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I THEREFORE BELIEVE IT IS MY DUTY TO MY COUNTRY TO LOVE IT; TO SUPPORT ITS CONSTITUTION; TO OBEY ITS LAWS; TO RESPECT ITS FLAG; AND TO DEFEND IT AGAINST ALL ENEMIES.

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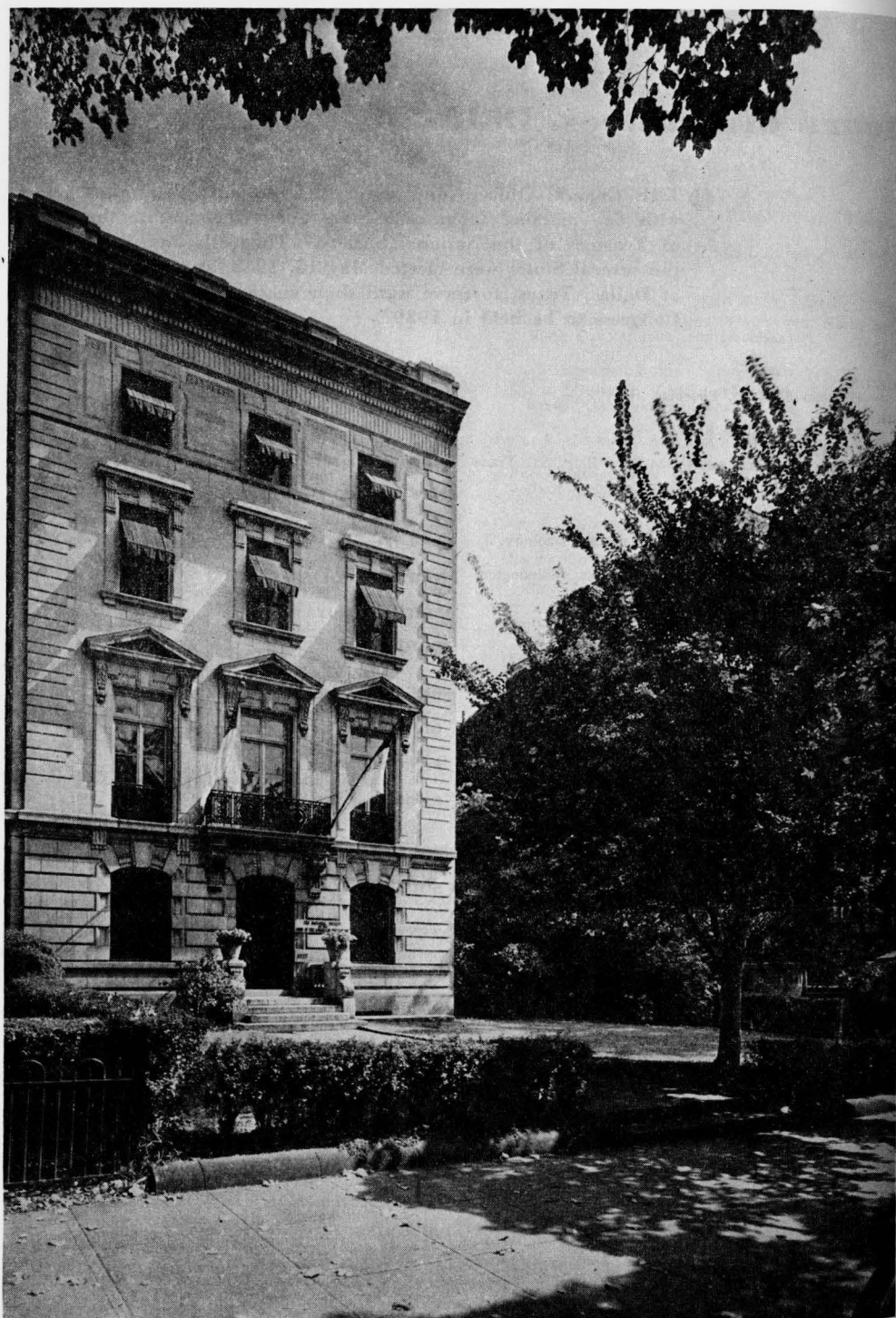
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The President General's Message

☆ AFTER SPENDING part of the summer in Europe amidst alarms and excursions where a crisis is served with coffee every morning, it is heartening to return to our own land where there is security and where our fate is not in the hands of an individual.

