, borne by a C.A.R. Color Guard.

Mayor Jasper McLevy welcomed the Compatriots and their guests to Bridgeport. He is the well loved veteran of fourteen elections and twenty-three years as "Socialist" Mayor of Bridgeport.

State President H. Wheeler Parrott thanked Branch President Haag for the fine work of the Bridgeport Branch in perfecting the arrangements for the Banquet, particularly the innovation of a local Compatriot and his wife as host and hostess at each table, thanks to former State Treasurer Harry Pritchard.

Vice President General Stuart H. Tucker of Providence brought the greetings of the National Society and best wishes from his own Rhode Island S.A.R.

State Regent Mrs. Charles B. Gilbert, after wishing our Society success in all its efforts, made an earnest request, "Never again, I beg of you, call the Daughters the D.A.R.; call us by our full name, Daughters of the American Revolution, for there has appeared on the Attorney General's long list of subversive organizations another D.A.R.



The Sarasota Chapter, held the Annual Banquet at the Sarasota Terrace Hotel, Sarasota, Florida, Feb. 19, at which the speaker was Kent S. McKinley, Publisher of the Sarasota News. Left to right; Primrose W. Fisher, President Florida Society S.A.R.; Ralph S. Thompson, Chapter President; Kent S. McKinley, guest speaker and Mrs. Fred Freemyer, Regent, Sara de Sota chapter, D.A.R.

and our Daughters must never be associated with them." This request was received with acclaim. It provided much interest as the meeting progressed and speakers reverted to long-formed habits, to be corrected joyfully, by their interested audience.

Dr. Charles H. Sprague of Bridgeport, the oldest Reserve Officer in active status in Connecticut, presented World War I Medals to Compatriots Chester E. Hathaway and the Honorable Raymond E. Baldwin, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Errors, and former Governor.

Calvin C. Bolles, former State President, discussed the situation of National Headquarters in Washington and reported on the Special Congress held a week previous.

President Parrott introduced the speaker, Major General Hugh M. Milton, II, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Forces. In World War I he was commissioned Second Lieutenant of the Field Artillery. He served in the Second War as Chief of Staff of the XIV Corps in the South Pacific. He was promoted to the rank of Major General on his recall to military service in 1951. During the intervals between his active military service he has been an educator and college president. These backgrounds made him a finished speaker.

General Milton's talk sent forth from this fine meeting two hundred Compatriots and their guests with the inspiration to appreciate our country even more than ever and to be better patriots and Americans.

He left us with this thought—"On the plains of apathy bleach the bones of those victors who sat down to rest."

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At the meeting of the State Board of Managers which preceded the Banquet, a lively discussion greeted the proposal that the nickname of the State be changed from "The Nutmeg State" to "The Constitution State." The latter was considered much more complimentary.

Support was given to a Bill before the legislature to mark the campsites of the French Armies under Rochambeau as the troops marched toward victory at Yorktown. Two branches had already agreed to sponsor such markers if the State does not supply them and to hold dedicatory ceremonies on the anniver-

saries of the dates when the French camped in their communities.

General David Humphreys Branch of New Haven continues its monthly meetings. In January Mr. Arthur L. Corbin, President, discussed the "Early History of the New Haven Water Company." In February a talk on New England Churches had to be postponed because the speaker suddenly became ill. The March meeting discussed the very timely subject—"What Does Civil Defense Mean To You?" The group pursued this subject during the question period. Reports were offered by the delegates of the Branch to the Special National Congress in Washington.

Col. Jeremiah Wadsworth Branch of Hartford met at the Connecticut Historical Society and enjoyed a talk by Gordon Lee Burke, retired U. S. Foreign Service Officer on "Highlights of Chinese Culture." Mr. Burke, a new member of the Branch, provided a most enlightening evening.

At the meeting of Nathan Hale Branch #6 Captain Walter D. Snyder, U.S.N., Ret. presented to the 35 member present Captain Carlton D. Blanchard, Jr., who told about his 16 months' stretch in Korea; he illustrated his talk with beautiful slides. His pictures did

not heighten the desolation we expected to find in many parts of Korea but they did improve our idea of the brighter sides of that ill-fated land. Stateside for only two weeks, Captain Blanchard unintentionally presented a picture of Korean service that will last for a long time in the minds of his listeners.

At their March meeting the Compatriots devoted their time toward planning on how to attract more new members to augment the six who were brought in that evening.

Mattatuck Branch of Waterbury held its Annual Meeting on February 12 at the Prospect Congregational Church. Former State President James R. Case illustrated his lecture on Rochambeau's trip through Connecticut with excellent slides. Calvin C. Bolles, member of the National Executive Committee, urged that delegates go to the Special Congress to be held the next week at Washington. Dr. Franklin A. Warren was elected Branch President to succeed William H. Vining. A. P. Hall was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. The Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Society will be held at the Connecticut Historical Society on Saturday, June 15. The Board of Managers will meet in the morning.

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In recognition of the patriotic services rendered the State and Nation, Senator Walter F. George was awarded the Gold Good Citizenship Medal of the S.A.R., by the Georgia Society, at a testimonial dinner in Albany, December 17, 1956. President General Eugene P. Carver, Jr., made the presentation to Senator George on behalf of the Georgia Society S.A.R.

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Everyone will enjoy a basket lunch and the Annual Meeting will be held in the new auditorium. Any Compatriots who find themselves in Hartford that day will be welcome to join us with their families.

District of Columbia Society

Fortunate indeed were those who heard Compatriots Mark L. Ireland, Sr. and Jr., address the Society at its January meeting on the subject, "The Oath of Allegiance at Valley Forge." They portrayed that very sad period during the American Revolution when morale seems to have reached its lowest point. Hungry, cold, dejected recruits were deserting. Officers were resigning so they could return home and attend to neglected family affairs. It seemed as though Gen. Washington's troubles just couldn't get any worse.

In the face of this sad state of affairs, however, Congress passed a resolution on February 3, 1778 requiring all commissioned officers to subscribe to a specified Oath or Affirmation. Various proposals for such an oath had been considered for over a year and a half. This one went much further than oaths which had been used previously. Col. Ireland pointed out that in the event of defeat, the British would certainly have hanged anyone known to have taken this oath.

Gen. Washington kept postponing its administration to his officers for over three months. The talk dealt largely with the reasons for this delay.

We are deeply indebted to Col. Ireland and his son for sharing with us the results of his research about this significant period in our nation's history.

Among our guests who attended the meeting was Mr. Milton Rubincam, who was engaged by the Valley Forge Park Commission to help prepare an authentic list of those who are known to have served at Valley Forge. It is understood that this list of over 30,000 names may be seen at the office of the Commission, which is located in the Bake House at the park.

