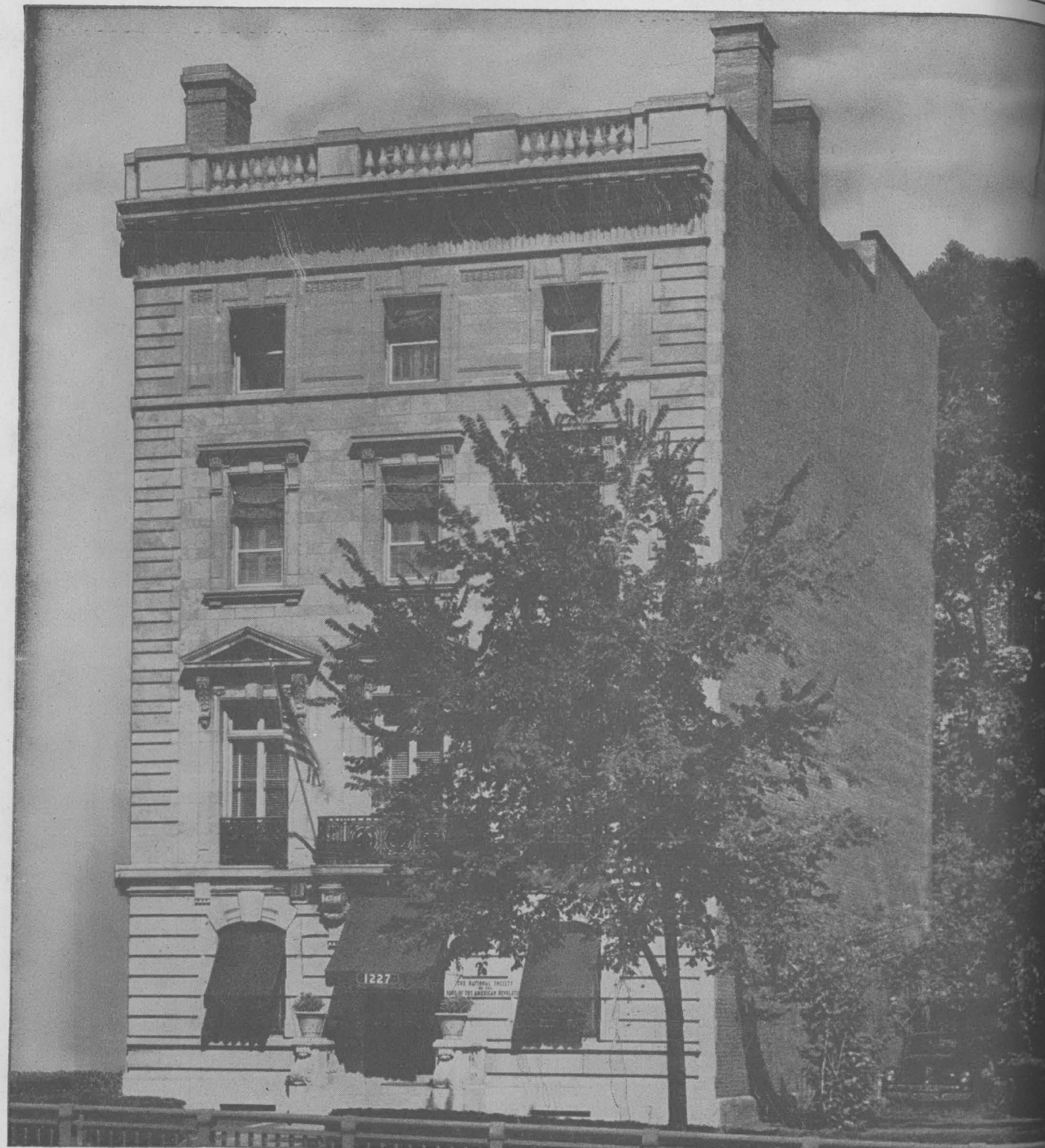


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THE EDITOR SAYS:

It has been most gratifying to read the many complimentary letters received following the publication of the July issue of the Magazine. It was our objective to furnish an account of the Congress at Williamsburg, which would enable that vast majority of our Compatriots who were unable to attend to gain a fairly comprehensive knowledge of the events of that highly successful annual meeting. Your compliments indicate that we were successful to a major degree in attaining our objective.

In all fairness, mention should be made of the fact that we enjoyed the cooperation of the Committee on Arrangements and many other Compatriots who played a part in making the Congress itself a success. Our special thanks go to Compatriot Charles H. Hilt of Georgia who furnished many of the pictures of the Congress. His contributions were acknowledged in the July Magazine, on page 23, but their value is such that we feel justified in repeating our expression of appreciation.

Despite careful checking, we have discovered some errors in the listing of the names of those attending the Congress. The lists compiled by those at the Registration Desk contained many errors in the spelling of names, due in part to their difficulty in transcribing them from the cards to typed lists. We were able to detect the majority of them and correct them on the printer's proofs, but some did escape detection.

In our continuing effort to publish a better and more interesting Magazine we are dependent upon the cooperation of State and Chapter officers. They are our source of news of the activities throughout the entire organization. If accounts of interesting meetings, activities and the organization of new Chapters are furnished promptly it will be of inestimable value. Pictures of the news type are welcome and they help to enliven the pages of our Magazine. More and more of our State Societies are appointing Publicity Chairmen.

We sincerely appreciate the cooperation of those who have adopted this policy and we earnestly recommend that those who have not appointed a Publicity Chairman do so. Your help will enable us to publish a better Magazine and a better Magazine will help build a stronger Society.

HAROLD L. PUTNAM, Editor

October 1954



MILTON M. LORY
President General

THE PRESIDENT GENERAL'S MESSAGE PAUL REVERE'S METHODS

The late summer hurricane that topped the steeple of Old North Church in Boston while regrettable in the extreme probably in this instance performed a public service. A resurgence of patriotism and a fervent love for the well known shrine welled up in the heart of America. No sooner had the winds ceased than efforts were under way to restore the famed belfry. When millions of citizens heard Fulton Lewis, Jr. ring out over the air, "One if by land, two if by sea" on his Mutual Network newscast, September 1st, many throats tightened, tears came to many eyes and many pulses beat faster from the emotions of love of country. When Mr. Lewis appealed for funds for the restoration I immediately wired him that the Sons of the American Revolution would endorse his move. He gratefully acknowledged this telegram on the next night's broadcast.

Had the steeple been the original I might have hesitated saying the storm performed a service. But in 1804 another violent wind blew down the first tower, so the patriotic attachment for the exact timbers and pieces of it could hardly be felt for the present demolished one. Instead it had become a symbol, an emblem of one of the greatest and most exciting chapters in the struggle for Colonial Independence. What child is there today who has come from a home where love of one's country is persistently taught, and what parent of such a child does not thrill at the recital or reading of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poetic masterpiece, "Paul Revere's Ride"? Certainly, I have heard instruc-

tors speak of it as "poor verse." Such statements only intensify my love of it.

The other evening I decided to bolster my patriotism and reread the famous epic. In my library I found it in an old elocution book that my mother had used in college. Later I decided to do a little research on Paul Revere and what I found provided me with the subject of this message. For Paul Revere was no ordinary man. His love of country was manifest in many and unusual ways and he no doubt had much to do with arousing public opinion against the spies and traitors of the time.

He was a proficient copper engraver and tooled several anti-British caricatures. He may have even fashioned composite pictures to illustrate his point. Once he refused to serve as a grand juror because "Parliament had made the justices independent of the people for their salaries." He was a leader in the Boston Tea Party. He was one of a group of thirty North End Mechanics who patrolled the streets to watch the movements of the British troops and Tories. He went to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, to urge the seizure of military stores there. He persuaded the Colonists to attack and capture Fort William and Mary which was one of the first military acts of the war. However, his most famous deed was his midnight ride on the 18th-19th of April 1775 to warn of the movement of British troops from Boston. It was immortalized by Longfellow who, the pro-British Encyclopedia Britannica says in a quote, "paid little attention to exactness of fact."

The methods used by Paul Revere were undoubtedly reprehensible to many persons of the day—probably because he was not born of nobility or wealth or with the elevated brow of intellectuality. His actions may have seemed rowdy to some who were not necessarily pro-British either.

Paul Revere, a thoroughgoing individualist, was exceptionally keen of mind. His powers of observation and his photographic memory must have been phenomenal. One time he was sent by the Massachusetts provincial congress to Philadelphia to study the mechanics of the only powder mill in the colonies. He was allowed merely to pass through the building yet he obtained sufficient information to enable him to build a powder mill at Canton. A man of meagre schooling, he was first a second lieutenant yet rose rapidly to the rank of major and to lieutenant-colonel of artillery and was placed in command of the fort defending Boston. He was at one time accused of disobeying his commanding officer, was

court martialed and acquitted—probably with a censure. Maybe he refused to promote or honorably discharge a subversive officer.

It probably was said that Paul Revere used illegal or unfair tactics in bringing certain Britishers to account. He may have been accused of being a crass publicity seeker who was out merely for personal gain. "One if by land, and two, if by sea"—Why use the steeple of a church of that denomination? Couldn't there have been some other or different means used? "Meanwhile his friend, through alley and street Wanders and watches with eager ears"—No doubt obstructionists would say he was invading the rights of private citizens, creating a reign of terror, an atmosphere where decent people are afraid to speak. "A hurry of hoofs in a village street" was probably designated as a young upstart who should be in bed. "A voice in the darkness, a knock at the door"—Surely he must have been told to "shut up and go away and let us sleep. The British are coming—so what!"

Anyway "the spark struck out by that steed in his flight, kindled the land into flame with its heat." Paul Revere was successful in his mission. He carried his "cry of alarm to every Middlesex village and farm." Longfellow then in closing tells us that this memorable ride will always serve as an inspiration to fire our patriotism when the nation is endangered, for "In the hour of darkness and peril and need, The people will awaken and listen to hear The Hurrying hoof-beats Of that steed And the midnight message of Paul Revere."

After the war this great patriot became a successful manufacturer of gold and silverware. He was a pioneer in the new industrial art of copper plating. He made copper spikes for ships. As grand master of the Masons, in 1795, he laid the cornerstone of the new State House in Boston and also founded and became the first president of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association. His dream and aspirations of freedom from Britain accomplished, Paul Revere spent his remaining years as a successful business man. Had he continued with the fervor of his younger days he might have become an outstanding statesman of the times. He might have become a famous senator and in his zeal aroused the ire of some of his contemporaries. Who knows? He died in Boston May 10, 1818.

Today we have Paul Reveres who are trying to warn us of imminent danger. We have had them for some time. It is all too bad they have not been heeded for

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PAUL REVERE'S METHODS (Continued)

undoubtedly we would not be in the mess in which we find our government floundering. It may not be too late yet to listen and act. Let us hope it is not and let us get behind those who are trying to do something about it. Paul Revere's methods at times may have seemed harsh as certain methods used today may appear in ferreting out subversion. But this is no time to stop the pursuit and quarrel about methods—or get unduly excited if once in a while some “innocent” person is caught up in the drag-net and gets a little rough handling. I have watched members of the fish and game commission seine lakes for rough and undesirable fish. Always a few game fish are also caught up, but they are usually carefully put back into the water unharmed. Let us help once again in erecting that beloved slender spire of Old North Church, pointing heavenward, a symbol living in the hearts of our countrymen to inspire us to have a greater love of our native land.

MILTON M. LORY
President General

REPORT OF CONSTITUTION DAY OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE

CHARLES A. JONES, *Chairman*

The Committee on Constitution Day Observance up to September 10th had received a most favorable reception to its request of the various Governors that proclamations be issued emphasizing importance of the day's observance, September 17th.

Two states, Massachusetts and Ohio, by special legislative act have laid emphasis on the meaning of the day and in accordance with these acts, the respective Governors have issued their proclamations.

In addition, proclamations had been received from the Governors of Alaska, Connecticut, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Washington, West Virginia and Wyoming.

The Governors of Arizona, California, Oklahoma, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania have issued Proclamations calling for observance of “Citizenship Day.” In each proclamation there is strong emphasis on the place of the Constitution in our national life.

The Governors of North Carolina, Utah and Vermont have written that

they would issue statements emphasizing the day, and assurances of proclamations had been received from Maryland, Nevada and New York.

In Minnesota, a special state-wide conference on citizenship marked observance of the day last year, and Governor Anderson stated it is the intention to carry forth the same kind of program with much publicity this year.

Only from New Jersey has come a statement that the Governor could not place emphasis on the day, his publicity secretary stating that the day has been reserved for other purposes.

Reports from over the country indicate that special emphasis is being placed on the day's observances by Society chapters everywhere.

NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE

THOMAS P. DICKINSON, *Chairman*

As a reserve officer on active duty, I was “all ears” when President Eisenhower, before the National American Legion Convention, said that a proposal for strengthening the nation's Reserve forces would be number one on his legislative agenda for 1955.

I thought to myself, “Does he really mean this? Or is he stalling so the props can be knocked from under the program by a prejudiced board of investigators.”

Mr. Eisenhower assured the Legionnaires that the new program would not “unfairly burden men who have already served.”

“We have failed miserably,” the President said, “to keep Reserve officers and enlisted men interested in the present program. The threat to our national security, caused by a weak reserve program, should have been corrected before now.”

Let us hope that the new Reserve legislation, with teeth in it, is passed early enough next year to be implemented before the calendar years ends.

“Wishful thinking and political timidity may hinder the passage of the new program,” Mr. Eisenhower said. “It is up to us as Legionnaires to see that this does not happen.”

If Universal Military Training is the answer to an adequate reserve force, I'm sure that all of you, as veterans, will back the program with 100 per cent support.

Are we shutting the barn door before it is too late?