Here no marching soldiers, no praying in the streets for peace, no gas masks are in evidence. No prime minister to commit us to peace or war, no dictator to march our citizens through a peaceful neighboring country.

We are blessed indeed that racial hate and political aims of foreign powers have not yet involved us and should not do so. No greater contest has confronted us than the determination of the States to preserve the Constitutional independent form of representative government by making their own choice of Senators.

A Legislative Committee during the summer has developed startling disclosures of subversive activities in our midst which are worthy of our serious attention. Granting that in our free country any citizen is entitled to voice a new doctrine, however specious, unworkable and ancient, it is our right and our duty not to allow subversive theories to be advanced or plots to be hatched without protest and without an answer—and how easy to answer by pointing out what these doctrines have done to other lands. There are but a negligible number of people in America who believe that Communism would benefit us. But those who advocate it are at work all the time and gaining followers. If their arguments are unanswered the unthinking who listen are apt to believe in their fallacies.

We realize that America is no place for a dictator. Most of the American people, when they understand our form of government, realize that our safety lies in its continuance. They realize that all power comes from them and that the representatives chosen to administer their will are their servants and not their masters.

Democracies are succumbing throughout the world. Their priceless liberties are ended.

Our liberties we must never forfeit. We must be prepared to defend them. Our form of government must be maintained and the test of your support of candidates for office, regardless of party, must be their firm intention to preserve our Constitution.

Musmoro Rendall
President General

The Fiftieth Annual Congress

at Groton (New London) Connecticut, May 29-31st, 1939

Word has been received from the Connecticut Society that preliminary arrangements are being made for the meeting of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution to be held the last week in May beginning May 29th and running over Memorial Day.

As this is the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the National Society plans are being worked out to make this a grand rally of our members both of the older generation and those that have come to us in recent years.

There is another definite reason why this should be one of the largest congresses held in some years and that is that New London is very close to the states that have the largest membership—New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Maine are all within a short automobile drive to New London, and Maryland, Delaware, the District of Columbia and even Ohio and Virginia are within a day or a day and a half from this delightful place.

As has been announced the meetings will be

held in the famous Griswold Hotel, at Groton, which faces the lovely Thames River and is one of the finest on the New England coast. As this will be the early season the hotel will be in position to show every attention to the delegates.

From information received from the Connecticut officers arrangements are being completed tentatively, with the hotel and the Connecticut Society for a rate of \$5.00 per day American plan. Full particulars of this will be published in the January issue of the S. A. R. magazine.

As is announced elsewhere in this issue, the day following our Congress has been designated "S. A. R. Day" at the New York World's Fair, and no doubt many of our compatriots will wish to plan to visit the Fair at this time.

Begin thinking about your plans for next spring now and do your share to make this fiftieth anniversary the greatest meeting the Society has had in many years.

As we go to press we are assured that the Hotel Griswold, Headquarters for our 50th Anniversary Congress next May has not suffered serious damage in the late storm and that our Compatriots will be well cared for.

The President General's Activities

The President General attended on April 18th a dinner given at the Hotel Mayflower in Washington, D. C., in honor of Mrs. William A. Becker and brought greetings from our Society to the Daughters of the American Revolution assembled in Congress. On the 19th he addressed the Congress.

On April 20th he attended a testimonial dinner in his honor in New York at the Plaza.

On April 22nd in Washington he attended a dinner in honor of Mrs. William A. Pouch, President General of the Children of the American Revolution, and on the 23rd brought greetings of our Society to the Congress of the Children of the American Revolution.

On April 30th he attended the State Meeting of the Florida Society in Jacksonville.

On May 15th to 17th he attended the 49th Congress of our Society at Dallas, Texas.

On June 11th, at Philadelphia, the President General attended a luncheon tendered to Compatriot A. Atwater Kent by our Society at which a Good Citizenship Medal was presented to Mr. Kent in honor of his restoration of the Betsy Ross House.

On September 6th, in Paris, France, the President General attended services at the grave of Lafayette in the Picpus Cemetery and laid a wreath on the grave of the Marquis de Lafayette.

On September 17th he attended the semi-annual meeting of the Virginia Society at Williamsburg, Virginia, at which he made an address.

RETROSPECT—50 Years!

PRESIDENT GENERAL KENDALL, in his splendid message in our July issue, wrote of the early beginnings of our Society and its subsequent accomplishments, and because this coming year, 1939, we will celebrate our Golden Anniversary it has been suggested that a more detailed review of the origin and progress of our great organization would be acceptable to our membership, especially those who have entered the Society in recent years, although it is also felt that many of our older compatriots who may be familiar with some of the incidents that led to the formation of the Society and the early years of development may enjoy having these recalled to them.