On Lincoln's birthday, February 12th, ceremonies were held at the Lincoln Memorial at which our Society was represented by a group of Compatriots. A wreath was presented on behalf of the Society.

Our Annual Washington's Birthday

Meeting took place at noon at the Statler Hotel. A delicious luncheon was served to the members and their guests who attended. Representative Olin E. Teague, Congressman from the State of Texas, was the principal speaker.

Following the luncheon, Charles M. Marsteller, President of our Society, called a business meeting for the purpose of nominating officers of the Society for the year April 20, 1957 to April 19, 1958. The election will take place at our March meeting at the Cosmos Club. Dr. Rowland F. Kirks will address the Society that evening.

The Annual Joint Celebration of the 225th anniversary of the birth of George Washington was held at the Department of Interior Auditorium. This was the 43rd year for this ceremony that is jointly sponsored by the D. C. Society, S.A.R., D. C. Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the Revolution in the District of Columbia and the D. C. Society, Children of the American Revolution. The Honorable Wilber M. Brucker, Secretary of the Army, delivered the commemorative address, "The Fame of George Washington."

On Saturday, April 13th, the D. C. Society's Fifteenth Annual Celebration honoring the memory of Thomas Jef-

erson on the 214th Anniversary of his birth, will be held at the National Jefferson Memorial.

Florida Society

The Palm Beach chapter acted as host to President General Eugene P. Carver, Jr. and Florida State President P. W. Fisher at Howard Hamiltons Restaurant on Dec. 21st. The Key to the City of West Palm Beach was presented to Compatriot Carver by Mayor Maurice Holley.

On Bill of Rights Day the Palm Beach Chapter presented a television program on Sta. WJTV on the Bill of Rights. A talk was made by Attorney Robt. Kime on the Bill of Rights. An enlarged copy of the Bill of Rights was held up by President Lanier so it was easily readable by the television audience. A member of Boy Scout Troop #12, sponsored by the Palm Beach Chapter was in his scout uniform and answered questions about the Bill of Rights.

A newly naturalized citizen from Finland, of the West Palm Beach class of Dec. 5th, spoke on the comparison of "Rights" here and in Finland. The Palm Beach Chapter greets new citizens at naturalization ceremonies twice a



(Hand Portrait Studio photo)

The Mississippi Society held its Annual Meeting at the Edwards Hotel, Jackson, on Saturday, February 23, 1957. President General Eugene P. Carver, Jr., attended both the business session and the banquet in the evening, at which he was the honored guest and speaker.

year with a talk on the Constitution and present each member of the class with a copy of the Constitution. There are usually fifty to seventy-five persons in a class.

Georgia Society

Plans are being made for the annual meeting of the State Society at Ida Cason Calloway Gardens near La Grange on April 13th. The La Grange Chapter will be host. In addition to the business session, recreational features are planned at these famous gardens.

An informal luncheon was held in Atlanta, just prior to Christmas, honoring our State President, Folks Huxford. Judge Huxford was sworn in as a new Superior Court Judge by Compatriot Governor Marvin Griffin.

Atlanta Chapter President Dudley Fort spent several months in Europe, resigning his office and Compatriot William B. Shartzer took over as President of the Atlanta Chapter. This Chapter has initiated a drive for re-instatements and new members.

The George Walton Chapter at Albany, Georgia, presented former U. S. Senator Walter George with a citizenship medal. Appropriate ceremonies were well attended by South Georgia members.

Illinois Society

Both the Illinois Society of the SAR and a DAR Chapter honored ten girls and twelve boys recently at Champaign, Ill. They named the young people the winners of good citizenship awards at various high schools.

Prof. H. T. Scovill, President of the Plankeshaw Chapter, awarded the medals and certificates to the young men. Mrs. Pace, (wife of Compatriot O. B. Pace) of Farmer City called attention to the unique family record of Maurice F. Fogal, one of the boys honored. Six young Fogals have won various citizenship honors in the past, two of them winning the SAR award in 1953 and 1955.

Charles A. Goodwin-Perkins, of Hoopeston, presented awards to winners from the following High Schools: East Lynn, Rossville, Stockland, Wellington and Hoopeston, on February 8th.

March 14th at 12:30 in Bloomington, at a similar occasion, 17 High School boys received our Good Citizenship Certificates and Medals at Wesley Memorial Center on the Campus of

Illinois Wesleyan University. Charles A. Goodwin-Perkins presented the awards, and one of our Bloomington Compatriots spoke.

This observance is in conjunction with the presentation of awards to High School girls, by the Letitia Green Stevenson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Hodge C. Johnstone of Bloomington is the very efficient chairman. She has greatly pleased Compatriot Elder, Chairman of our Constructive Citizenship Committee, by sending him for our Library, an attractive Scrap Book, each page containing a newspaper clipping and picture of the boy and girl winners in each High School.

A printed program from Bowen High School of Chicago, dated January 25, 1957, includes the presenting of the Illinois Society, Sons of the American Revolution Award by the principal, Dr. H. Romberg.

In the project for students in Chicago High Schools a number of essays have been written, outstanding in their scope and accuracy, upon "The Rights, Privileges and Duties of American Citizens." Thus at the outset of maturity, young

people are encouraged in the preparation to do their part for civic welfare in America.

Mississippi Society

The Mississippi Society was honored by the presence of President General Eugene Carver, Jr., at its annual meeting held at the Edwards Hotel, Jackson, Mississippi, on Saturday February 23, 1957. The President General favored the Society with two addresses. At the close of the afternoon business session, he spoke briefly on the role of the SAR in combatting communism. He discussed the difference between true communism and the other forms of so-called communism which are basically socialistic in nature. At the dinner meeting he spoke on the need for an awakened interest in the SAR by members and former members. He also gave an interesting account of the National Society's plans and activities.

The following officers were elected to serve during 1957: President—Dr. James Barnard Butler; first vice president—Robert E. Byrd; second vice president—Laurence E. Mallette; Sec-

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(Frisco Railway photo)

Two distinguished Compatriots of the Missouri Society were the principals in a unique ceremony on January 14, at the Capitol in Jefferson City, when Chief Justice S. P. Dalton, Missouri Supreme Court administered the oath of office to his brother John M. Dalton, Attorney General of the State of Missouri. A third brother, Col. W. W. Dalton is Chancellor of the Missouri Society S.A.R.

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retary Registrar—W. Guy Humphrey; Treasurer — Lucien L. McNees; Chancellor—Judge Tom P. Brady; Historian—Cyril E. Cain; Genealogist—S. B. Spencer, Sr.; Chaplain—Rev. Horace Villeg; Sergeant at Arms—Hunter S. Kimball, Sr.; Board of Governors—E. A. Nichols, Sr., D. R. Fraser and Dr. Prentiss E. Smith; National Trustee—Burnice Smith. The officers were installed at the dinner meeting by the President General.