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (Includes Organization)

Edgar Williamson, Jr., *Chairman*

I wish to thank the 600 Compatriots for the fine support they gave the Membership Committee last year in helping us establish a record for obtaining new members for our Society. We have a record to beat this year so, therefore, we ask if you have organized a membership drive for the current year.

As you know, we cannot afford to become complacent because of the excellent showing last year. We must continue to build the membership as it is the life blood of our Society's future.

One of the most effective means of obtaining new members is the organization of new chapters. The Virginia Society adopted a plan which was highly successful last year and resulted in the organization of seven new chapters in the State of Virginia. For your information the outline of the plan is presented herewith:

It might be interesting to you to know that many awards will be presented this year for obtaining new members. Details regarding these awards will be announced in the near future in an issue of “The Alert.”

Again, many thanks for your active and loyal support and looking forward to a banner year for 1954-55, I am,

Fraternally yours,

EDGAR WILLIAMSON, *Chairman*

ORGANIZATION OF CHAPTERS

Procedure approved by the Board of Managers, Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, on April 11, 1953.

- (1) Organizing president. A member of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, in good standing may be appointed by the Virginia Society president as an organizing president.
- (2) Term of office. Term is one year.
- (3) Name of chapter. A suitable name of national, state or local historic interest shall be submitted to the President of the Virginia Society for approval. Thereafter the name shall be used on all application papers for such organizing chapter.
- (4) Membership. 10 members are required for the formation of a new chapter. New chapters may include compatriots residing in or

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near the locality of the new chapter by transfer of membership.

- (5) Eligibility. Any man, 18 years of age or over, who is a citizen of good repute in the community and a lineal descendant of an ancestor with proven record of service in the cause of American independence and whose application for membership properly establishes the relationship.

- (6) Organizing presidents. Should be compatriots residing in the area in which a new chapter is to be organized. After appointment the Organizing President should form an Organizing Committee composed of compatriots in his area, who are also appointed by the President of the Virginia Society. At least 25 or more sets of application forms should be acquired and a supply should be kept on hand at all times. The Organizing President should consult with his Organizing Committee and make a list of presumably eligible men. Such names could be obtained from the local DAR Regent and the Society President of the Children of the American Revolution. The help of these ladies in the completion of applications is very valuable. Their cooperation should be sought. Care should be exercised that the list of eligibles includes only candidates who are acceptable to each other and to the community generally. The candidates should then be invited to become members. Extra copies of the S.A.R. Magazine and S.A.R. leaflets should be distributed for their information.

- (7) Organization meeting. When 10 members have been accepted by the Virginia Society (including transferees) the new chapter is ready to be organized. Arrange the date of organization meeting so that the President and other officers of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and perhaps National officers of the S.A.R., can be in attendance. Also invite all nearby D.A.R. and S.A.R. members.

- (8) Chapter officers. Prior to the organization meeting of the chapter, the organizing president appoints the nominating committee who will present a slate of nominees to be considered at the first meeting.

These officers consist of: President, First and Second Vice President, Chaplain, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar and Historian. These officers and other members elected constitute the Board of Managers. The organizing president is the first presiding officer of the organization meeting and should have a gavel, speaker's table, and an American and S.A.R. flag. Simple refreshments to be provided after the meeting, usually served by the ladies of the members of the chapter, who, by the way, are always welcome at the meetings.

- (9) Order of business. All meetings shall be opened with a prayer, after which a member should come forward and lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag—then the singing of the national anthem (use key of A Flat). The Organizing President then presents the State and National officers and other guests. The President of the Virginia Society then takes the chair, receives the report of the Nominating Committee and conducts the election by voice vote. The President of the Virginia Society then installs the new officers and presents the charter to the new chapter president, who should be prepared to say a few appropriate words and introduce the principal speaker of the day. The retiring of colors and adjournment follow, after which a social hour is held.

E. STEWART JAMES, *Chairman*
Organization Committee,
Virginia Society S.A.R.

CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION COMMITTEE

WILLIAM M. PARKER, *Chairman*

The purpose of this committee is to create the interest of our members in the promotion of membership of eligible youths to become members of C.A.R. Societies.

Many S.A.R. Chapters have and are supporting the C.A.R. work financially, and this is greatly appreciated. However, creating membership of a larger number of qualified S.A.R. youths in the C.A.R. Societies will be of more fundamental service to them and eventually to us.

C.A.R. is our natural “Prep School,” as their members automatically become eligible for S.A.R. The more “pupils”

we give them, the more “graduates” they will give us.

It is our duty as S.A.R. members to see that our youths receive the splendid patriotic education and training which are the fundamentals of C.A.R., the like of which is not present in any other youth organization.

In that the C.A.R. organization set-up is very similar to ours, those C.A.R. members who have been officers or served on committees, either local, state or National, are better qualified later to accept similar S.A.R. responsibilities and are more likely to function satisfactorily.

To manpower our committee program, we are suggesting to our President General that he appoint for each S.A.R. Region a C.A.R. membership supervisor, and that he in turn appoint a C.A.R. promotor in each locality having a S.A.R. Chapter or a C.A.R. Society.

To assist in these appointments we propose to have Mrs. Charles C. Haig, National President of C.A.R., contact the local and state senior presidents for their recommendations as to S.A.R. members most likely to be interested. We already have quite a few of such recommendations.

As of now there are 14,000 C.A.R. members. About one third are boys, and as there are just as many boys as girls eligible for C.A.R. it is easy to see that we have a great potential field open to us to increase the number of eligible boys to join C.A.R.

If you are contacted to assist in this program this committee asks that you seriously consider accepting as it is very worth while and you will get a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction in serving.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE OLD NORTH CHURCH FUND

Voluntary contributions amounting to \$200, were received at National Headquarters before President General Lory's letter was sent to the State and Chapter officers. These contributions will be added to those which may be received in response to the President General's suggestion and forwarded to the Old North Church Fund.

Checks for this purpose may be made payable to the National Society S.A.R. or the Old North Church Fund. All contributions will be listed when the total amount is transmitted to the Fund.

BIOGRAPHIES OF GENERAL OFFICERS ELECTED AT THE SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL

The biographical sketches published in this issue are those of the General Officers who were elected at the Williamsburg Congress. The biographies of those who were re-elected were published in the October 1953 issue.



WALTER A. WENTWORTH
Secretary General

Compatriot Wentworth was born in Dover, New Hampshire, September 6, 1888.

He is a son of Elmer M. (President General S.A.R. 1916) and Elizabeth T. Wentworth.

Six years later the family moved to Iowa where he attended public schools and graduated from Iowa State College.

Wentworth has been engaged in the dairy industry throughout his business life. His present association with The Borden Company covers the last 25 years.

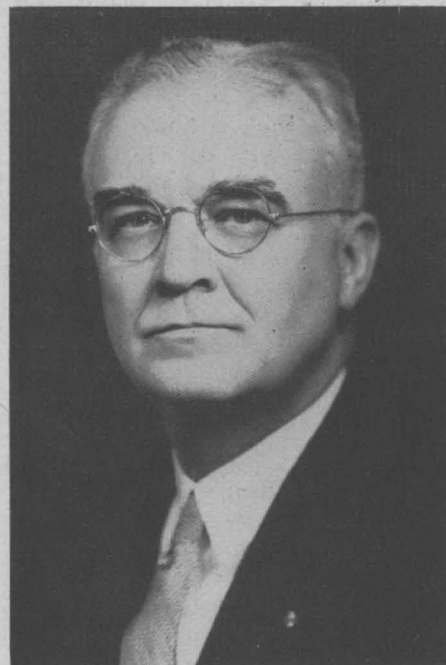
Much of his work has been with the organizations of the dairy industry, serving at various times as Chairman of the Board of the National Dairy Council, President of the Dairy Products Improvement Institute and Chairman of the Dairy Industry Committee. He is now President of the International Dairy Show.

Wentworth became a member of the Iowa Society, S.A.R. in June, 1911. He is a member of the Board of Man-

agers of the New York Chapter and the Empire State Society and was President of each.

He was elected Vice President General for the North Atlantic District at the San Francisco Congress in 1951.

He resides in New York City.



DR. HAROLD IRVING MEYER
Historian General

Dr. Harold Irving Meyer, Historian General of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution, was born in Central City, Illinois, March 21, 1897, the son of Rev. H. H. F. and Viola Curtis Stuckey Meyer. He attended the public schools, received his A. B. and M.S. degrees from the University of Illinois and his M. D. degree from Rush Medical College of the University of Chicago. He is at present a Senior Attending Surgeon at St. Lukes Hospital, Chicago, Assistant Professor of Surgery at the University of Illinois College of Medicine and was for a number of years Attending Surgeon at Cook County Hospital and Professor of Surgery at the Cook County Graduate School of Medicine, connected with the hospital. He belongs to many medical societies, is a Licentiate of the American Board of Surgery and has contributed a number of articles to medical literature. Dr. Meyer is a Republican, a Mason and a member of the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago. He is married and has two sons.

Outside his profession, Dr. Meyer has for a number of years had an intense interest in genealogy and Ameri-

can History and has contributed to the literature in both fields. At present, he is gathering material for a book he contemplates publishing on a branch of the Sanders Family of Virginia and North Carolina. He is a member of many historical and genealogical societies.

Dr. Meyer was elected to membership in the Illinois Society, Sons of the American Revolution in 1926, through Revolutionary ancestors John Stuckey of Pa., Jabesh Shipman and Simeon Rogers of New Jersey. He is a member of the Illinois Society, Society of Colonial Wars, is a Past President of the Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Illinois, a Past Commander of his Camp in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and has served his American Legion Post as Medical Officer for many years, having served in World War I.



LEW CLYDE CHURCH
Chancellor General

The son of Andrew and Ada Church, originally of Harmony, Maine. Most of the early portion of his life was spent in that State. He is a graduate of Skowhegan High School; and an alumnus of Colby College, where he was a member of the Intercollegiate Debating Team, Manager of the baseball team during his last year, and President of his class during his senior year. Zeta Psi Fraternity. His first year as a law student was in a law office in Maine, and his last two at the Harvard Law School.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Minnesota State Bar Association, and the Hennepin County

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Bar Association. For three years he was Chairman of the Bar Reference Committee of the County Bar Association, and for another three years the Chairman of the Legal Aid-Legal Reference Committee of the State Bar Association. He is engaged in the active practice of law, and has his office at No. 1020 Rand Tower in Minneapolis.

As a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, he has been President of the Minneapolis Chapter, President of the Minnesota State Society, has served on various committees of the Chapter and of the State Society, and for two years was National Trustee from Minnesota.

He is a member of the Minneapolis Club, the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, the Society of Natural History of Minnesota, the Automobile Club, and some other organizations. He is affiliated with Fifth Church of Christ, Scientist in Minneapolis, and with The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, and has served as First Reader and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the former, and Committee on Publication in Minnesota for the church organization. He is a Mason, a member of the Scottish Rite and of Zuhrah Temple Shrine of Minneapolis. Hobby, farming.



DR. FRANCIS SHUNK DOWNS
Chaplain General

Dr. Francis Shunk Downs was born in Dover, Delaware, his father being a prominent physician, and was named for

his maternal great-grandfather, Francis R. Shunk, who was twice elected Governor of Pennsylvania.

He was graduated from the Dover High School, Mercersburg Academy (Pa.), Lafayette College, and Princeton Theological Seminary. He also attended the University of Pennsylvania Law School, and winning the Church History Fellowship at Princeton took post graduate work in history and political philosophy at Johns Hopkins University. He was ordained to the Presbyterian Ministry in 1910. The same year he was married to Jane Louise Eckard of Philadelphia, whose father was active in the Sons of the Revolution and for years Chaplain of the Georgia Society of Cincinnati. One daughter, Elizabeth Bayard Downs, now Mrs. Robert Irwin Wiggins of Morton, Philadelphia, was born of the union.

Dr. Downs served as special preacher in Army Camps in World War I, founder and pastor of Calvary Presbyterian Church, Baltimore; Market Square Church, Germantown, Philadelphia; First Church, Tyrone, Pennsylvania and was secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, offices in New York City, for seven years, and served twelve years more as a Director of the Board.

In 1932 he went to Berkeley, California, to become pastor for thirteen years of the First Presbyterian Church, which also ministers to one of the largest student groups in the United States. Since 1945, he has been pastor of St. Paul's United Presbyterian Church, Berkeley, and led in the building of its beautiful church edifice.

Dr. Downs has served as Moderator of Presbyteries in both Presbyterian and United Presby. denominations, and this year is serving as Moderator of the California Synod of the U. P. Church. He has been a delegate to many national and international conferences, and been sent on missions to Europe and the Orient. He has been an interchange preacher to Great Britain and on Missions to Korea, Japan, Manchuria and China.

He is known as a leader in the field of temperance, both state and national, and served recently three terms as President of California Temperance Federation.

He is active in the civic and cultural life of his city and state. He is a member and past Director of City Commons Club and Rotary Club, a member of

California Commonwealth Club, Pi Gamma Mu, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Society of Colonial Wars and The Historical Societies of Pennsylvania, Delaware and Princeton, New Jersey.

He is the author of various books, many sermons and pamphlets and is a contributor to religious and other periodicals.

Dr. Downs has been President of Alameda County Chapter of the S.A.R., its Chaplain and also State Chaplain of California Society, and at the National Congress in Williamsburg, Virginia, was elected Chaplain General of The National Society of S.A.R.



CALVIN C. BOLLES
Vice President General

Calvin C. Bolles, who was elected Vice President General at the Williamsburg Congress, was born April 14, 1893 in East Haddam, Connecticut, an eighth generation descendant from Joseph Bolles who settled in Wells, Maine, prior to 1638. He graduated from Hartford Public High School in 1911 and from the American Institute of Banking in 1914.

He has been associated with The Connecticut Bank and Trust Company and its predecessor banks since 1911 and is Vice President in charge of the Capitol Office of that bank. He is past President (1916-17) and Honorary Member of Hartford Chapter, American Institute of Banking.