Hence the following!

Naturally, the Centennial of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence at Philadelphia on July 4th, 1776, spread a wave of patriotic fervor throughout the United States. The momentum of this wave was so great that it reached out to the farthest shores of our country and broke with force over the Rocky Mountains and rushed on to California, where there lived a number of patriotic Americans whose ancestors had taken part in the Revolutionary War. In fact the records show that many of these men were Real Sons of the American Revolution, that is, sons of revolutionary soldiers—others were grandsons.

So it was not at all surprising that there met in San Francisco, in the office of Doctor James Cogswell, on October 22nd, 1875, a group of these men, who then and there discussed the possibilities of forming a society to perpetuate the memory of their ancestors who fought to make this country free.

This small band of citizens met several times during the fall and winter of 1875 and '76, and then, as San Francisco was to hold a great celebration on July 4th, 1876, a call was issued in the *Alta California*, in its issue of June 29th, 1876 as follows:

"The descendants of the Revolutionary patriots are requested to meet at the headquarters of the Grand Marshal at No. 212 Kearny Street, at 8 o'clock this evening, for the purpose of making arrangements to participate in the celebration."

About fifty citizens met in response to this call, marched in the procession, and on the same day organized the California Society of "Sons of Revolutionary Sires."

"With the exception of the Cincinnati, this was the first Society in the country, whose members were exclusively descendants from 'Revolutionary Sires.'"

"The first circular, published in August, 1876, states the objects of the new Society to be:

"To unite the descendants of Revolutionary patriots and perpetuate the memory of those who took part in the American Revolution and maintained the independence of the United States of America; to promote social intercourse, mental improvement, and mutual benefit of the members; to organize auxiliaries, co-equal branches, and representative bodies at such time and places as the Directors may determine."

"The California Society grew and prospered, but no new societies were formed. On December 4, 1883, a Society was organized in the City of New York under the name of 'Sons of the Revolution.'*

Then shortly came the 100th anniversary of the Inauguration of George Washington as the first President of the United States and this event stirred patriotic emotions anew, and especially of many descendants of Revolutionary stock, particularly in New Jersey which had organized a Society of the Sons of the Revolution on March 7th, 1889, and this Society passed a resolution which had far reaching results and as this action was so important in the history of our Society, it is quoted here substantially in full:

"Resolved, That the President of this Society when elected, and the two delegates to the National Society, are hereby appointed a committee to invite the appointment of a like committee from the New York and Pennsylvania Society, to cooperate with them and to meet with the descendants of Revolutionary ancestors from the different States and Territories, and assist in organizing Societies whose memberships shall be composed exclusively of descendants of Revolutionary statesmen, soldiers, and sailors."

Under this resolution the following committee was appointed:

William O. McDowell, J. C. Pumpelly, General William S. Stryker.

Thereafter, on April 10th, 1889, a call was issued by the committee mentioned in the

* Quoted from Dr. W. Seward Webb's Historical Sketch.

above resolution, inviting delegates from all states and territories to meet in Fraunce's Tavern in New York, at 9 o'clock on April 30th, 1889, to organize a National Society, every state to be entitled to one delegate-at-large, proportioned upon the number of members of that state.

Then at the appointed place and hour, twenty delegates from a dozen states met at Fraunce's Tavern, in the same room in which Washington met the officers of his army and bade them farewell, and after a two days' session, they formed the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, adopted a Constitution, and with the following officers elected:

President, Hon. Lucius P. Deming, New Haven, Conn.

Vice President-at-Large, William O. McDowell, Newark, N. J.

Vice Presidents, A. S. Hubbard, California; Gov. Simon B. Buckner, Kentucky; Maj. J. C. Kinney, Connecticut; C. H. Denison, Maine; P. C. Washington, West Virginia; Gov. D. R. Francis, Missouri; Col. C. Williams, Arkansas; Hon. G. B. West, Alabama; Gov. Wade Hampton, South Carolina; Gov. Robert S. Green, New Jersey; Rev. John G. Morris, D.D., Maryland; Hon. Luther L. Tarbell, Massachusetts; Hon. Rutherford B. Hayes, Ohio; Hon. H. K. Slayton, New Hampshire; Mons. Edmond de Lafayette, Paris, France; Gov. W. P. Dillingham, Vermont; Adm. D. D. Porter, U.S.N., District of Columbia.