A resolution was adopted by the Society expressing appreciation for the work of the Historian, Cyril E. Cain, in compiling and editing the current directory of members of the Mississippi Society.

A resolution was also adopted by the Society favoring a change in the future meeting dates of the National Congress to allow more educators to attend the Congress. The last week in May is usually the busiest time of the year for the school teacher.

The Mississippi Society is planning a well rounded program for the year and a concentrated drive is being made to get a record number of new members during 1957.

Minnesota Society

President General Eugene P. Carver and Mrs. Carver were guests of the Minnesota Society on December 8. A dinner was held at the Minneapolis Woman's Club in the evening with a very nice attendance. Compatriot Carver spoke and gave us much worthwhile information on the operations of the National Society. We were disappointed in that President General and Mrs. Carver could not arrive at the airport until too late to join us for lunch. We had planned a lunch for the State Board at the St. Paul Athletic Club so that the members could meet and discuss informally society affairs; and the ladies had planned a lunch for Mrs. Carver at the Woman's City Club in St. Paul. Mrs. Carver is a cousin of the new president of the Minneapolis chapter, Compatriot Wright W. Brooks.

The first quarterly meeting of the State Board for the new year was held on January 24 at the Coffman Memorial Union at the University of Minnesota with a dinner. Thomas Wood, First Vice President, and our new State Chaplain, Rev. Robert W. Bell

of Duluth, were present; also were Dr. Henry L. Williams, Jr., of the Mayo Clinic at Rochester and Dr. Gordon L. Loomis of Winona who are the organizing president and secretary of the new Southeastern Minnesota Chapter. The application for the Charter of the new Chapter was presented to them for signatures of members, and the Chapter will be installed and the Charter delivered, we hope, on April 6 at a meeting in Rochester to be attended by several compatriots from the Twin Cities and Duluth.

Lt. Col. Wm. R. Howard, State President, attended the Congress as did Stanley S. Gillam. Vice President General Carl A. Herrick was unable to attend as he is in Honolulu for a rest. Hallan Huffman, recuperating from a bout with pneumonia, had a Railroad Commission hearing on the same date so was unable to be present.

The Douglass High Oratorical Contest is well under way with Wm. A. Braddock as chairman of the committee. Up to now there are 22 contestants, so

undoubtedly the Minnesota Society will have a contestant at the National Congress.

The annual dinner meeting of the Duluth Chapter with the two Duluth Chapters of the D.A.R. was held January 23 at the Duluth Woman's Club with Mayor Eugene R. Lambert as speaker on the subject, "Patriotism is Ageless." State President, Col. Wm. R. Howard, and Mrs. Howard were guests.

On February 18 their Chapter Patriotic Film Committee took a film program to the American Legion meeting in Kewatin, Minnesota, on the Iron Range. On February 5 films were shown at a Legion meeting and in the High School at Hibbing. While there, a meeting was held with S.A.R. and D.A.R. personnel to discuss a new Chapter on the Iron Range. It is hoped to bring new Range members into the Duluth Chapter until enough are available to form a Range Chapter and then transfer them into such chapter.

The Duluth Chapter is continuing to



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The Gold Good Citizenship medal and a citation was presented to the Hon. Arthur T. Vanderbilt, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey (seated) by Vice President General Stanton T. Lawrence (right) on behalf of the New Jersey Society at the Annual George Washington Birthday Luncheon, February 22, at the Hotel Essex, Newark. State President William Pryor (center) presided at the meeting.

give an R.O.T.C. Medal at the Duluth Branch of the University of Minnesota and several citizenship medals in the Duluth schools.

St. Paul Chapter continues to bring in new members. They are presenting a silver plaque to the outstanding junior student in the Air R.O.T.C. at St. Thomas Military Academy. This plaque is to be displayed at the Academy during the winning student's senior year.

The Minneapolis Chapter in the furthering of its membership campaign is following the suggestion of the First Vice President Bill Braddock that whenever we have a prospect who has a sister or brother or parent in either the S.A.R. or D.A.R., we collect an additional dollar and purchase a copy of the relative's papers from the S.A.R. or D.A.R. so that the applicant's papers can be made up without a lot of research that most applicants will not do. We feel that giving out a work sheet for the prospect to use is not necessary if we can simply copy the line from another paper that has been approved.

The December meeting, a lunch at the Normandy Hotel, had for our speaker Compatriot Judge Paul S. Carroll, whose subject was "The Moral and Other Influences Behind the Law." This talk was a very interesting discussion of some of the things that have influenced the development of the law under which we all live.

The annual meeting of the Minneapolis Chapter was held with a dinner meeting at the Minneapolis Woman's Club with the ladies present.

The principal speaker was Hon. Andrew Johnson, Consul General for the Danish Consulate, whose subject was "Keeping Our American Way of Life." He discussed the United Nations and its ability to enforce peace as compared with world government.

The following officers were elected for the new year:

President—Wright W. Brooks
1st Vice President—Wm. A. Braddock
2nd Vice President—Joseph C. Atkins
Secretary—James Van Valkenburg

On February 18 the Minneapolis Chapter held a well-attended lunch at the Normandy Hotel. There was no speaker but a program of films. The first was from the British Consulate entitled, "Suez in Perspective." The second film was "Bonds for Israel." Both these films were very illuminating

and apparently the interest in the Near East situation accounted for our larger than usual attendance.

Our Minneapolis Chapter is proud of its retiring president Leslie W. Myers who is now President of the Minnesota Historical Society and was recently elected a member of the board of directors of Marquette National Bank of Minneapolis. Two of the most influential members in the Minnesota Legislature are compatriots of the Minnesota Society, Senator Donald O. Wright of Minneapolis, who is Chairman of the Tax Committee, and Senator Gordon H. Butler of Duluth.

Nebraska Society

The sixty-seventh annual meeting of the Nebraska Society was held in Lincoln in the Garden Room of the Hotel Lincoln on Friday evening, February 22, 1957. Fifty-four persons attended the meeting including Compatriots Max Bodenbach of the District of Columbia Society, and Compatriots Bradford, Cornell, Cox, Norris Crafts, Cresap, Oak Davis, Oakley Davis, Forrest Estes, Hartley, Henninger, Hill, Kierstead, Moseley, Sterling Mutz, Roberts, Shirk, George Smith, Sutherland, and Turner of the Nebraska Society.