His community service includes serving the Rotary Club of Hartford and Connecticut Chamber of Commerce as

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Treasurer and he served the Town of South Windsor as Treasurer (18 years) and is a former Chairman of its Board of Education.

His service to Patriotic Societies:

Two years each as Vice President and President, Colonel Jeremiah Wadsworth Branch S.A.R.

Two years each as Second Vice President, First Vice President, and President, Connecticut Society, S.A.R.

Two years as National Trustee for Connecticut S.A.R.

Two years as Deputy Governor, Connecticut Society Founders and Patriots of America and now serving second year as Governor.

Mr. Bolles served two years in World War I, one year of which was overseas duty in France and Germany. He married Edith J. Miner in 1917 and they have one daughter and a grandson.



CLEMENT DE MILLE ASBURY
Vice President General

A descendant of Anthony Demil, the first Mayor of New York, who landed at the foot of Wall Street in 1663. Compatriot Asbury is Investment Counsellor, with Thomson & McKinnon, 16th floor, 11 Wall St., New York City. He was born August 3, 1893 in New York, oldest son of Alice Roberta Lee de Mille and Clement Bennett Asbury and married Eleanor Brinckerhof Trask in 1921. His son, Clement B. Asbury II, is a member of the Board of Managers of the New York Chapter S.A.R.

Mrs. Asbury died in 1948 and he married her sister Martha Stephanie Trask in 1948.

Compatriot Asbury served in various Aero Squadrons in France throughout 1918. He is Past Commander of Wall Street Post, American Legion; Past President Empire State Society S.A.R., 1952; a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 711, Bloomfield and Glen Ridge, N. J.; Ophir Lodge #186; Adoniram Consistory 32° A.A.S.R.N.-M.J. Valley of Paterson, N. J. and Vesteryman, Ascension Church (Episcopal) Bloomfield, N. J.

For the past 15 years he has served as Chairman of annual Bill of Rights Birthday commemoration for the Financial District at the historical site of the enactment, Federal Hall, Wall Street. Founder of the annual, gold Bill of Rights Defense Award of the American Legion's Wall Street Post. This program is presented annually on a coast to coast hook-up in which the S.A.R. participates on an important scale.



DR. V. E. HOLCOMBE
Vice President General

Born October 2, 1894, Lumberton, North Carolina, son of Benjamin Eugene Holcombe and Louisa Vienna Holcombe. Attended Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina, and University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Entered Medical College State of South Carolina 1914 and received degree of Doctor of Medicine there June, 1918. Served in United States Naval Medical Corps as First

Lieutenant until June, 1919. Married Helen Eagleton Davis of Dallas Texas, March 3, 1919. One daughter, Mrs. James R. (Elizabeth Louise Holcombe) Buckle, Richmond, Virginia, two grandchildren, Dianne Helen and Eugene Holcombe Buckle. Engaged in general medical practice Fountain Inn, South Carolina, 1919-1922. Engaged in Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat practice Logan, West Virginia 1922-1930. Attended University of Vienna, Austria, 1930-1931 engaging in post graduate study of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. Has been engaged in Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat work in Charleston, West Virginia since 1931.

Member Kanawha County, West Virginia State, Southern and American Medical Associations.

Fellow American College of Surgeons.

Fellow American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology.

Diplomate American Board of Otolaryngology.

Thirty-second degree Mason, Shriner, Rotarian; Charleston, West Virginia.

Councillor in Southern Medical Association from West Virginia and member Doctor-Hospital Relationship Committee.

Charter member of Daniel Boone Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, Charleston, West Virginia. Held various offices in this Chapter and served as President 1949-1950. While President, was awarded second prize of \$100.00 at San Francisco Annual Congress for obtaining new members. An American flag was purchased with this money and donated to the West Virginia State Society, Children of the American Revolution.

President West Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution 1951-1952.

National Chairman Basic Documents Committee, 1952, 1953, 1954, in which position has appeared on many patriotic society programs and written several articles on the Basic Documents.

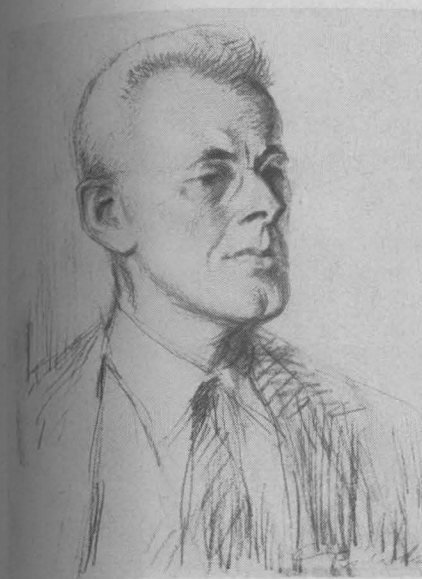
National Trustee, Sons of the American Revolution, from West Virginia 1952-53, 1953-54.

National promoter National Society Children of the American Revolution.

Elected regional Vice President central district for two year term at Williamsburg, Virginia, Annual Congress May, 1954.

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BIOGRAPHIES OF GENERAL OFFICERS—Continued



FREDERICK C. GRABNER
Vice President General

Born at Warren, Illinois October 5, 1886. Married Hélène Bassett of San Francisco, September 12, 1921. Daughter—Mary Catherine Grabner.

Education

Public Schools of Warren Illinois

Beloit College B.A degree 1911

University of California—post graduate work

Oxford University (Kemble College) England

Military Service

Lieutenant U.S. Army First World War

Aide to American Commission—Paris Peace Conference 1918-19

Employment

Gulf Oil Corporation 1919-1954 (now retired)

Confidential Secretary to S. T. Mather

—Assistant Secy of The Interior under Pres. Wilson

Church

Episcopal

Vestryman Christ Church Cathedral—16 years

Delegate to Louisiana Diocesan Convention seven times

Historiographer Christ Church Cathedral

Chairman Diocesan History Commission for Sesqui-Centennial

Diocesan President of The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew

Member Cathedral Chapter of The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew

Organizations

Hull House Players Chicago

Le Petit Theatre du Vieux Carre New Orleans

Chamber of Commerce New Orleans

Louisiana Landmarks Society

Friends of China, New Orleans

Orange Disc Club (Gulf Refining Company) President

Louisiana Society of The Sons of The American Revolution President

National Society Sons of the American Revolution Trustee

National Society Sons of the American Revolution Congress Delegate three times

The Boston Club, New Orleans

The Stratford Club, New Orleans

The Masonic Fraternity (Jo Daviess Lodge A.F.&A.M. Warren Illinois)

Sigma Chi Fraternity

Various chapter offices while in college

First National Executive Secretary in Charge of Headquarters

President of Pittsburgh and New Orleans Alumni Chapters

Secretary of San Francisco Alumni Chapter

Inter-Fraternity Conference (National) Delegate three times

Investigating Officer to Petitioners University of South Carolina

Order of Constantine (honorary for distinguished service)

EDITOR'S NOTE: The biography and photograph of Vice President General Henry C. Fuller of the Great Lakes District had not been received at the time of going to press with this issue. It will be published in a later issue.)

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S MEMO PAD

Here are a few suggestions which may lighten the burden of paper work which plagues the lives of state and chapter officers:

When new applications, supplementals and reinstatements are mailed to National Headquarters, use the yellow Transmittal Sheets (supplied without charge by the National Society) and attach the remittance to the Transmittal Sheet. It is unnecessary to write a letter, which saves time. Send one copy only. Duplicate copies are wasted.

Be sure that the signatures of the sponsors are legible and if a "distinctive" signature is used, please print the name

of the sponsor. It is impossible to decipher some of the signatures which appear on application papers. When such is the case, it is necessary to write and ask for the name in order that the credit for the application may be given to the proper Compatriot. The Membership Committee (formerly designated as the Organization Committee) has provided a number of awards to be given to those who sponsor one or more new applications.

All checks in payment of admission fees, supplementals, reinstatements, supplies or medals should be made payable to: "The National Society Sons of the American Revolution." The initials "S.A.R." after the words National Society may be used if desired.

In order to eliminate confusion where requests for copies of application papers are received the following should be noted:

The fee for a copy of an application paper, or of a supplemental, is \$1.00 if ordered by an active member of our Society; the fee is \$2.00 if ordered by anyone other than an active member. The written permission of an active member must accompany the request for a copy of his paper. Photostat copies cannot be supplied, as it would be necessary to remove the papers from our building.

There has been an unusually large number of requests for copies during recent weeks and it is hoped that this information will prove timely.

Work is being done on the preparation of a handbook of information, designed to help state and chapter officers perform their duties and to serve as a guide in furthering the interests of our Society. The compilation of the material for the handbook has required extensive research and the evaluation of an enormous collection of suggestions. When completed it should be of great value to all Compatriots and of special interest to state and chapter officers. We regret that it has taken so long to prepare the handbook, but it will soon be available.

A CORRECTION

In the July issue of the Sons of the American Revolution Magazine Judge Arthur H. Day, a member of the Declaration of Independence Day Committee was listed as Judge Charles Arthur Day. We offer our apology for the error.

NEWS FROM OUR STATE SOCIETIES

Letters from our Compatriots indicate that the pages of our Magazine devoted to the accounts of the activities of state and chapter organizations are read with lively interest. In order to maintain that high level of interest it is essential that the accounts of meetings and activities be sent promptly to the Editor. Pictures of meetings, awarding of medals and other activities are welcome. Captions should be placed on the backs of the pictures and "ready-to-print" accounts should accompany them.

All state and chapter presidents are urged to appoint a Publicity Chairman, whose sole duty is to prepare brief accounts of events and send them to the Editor in advance of the publication of each issue of the Magazine. The deadline for the January issue of the Magazine is December 5, 1954.

Your cooperation in this effort will enable us to publish a Magazine which will be of interest to all Compatriots and will serve to inspire all chapters to greater activity.

We wish to express our appreciation to those who are giving us such splendid cooperation and we hope that more of our Compatriots will follow their example.

HAROLD L. PUTNAM,
The Editor

Alabama Society

In 1952 the Alabama Society, Sons of the American Revolution, went into court in an attempt to get an injunction prohibiting the use of certain textbooks adopted for the high schools of that state. The case was lost on a jurisdictional technicality and the Alabama Society had to pay the court costs. This attempt was led by the late Robert H. Smith of Birmingham and after his death an aroused public carried on the fight which has resulted in the following law, which went into effect as of January 1, 1954:

"Neither the state textbook committee nor the State Board of Education or any other public body or official shall consider for adoption or approval, or adopt, or approve for use in the public schools or trade schools or institutions of higher learning of this State any textbook or other written instructional material (not including periodical newspapers and magazines nor legal opinions by

courts of record) which does not contain a statement by the publisher or author thereof indicating clearly and with particularity that the author of the book or writing cited therein as parallel or additional reading is or is not a known advocate of communism or Marxist socialism, is or is not a member or ex-member of the Communist Party, and is or is not a member or ex-member of a Communist front organization (as designated by the United States Congress, or any committee thereof, or the Attorney General of the United States)."

California Society

San Francisco Chapter

State President Carl Helmick of Riverside was the speaker at the August meeting of the Chapter held at the Colonial Manor, outlining plans for the year and telling of activities of chapters in other parts of the state. CONSTITUTION DAY was celebrated with a banquet held at the Cliff House overlooking the world famous Seal Rocks, at which time Mrs. Ruth Apperson Rous of Los Angeles, State Regent for the D.A.R. was the speaker. Wives of the members and members of the D.A.R. were also present. President Bergen Van Brunt has planned for a joint meeting with the Marin County Chapter to be held in October.



The Peninsula Chapter S.A.R., was chartered by the California Society, at ceremonies conducted Thursday evening, September 15, in San Carlos. President Montgomery Ostrander (third from left) received the charter from State Vice President Charles A. Mersereau, Sr., (fifth from right) in the presence of a group of charter members of the new chapter and officers of the California state Society.

Los Angeles Chapter

President George H. Todt of the Pasadena Chapter was the speaker at the CONSTITUTION DAY meeting held at the home of President Morton Harvey in Hollywood, and to which members of the Pasadena Chapter were also invited. Compatriot Todt, a prominent TV and Radio Star, gave an outstanding address, and challenged the members of both chapters to a renewed interest in our Society, and the cause that we represent.

San Diego Chapter

I AM AN AMERICAN DAY was celebrated by San Diego Chapter and new citizens of this country greeted. President MacArthur Gorton and Secretary Captain Arthur D. Ruppel are carrying on an aggressive program, and attracting new members to the group.

Peninsula Chapter

The newest California Chapter, located in San Mateo County just south of San Francisco, has held several meetings, and is making plans for an active program. Compatriot Stanley C. Smock, formerly of Washington, D. C., has been elected the Secretary succeeding Compatriot Wensinger.

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STATE SOCIETY NEWS—Continued

Auburn Chapter

President Guy Brundage has started a campaign for new members, and is also endeavoring to interest former members of the chapter located in the Mother Lode country of California in reinstating their memberships. Several new members have already enrolled from Placer County, and President Brundage is optimistic about the future.

San Jose Chapter

State President Carl Helmick was the speaker at the meeting of the San Jose Chapter held at the home of Colonel Edwin H. Melvin at Los Gatos. New members have been added to the group, including Rear Admiral R. E. Braddy, Jr. of Monterey. President Health Wagener of Palo Alto has announced additional activities for Compatriots included in the four counties of the area.

Riverside Chapter

President Dr. Bingham has been urging the continued enrollment of new members, and there is renewed activity in this connection in the home chapter of our California State President. President Helmick reported on his participation in the State C.A.R. Convention, and of activities of this group.