Chaplain, Rev. Timothy Dwight, D.D., LL.D., of Yale University.

Secretary, Lt. James C. Cresap, U.S.N., Annapolis, Md.

Assistant Secretaries, Wilson L. Gill, Columbus, Ohio; G. L. Callaway, Greenville, S. C.; Charles J. King, San Francisco, Calif.

Treasurer, Gaius Paddock, St. Louis, Mo.

Registrar, Hon. Thomas M. Green, Maysville, Ky.

In addition to the above named officers there were present at this initial gathering the following:

Frederick Leighton, N. H.; Frank R. Starr, Conn.; G. V. Abbott, Ill.; Clarence S. Ward, Mass.; Franklin H. Hart, Conn.; John J. Hubbell, N. J.; N. C. Upham, Mass.; Charles C. Page, M. D., Ala.; Andrew J. Woodman, Del.; Maj. George B. Halstead, Calif.

For seven months the above named officers labored to strengthen the existing state societies and to lay the foundation for new societies to be organized. The first President, Mr. Lucius P. Deming, finding the duties of this

office too arduous tendered his resignation and at the urgent request of a committee appointed for the purpose, Doctor W. Seward Webb of Vermont, but who was living in New York at that time, consented to act as President General.

A committee was appointed to officially notify Dr. Webb of his election and on December 7th, 1889, this committee, headed by the former President, Mr. Deming, as Chairman, met at Dr. Webb's residence in New York, and following formal notification ceremonies held a banquet in his honor and he assumed his office with bright prospects for the grand National Organization of which he was now the recognized head.

Among the distinguished names of the members of this notification committee we venture to select a few only: Hon. Chauncey M. Depew, William K. Vanderbilt, William O. McDowell, Edmund C. Stanton, Henry L. Hall, Luther L. Tarbell, William H. Arnoux, Lieut. James C. Cresap, U.S.N.; J. C. Pumpelly, and many other names of distinction. There were also many letters and telegrams from friends and officers of the Society who were unable to attend, some of which were Hon. Edwin S. Barrett, Mass.; Jonathan Trumbull, Conn.; Adj. General W. S. Stryker, N. J.; Admiral David D. Porter, U. S. N.; Governor Dillingham of Vt.; Governor J. P. Richardson, S. C., and many others.

Dr. Webb continued as President General until 1892, and throughout his administration the Society made great strides and many new state societies were organized and the Society grew and prospered under his leadership and the splendid assistance given him by the active officers throughout the country.

The first National Congress of the Society was held in Louisville, Kentucky, on May 30th, 1890, at which General Alexander S. Webb, of New York, was called upon to preside in the absence of Dr. Seward Webb, who was in Europe. At this meeting a new Constitution was adopted and some important matters were decided. One of these was the decision to have the Society composed exclusively of *male* members. Up to this time much pressure had been exerted to include women in the organization, and in one or two states there had actually been a number admitted. The clause in the newly adopted Constitution which defined the status of women reads as follows:

"For the purpose of making more nearly perfect the records of our Revolutionary

ancestors and their descendants, any woman of Revolutionary ancestry may *file a record* of her ancestor's services and of her line of descent with any Registrar, who shall send a duplicate to the Registrar General."

This clause of the Constitution has of course been long since eliminated.

Another eligibility clause of this early Constitution might, with pertinence, be quoted here, in view of the erroneous statement sometimes heard to the effect that our Society once admitted on collateral descent:

"Any man is eligible for membership who is of the age of twenty-one years, and who is *descended from an ancestor*, who, with unflinching loyalty, rendered material aid to the cause of American Independence, etc., etc."

The word "lineal" was inserted in later years, to make this more emphatic, but one is not "descended" from a *collateral* line.

At this meeting also, important resolutions were adopted looking toward the correct use of the American Flag and its proper display on all patriotic anniversaries and upon public buildings, and so influential had the Society already become with respect to this matter, that Dr. Webb states:

"After the adjournment of the Louisville Convention, and possibly by reason of the resolutions there passed and the action there taken, the President of the United States ordered and directed that the National flag shall be constantly displayed over the Executive Mansion, instead of occasionally as heretofore."

From the very beginning the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution has constantly promoted proper use of the American Flag, and has been most influential in securing proper flag legislation in most states where such has been enacted, and was the originator of the observance of June 14th as Flag Day, now nationally recognized.