Mrs. Grant Ackerman brought greetings from the Nebraska Society, D.A.R., and she described briefly the Lou R. Spencer Genealogical Library. Mrs. Henry M. Cox brought greetings from the Nebraska Society, C.A.R. Mrs. Charles W. Hill reported on a recent visit to Washington, D. C., and described the National Headquarters Building. Five new members and one transfer were announced; three members have died since the last annual meeting—Leo Crosby, Charles Lobbinger, and William Ritchie.

Miss Loek Langelaar, an Exchange Student from The Netherlands, delivered her declamation on "I Speak for Democracy." Miss Langelaar is attending Northeast High School in Lincoln and she is living with Dean and Mrs. Sam Dahl.

Dr. Jasper B. Shannon, Professor of Political Science at The University of Nebraska, spoke on the subject, "The Role of Political Parties in The United States. He traced the history of political parties, showing that they are an integral part of our Democratic way of life. He emphasized the fact that there must be two or more strong political parties, organized nationally, in order to maintain

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Three members of the Colonial Ball Committee, sponsored jointly by the New York Chapters of the S.A.R. and the D.A.R., reported that the George Washington's Birthday event was the most successful of all. Left to right: Mrs. Paul d'Otreng Seghers; Harry B. L. Adams and Mrs. T. Darrington Semple.

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for each citizen the right to make a choice.

Officers for 1957-1958 were elected, as follows:

President—Ralph S. Moseley, Lincoln
Senior Vice President—Lynn G. Barnes, Omaha

Junior Vice President—Harmon M. Turner, Lincoln

Secretary-Treasurer—Historian — Henry M. Cox, Lincoln

Chaplain—Earle V. Conover, Omaha

Lowell R. King was nominated for National Trustee from Nebraska and Merle M. Hale, Charles W. Hill, Frank A. Lewis, Wayne McPherran, Louis T. Shirk, Robert D. Neely, and Edson Smith were elected to the Board of Managers. Delegates to the 1957 S.A.R. Congress were elected, as follows: Sterling F. Mutz, Past President General; Lowell R. King, National Trustee; Ralph S. Moseley, President; Howard A. Chapin, II, Delegate-at-large; Henry M. Cox; Norris P. Crafts; Charles W. Hill.

New Mexico Society

The second in a projected series of dinner meetings held in outlying areas of the state was held at the home of Compatriot and Mrs. S. B. Cunningham, of Old Mesilla, 16 November 1956. Nineteen were in attendance.

State President Compatriot George P. Walker, of Albuquerque, outlined this series in an April planning meeting of state officers and their wives. The first meeting was held in Santa Fe in July.

In an effort to bring the program to members in smaller and less centrally located towns, meetings are planned for the northern and western sections of New Mexico in 1957.

Empire State Society

Members of the Sons of the American Revolution and Daughters of the American Revolution in the Greater New York City area celebrated Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22, with the most successful Colonial Ball ever held since the annual event was inaugurated in 1936.

Nearly 700 persons attended the affair in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Pierre, climaxing a day of S.A.R. activity. In the morning the New York Chapter had participated in a commem-

orative convocation at Hunter College, and at noon S.A.R. Good Citizenship Medals were awarded to 50 Boy Scouts and U. S. Attorney Paul W. Williams at the Federal Hall Memorial.

William H. McGraw was general chairman of the Colonial Ball which benefitted the S.A.R. Historic Flag Fund and the D.A.R. Helen Pouch Memorial Scholarship Fund for needy students at the Tamasee (S.C.) School. Harry B. L. Adams was vice chairman, and Mrs. Edgar Beacham and Miss Dorothy Morford were co-chairmen.

The ballroom tables were decorated with bunting, miniature flags and bouquets of Spring flowers in tones of red, white, and blue. The dais was centered with a portrait of George Washington and was flanked by flags formally presented by the color guard of the Old Seventh Regiment, New York National Guard, under the command of Capt. J. V. Cremonin. The Rev. Dr. Irving S. Pollard, chapter chaplain, gave the invocation.

A stirring march marked the entrance of George and Martha Washington, whose roles were enacted by Lyle Sudrow and Miss Joyce Beardslee. Mr.

Sudrow wore a black kneebreeches suit similar to that worn by Washington for his inauguration in New York in 1789. Miss Beardslee was gowned in an exact copy of Mrs. Washington's salmon brocade dress in the Smithsonian Institution collection.

After a serenade of Revolutionary War songs by balladeer Murray Phillips, who was garbed in Minute Man attire, the Washingtons joined in a minuet and cotillion danced by eight younger members of the sponsoring organizations. The men wore the New York Chapter's Continental Guard uniforms, copies of those worn by Washington's staff guard. The young ladies were be-wigged and dressed in voluminous gowns of the Revolutionary period.

Miss Hope Hampton, star of screen and opera, brought the guests back to the present by singing a group of Broadway hit songs. She was presented with a half-gallon bottle of Caswell-Massey's Number Six Cologne, which was Washington's favorite toilet water. Dancing continued until 2 A.M. to the music of Jack Arnold's Orchestra.

Many dinners and cocktail parties preceded the ball. F. Roger Downey,



The Good Citizenship Medal of the S.A.R. was presented to Explorer Scout James C. Hayes at the Centenary Methodist Church, Syracuse, N. Y. on Feb. 20 at a joint meeting of the S.A.R. and D. A. R. Left to right: Col. William A. Hoy, guest speaker; George C. Shattuck, Secretary and Charles P. Morse, President of the Syracuse Chapter, S.A.R.; and Mrs. Kenneth G. Maybe, Regent Daughters of American Colonists.

president of the New York Chapter, gave a large prefatory reception at the Pierre for Robert Pierce, president of the Empire State Society, S.A.R., and Mrs. Thurman C. Warren, state regent of the D.A.R., and other honor guests including state officers of the C.A.R. Also attending were representatives of the Society of Colonial Wars, Holland Society, Colonial Dames of America, St. Nicholas Society, Women Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, and Mayflower Descendants.

Mrs. Graham Courtland Slodden was secretary of the ball, and Austin C. Woodford was treasurer. Committee chairmen were Donald H. L. Brittain, entertainment, William C. Bradstreet, decorations, Frederick M. Winship, publicity, Clement D. Asbury, tickets, T. Darrington Semple, Jr., seating, Philip D. Stokes, Jr., patrons and patronesses, Mrs. John W. Finger, reception, and Robert D. Lion Gardiner, flags.

Oregon Society

Membership of Oregon Society has suffered severely in recent months from the passing of members. It is hoped that the inordinate death rate may be at an end and that through somewhat belated efforts new admissions may more than make up for the losses. The Society is co-operating more effectively than ever before with the C.A.R. in Oregon, providing membership campaign prizes and otherwise encouraging the junior organization. The program of providing S.A.R. medals for merit competitions in R.O.T.C. units, initiated last year, is well under way again this year and wins hearty appreciation from the Corps instructors.