Marin County Chapter

Plans for a joint meeting with the San Francisco Chapter to be held at PONY EXPRESS RETREAT in San Rafael, are being made by President Colonel Waddell F. Smith and other officers and members of the Marin group. Plans have been made for the chapter to participate in and arrange for Citizenship awards in the schools of the County.

Alameda County Chapter

Regular meetings of the chapter have been held in the homes of members located in Oakland and Berkeley, under the leadership of President Dunstan, and with the active assistance of Compatriots George Mattis and Calvin Farrar. The R.O.T.C. program has been continued in the Alameda High Schools and awards regularly made.

Reno Chapter

The new Reno Chapter numbers among its membership a very famous pioneer Nevada family, three members of which have already been enrolled, and two more are in the process of joining in Nevada and possibly one in Michigan. With the help of Mrs. A. J. Hood II, State Genealogical Records Chairman

for the D.A.R., Dr. A. J. Hood II, Dr. Dwight Lincoln Hood, of Reno, and Dr. Arthur James Hood, of Elko, are now members. Dr. Tom Hood and Charles H. Hood are in the process of completing arrangements which will then make five members of this family members of the S.A.R. in Nevada.

Dr. A. J. Hood II is a son of the late Dr. William Henry Hood who came to Nevada from Adrian, Michigan, some 50 years ago. He was active in the early development of the state, a director of a number of banks, rancher, interested in mining, as well as Surgeon for the SP RR. He was licensed Physician No. 1 of Nevada.

Dr. A. J. Hood II is a prominent surgeon, specializing in orthopedic surgery, graduate of Stanford Medical School, and later studied at Vienna. He served as a Captain in World War I and holds an honorary commission as a National Guard Colonel, is a fellow of the A.M.A., a member also in Europe, and has served the State of Nevada and the U. S. Govt. in many capacities.

Dr. Dwight Lincoln Hood of Reno is a heart specialist, a member of the A.M.A. Board and a General in the

Nevada National Guard Reserve. He has been prominent in various medical societies, as well as civic activities.

Dr. Arthur James Hood of Elko, brother of the late Dr. William Henry Hood, is a pioneer Nevada physician. Following 50 years of practice he was nominated by the National Convention of the A.M.A. at San Francisco as M.D. for the year.

Connecticut Society

Compatriots of the General Selleck Silliman Branch again invited the State Society to join them in their annual Constitution Day Celebration, at the University of Bridgeport on Saturday, September 11. The observance took the form of a picnic and those in attendance enjoyed games, contests, a tour of the Campus and a chicken barbecue.

A Special Meeting of the State Society was held in conjunction with the Constitution Day celebration. The meeting was called for the purpose of adopting amendments to the Constitution and By-laws, among which was an amendment providing for an increase in the annual dues.

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The Palm Beach Chapter, S.A.R., presented an American Flag to the Juvenile Court of Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach, Florida, August 23, 1954. Richard Ombres (left), Scout Troop #12, led the pledge of Allegiance. Chapter president William A. Cobb (second from left) made the presentation speech. Compatriot John Fulton Lanier arranged the presentation. Compatriot Judge Richard Paddison Robbins (right) accepted the Flag on behalf of the Court. (Sam R. Quincy, photo)

STATE SOCIETY NEWS—Continued

Compatriots of the Nathan Hale Branch of New London have asked the members of the Connecticut Society to join them in an effort to name the new cross-state highway, "The Nathan Hale Highway" in honor of their Patron Saint.

District of Columbia Society

The District of Columbia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, conducted a memorial service at 10 a.m., July 5th, at the grave of Elbridge Gerry, the only signer of the Declaration of Independence who is buried here. His grave is in the Congressional Cemetery, Washington, D. C.

Added dignity and ceremony was given to this service by the presence of a United States Navy Color Guard and Firing Squad. The latter fired a rifle salute of three volleys at the grave site at the conclusion of the address. The presence of this naval contingent was particularly appropriate because so many naval heroes of old lie buried in this cemetery.

Mr. Robert T. Bryan, a compatriot of our local Society, gave a splendid and stirring address after a beautiful wreath was laid on the Gerry monument by Mr. Charles T. Macdonald, President, D. C. Society, S.A.R. Mr. Bryan, having suffered internment by the Japanese in World War II and imprisonment and torture by the Chinese Communists later, spoke with the deep feeling of one who has experienced personal hardship and suffering for the sake of his country. The patriots of the past and those of the present became joined in spirit.

Representatives of the following patriotic societies were present: D. C. Society, S.A.R.; D. C. Society, D.A.R.; Army-Navy Chapter, D.A.R.; D. C. Society, C.A.R.; Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence; Society of the Sons of Union Veterans; D. C. Dept., American Legion; Society of Mayflower Descendants in the District of Columbia; Military Order of World Wars; Knapp Family Association; Society of Colonial Wars; National Sojourners and the Huguenot Society of Washington.

Mr. Spaulding, a descendant of Elbridge Gerry, assisted in laying the wreath.

In addition to the above, there were the families, friends and a scattering of

the general public present, for some newspaper publicity had been given to this ceremony previously.

Georgia Society

The death of Col. James D. Watson, 78, for some years a member of the National Board of Trustees from Georgia, occurred in the Veterans Hospital in Atlanta, June 26, 1954. Funeral services were held in the First Baptist Church of his home-town, Winder, Sunday, June 29.

Col. Watson had been a very active member of the Society for many years, and rendered great service to the Georgia and Alabama Societies. In the Georgia Society he had served as President and as Secretary and Trustee, and was Secretary of the Alabama Society. He was also greatly interested in the C.A.R., and a few years ago built and presented to the Winder Chapter of the C.A.R. a large, beautiful granite clubhouse in which all the patriotic societies in Winder have since had their meetings and affairs.

Compatriot Watson had lived in Winder since his retirement from the U. S. Army eighteen years ago. He had served in all grades in the Army from 2nd Lieut. to Lieutenant-Colonel, serving 33 years, and retiring as Colonel. In addition to his other gifts and philan-

thropies than the clubhouse, we developed Watson Springs near Winder and presented it to the University of Georgia, and also gave a number of scholarships to deserving young men and women to the University.

A special memorial service to his memory was held in the Clubhouse at Winder by the local chapters of the D.A.R., S.A.R., and C.A.R., on Sept. 6th, with a number of notable Georgia and Alabama men and women on the program.

Col. Watson is survived by his wife and one brother and five sisters.

Hawaiian Society

A formal dinner meeting in Commemoration of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence, under the joint sponsorship of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution, was held in Honolulu on the evening of July 2. This was the first of what is planned to be an annual jointly sponsored observance.

Herbert Selby Smith, president of the Hawaiian Society, presided and introduced the guests and the speaker of the evening, Mr. Reginald W. Carter. Mrs. Don H. Hayselden, regent of the Aloha

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The first annual, formal dinner jointly sponsored by the S.A.R. and the D.A.R. in Hawaii, was held in Honolulu, July 2, 1954. The dinner was staged to commemorate the Signing of the Declaration of Independence. Principals included, from left: Mrs. W. I. Harrington, past Regent D.A.R.; Herbert Selby Smith, President S.A.R.; Mrs. Charles T. Bailey, Chairman D.A.R. Foundation Fund; Norman Godbold, Dinner chairman; Mrs. Don Hayselden, Regent Aloha Chapter D.A.R., and Reginald W. Carter, guest speaker. (Honolulu Advertiser photo)

STATE SOCIETY NEWS—Continued

Chapter D.A.R., introduced Mrs. W. L. McCleary, chaplain of the D.A.R., who pronounced the Invocation.

Visiting Compatriots, Stanford C. Cost of Maryland and Gordon E. Smith of California, were introduced by Norman Godbold, chairman of arrangements. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Stephen Waipa, adding for the first time the phrase authorized by Congress, "under God" which follows the words "one nation."

Seated at the speaker's table were Mr. and Mrs. Carter, President and Mrs. Herbert S. Smith, regent of the Aloha Chapter D.A.R., Mrs. Don H. Hayselden and Mr. Hayselden, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Godbold, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Monsarrat, former regents Mrs. W. I. Harrington with Mr. Harrington, Mrs. Car. Andrews with Mr. Andrews and Mrs. Charles T. Bailey.

A red, white and blue centerpiece of flowers, streamers of the colors on each table and silk flags for each guest were the decorations arranged by Mrs. Arthur N. Otremba. Richard Welton provided a background of organ music before and after the dinner.

Idaho Society

President Earl David issued an urgent appeal to all members of the Idaho Society to take steps to see that Constitution Day was observed in their own communities. It was suggested that appropriate speakers be presented at the public schools, lodges and luncheon clubs and that the Press be asked to cooperate with accounts of meetings and editorials.

The Idaho Society has sponsored a movement calling upon the State Legislature to enact a law designating February 22 (Washington's Birthday) as a State Holiday. Chapters and individual Compatriots are asked to remind all candidates for state offices of their desires to have this law enacted.

The Idaho Society pledged \$25.00 to the Mortgage Liquidation Fund at the Williamsburg Congress, and the Colonel William Craig Chapter No. 2 and the Eagle Rock Chapter No. 3 pledged \$10.00 each. Compatriot Wade T. Keene paid the pledge of the Colonel Craig Chapter with silver dollars on the spot at the Congress. Delegates from other states immediately offered currency in exchange for the silver dollars.

Illinois Society

The Annual Flag Day Dinner, held at the Women's Athletic Club, on the evening of June 11, was an outstanding success. Compatriot John H. Babb, past Chancellor General and presently member of the Executive Committee of the National Society, was master of ceremonies and discharged his duties with his usual diplomacy and pleasing witisms.

Dean Clarence E. Manion was the speaker of the evening and delivered a timely warning against subversives and their affiliates. He declared "The communist conspirators and the One Worlders are equally and mutually subversive." "The communists know that world government, when and if it is ever achieved, will be a communist government in which absolute power is completely and ruthlessly concentrated." Manion declared that constitutional states' rights are the best defense against communism, and that a revival of popular respect for the 10th amendment, "the states' rights amendment," will reverse the subversive trend toward concentrated government.

Dean Manion, formerly dean of law at Notre Dame University, is now co-

chairman of For America, new political organization formed to combat communism, super-internationalism and intervention in foreign wars.

At the Speaker's Table were: Dr. Lou Wallace Gade, Pastor, Forest Park Presbyterian Church; Col. Fred C. Huffman, 4706 Defense Wing U.S.A.F.; Compatriot Orville Taylor; Capt. F. C. Flueger, Commanding U.S. Naval Reserve Training Center; Maj. Gen. Charles L. Dasher, Deputy Commander, Fifth Army; Dean Clarence E. Manion, guest speaker; Compatriot John H. Babb, master of ceremonies; Maj. Gen. George Ferry, Commanding 85th Infantry Division; Capt. Harry R. Horney, Chief of Staff, U.S. Naval Air Reserve Training; Col. Kenneth H. Weir, Chief of Staff Marine Air Reserve Training; Col. Clifford C. Gregg, Gov. of Mayflower Society and V.P. of Illinois Society S.A.R.; J. John Seaver, Gov. of Founders and Patriots and member of Board of Managers, Illinois Society S.A.R.; Dr. Harold I. Meyer, Historian General of National Society S.A.R. and Past President of Society of War of 1812; and Urban G. Willis,

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Twenty-five young men participated in the Illinois State Historical Oration Contest, sponsored by the Illinois Society S.A.R., held in Chicago, April 8. The contest was held in cooperation with the Chicago Board of Education. The judges were, left to right front row: Miss Patricia Edgeworth, Radio Council, Board of Education; Compatriot John E. King (second row fourth from left); Compatriot Bennett Crawford; Compatriot John T. Haynes; and Compatriot Paul B. Teeter. Standing: Compatriot Norman D. Anderson and Mrs. Elizabeth Marshall, Board of Education.

STATE SOCIETY NEWS—Continued

Past President of Society of War of 1812 and member of S.A.R.

The Illinois Society was well represented at the Sixty-Fourth Annual Congress at Williamsburg by an eleven-man delegation and by the then Chancellor General John H. Babb. Gerald Levy, winner of the Illinois Society Oratorical Contest, was one of the contestants in the Douglass G. High Historical Oration Contest at the Congress. He was awarded fourth prize in a contest which was so close that the judges found it difficult to determine the winners. In the Illinois Society Oratorical Contest he defeated 23 other high school orators to win first place. His subject in both contests was "The Bill of Rights."

Indiana Society

At noon on June 16, 1954, in the Continental Hotel, Indianapolis, the Indiana Society held its final meeting prior to the summer recess. A most interesting and thorough account of the proceedings at the National Congress at Williamsburg, Virginia, was presented to the members by past President Mr. George L. Clark. The guest speaker for the occasion, Mr. George W. Eggleston, a former page in the United States Congress, concluded the program with a series of personal observations, some serious and others most humorous, about congressmen and congressional procedure.

A debate by two Indianapolis attorneys, Lawrence H. Hinds, pro, and James E. Noland, con, regarding the Bricker amendment, is scheduled to "kick off" the Society's fall activities at a noon luncheon to be held in Indianapolis at the Continental Hotel on September 15, 1954.

Louisiana Society

Compatriots of the Louisiana Society celebrated Flag Day, June 14, at a luncheon in New Orleans. Those who were fortunate enough to attend the luncheon were rewarded by the address made by Compatriot Hugh M. Wilkinson, who chose as his subject, "Origins and Histories of Some Famous American Flags." His address reflected his thorough knowledge of the subject and was replete with references to historical incidents with which few people are familiar. He quoted President Woodrow Wilson, who in 1916, by proclamation nationalized Flag Day, as saying:—

"There are no days of special patriotism. There are no days when you should be more patriotic than on other days, and I ask you to wear every day in your heart our flag of the Union." (Editor's note: We regret that due to budget limitations, it is impossible to publish Compatriot Wilkinson's address in full in the Sons of the American Revolution Magazine.)