At the meeting of the Congress of the National Society held in April, 1892, General Horace Porter of New York was unanimously elected President General and held this office until April 30, 1896. General Porter was deeply interested in our Society, and during

his administration, although part of the time he was our Minister from the United States to France, many outstanding and lasting accomplishments were inaugurated and successfully completed. In an address made in 1895 at the annual Congress at Boston, General Porter outlined some of these accomplishments, a few of which are here recorded in order to inform some of our more recent compatriots of the splendid work that this Society did from the very beginning. Of course it is well known that General Porter, while Minister to France, searched and found the remains of John Paul Jones, and through his efforts this great naval hero lies in that beautiful sarcophagus at Annapolis.

Other activities enumerated by General Porter include the movement to identify and mark the graves of revolutionary patriots, initiated by the Massachusetts Society; legislation in many states with respect to proper use of the American Flag, as above noted; historical research in schools and colleges, and medal awards for this work; preservation of historic buildings, notably the old City Hall in New York; the memorial at Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., Washington's Headquarters, now the home of our present President General, Messmore Kendall; securing of appropriations and legislation in various states for important memorials to men of the American Revolution, as in Baltimore, etc. These and many other movements were inaugurated and carried to successful completion even as early as 1895.

Through the inspiration of such men and the further fact that this object of commemorating and keeping alive the memories and the ideals of our ancestors, "who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people," had a great appeal to their descendants, the Society grew with almost incredible swiftness, and in ten years had a membership of about ten thousand, with an organization in nearly every state in the Union, and also in France.

In succeeding numbers of the S. A. R. MAGAZINE it is hoped to continue this brief reminiscence of the development of our great Society, and to tell some details of the men who led it and brought about the achievements of which we may be justly proud.—F. B. S.

(To be continued)

Comments

JUNE 1, 1939, has been designated on the official calendar of the New York World's Fair as Sons of the American Revolution Day.

This day will be the day after the conclusion of our 50th Annual Congress to be held at New London, Connecticut. It is thought that many if not all of our compatriots who are planning to attend our 50th anniversary celebration at the next Congress will wish to include a visit to New York's great Fair as a climax to their attendance at the S. A. R. Meeting.

President General Kendall who made a brief trip abroad in late August, had the opportunity of going to Paris, where he visited the grave of LaFayette, and placed a wreath thereon in the name of the National Society on the birthday of our country's great friend of Revolutionary days, September 6th. Unfortunately, most of the officers of the Society in France were not in the city, but he was accompanied by other compatriots and friends in paying this tribute.

Good news comes from Col. James D. Watson, Chairman of the Organization Committee, that he expects to reorganize the Mississippi State Society at a formal meeting early in October. He has a sufficient number of prospects and pledges of former members for re-instatement to make the necessary number, and will report in greater detail in our next issue.

Col. Watson is to be congratulated on this further evidence of his energy and abilities in inspiring activity and cooperation where it is greatly needed and desired.

Two more State Flags have been added to the collection of the National Society upon presentation at the Dallas Congress, Louisiana, and Missouri. The thanks of the Society is extended to our compatriots of these State. It is hoped that no year will pass without one or more additions to our beautiful collection, until each and every State Society is represented. If *your* Society is not represented in this collection, why not plan for this gift to the National Society on its 50th Anniversary?

Medal Time Again!

It is *always* Medal Time, but the early weeks of school days seem to be especially appropriate to this slogan for the Good Citizenship Medal Award program, as it is now that the Plan should be placed before the pupils and teachers that they may be reminded of it from time to time.

We show in this issue the distribution of Good Citizenship Medals and R.O.T.C. Medals by states for the past year, and it is hoped that next year will see a great increase and a complete roster of states represented in the awards.

It is pertinent to add that if, in any locality, school authorities are so blind as to fail to see the worthwhileness of these awards, that the medals may very appropriately be offered to Scout Troops, and C.M.T.C., as indeed, they are now, by a number of our groups.

The R.O.T.C. medals also are growing in popularity and their distribution is being considerably extended, as can be seen by comparison of this table with those previously published.

Order your Medals early and for both terms of school if feasible. Literature and information is available at National Headquarters.