Portland Chapter this year revived a practice of some years back of honoring George Washington's memory on his birthday. The memorial practice is that of placing a wreath at foot of the Washington statue which stands in a small park area. State officers and leaders of Friendship Masonic Lodge, near whose building the statue stands in East Portland, joined in the ceremony of February 22. H. Stockton Boyd, president of the chapter, made fitting eulogistic remarks. The wreath was set in place by State Society President Ernest C. Potts and Worshipful Master Harry W. Evans. There was an unsuspected appropriateness in this function on the part

of President Potts since Washington's great-grandfather Ball on the maternal side was Mr. Potts' great-grandfather, five time removed, also on the maternal side. Despite an untimely snow blanket and inclement weather, a dozen or 14 patriots were present for the ceremonies and one of the big daily papers gave appreciated publicity by printing a picture and write-up.

Oregon Society issues a mimeographed "News Letter" eight times during the active months. It carries news of all events, items concerning Society and chapters, together with personal items. Then twice each year it presents the complete roster of all members. The chapters now are fully co-operating, providing 50 cents per member as their share of the expense involved. Southern Oregon Chapter has just approved the "Letter" and added 50 cents to annual dues by way of assuring its per capita contribution.

Southern Oregon Chapter held its annual meeting at Hotel Medford in Medford the evening of February 22. Wives and a few guests who are "prospects" added to the attendance. A

warmly received talk on "Mt. Vernon" was given by Dr. Arthur S. Taylor of the faculty of Southern Oregon College of Education. Officers who served during the 1956-57 year did so good a job that all were re-elected. Those retained are: Walter H. Jones, president; John L. Detweiler, vice-president; Thomas J. Gifford, secretary-treasurer.

Virginia Society

The Virginia Society, at its semi-annual meeting, in Roanoke, on September 15, 1956, voted to continue as a permanent policy its recently established practice of offering and presenting awards for outstanding achievements in the enrollment of new members. This practice the society instituted during fiscal year 1955-56, under the leadership of Compatriot H. Ragland Eubank, chairman of the Society's Membership Committee.

Thus the society is offering awards for achievements during the current membership year, ending on March 31.

These awards are in addition to those offered and presented by the National Society and consist of the following:

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The Western Reserve Society presented a 50-foot aluminum flag pole, concrete base and a United States Flag to the Boy Scout Camp Beaumont, near Cleveland, Ohio. Participating in the dedication ceremonies on Aug. 26, 1956 were left to right: Scout; W. George Kerr, Chapter President; Sterling W. Clement, Past Chapter President; Dane C. Westcott, Director of Camping; Frank W. Braden, Scout Executive and a Scout.

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(1) A Certificate of Meritorious Service; to each compatriot who sponsors the enrollment of five or more members.

(2) The Gold Miniature of the Official Badge of the National Society; to the compatriot who sponsors the enrollment of the largest number in the Virginia Society.

(3) An Inscribed Silver Trophy; to the chapter making the highest per cent of increase in membership.

The awards won during the year ending March 31, 1956, were presented at the society's meeting in September, in Roanoke, as follows: (1) The Certificate of Meritorious Service to Compatriots Robert P. Waters and Thomas G. Magruder of the George Mason Chapter; to Compatriot Harry M. Pearson of the Piedmont Chapter; and to Compatriots H. Ragland Eubank and W. Herbert Knowles of the Richmond Chapter (to the last posthumously).

(2) The Gold Miniature of the Official Badge to Compatriot Waters, and (3) the Silver Trophy, won by the George Mason Chapter, to the president of that chapter, Compatriot Waters.

One of the society's past presidents, Compatriot Marcellus E. Wright, presented the certificates; Past President General A. Herbert Foreman presented the badge; and President General Eugene P. Carver, Jr., who honored the Virginia compatriots with his presence, made presentation of the trophy.

Wisconsin Society

The SAR gold medal of good citizenship was presented Jan. 11 by the Wisconsin Society, Sons of the American Revolution, to former Wisconsin Gov. Walter J. Kohler, Jr., at a dinner-meeting at the Milwaukee University Club, attended by nearly 70 members and guests.

Read E. Widrig, Whitefish Bay, president of the society, made the presentation to Mr. Kohler, whom he called "one of the finest governors Wisconsin ever had."

He said Mr. Kohler had been chosen for the award not merely on the basis of his six years as the state's chief executive but "for the good citizenship he had exemplified throughout his life." "He is the kind of man who has made this country unique among the nations of the world," he said.

Previous recipients of the medal have been William Grede, Milwaukee industrialist; Dr. E. B. Fred, president of the University of Wisconsin, and Brig. Gen. Roy F. Farrand, commandant of St. John's Military Academy, Delafield, Wis.

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The Portland Chapter, joined by the Oregon State Society and Friendship Masonic Lodge, on February 22, revived the practice of placing a wreath before the statue of George Washington in Portland. Participating in the ceremony; left to right: Compatriot Col. Owen R. Rhoads; Worshipful Master Harry W. Evans; Ernest C. Potts, President Oregon S.A.R., placing wreath; Compatriot Ray B. Fryer and H. Stockton Boyd, Chapter President, who gave a brief eulogy.

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THE STORY OF THE JERSEY BLUES

By C. Malcolm B. Gilman, A.B., M.D.

The Jersey Blues are the oldest uniformed military organization in point of continuous service on the western continent. According to an article, many years ago the Jersey Blues were organized at Piscataway by either Israel Folsom or Captain Edward Hart, father of the Honorable John Hart, Signer of the Declaration of Independence.

The date of incorporation is given as

1715 or 1746. This is not true because Hart was born in 1715 and Folsom had returned to New Hampshire by 1692, following the death of his son-in-law, Charles Gilman, in 1691-92. "This was a corps of volunteers," Barber and Howe. The records show that this corps was organized in 1685. The captain was Francis Drake.

"The organization is definite numerically and unified as a military formation. It was arisen out of the Piscataway soldiery which were clearly the source of all this character of military form, as far as the records disclose, in Middlesex County, as originally constituted." This is the nicest piece of double-talk I have heard in a long time. It was written before 1700.

At the beginning of the Revolution, the Jersey Blues were a corps of local militia. They served gloriously at Springfield and Connecticut Farms. Their uniform throughout these dark poverty-ridden days was plain homespun, homemade and almost grotesque, not the beautiful uniform worn later after the French money began to pour in and they became the New Jersey Continental Line.