Maryland Society

On Independence Day those four Marylanders who signed the famous Declaration were remembered by compatriots of the Maryland Society, S.A.R., by the placing of wreaths on their graves. Since the graves are widely separated they all could not be visited by the same group in one day. The president of our Society, Henry S. Shryock, did the honors at the grave of William Paça, at Wye Oaks in Talbot County on Maryland's Eastern Shore. The grave of Charles Carroll of Carrollton at Doughregan Manor received its wreath from the hands of Compatriot Thomas Beale Cockey, Jr., a member of the Board of Governors of the Society. Samuel Chase, who is buried in the cemetery of Old St. Paul's Church in Baltimore, was likewise remembered by Compatriot Robert M. Richmond, Treasurer of our Society. Later in the day, after a drive of over seventy miles, Compatriot Richmond placed a wreath on the grave of Thomas Stone, who is buried at Port Tobacco in Charles County.

All these ceremonies were performed in a dignified and simple manner without fanfare. As a consequence they would have gone unnoticed by the holiday-minded citizenry had not our publicity chairman, Compatriot William Pennell Rock, succeeded in publishing news of the four events in the principal daily papers of the state.

Massachusetts Society

The first of a series of fall meetings of the Massachusetts Society was scheduled for September 16, as a joint meeting with the Mystic Valley Chapter in observance of Constitution Day. The meeting was held in Piety Corner Chapel of the Covenant Congregational Church, Waltham. Compatriots and their guests enjoyed a home cooked turkey dinner. Rear Admiral Robert A. Theobald, USN (ret.) was the guest speaker and chose as his topic "Current

Events." His recently published book on Pearl Harbor was something of an exposure of the actual happenings of that disastrous attack.

A special business meeting of the Society has been called for Thursday, November 4, 1954, at the Coach Grille, 22 Boylston St., Harvard Square, Cambridge. A dinner at 6:30 p.m. will precede the business meeting at which amendments to the By-laws affecting dues, admission fees and life memberships will be considered.

Michigan Society

The Kent Chapter honored two of Grand Rapids' most patriotic citizens at a luncheon meeting of the Chapter on June 11, in the English room of the Rowe Hotel. Former Mayor Paul G. Goebel and Charles R. Sligh, Jr., Chairman of the National Association of Manufacturers, were awarded the silver Good Citizenship medals of the Society.

In addition, 10 boys and girls, eighth grade pupils in local schools, were presented bronze Good Citizenship medals and certificates. Those receiving the medals and certificates were; Edwin Vedejic of Union High school; Jack Duncan of South High school; Richard E. Smith of Ottawa Hills High school; Dale Gaastra, of Central High school; Lynne Hull of Burton Junior High school; Donald Vanden Akker of Harrison Park school; Shirley Harmelink of Aberdeen school; Hubert S. Holmes and Mary Heaton of East Grand Rapids High school.

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Compatriot Dr. Francis D'Enbeau congratulates Cadet George T. Rezek on winning the medal presented by the S.A.R. at the ceremony held at the Rose Polytechnic Institute, Terre Haute, Indiana, May 5, 1954. (U.S. Army photo)

STATE SOCIETY NEWS—Continued

The citations which accompanied the awards to Former Mayor Goebel and Mr. Sligh, recited their services to their community and nation and their devotion to American ideals.

Chapter President Maurice R. Quick presided at the luncheon and made the presentation of the medals and certificates. Following the awards ceremony, motion pictures of "Eighteenth Century Life" and "The Colonial Printer" were shown. Both films were produced at Williamsburg, Virginia, where the Sixty-fourth Annual Congress of the National Society was held.

A bright new flag was presented to the Sunshine Hospital, on Flag Day, by the Kent Chapter, replacing the weather beaten flag which had been presented on Flag Day 1952.

Probably the only living person whose grandfather served in the American Revolution, Leslie Frank Russell of Lansing, has applied for membership in the Kent Chapter.

Mississippi Society

The organization of the Laurel Chapter of the Mississippi Society was held on the evening of March 12, 1954, at the Country Club in Laurel. The chapter was organized with thirty-two charter members. The occasion of the organization of the chapter gave an opportunity to the charter members to entertain at dinner the President-General, Arthur de la Houssaye, Mrs. de la Houssaye, and their daughter, Mrs. Hénè Cox of New Orleans, La.; National Trustee, Horace Y. Kitchell and Mrs. Kitchell, Greenwood, and the following State officers of the Society, Carl M. Kelly and Mrs. Kelly, Lawrence E. Mallette and Mrs. Mallette, and W. Guy Humphrey, all of Greenwood.

David C. Welch presided as toastmaster, and President General de la Houssaye gave an inspiring address. The following officers were elected. Judge Walter S. Welch, Pres., Dr. Lauren G. Harper, Vice-Pres., Jack C. Wright, Sec.-Treas., Ernest W. Graves, Chaplain.

The following Saturday evening, March 20th, the Chapter at Columbus received its Charter. William Love, temporary president of the Chapter, presided at the meeting, and gave a brief talk on the aims of the Sons of the American Revolution. The charter was formally presented by Carl Kelly, State

President of Greenwood, to George Hazard, chief organizer of the Columbus Chapter, which included thirty-one charter members. A delegation from Greenwood accompanied Compatriot Kelly to Columbus for the presentation and to offer their congratulations to the newly formed Chapter.

New Hampshire Society

The 65th Annual Meeting was held on the eve of the 179th anniversary of Paul Revere's ride to Lexington.

President Noel T. Wellman called for order at the New Hampshire Historical Society Library Building, Concord.

United States Senator Styles Bridges had been out of the hospital but a few days and could not attend, so sent his Administrative Assistant, Chester M. Wiggin, Jr., to read the address which Senator Bridges intended to deliver.

With bugle and drums a procession moved to the State House grounds where President Wellman placed a wreath at base of the General John Stark statue where the Filmore Flag, of Bennington Battle, waved from a standard.

The luncheon at the Eagle Hotel was attended by one hundred six members

and guests. Special guests were John C. Wroe, president of the Massachusetts Society S.A.R., and Colonel Hibbard Richter, past-president of the Massachusetts Society.

John P. H. Chandler, member of the Governor's Council, was elected to the Board of Managers.

Dr. J. Duane Squires presented a medal to New London student. Senator Jesse R. Rowell did likewise at Newport and Representative Seth O. Lamson gave a medal at Sunapee. Harland Skinner attended to the presentation at Hampstead and Harry Sherwin did likewise at Salem.

Dr. Matthew Thornton, Dr. Josiah Bartlett and General William Whipple signed the Declaration for New Hampshire. They were men of unquestionable integrity. If our cause had lost they would have hung for it. Dr. Franklin said: "We must all hang together or assuredly we shall all hang separately."

On Sunday, July 4th, V. P. Blaylock Atherton, accompanied by Fred M. Caswell, Dr. F. N. Rogers, Benjamin F. Adams, Senator Benjamin C. Adams, Charles T. Caswell, Frank P. Preston, John A. Wood, Gordon W. Patten and

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Plans for the organization of additional chapters were made by the officers and members of the Board of Managers of the Michigan Society at a series of meetings held in various parts of the state. The meeting pictured above was the last one attended by our late Compatriot Barry T. Whipple (left) who was actively working on the organization program.

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Olin J. Cochran held exercises and placed a wreath on the grave of Dr. Matthew Thornton at Thornton's Ferry.

Matthew Thornton Betton, accompanied by Dr. Frank W. Randall and former Governor Charles M. Dale, held exercises at Portsmouth. Commander Betton is a direct descendant of Dr. Matthew Thornton.

Harry Sherwin, accompanied by Capt. Emory Eldredge, held exercises at Kingston for Dr. Josiah Bartlett. Two direct descendants of Dr. Bartlett attended. They were Mrs. R. M. Wilson and Mrs. Ralph Goodrich.

New Jersey Society

On the estate of Compatriot Dr. C. Malcolm B. Gilman and Mrs. Gilman of Red Bank, N. J., Saturday, July 24th at 2:30 p.m. 'till dusk, members of the New Jersey Society enjoyed a day of fun, became acquainted with their compatriots and developed more camaraderie spirit for which the N. J. Society is becoming so well known.

Easy competitive games that did not tax young or old were played by the 110 in attendance. The playing of these games helped considerably in whetting the appetites for which the committee had provided a bountiful store of delectable food which satisfied not only the gourmand but the gourmet as well.

Amid a sylvan-like scene with the beautiful Navesink River in the background everyone enjoyed this grand family reunion. The buffet supper arranged in particular style and taste by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence of Fair Haven, added greatly in offering just the right setting to complete the occasion. When it was time to say goodbye everyone lingered and offered their personal thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Gilman who made it possible for all to have experienced such a delightful day.

The affair, first of its kind, met with enthusiastic response. The Monmouth County Chapter members acted as hosts to the visiting compatriots and their guests; all 21 state chapters were represented; messages were received from our national society officers; bordering state society officers and numerous replies from our own state members all endorsing the activity.

It augurs well from the reception that the July Lawn Party will be an Annual affair offering an additional activity

coming midway between the Annual Meeting in April and the October meeting when the fall activity starts.

The committee was co-chaired by Society Secretary, Compatriot, Dr. George J. Deyo and Compatriot, Dr. Gilman.

On the committee who aided with the seven games were: Compatriots Wilbur A. Stevens, C. Alan Phillips, Ross Keelye Cook, Albert F. Koehler, Frank MacDonough, Harold A. Sonn, Norman B. Wild, Richard Crane, Henry Crane, and Edgar Williamson, Jr.

On the reception committee who registered each as they arrived and pinned on an identification tag were the wives of compatriots, Mrs. Richard Crane, Mrs. Norman B. Wild and Mrs. Albert Koehler.

Prizes for the games went to C. Alan Phillips, Arthur A. Dearing, Dr. George J. Deyo, Miss L. A. Boyd, Francis R. Borden and Clement de M. Asbury, vice president general of the North Atlantic District. Several prizes were given to high scores in canasta, bridge, Scrabble and Pinochle. In addition a grand prize was awarded to Compatriot Asbury for having attained the highest general average in all the games of skill.

State President, Harvey B. Nelson, Jr., spoke briefly and announced that Judge Harold R. Medina will be our

speaker and guest October 8th; meeting to be held at the N. J. Historical Society Building in Newark. He will also be the recipient of the Gold Good Citizenship Award. Our Executive Secretary of the National Society, Compatriot Harold L. Putnam will be present and President General, Compatriot Milton M. Lory is also expected.

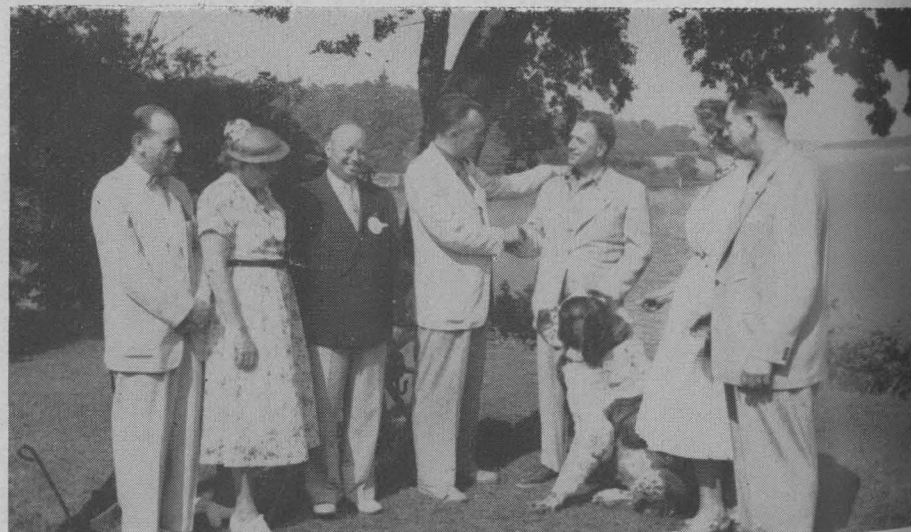
A word of appreciation is in store for our own Mrs. Alma E. L. Shirley, executive secretary of the N. J. Society, who aided so much in keeping the record straight for the committee and attending to the numerous details.

North Carolina

On May 18th, at Asheville, the State of North Carolina unveiled a highway marker in honor of Kiffin Y. Rockwell, the Air Force hero of World War I. The North Carolina Society S.A.R., was represented by a delegation of four leading Compatriots, headed by James E. Henderson, immediate past National Trustee.

Compatriot William Oliver Smith, president of the North Carolina Society S.A.R., was elected to the office of National Commander of the Army and Navy Legion of Valor of the United States at the annual meeting in Los Angeles, California, July 14. The organization is the oldest patriotic group of

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The first, of what it is planned to make an annual Lawn Party of the New Jersey Society was held on Saturday, July 24, at the home of Compatriot Dr. C. Malcolm B. Gilman of Redbank. Among those who attended were, left to right, Edgar Williamson, Jr., Executive Committee, National Society; Mrs. Clement de M. Asbury; Clement de M. Asbury, Vice President General, North Atlantic District; Harvey B. Nelson, Jr., President N. J. Society; Compatriot Dr. C. Malcolm B. Gilman, Board of Managers and host; Mrs. Gilman, hostess; and Dr. George J. Deyo, Secretary, N. J. Society.

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its kind in the United States and includes the most highly decorated officers and men of all the armed services.

Ohio Society

Twenty-nine members of the Board of Management and Chapter officers spent all day June 26th in Columbus, reviewing the proceedings of the National Congress at Williamsburg and discussing problems facing the Society. Resolutions were adopted expressing strong interest in development of the Historical Oration Contests and a committee to standardize rules throughout the nation was strongly favored. The gathering adopted resolutions favoring location of the next National Congress in a central location, and instructed the Ohio trustee to so vote at the October meeting.