Medal Distribution by States, 1937-38 Good Citizenship Medals

Arizona	27	Nebraska	4
Arkansas	2	New Hampshire	15
California	32	New Jersey	73
Colorado	2	New York	203
Connecticut	3	North Carolina	9
Delaware	4	North Dakota	5
Florida	4	Ohio	119
Georgia	23	Oklahoma	58
Illinois	32	Oregon	5
Indiana	6	Pennsylvania	101
Kansas	1	Rhode Island	2
Kentucky	4	South Carolina	2
Maine	13	South Dakota	2
Maryland	100	Tennessee	20
Massachusetts	24	Texas	41
Michigan	99	Utah	7
Minnesota	61	Vermont	6
Mississippi	11	Virginia	42
Missouri	10	West Virginia	25

R. O. T. C. Medals

Arizona	3	Michigan	1
California	14	Minnesota	12
Colorado	16	Missouri	2
Georgia	60	New Mexico	3
Idaho	1	New York	13
Indiana	18	Oklahoma	9
Kentucky	1	Pennsylvania	8
Maine	5	Rhode Island	4
Massachusetts	12	Utah	5

In Memoriam

David Lawrence Pierson, 1865-1938 Historian General, 1910-1918

THERE HAVE been few men in the Sons of the American Revolution that gave to its ideals and accomplishments more devotion and lasting service than David L. Pierson. His attitude is best illustrated in a few words he said to a friend who had called upon him while he was Secretary of the New Jersey Society, "Doctor, I have decided to consecrate my entire life to the Sons of the American Revolution work, for I love it and believe in it."

Even after he had retired to less active work he never lost interest and up to the end our Society and its work for true patriotism was uppermost in his mind.

Mr. Pierson joined the Society in New Jersey in 1902 and immediately took an active part in its affairs. He helped found the Orange Chapter of the New Jersey Society, S. A. R., and in 1913 was its president. Later in 1920 he was made Executive Secretary of the New Jersey Society and did yeoman's work in assisting in establishing chapters throughout that great State; so that now it has the largest number of local chapters of any State Society, all functioning actively. By writing, visiting and speaking at many of the meetings of these chapters he kept the interest alive and there was no State Secretary in our organization that kept in closer touch with the National Society or that sent in better reports of the activities of the chapters of his State.

In 1910, at the Toledo Congress, Mr. Pierson was elected to the office of Historian General, which he held continuously until 1918, and during which period he compiled some valuable scrapbooks, which were exhibited at several of our National Congresses, and generally promoted a great interest in historical matters.

The great and lasting achievement of "Dave" Pierson, as his friends all named him, was the wonderful thought that the day upon which the members of the Constitutional Convention finished their work and signed that marvelous document should be recognized. That he should originate the celebration of this now nationally celebrated historic day was but natural, for his mind and heart were bound up in patriotic thoughts and devotion to his country. So in 1917 he suggested that this day, the 17th of September, be celebrated by our Society, first in a small, rather local way, and

then as this great idea grew he used his best efforts to make it a nation-wide observance and as the officers and members of the State and National Societies saw the remarkable possibilities of this idea, they lent their assistance from one end of the country to the other and Constitution Day is now celebrated from Portland, Maine, to Portland, Oregon, and it can be said without fear of serious contradiction that this Society, under the direction of David Pierson and later by prominent men of our Society, was the backbone of this observance. Thousands of letters were written by Mr. Pierson when he was chairman of this committee of our Society and through his efforts proclamations were issued by the governors of most of our States and the results were nationwide. Many thousands of pamphlets written by Mr. Pierson were distributed in the public schools and the demand for these has kept up to the present time.

Many other organizations followed in the lead of the Sons of the American Revolution and did splendid work in promoting the celebration. Now it is a recognized day in our country and will last as long as the Constitution stands.