Let's hear what Barber and Howe have to say about the original Revolutionary troop which fought at Springfield and Connecticut Farms, now Union.

"A volunteer company was formed in this vicinity, Union and Essex Counties, (there was no Union County in 1775, Barber and Howe wrote in 1840) and furnished by the patriotic females with tow frocks and pantaloons dyed a bright blue." This simple uniform shows the poverty of the times. "They must have presented a singular appearance, but they were also singularly efficient in the day of trial." It is important to remember that during the Civil War a uniform with frock and pantaloons was worn by a unit of volunteers recruited from Newark, Elizabeth, Rahway, Woodbridge, Piscataway, Perth Amboy, Fords, and Metuchen. They were called Zouaves and they fought with great bravery. Perhaps they, too, had to, wearing those uniforms. These were also the Jersey Blues.

During the Spanish-American War the Jersey Blues volunteered again. My father was one of them. They got as far as Annis-

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Compatriot Sam J. Hatfield, President of the Vermont Society, supplied this picture of the commemorative motto which is placed over the door of the fire station at East Lexington, Mass.

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ton, Alabama, when peace was declared.

The only time I ever saw the harem-clad frock and pantaloons Zouaves was probably the last time the Jersey Blues ever paraded. The year was 1905. This time they were visiting firemen from Woodbridge and Piscataway. They wore high leather hats with chin straps, circa 1812. Across the front of the cap, on a brass shield, was the inscription, "Liberty or Death." It is curious that a South Carolina militia which successfully defended Charleston and Fort Moultrie for two and one-half years against the British, used this same slogan, and same leather cap.

I'll never forget this last appearance of the Jersey Blues at that volunteer firemen's convention. From 1746 to 1905, a long glowing record, and on that day they were superb as they swung along Cherry Street, Rahway, in their full parade dress and handlebar mustaches, drawing a white fire engine engraved on the side with a golden eagle, a streamer held in beak, and the slogan "Liberty or Death."

The coat of the original Colonial uniform of the Jersey Blues worn later in the Revolution and supplied by the French was bright royal blue, faced with fiery red. The breeches were light tan leather and the gaiters grey. The uniform was only equalled in appearance by the striking red uniform of Tighman's Maryland Regiment. This was the official uniform of the New Jersey Continental Line.

These were our boys, who fought from Brooklyn Heights to the Heights of Harlem, from Trenton to Princeton, who suffered beyond description and some of whom froze to death at Morristown, and those who survived came down and beat out a solid victory at Springfield and Connecticut Farms. These are our boys—our Jersey Blues—who stood fast at Brandywine against greater odds, and who went on to face cold steel at Paoli. These are the boys, now men, who left their bloody imprint on the hallowed soil of Valley Forge and came on to illustrious victory at Monmouth. These are the very same men, now old in experience, and old in body, aided by fresh and new boy recruits, who marched four hundred miles in nineteen days from White Plains to Yorktown, there to look upon final victory.

But let us go back to the early history of our Jersey Blues. Organized in 1685 at Piscataway and Woodbridge, N. J., to "control foreign Indians" who came down from western New York and what is now Pennsylvania in the summers, to gorge themselves on shellfish and made a "general nuisance" of themselves. Governor John Hamilton commissioned Peter Schuyler to form and train the troop of 500 men. Except for the men sent to the West Indies

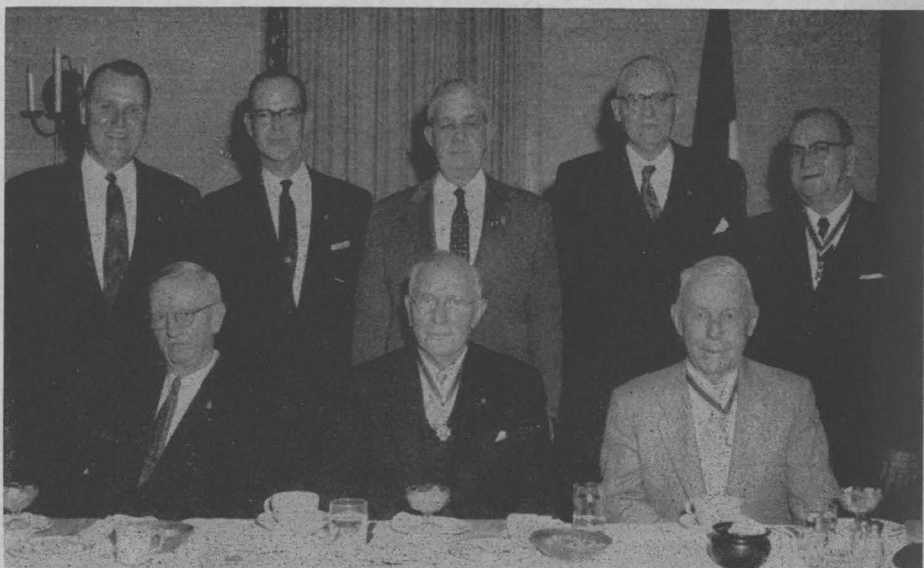
in 1739-40, it was the first regiment to serve outside the State. They left New Jersey September 1746 via New York and the Hudson River, and marched to Albany. There they remained thirteen months.

Meanwhile they went to the relief of Saratoga, remaining there four months. During October, 1747, they returned home. It was about this time that they became known as the Jersey Blues.



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Lawrence G. King, Norfolk, received the trophy as the winner of the oratorical contest at the Virginia Society Annual meeting, and will represent Virginia in the finals at Salt Lake City. Witnessing the presentation, left to right: Fitzhugh Lee Opie, President, George Washington Chapter; Harold L. Putnam, Executive Secretary, National Society; Lawrence G. King, receiving trophy; Col. E. Griffith Dodson, State President; Mrs. Richard B. Black, wife of Captain Black who was the guest speaker at the dinner at the Penn Daw Hotel.



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The newly elected officers of the Virginia Society, elected at Alexandria on February 22, pictured above are, seated left to right; Kenneth C. Patty, Secretary; Col. E. Griffith Dodson, President; Col. Robert P. Waters, First Vice President; Standing, left to right: Robert V. H. Duncan, Board of Managers; Joseph H. Cottrell, Second Vice President; J. Ralston Curry, Treasurer; John J. Fairbank, Jr., Board of Managers and Marcellus E. Wright, National Trustee.

Some have said that the origin of the name came from the blue uniform; others from the color of the blue mountains to the west of Piscataway. My family has always contended that it came from the earliest days of Knighthood; true blue meaning truth and right; red has always stood for courage. The red badge of courage is equally as old as written history, the origin of this is the sacrifice of one's blood for honor.