The Society has issued in an attractive poster form the tribute to the late Senator Robert A. Taft, one of its members, which was featured at the Sunday afternoon Memorial service at Williamsburg. This address was also reproduced in the Congressional Record through the courtesy of Compatriot, Congressman Paul F. Schenck of Dayton.

Congressman Thomas A. Jenkins, of Ironton, Ohio, who does not happen to be a Compatriot, was so impressed with the showing of the questionnaire on public questions, sent out under the direction of former President, Thomas A. Calhoun, that he inserted a summary story of the results also in the Congressional Record.

Thus the Ohio Society has twice secured publicity for the work of the Sons of the American Revolution in this national publication within the past few months.

Western Reserve Society (Cleveland) has had two very unique events in connection with its program for the summer months. On June 26th, its members joined up with those of the hundred year old New England Society for a summertime trip to historic Oberlin. After arrival there, the party listened to an interesting talk by Professor Robert Fletcher on Oberlin's interesting part as a site of a pioneer college of the Western Reserve, an important station on the 'Underground Railroad' of slavery-days fame, etc. Following, they visited the Allen Museum, one of the largest and

finest college art museums in the country. Dinner was then served in the famous Oberlin Inn.

On August 27th, 110 members of the two Societies participated in a sight-seeing cruise aboard the flagship of Marine Transit, Inc., "The Carol Diane", along the Cleveland waterfront and up the Cuyahoga River to the head of navigation. This proved a fascinating and delightful experience to all who participated.

The program season for most Ohio Chapters opens with observance of 'Constitution Day', September 17th. Last year, the Ohio General Assembly adopted a joint resolution similar to that previously adopted in Massachusetts, calling for special emphasis on observance of the day, and asking the Governor to issue a special proclamation. This Governor Lausche did at an early date and the S.A.R., among other organizations, has obtained much publicity for the Joint Resolution and the Proclamation.

At Cleveland, Western Reserve Society held its observance with a luncheon at the Mid-Day Club on September 8th. This was addressed by Compatriot Carl V. Weygandt, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio, whose theme was "Constitution Day Reflections".

In Akron, members of Lafayette Chapter joined with the Daughters of the American Colonists, Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of 1812, Huguenots and Mayflower Descendants in an evening dinner at the Akron Woman's Club. Speaker of the evening was the Honorable C. William O'Neill, Attorney General of Ohio.

In Columbus, members of Benjamin Franklin Chapter held a luncheon at the Seneca Hotel, addressed by the Honorable Freeman T. Eagleson, distinguished attorney, on "The Debt we owe the Constitution and its provision for a Supreme Court".

Cincinnati Chapter is preparing for another of its eventful annual dinners, to be held on Friday evening, October 15th. The speaker is to be the Honorable William E. Jenner, United States Senator from Indiana and Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Internal Security. Special invitations have been mailed to Compatriots residing in adjacent territory.

On the evening of October 22nd, Anthony Wayne Chapter, Toledo, will join with the three D.A.R. Chapters

in that city in a joint Yorktown Day program and dinner at the Park-Lane. Our fellow Compatriot, Congressman Cliff Clevenger, of Bryan, Ohio, will be the featured speaker of the evening.

Members of Anthony Wayne Chapter are going forward with active preparations for entertainment of the Ohio Society Conference on April 29-30, 1955. This will be held at the Commodore Perry Hotel. Leader in the planning is Compatriot Samuel Hubbard Scott, recently elected as Chapter President.

Oregon Society

The Oregon Society at its annual meeting in the Mallory Hotel was favored with an excellent address on the theme "We Can Learn from Our Ancestors" by Compatriot Niel R. Allen of Grants Pass, prominent figure in veterans' circles. Dr. Burt Brown Barker was re-elected president. Other officers selected were: Harry J. Beeman, vice-president; Louis E. Starr, secretary; W. P. Stalnaker, treasurer (re-elected).

Portland Chapter in June concluded a year's series of very successful monthly luncheon meetings. Excellent speakers have been a feature which has been much appreciated. The Chapter's first

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Major William Oliver Smith, D.S.C., president of the North Carolina Society S.A.R., was honored by being elected National Commander of the Army and Navy Legion of Valor U. S. A., at Los Angeles, July 11-14.

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fall meeting with an affair held jointly with the largest Lions Club of Portland on September 17 and will be an observance of Constitution Day. Efforts of the membership committee and members in general are resulting in procuring a goodly number of applications for membership.

Pennsylvania Society

Flag Day this year was celebrated, as in the past, by Pittsburgh Chapter giving a program of three events.

Friday, June 11th, Good Citizenship Medals were awarded to one student from each of the forty-four Pittsburgh Public School Eighth Grades. The students chosen were each accompanied by a body guard of four, and a teacher. Flags were distributed to all present. The ceremony, in Frick School, Oakland, opened at 10:00 A.M. by singing The National Anthem, accompanied by Student Dolares Barney on the piano. Invocation was given by Arthur G. Trimble, Past President of Pittsburgh Chapter, followed by Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Student Howard Ostfield. After introduction of platform guests, an address on "Our Flag and Our Citizenship" was given by Ansley A. Izenour, Vice President of the Chapter. The medals were presented by Colonel James L. Taylor, Jr., President of the Chapter. After an address by Mr. Evan Ingram, First Associate Su-

perintendent of Pittsburgh Public Schools, the meeting ended.

In simple but effective ceremonies at 9:00 A.M., June 11th., in the grounds adjoining The Block House, Point Park, the annual Flag Raising took place. After introduction by Chapter President James L. Taylor, Jr., invocation was offered by Associate Chaplain Grover E. Swoyer. Color Guard and Firing Squad were furnished by the A.A.A. Unit, Second Army, stationed in Pittsburgh. Music by the Salvation Army band. An inspiring and patriotic address was delivered by Judge William S. Rahauser, member of Pittsburgh Chapter. The event was closed by Colonel John W. Cost, for the Committee.

The annual Flag Day Luncheon was held at noon, June 14th, in the Triangle Room, William Penn Hotel. Some thirty Pittsburgh Chapter members were present. Mr. George F. Swetnam, of the Pittsburgh Press, delivered an ap-

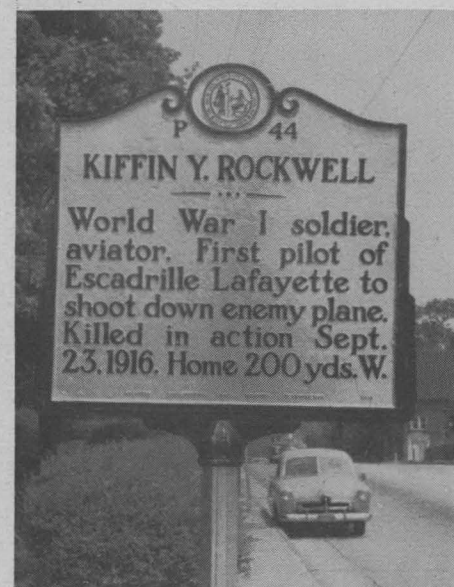
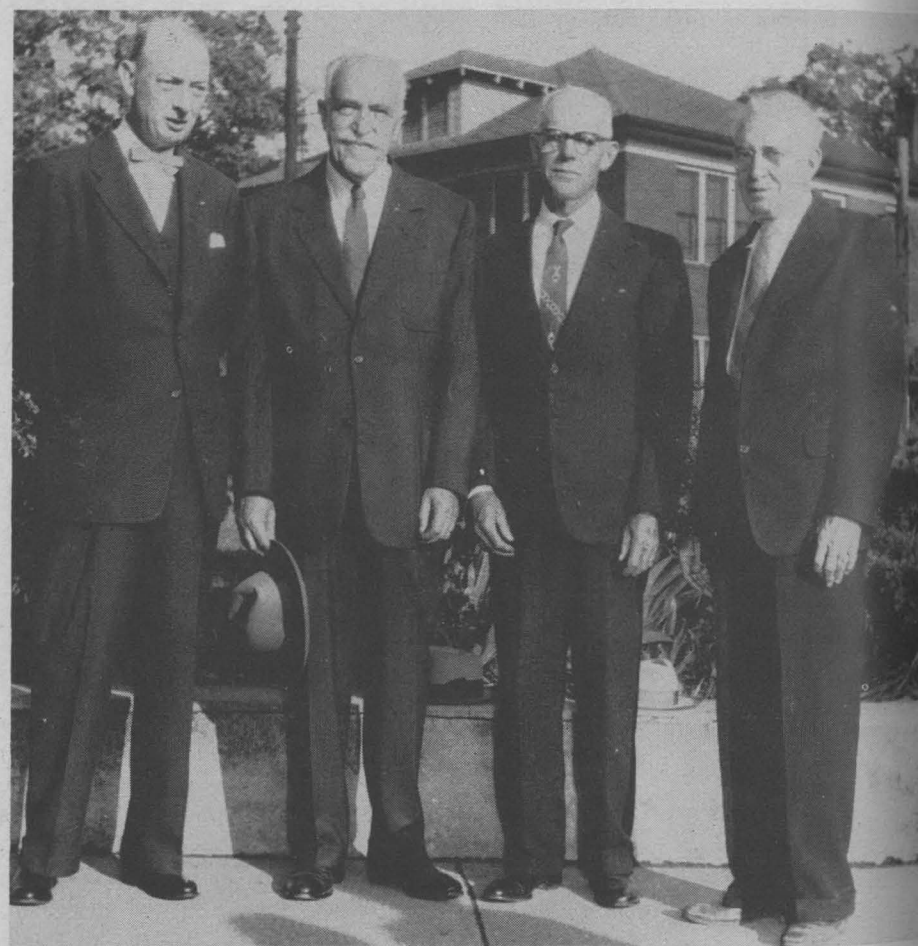
propriate and stirring address, the subject being "Do Not Tread On The Flag." The meeting was closed by Henry Rockwood, Chairman of the Committee.

The annual presentation of medals to deserving Cadets of the three institutions of higher learning in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was made this year by the Chapter President, Colonel James L. Taylor, Jr.

At University of Pittsburgh, May 5th, medals were presented to Cadets Victor H. Cohen and Joseph J. Jackline, at the review of combined Army and Air Force Units in honor of Chancellor R. H. Fitzgerald.

May 20th, on the campus of Carnegie Institute of Technology, at the review of the Corps in honor of the President, Dr. J. C. Warner, S.A.R. Medals were presented to Cadets John K. Burchard and Edward M. Davis.

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The unveiling of the highway marker in honor of Kiffin Y. Rockwell, at Asheville, North Carolina, May 18, 1954, was attended by a delegation of Compatriots of the North Carolina Society. Left to right: Compatriot John Y. Jordan, Jr.; Colonel Paul A. Rockwell, brother of Kiffin Y. Rockwell; Compatriot James E. Henderson, past National Trustee and Compatriot Robert Matthews. The marker, honoring the memory of the World War I hero, is pictured on the far left.

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Duquesne University held its Honor Day ceremony in the Campus Theater on June 4th, giving out prizes and honors to the graduating Class, and commissions to graduates of the R.O.T.C. Unit. As a part of this ceremony, S.A.R. medals were given to Cadets James R. Wolfe and Robert J. Donovan.

On June 28th, 1954, as a part of the sesquicentennial celebration of Somerset Borough, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, the Somerset County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution dedicated a specially designed bronze plaque for the preservation and display of a congressional Medal of Honor awarded by Congress to Pvt. John W. Mostoller Co. "B" 54th Pa. Vols. for gallantry at Lynchburg, Va., June 18, 1864.

John W. Mostoller, Jr. who is a member of the Somerset County Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, made known his father's desire that the medal be displayed permanently at the County Seat, whereupon the local chapter of the S.A.R. voted to sponsor a project in conformity with the veteran's wishes.

Ernest C. Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer of the Somerset County Chapter, designed the beautiful bronze plaque of unique construction with a glass covered niche in which to display the medal.

The plaque and medal with appropriate ceremony were presented to the Commissioners of Somerset County who, by authority of an order of Court, accepted its custody and erected it permanently on the marble wall of the west side of the corridor of the County Court House.

Tennessee Society

The Andrew Jackson Chapter sponsored a televised program over Station WSM-TV in observance of Independence Day. Compatriot Sims Crownover, president of the chapter was Master of Ceremonies and a fifty piece American Legion Band from Post 5 provided the music. Selections included; America the Beautiful, Host of Freedom, American Patrol, Skywriter and the Star Spangled Banner.

The Governor of the State of Tennessee, the Honorable Frank Clement, Representative Percy Priest, and Judge Beverly Briley delivered patriotic Ad-

resses. The Invocation was given by Mrs. Will Ed. Gupton, Chaplain General of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Past Vice President General Hugh Stallworth, was introduced by Compatriot Crownover during the program.

It is estimated that the program was seen by more than a quarter of a million people in the vicinity of Nashville. Plans are being made to make this an annual event.

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"THE GREATNESS OF GEORGE WASHINGTON"

Sermon Address given by Dr. Francis Shunk Downs, Chaplain General of the National Society S.A.R. and Pastor of Saint Paul's United Presbyterian Church, Berkeley, at the Massing of the Colors Service in the Observance of Washington's Birthday at Grace Protestant Episcopal Cathedral, San Francisco, California, on Sunday afternoon, February 21, 1954, at 4 o'clock.

Westminster Abbey is one of the most sacred shrines of the English speaking race. Here have been laid to rest many of Great Britain's good and great. What remains of their mortality has been interred in this beautiful sanctuary, but what they are and what they have done have won for them immortality.

I shall never forget the first time I visited this shrine of the immortals. Humbled, grateful, inspired, I recall as I stood by the grave of David Livingstone that he was forever "living stone." And as I reverently paused beside the last resting place of the "Unknown Soldier," I thought of Saint Paul's immortal words: "As unknown, and yet well-known."