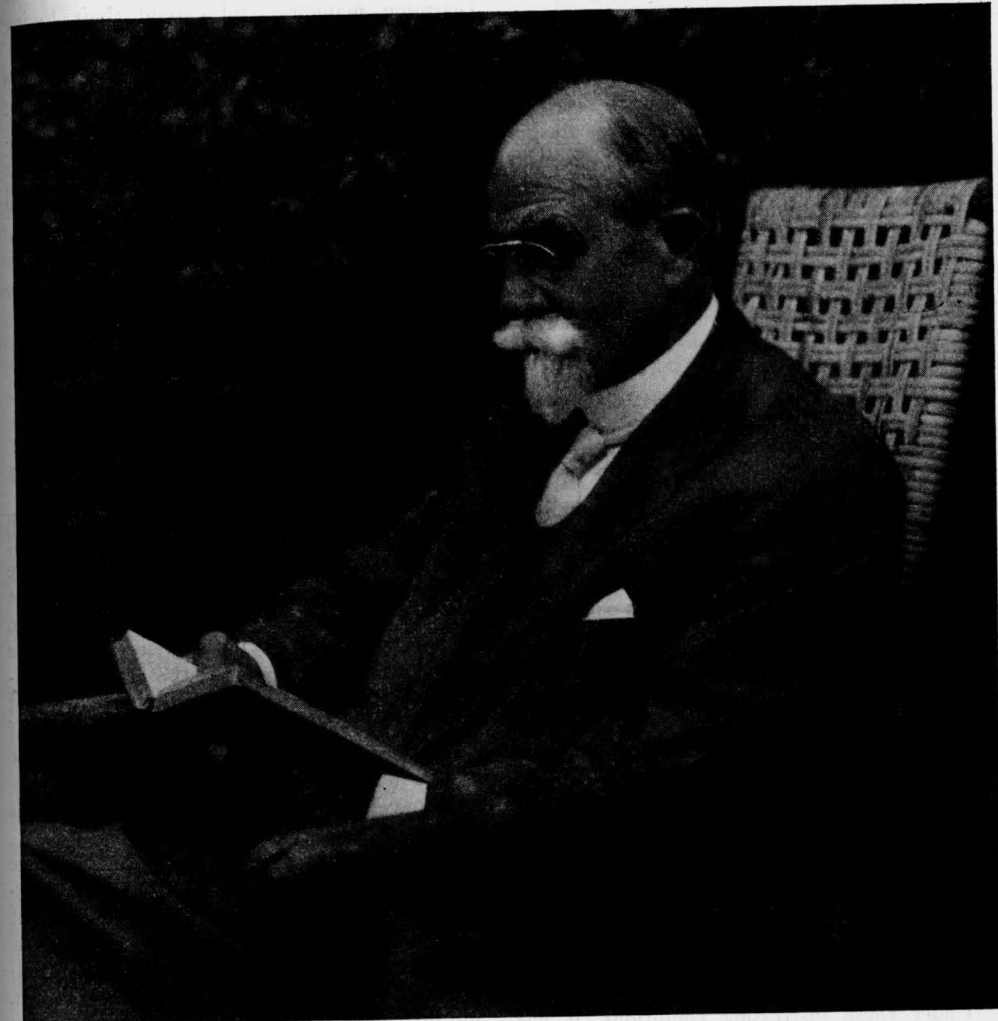
Along patriotic lines David Pierson wrote two most valuable pamphlets, both of which are in great demand at the National Headquarters. One, "Our Government—How Founded," in the form of questions and answers, has been used by many other patriotic organizations, schools and educational groups, and the other, "George Washington—A Brief Review of His Life," compiled in the same manner, has been in great demand.

It did not need an act of the New Jersey Legislature to proclaim David Pierson the originator and founder of Constitution Day, although this honor was conferred upon him during the past year. Much as this was deserved and merited, his name will go down in our history as one of our most devoted and beloved compatriots, and future generations will remember his name as the man who promulgated a far-reaching and constructive idea for the betterment of our country, which is so needed today, the belief that our Constitution is the foundation of all our liberties and the bulwark of our free institutions.

"Well done, Good and Faithful Servant!"

Funeral services were held in East Orange on July 13th. The National Society was represented by Colonel Louis Annin Ames, Past President General, and a life-long friend. Prominent members and past and present officers

of the New Jersey Society and its Board of Managers were also in attendance, and hosts of friends. Floral tributes from the National and New Jersey Societies were among the many sent.



David Lawrence Pierson, Founder of Constitution Day

James Harry Preston 1860-1938 President General 1920-21

NEWS of the death on July 14, of former President General James Harry Preston, of Baltimore, was received with deep regret, and we wish to pay tribute to this former beloved officer.

Mr. Preston was a native of Maryland, and was educated and practised his profession of law in this commonwealth, so that his entire life was spent there. He was several times a member of the Maryland Legislature and Speaker of the House of Delegates in 1894, and colonel on the staff of Governor Brown. He was commissioner of police for Baltimore, and in 1911 was elected Mayor of this city and re-elected to this office in 1915 by the

largest majority ever given to this position at that time.

Mr. Preston became a member of the Sons of the American Revolution in 1907 through the revolutionary services of Jacob Bond, of the Maryland Militia, and a member of the first Constitutional Convention of Maryland, and in 1919 became President of the Maryland Society, which office he held for two years, during which period the Society prospered as never before. In 1920 Mr. Preston was elected President General of the National Society at the Hartford Congress, and served the Society well during his administration.