In the 1748 meeting of the New Jersey Assembly at Perth Amboy, one finds the issue to these patriots, was "one hat, one pair of buff stockings, one pair of shoes." They were required to furnish their own arms. On August 9, 1760, during their third campaign, there is a remark in the order book as follows, "The uniform shall be royal blue and true, faced and lined with scarlet. The weskit, red; the beaver hat, blue-black and tricorne (leather caps were also worn); the breeches, blue cloth, or buff leather for the campaign; the stockings, buff cloth or leather, or blue gaiters. The buttons for privates, pewter, stamped with the company's insignia. For flag guard and officers, gilt." This completely corresponds to the record in my father's Bible.

In 1755 Peter Schuyler, now a colonel, re-formed the regiment. It is recorded that 500 men were needed, but 1000 men "offered." The Colony of New Jersey voted £5000 for their support, a tidy sum indeed. This campaign ended most disastrously, for on July 19, 1755, at Oswego, General Braddock was killed and his army defeated. Part of the Jersey Blues were captured after fierce fighting. Colonel Mercer and Colonel Schuyler with 1400 men, had been attacked by 5,000 French and Indians under Montcalm. About 350 under Captain Parker escaped. The officers captured were sent to France. Included were Captain William Skinner and Lieutenant John Skinner of Amboy. These men were later exchanged, entered the British Army and fought against us under Cornwallis. Cortland Skinner, during the Revolution, commanded a regiment of Jersey Tories.

The names of these men from the very beginning of the Revolution, constitute a dark and bloody page in American History. The names skin-flint, skin-alive, mule-skinner, originated with these men. A cousin, Cornelius Skinner, one of the Pine Barons in Monmouth, was finally caught and hanged at Monmouth Court House for "arson, rape, and murder." Dr. John Forman helped build the scaffold.

In 1755 Fort William Henry was constructed at the foot of Lake George by General Sir William Johnson and named for his Britannic Majesty. One hundred years before Father St. Isaac Jacquet called this lovely lake Lac du St. Sacrement. Fort William Henry, truly a frontier fort, was

constructed as an interceptor. To the north was French Canada, the waterways of the St. Lawrence and Richelieu Rivers, Lake Champlain and Lake George and to the south the Hudson River and between lay the portage, across the start of which the fort was built.

This route has often been truly called the Warpath of the Nations. The purpose of this fort was to guard the portage to the Hudson and act as a springboard for the British to expand into French Canada.

The same year the fort was finished, 1755, the British gained a shallow victory at Bloody Pond just southeast of the fort. On the one side was Johnson, the British chief, and "King" Hendrick and his Mohawks. Their opponent was Baron de Dieskau. Here Col. Ephraim Williams, founder of Williams College, was killed. King Hendrick, the Indian Chief, had a horse shot from under him and a bayonet plunged through his heart. Johnson was wounded.

The next attack occurred in the winter of 1756. Led by Sieur de Rigaud de Vaudreine supported by 1500 French and their Huron allies and completely equipped, including scaling ladders, they only failed because the bitterness of the winter caused the invaders to make fires on the frozen lake and thus they were detected. Before retreating to Fort Carillon (Ticonderoga) they set fire to a few outbuildings, but the falling snow quickly extinguished the flames without damage. In August 1757 the Marquis de Montcalm, later to lose his life on the Plains of Abraham at Quebec, sailed up the lake with a force of 8,000 French Regulars and a large war party of Hurons.

Some additional troops marched overland under Chevalier de Levis. On the way the Indians amused themselves by capturing rattlesnakes on Tongue Mountain and tying them tail to tail. When they tired of this sport they made fires, roasted and ate them with great relish."

This combined force attacked the fort with great skill. The defending garrison, under Lieutenant Colonel Monro, consisted of 2,200 men. The fort was overcrowded with women and children from the surrounding countryside, as well as the women and children of the fort, not to forget the sick and wounded.

After a six-day siege, Colonel Monro realized the situation was hopeless; added to the helpless situation, the aid sent for failed to arrive from Fort Edward.

And so he surrendered to Montcalm, who gave lenient terms of safe conduct to Fort Edward. The weary refugees had scarcely begun their march when they were set upon by the bloodthirsty Hurons, who had come only for scalps. The Guard, being small, was overpowered, and the carnage began. The garrison was almost entirely massacred.

Montcalm personally tried to halt the Hurons, but to no effect. And so he ordered that the bodies be placed inside the fort and the fort burned. As the flames reached into the sky, as arms in supplication, the Hurons rushed in and murdered the sick and wounded. Not satisfied, they broke open the graves and scalped the bodies. But retribution was theirs, because the dead had died of smallpox a short while before. So the Hurons carried back these diseased

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A new Chapter was instituted on January 26, 1957 at Yakima, Washington, designated as the Yakima Valley Chapter. An Installation Banquet was held at Bennington's Steak House, at which Compatriot J. A. Hibbard, National Trustee, installed the following as officers of the new chapter; Ottis F. Kelly, President; Robert A. McMahan Vice President; E. V. Lockhart, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer; Frank Purdy, Historian and James A. Macdonald, Chaplain.

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scalps and smallpox did what bullets failed to do. Several hundred Hurons died from the disease.

With this unfortunate garrison were Roger's Rangers, the Fortieth Black Watch, the Forty-fourth and Forty-eighth Regiments of British Regulars; American militia from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New York and New Jersey (the Jersey Blues).

Distasteful of British Rule, many Americans deserted before the battle. Rogers would not permit his men to live within the fort because the sanitary conditions were so bad. It is ironical: Johnson would not permit the Jersey Indians to come within the fort because "they smelled so badly" and so the Jersey Blues camped in the woods with their friends and allies and survived.

Thus one of the most historic spots in America led to the driving of French rule from this continent and a recasting of the maps of the world. Here the Americans learned the art of war as professionals and also that European armies were not invincible. It is interesting that Ben Franklin, during a colonial congress in Albany in 1754, had advanced the idea of independence and set the seed for July 4, 1776. Sam Adams sort of gets the credit.

On July 8, 1758, the remaining 350 survivors under Captain Parker, were ambushed near Ticonderoga, at Sabbath Day Point. All were lost except 80 men.

Following the fall of Ticonderoga in November, 1758, Colonel Peter Schuyler, the only officer not sent to France, was released in Canada by the French. In 1759, the Jersey Blues, now 1,000 strong, under their well-honored colonel, were completely successful at Fort Niagara. The campaign ended with the fall of Quebec.

General Shirley, who had replaced General Braddock, now referred affectionately to "The Old Blues."

In 1764, the log book states "again under arms, Indian alarms."

1767, "Reviewed by General Gage."