I also remember today another abbey—the Westminster Abbey of Holy Scripture. In the eleventh chapter of the book of Hebrews, we read the long and honorable roll of those who were great in faith, the men and women who counted not their lives dear unto themselves, but who greatly believed God, and whom God greatly used for the weal and welfare of all mankind.

Their lives thrill us, rebuke us, challenge us, that we, too, in our day and generation, can make our lives sublime.

America, so far as I know, has not one shrine for her immortals. Scattered here and there throughout this nation are the resting places of her heroes. Efforts have been made to found and develop an American "Westminster Abbey," but thus far have been unsuccessful. Perhaps this is best and fitting that a great democracy should not centralize its greatness, but share its good and great in every city and village, and at the grass-roots of every free hearth-side and country-side.

But if there be no single shrine to which we can repair, there is one single personality whom all Americans agree is the greatest of all Americans, and whose memory is perennially kept green with the gratitude and affection of his fellow country-men.

It is he who brings us together today. It is he whose birthday will be cele-

brated tomorrow. It is he, and all other Americans who have given their last full measure of devotion to their country, for whom we "Mass the Colors" in this anniversary service today.

I have taken for my subject today "The Greatness of George Washington." Truly, he is our greatest American. About his commanding personality gather the great events that led to our freedom and to the birth of our nation. As someone beautifully expressed it: "George Washington had no children that he might be called 'The Father of his country'."

Major General Henry Lee, before both houses of Congress, expressed it perfectly for all generations of Americans when in his eulogy of Washington, he declared that: "He was first in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen." And not only in the hearts of his countrymen, but in the considered judgment of mankind.

I shall limit myself at this Anniversary Service here in Grace Cathedral to only several phases of George Washington's greatness.

What is real greatness? We judge that a man is truly great, according to the quality of his character and the extent of his influence. On both these counts, George Washington was preëminently great. Some men are born great; some achieve greatness; some have greatness thrust upon them.

Each of these contributed their ingredients to the character and career of George Washington. With the passing of the years, his greatness grows, for his

greatness was of the kind that made this country great, and that will keep her great through all succeeding generations.

I. George Washington was great in his leadership.

The "Father of our Country" had a good heritage. For generations, his ancestors included soldiers, ministers, public men, and good, respectable members of society, strong, clear-headed, active, and right-minded people.

His leadership was in many fields. He has been well described as "the many-sided Washington." He was an exceptional farmer, one of the ablest business men of his time, an explorer, an engineer, a road-builder, a canal digger, a leader in bank affairs and in church affairs, a founder of corporations, as well as a great commander, a great president, and a great statesman.

As Woodrow Wilson in his "Life of Washington" puts it: "The Revolution found him a leader and veteran in affairs at forty-four; every turn of fortune confirmed him in his executive habit of foresight and mastery; death spared him, stalwart and commanding, until, his rising career rounded and complete, no man doubted him the first character of his age."

Washington had little schooling or formal instruction, yet he was a champion of sound and liberal education. He left a considerable sum to found a university in the capital city named for him, and he closed his career as Chancellor of William and Mary College at Williamsburg, Va., where The National Congress of our Sons of the American Revolution holds its meeting this May.

He wrote more than any other man of his time, not even excepting Franklin or Jefferson. He had great thoughts and expressed them in clear, broad, and an

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intelligent way. The great historian, Albert Bushnell Hart evaluates his writings as "an imperishable part of the thought and expression of his time." His pen has been found to be as mighty as his sword.

Washington's leadership was preëminently shown as Commander-in-Chief of the Revolutionary forces.

In this capacity, his services and achievements are unique in the world's history. He was much more than the Commander-in-Chief, he was the incarnation of freedom's cause. In his person, the Revolution was made flesh. "He was the one necessary person, whose calm, unswerving, determined sense of patriotic duty to country, and ability put real backbone into the Revolution, and kept it from collapsing or merging into a civil conflict, under the hardships and unexpected privations encountered during the eight years of war. Without General Washington at its head, it could never have succeeded. His faith in the cause and his devotion to the ideals it embodied made him the symbol of America—the spirit of the Revolution."

Before coming to Berkeley over twenty years ago, my work centered in New York City, but we made our home in Princeton. It was there I became a member of the Princeton Chapter of the New Jersey Society of the Sons of the Revolution. My honored father-in-law, Dr. Leighton Wilson Eckard, who was with us in the closing years of his life in Princeton, was an ardent and active leader in the Sons of the Revolution and was Chaplain for many years of the Georgia Society of the Cincinnati.

One year on Washington's birthday, our Princeton Chapter held its dinner meeting at Washington's Crossing, in a building beside which flowed the Delaware River, and at the place where Washington had a rendezvous with history.

I did not need the floating cakes of ice that swirled by our dining room, or the familiar shores that led to the battlefields of Trenton and Princeton to remind me of the incomparable resourcefulness and the daring leadership of this great man.

Truly, the fate of a nation was rowing, not riding, that dark night, and footprints for all time were being written in the snows of that unforgettable Christmas night.

Coming as it did, when the tide of public opinion and the morale of the

Army was at its lowest ebb, this desperate venture and boldness of faith had its own reward. What followed at Trenton and Princeton and in the surrounding country, turned the fortunes of war. As a British historian puts it: "As things fell out, the whole cause of the Revolution in America was saved by Washington's bold and skillful action."

Washington's greatness was constantly manifested in his leadership of the Constitutional Convention. His wisdom, stability, and sincerity entered into the foundations upon which a new nation was built. His influence was predominant, and was exerted in a quiet and effective way.

In this Convention, the principles for which he had long stood took permanent form. It is reasonable to assume that the presence and guidance of George Washington during and following the Constitutional Convention, and his sponsorship and support of it as a whole, influenced public opinion in its favor, and that his signature, leading all the rest, had a great deal to do with its being ratified.

In this greatest document, as Gladstone declared, ever struck off by the hand of man, Washington manifested the highest qualities of leadership.

As the first President of his country, he showed the same devotion and leadership. The office was not of his seeking. With what integrity and firmness he administered his office is a matter of history.

His genius in drawing out, and reconciling or discarding the opinions of the best minds among his compatriots, made possible the perfecting of an efficient organization to carry on the activities of the new nation.

During his first term, he was a pathfinder and a trail blazer. He said: "I walk, as it were, upon untrodden ground." At the close of those momentous four years, however, the new government was well developed and its success was assured. And when his second term was finished, declining a third term, though urged to accept it, he left with his countrymen his farewell address, "The noblest production of Washington's mind and heart," a political legacy which his countrymen and the inhabitants of the civilized world ought to value as one of the most precious gifts ever bestowed by man upon his race."

There is a bill pending before Congress to make George Washington a full general, being now listed on Army rolls only as a lieutenant general. I like what Henry McLemore, the columnist wrote about this a few days ago.

"When you stop to think of this bill, meritorious as it is, it is about as necessary as adding another inch to the Empire State Building, putting new slipcovers on the chairs of the Taj Mahal, or adding a new color to the peacock's

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Flag Raising at the historic Block House, Point Park, Pittsburgh, Pa., was part of the Flag Day Celebration held by the Pittsburgh Chapter this year. Constructed in 1764, the Block House provided protection when the moat was dry. Among S.A.R. and D.A.R. members present, were Colonel John W. Cost, at the microphone, for the Committee and Colonel James L. Taylor, Jr., President.

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tail. Wondering how I would vote on the bill if I were a member of Congress—I refreshed my memory on the Revolutionary War. Long before I got to Valley Forge, or the crossing of the Delaware, I was perfectly satisfied that the gentleman from Mt. Vernon was not only worthy of four stars, but five, six, seven, eight, and nine stars.

For Washington's place in the hearts of Americans was earned by integrity, by fortitude, by strength of heart and mind; and by a love for his country that has yet to be surpassed. It wasn't earned by rank. For proof, you have only to think of what we call him. He is George Washington, not General Washington."

II. George Washington was great in his character.

Woodrow Wilson declared at the height of his career: "No man is indispensable." But George Washington, by those who think what he did was right and wisely done, may well be called the indispensable man of history.

Beyond his ability and deeper than his undoubted capacities and talents, lay the great rock of his character. It was his character in the crises of his country, and when all else was disintegrating that won the day and saved the cause.

The rare qualities that made George Washington what he was, that entered into the very warp and woof of his character—what were they? Paul Van Dyke, in his excellent book on "George Washington, the Son of His Country" emphasized his courage.

He feared not bullets nor the face of man. His courage mounted with danger, and when in the worst situations, made entire defeat seem impossible to him. When almost at the end of his resources after he had fled across the Delaware, he wrote:

"Though friends, followers, countrymen betray or abandon me, I will return to my own Virginia, plant the standard of liberty on my own mountains, and calling around me the friends of freedom, we will fight for our country and our homes."

Sounds like Winston Churchill's ringing message when the hordes of Hitler seemed ready to invade England.

Washington was trusted for his sound judgment, that fundamental quality easy to recognize but hard to define. As John Adams said of him as President: "He seeks information from all

quarters and judges more independently than any man I ever knew."

Washington had a tremendous sense of duty. His acts and private papers show a remarkable absence of personal ambition. Throw out the sentimental and the pseudo-historical that gathers around a great personage, this remains to be truly said of Washington that he had greatness of soul, an entire lack of self-seeking, an absolute obedience to his sense of duty.

A unique element of his greatness of character lay in his essential goodness. A goodness not of mere correct and outward conduct, but a goodness imbedded within the very marrow of the man, that goes down into the depths of one's personality, that led Emerson to declare: "What you are speaks so loud, I can't hear what you say."

Coupled with this sense of duty was a magnanimity that could not be seduced by almost idolatrous adulation or be driven or influenced by bitter envy, jealousy, corruption, or treachery. For sheer character, George Washington stands out among the great of all ages.

Thomas Jefferson, writing fourteen years after Washington's death, and I can only quote several lines of his three

page appraisal, said: "I think I knew George Washington intimately and thoroughly; and were I called on to delineate his character, it would be in terms like these:

"His mind was great and powerful, without being of the very first order. He was incapable of fear, meeting personal dangers with the calmest unconcern. Perhaps the strongest feature in his character was prudence, never acting until every circumstance, every consideration was maturely weighed. His integrity was most pure, his justice the most inflexible I have ever known, no motives of interest or consanguinity of friendship or hatred, being able to bias his decision. He was indeed, in every sense of the word, a wise, a good, and a great man.—On the whole, his character was in the mass, perfect, in nothing bad, in few points indifferent. It may truly be said that never did nature and fortune combine more perfectly to make a man great, and to place him in the same constellation with whatever worthies have merited from man an everlasting remembrance.—I felt, on his death, with my countrymen, that 'verily a great man hath fallen this day in Israel'."

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Compatriots of the Somerset County Chapter S.A.R. sponsored the placing of the Congressional Medal of Honor awarded to Pvt. John W. Mostoller, for gallantry at Lynchburg, 1864, in a bronze plaque in the County Court House. Pvt. Mostoller was the father of Compatriot John W. Mostoller, a member of the Somerset County Chapter. Compatriot Mostoller and Compatriot Ernest C. Johnson, Chapter Secretary, are shown displaying the plaque before placing it in its permanent place.

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And character should we seek today as well as ability in every man who stands for public office. Never should Americans forget as Grover Cleveland so well expressed it, that "public office is a public trust." Let Americans today select for public office, high or low, men of character. "Men whom the lust of office does not kill; men whom the spoils of office cannot buy; men who possess opinions and a will; men who have honor; men who will not lie. Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog, in public duty and private thinking!"

III. George Washington was great in his faith.

In the 11th chapter of the book of Hebrews, God unrolls for our encouragement the heroes of faith. Abel who pointed the way to salvation by grace through faith; Enoch who walked with God in loving trustfulness; Noah who believed God and His warnings of national and world judgment; Abraham who left his security in the old country and went out by faith to found a nation in whom all the peoples of the world would be blessed; a man who had the pilgrim spirit, the pioneer spirit, and in the midst of materialism and secularism looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God; Moses, who by faith became the emancipator of an enslaved people, and with all the pagan world at his feet, chose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Moses, who feared not the face or wrath of kings, but set a nation free, for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.

George Washington was heir to these heroes of faith. Upon him, by God's sovereign grace, fell a portion of their spirit. For by faith, and looking to the God of Nations and the Supreme Ruler of the universe, he set a people free. George Washington, by faith, saw walls like unto Jericho fall; by faith, George Washington wrought righteousness, obtained promises, escaped the edge of the sword, waxed valiant in fight, out of weak Continentals forged a victorious Revolutionary army; by faith turned to flight the armies of the aliens, and established a new nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all!

Washington's towering character, his profound sense of duty, the unselfishness and single-mindedness of his service are

rooted in his religious faith and in his genuine appropriation of God's justice and mercy as revealed in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

By heritage and family training, Washington availed himself of the Christian faith by which he lived and died.

Colonel Temple, one of his aides in the French and Indian War tells us that he often saw Washington on the Sabbath Day in the absence of the Chaplain, read the scriptures and pray with his regiment, and that more than once he found him on his knees in his tent at his devotions.

The rector of his parish church records for us, who from early life was near to him, that "he never knew so constant an attendant on church as Washington."

In our day when too many Americans have neglected to keep the Sabbath Day holy, the words of the Rev. Lee Massey are timely and pertinent: "No company ever withheld Washington from church. I have often been at Mt. Vernon on the Sabbath morning, when his breakfast table was filled with guests, but to him they furnished no pretext for neglecting his God, and losing the satisfaction of setting a good example. For instead of staying at home, out of false complaisance to them, he used constantly to invite them to accompany him."

His secretary, Judge Harrison tells us that "whenever the general could be

spared from camp on the Sabbath, he never failed riding out to some neighboring church to join in public worship."

When in Germantown, Phila., occupying the stone house opposite the Market Square Presbyterian Church of which I was pastor 30 years ago, the record tells us he quartered a battalion of Virginia troops in one part of the church, and worshipped on one occasion, at least, at the morning church service.

In his public papers and addresses as well as in his private correspondence, George Washington bore testimony to his Christian faith. In the early years of the Revolution, in fact, only five days after the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, Congress, at his urgent request, ordered commanding officers to procure for each regiment chaplains, men of good character and exemplary lives and to see that officers and men attend carefully the religious exercises. And then followed this significant statement: "The blessing and protection of Heaven are at all times necessary but especially in times of public distress and danger. The General hopes and trusts that every officer and man will endeavor so to live and act as becomes a Christian soldier defending the dearest rights and liberties of his country."

To show the insight of faith and the

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The Fourth of July Celebration of the Andrew Jackson Chapter, Nashville, Tenn., took the form of a television show on WSM-TV. Participating in the program were, left to right: Mrs. Will Ed Gupton, Chaplain General, NSDAR; Honorable Frank Clement, Governor of Tenn.; Sims Crownover, President of the Chapter; Representative Percy Priest and Judge Beverly Briley.

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poise of judgment that was Washington's, he wrote in the midst of enemies and conflicting opinions a salutary word to his countrymen: "While we are contending for our own Liberty, we should be very cautious of violating the Rights of Conscience in others, ever considering that God alone is the judge of the Hearts of men and to Him only in this case, are they answerable."

Let all Americans be on guard tonight and every night against the enemies of our freedoms within and without, but let us, as Washington cautions us, be very careful not to violate the "Rights of Conscience in others."

Above all, in these days of peril and high opportunity in America and throughout the world, as Andrew Cardier so well put it: "It should be our purpose in life to see that each of us makes such a contribution as will enable us to say that we individually and collectively, are a part of the answer to the world problem and not part of the problem itself."

The supreme test of Washington's faith came at Valley Forge. "Here," as Howell Walker expressed it, "is the cradle of the U. S. Only by courage and sacrifice and hardships, pain, disease, and death in the blood-stained snow at Valley Forge was America's independence won."

I have lived much of my life within a few hours of this sacred spot. There, as one says, you feel so keenly the presence of General Washington. At Valley Forge, he lives again: "On the wind-swept slopes, behind the breastworks, in the silence of the night."

After a series of defeats, by the British, the nineteen-mile march from Philadelphia to Valley Forge took a week! There the bone-weary brigade began a six months struggle for survival, "without a House or Hutt to cover them till they could be built." "Icy winds lashed the exhausted army. Around scattered campfires huddled groups of men, ragged, bandaged, half-starved, shelterless. Sentries tramped blood from their own raw feet onto the frozen ground or stood in their hats to ease chilled toes."

Someone visiting Valley Forge recently asked: "How come they stayed here so long? What held the soldiers together?" The answer? George Washington. Able-bodied men cut firewood or foraged for food. Others huddled in the snow without blankets. Epidemics of

camp fever and small-pox broke out. In February, 1778, Washington wrote: "For some days past, there has been little less than a famine in camp. Naked and starving, as they are, we cannot enough admire the incomparable patience and fidelity of the soldiery."

I pause to lay my tribute to these unnamed and unknown men, who in the cause of liberty counted not their lives dear unto themselves. And whenever we say: "We, the descendents of the heroes of the American Revolution," we should speak in hushed accents and humble gratitude.

They, too, were heroes of faith. The unknown soldiers, the common man, the unnamed heroes of a great cause without whom no war or peace can be won, nor the destiny of a nation be achieved.

These for freedom's sake, and by

faith, endured trials of "cruel mockings and scourgings, bonds and imprisonment; they were tempted, slain with the sword, were destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy."

—But back of them and beyond them, yet one of them, stood the man of great faith, the incomparable figure of George Washington. He was the heart, the hope, the faith of the Revolution.

See him on his knees in the snow at Valley Forge—alone, interceding, looking to Almighty God. With what mighty faith did he lay hold on the Eternal. "If God be for us, who can be against us."

And we read that Potts, the Quaker, seeing the General pouring out his soul in prayer for his country, declared: "I

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The presentation of R.O.T.C. medals to cadets at the University of Houston was made by (second from left) Compatriot John B. Victory and Compatriot Charles H. Lane, Chairman of the Medals Committee. A total of 51 R.O.T.C. medals were awarded to the cadets in the colleges and universities of Texas during the school year. This project is conducted annually by the Texas Society S.A.R.

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have seen this day what I shall never forget. Till now I have thought that a Christian and a soldier were characters incompatible; but if George Washington be not a man of God, I am mistaken."

A great man was George Washington, great in his leadership, great in his character, great in his faith. The Father of his country; a noble son of his country; who blessed his own age, and shall bless the last.

As we go forth from this service today, let us highly resolve that we too, each in his own place, shall serve our day and generation according to the will of God, and for the highest welfare of our country and of all mankind.

DON'T STRIKE YOUR FLAG

Don't strike your flag, don't dare lie down

Acknowledging you're licked,
But grit your teeth and show your pluck
Though hard your shins are kicked;
And force ahead through storm and stress

And hold your flag on high,
And in due time life's battle win
You'll win if oft you try.

VALLEY FORGE

It never pays to sift and sift
Gray ashes of outmoded fires,
For naught of value will be found
Though much they gave to dams and sires;
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Have glowed more brightly year by year,
And if we'll keep such fires aglow
The loss of freedom none need fear.
—COMPATRIOT ALONZO N. BENN



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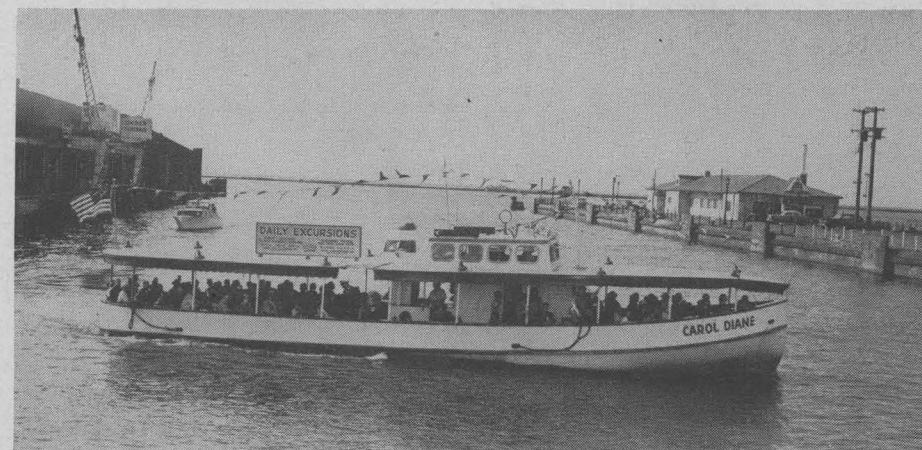
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At the installation ceremony of the newly organized Shenandoah Chapter, May 8, at the Mimsyn Hotel, Luray, Va., the officers were installed by (left) Kenneth C. Patty, past president of the Virginia Society. The elected officers of the new chapter are: G. David Hershberger, Luray, chaplain; W. Clarke Booton, Shenandoah, first vice president; J. Lynn Lucas, Luray, president; George W. Darst, Luray, secretary and treasurer; Compatriots George W. Cleek, Staunton, and E. Stewart James, organizing chairman attended the ceremony.

RECOMMENDED CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

THE PRESENTATION OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP AND R.O.T.C MEDALS

Two of the most important activities in which your Chapter can engage are the presentation of Good Citizenship medals in the elementary schools and the presentation of R.O.T.C. medals in the high schools and colleges in your community. Many of the State and Chapter organizations have established programs for the annual presentation of these medals and have found such programs highly effective in creating interest and publicity in their communities. The school authorities welcome such awards and will usually cooperate in arranging the presentation ceremonies.

The Good Citizenship Medal

Since the Society has as one of the chief purposes the stimulation of a vigorous patriotism, it believes that such a purpose is to be secured only as the youth of our schools become imbued with high ideals of character and citizenship. The qualities to be considered in making this award are;

1. Dependability, as evidenced by the record in punctuality, truthfulness, honesty, loyalty, trustworthiness and self-control.
2. Cooperation, as evidenced by the record in respect for authority, respect for property, respect for the rights of others and courtesy.
3. Leadership, as evidenced by what the pupil has done to make the school a better school.
4. Patriotism, as evidenced by loyalty to, and the knowledge of, the purposes expressed in the preamble of the Constitution of the United States.



Good Citizenship Medal
(obverse view)



Good Citizenship Medal
(reverse view)

The R.O.T.C. Medal

This medal is to be awarded to students of the Reserve Officers Training Corps who exhibit in their work a high degree of merit with respect to leadership, soldierly bearing and excellence in theoretical courses of studies. The basis on which this medal is awarded should be determined in cooperation with the Commandants of such units as are functioning in high schools, colleges and universities. The officers in charge of R.O.T.C. units welcome this support of the R.O.T.C. program by members of our Society.

Good Citizenship and R.O.T.C. medals may be obtained from the office of the Executive Secretary, 1227-16th Street N. W., Washington, D. C. The price is \$1.00 each. Certificates for presentation with the Good Citizenship medals are .10 each.



R. O. T. C. Medal
(obverse view)



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Meetings 4th Monday, Colonial Manor, 20 O'Farrell St., at 12:15 p.m.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Hammels Restaurant, 2nd Wednesday each month, 12:10 p.m. Visiting Compatriots are invited to attend these meetings.

FLORIDA, Jacksonville Chapter,
George Washington Hotel, 1:00 p.m., 4th Tuesday of each month.

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Luncheon Third Monday, Elks Club, N. Olive Ave., at 5th St., West Palm Beach.

OHIO, Western Reserve Society,
Cleveland, 2nd Wednesday each month (excepting Feb. July and Aug.) at The Mid-Day Club, Union Commerce Bldg. Feb. meeting is annual, and Washington Birthday Commemoration, held 22nd. at noon.

TEXAS, San Antonio Chapter No. 4,
Gunter Hotel, 12:30 p.m., 2nd Saturday of each month.



A father and son picture of unusual interest, taken at the Williamsburg Congress. Compatriot Robert H. Overstreet, left, served as President of the District of Columbia Society 1953-54 while Compatriot Robert B. Overstreet was serving as President of the Paul Carrington Chapter, Houston, Texas. Congratulations to both.

NEW MEMBERS BY STATE SOCIETIES

There have been enrolled in the office of the Registrar General from June 1, 1954, to September 1, 1954, 185 new members, distributed as follows:

Alabama, 3; Alaska, 1; Arizona, 2; Colorado, 6; Connecticut, 7; District of Columbia, 9; Florida, 6; Hawaii, 2; Idaho, 3; Illinois, 7; Indiana, 3; Iowa, 1; Kansas, 1; Louisiana, 3; Maryland, 1; Massachusetts, 4; Michigan, 1; Minnesota, 2; Mississippi, 10; Missouri, 2; Montana, 1; New Hampshire, 2; *New Jersey*, 20; New Mexico, 4; Empire State, 16; North Carolina, 3; *Ohio*, 20; Oklahoma, 5; Oregon, 5; Pennsylvania, 7; Rhode Island, 1; Tennessee, 3; Texas, 9; Virginia, 8; Washington State, 4; West Virginia, 2; Wisconsin, 1.

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Dinah Dick Conkey: Revolutionary War Patriot and Matriarch of Salem, N. Y., by Joseph Harvey Schaefer, Salem, N. Y. Dec. 1953. 9 pp. typescript. This account of the facts concerning this little known woman patriot shows her family connections in western Massachusetts and her children from whom several persons in the Salem area are known to be descended. The story appeared in the Salem Press, Jan. 21, 1954. Donated by the author.

History of Christ Church, Chicago, by Charles Edward Chaney. 30 pp., typescript, indexed. The circumstances surrounding the early days of a church which had its inception in 1855 are discussed. This transcript of the period throughout 1873 is of special interest to our society, recounting as it does the trials and tribulations of its author, pastor of the church at the latter date when it became part of the Reformed Episcopal Church then established. Charles Edward Cheney was the second Chaplain General of our National Society as well as a

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Love Family History, from the First Draft (manuscript) of "The Ancestry of William DeLoss Love, D.D. Compiled by Rev. William DeLoss Love, Jr., Ph.D., Hartford. 17 pp., typescript. This excerpt from the incomplete history of the Love Family discusses the antecedents of Adam and Gabriel Love, emigrants to New England in Scotland etc. Presented by the compiler's niece, Mrs. William D. Scranton, Madison, Conn.

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Roster and Burial Place Deceased Veterans of All Wars From Clark County. 45 pp., mimeo. Compiled from Bureau of Vital Statistics Records in Recorder's Office, Clark County, O. Annotated for Revolutionary Soldiers in Official Roster of Soldiers of the American Revolution buried in Ohio, published in 1929. Contributed by Mrs. L. P. Tuttle, Lagonda Chapter, D.A.R., Springfield, Ohio.

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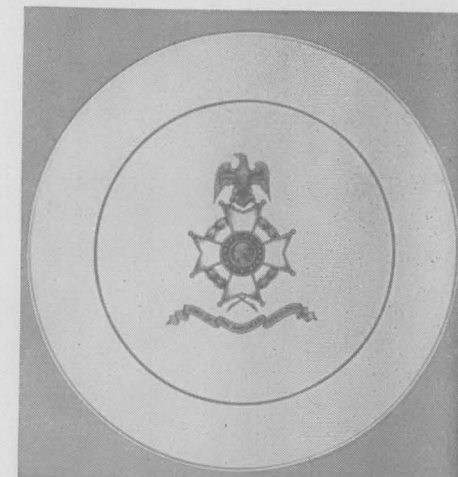
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