1768, "Gave great assistance to fighting a fire on Burnet Street in Brunswick."

In *Glimpses of Colonial Society* by W. J. Mills, Princeton Class 1763, William Paterson is given credit for the poem *Jersey Blues*. The only difference between this poem and a subsequent one, attributed to Governor Howell, is the change "heroines" for "hero cries."

It is fortunate and fitting that they should have had a bard. The final Revolutionary Period poem follows:

THE JERSEY BLUE

To arms once more our hero cries
Sedition lives and order dies,
To peace and ease then bid adieu
And dash to the mountains, Jersey Blue.

CHORUS

Dash to the mountains, Jersey Blue,
Jersey Blue,
Jersey Blue,
And dash to the mountains, Jersey Blue.

Since proud ambition rears its head
And murders rage, and discords spread,
To save from spoil the virtuous few
Dash over the mountain, Jersey Blue.

Rous'd at the call, with magic sound,
The drum and trumpets circle round,
As soon the corps their route pursue,
So dash to the mountain, Jersey Blue.

Unstain'd with crimes, unus'd to fear,
In deep array our youths appear
And fly to crush the rebel crew
Or die in the mountain, Jersey Blue.

Tho' tears bedew the maiden's cheek,
And storm hangs round the mountain bleak,
'Tis glory calls, to love adieu
Then dash to the mountains, Jersey Blue.

Should foul misrule and party rage
With law and liberty engage,
Push home your steel, you'll soon review
Your native plain, brave Jersey Blue.

In the light of so-called mid-Twentieth Century sophistication, there is perhaps a touch of humor in this poem, for we often remark, in jest, today, "Take to the hills, boys." But what this bard meant was no idle jest. They might be driven from their firesides, from their homes, from their

farms, but they would never quit! For they would go into the mountains and fight on—if even for one hundred years.

Somehow this has a familiar ring, heard not too long ago by another Anglo-Saxon leader. "We will fight on from house to house, from street to street. But we will never give in."

And so today the Jersey Blues live again in the Color Guard of the New Jersey Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

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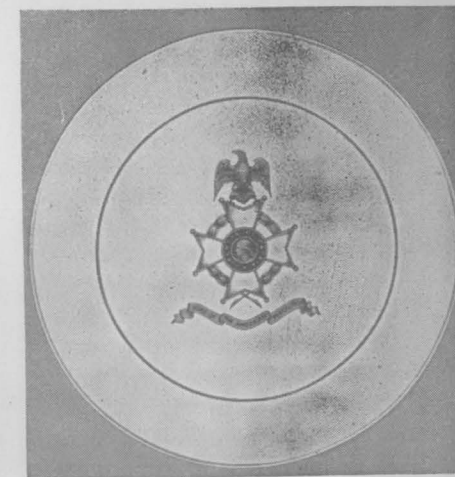
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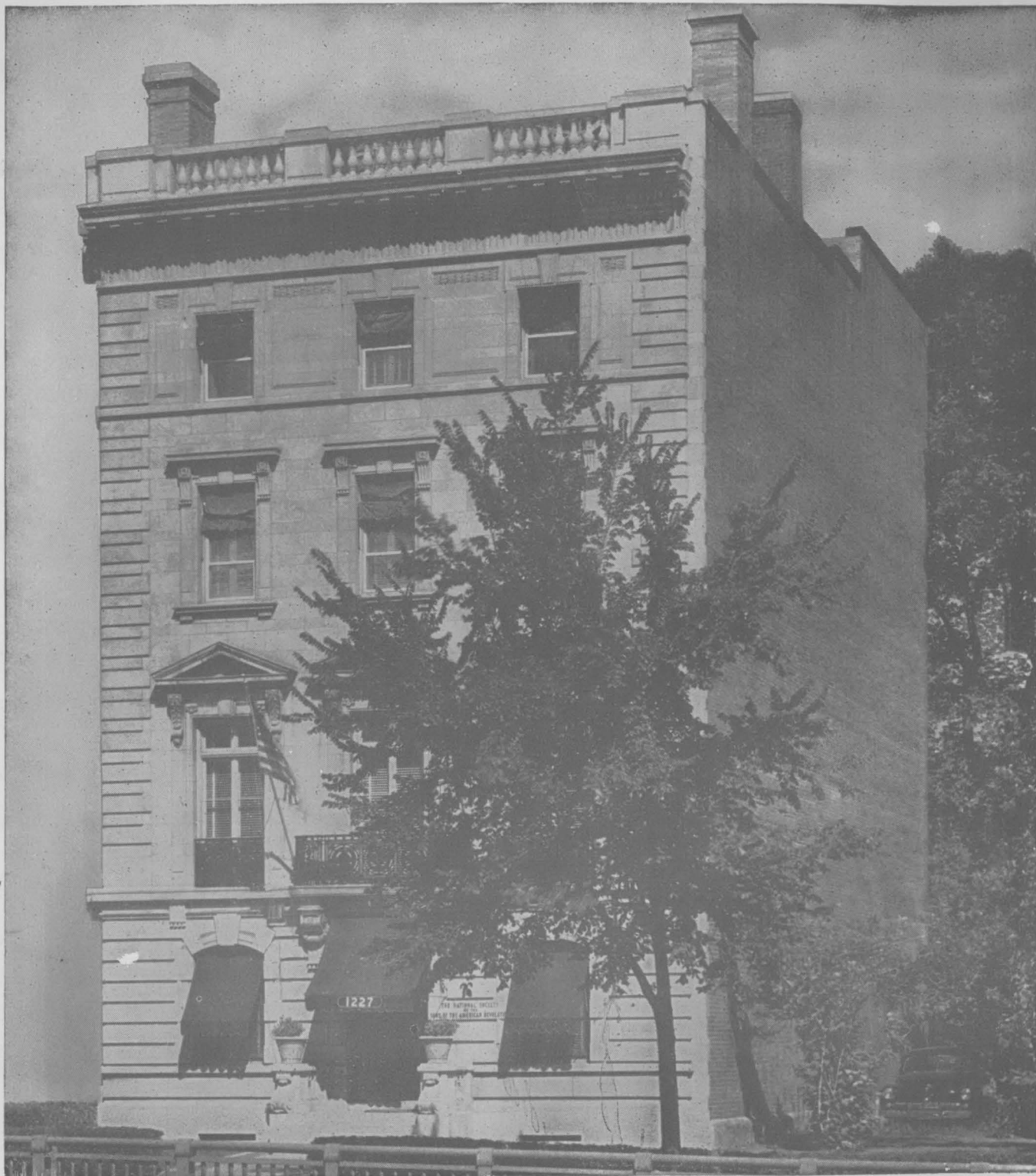
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