Of late years Mr. Preston had been in failing health and had not attended the more recent congresses, but compatriots who knew him, and especially of the Maryland Society, recall his handsome and genial presence and his charming manners, and extend their loving sympathy to his family.

The National Society was represented at the funeral services by Treasurer General Robertson, and many members of his Maryland Society attended the obsequies. A wreath from the National Society was among the floral tributes.

Report of the Representative to the American Coalition

To the 49th Congress Assembled at Dallas, Texas:

YOUR SOCIETY'S Representative on the Board of the American Coalition is pleased to report for the year just closed a record of increased activity and usefulness on the part of the Coalition. Each year we and the other member Societies have found to our surprise and disappointment, growth and more and more daring operations by subversive groups and individuals, seeking the overthrow of this Government and its democratic institutions. Each time it seemed that these hostile movements could not possibly retain their strength and boldness, much less extend their treacherous activities. And the past year has proven no exception to the preceding years. The growth in power and influence of communistic bodies and inimical alien groups, has extended into every state and every center of government in this country.

Under these distressing conditions, it has been a source of great strength and comfort to our Society and the other loyal member Societies of the Coalition, to see the unrelenting opposition with which the Officers, Board of Directors, and office staff of the Coalition, have consistently met all these destructive efforts. They have sent out to all member Societies, frequent pamphlets and letters of warning, keeping members informed promptly, almost at weekly intervals, of all hostile developments. The letters over the signature of President Trevor have, as in the past, been models of direct, terse, forceful English, calculated to

arouse the fighting spirit in every American reader. To the ceaseless efforts, courage, and self-sacrificing spirit of this leader, we owe more than can ever be repaid. There is not space in this report to comment in detail on the outstanding and faithful service of the other officers, members of the Board of Directors and office staff. Suffice it to say that every one of them has done his full duty. If we have any regret in the premises, it must be that in the individual State Societies and Chapters they have not made as full use of this splendid service as might have been done.

In the New Jersey Society (and I presume in other State Societies) groups are being organized to take the Coalition literature as it comes into the State Society, re-write the most urgent and salient points, especially those calling for letters to Senators and Congressmen, and distribute these to the individual members of Chapters. Where this cannot be done, it is planned to have them read at Chapter meetings and each member urged to note the subject and the name and address of the Legislators involved.

On behalf of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, your Representative would close this report with an expression of heartfelt thanks to the American Coalition.

H. PRESCOTT BEACH,

Representative of National Society, S. A. R.,
To the American Coalition.

Flag History

Radio address over KSFO, June 14, 1938

By Col. H. G. Mathewson, Past President, California Society

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to you, our Flag! We salute you in all reverence. You are One Hundred Sixty-one years old today. All our life's history is in you. You came to us at a time in our infancy as we emerged out of chaos and uncertainty. Around you grew the small but loyal group of patriots of the new world. You were the sunshine of our soul. In sunshine and sorrow, in darkness and in joy, the radiant gleam of your starry crown has spread its protecting folds over the greatest nation of all time. It is well that on this historic occasion we bow in reverent humility before your august personage.

Whence came you and whither are you destined to go?

My evolution comes out of antiquity. From the earliest recorded history men and nations have been inspired by a symbol of cloth of quaint design and varied colors to advance their civilization in battle with the enemy, that progress might be attained.

Until the sixteenth century, my form was a shield or banner set high upon a staff and carried at the head of advancing hosts. For me men lay down their lives as a price of victory for others. I was the rallying point in the charge that destroyed the enemy's ranks. In exultant victory I rode at the head of the victorious multitude.

When the argosies of the seven seas rode the Spanish Main, carrying their rich cargoes of spices and oils and silks and precious things, it became necessary to identify themselves to their friends and put fear in their foes.

Many of these were known by the color and stripes of the flag flown from their masthead.

From Rotterdam the trading company of eleven directors flew an eleven stripe flag of white and yellow. From another port, Bremen, came a nine-striped flag of red and white stripes. Thus, in the year 1600 the striped flag was evolved.

The English East Indian Trading Company had thirteen directors. Their flag had thirteen stripes with a design of St. George's red cross in its canton or field.

These many designed flags were familiar to the early colonists. When taxation without representation, the obnoxious Stamp Act, and

other burdensome acts of the English Crown, became unbearable, the revolting colonists at Taunton, Massachusetts, raised a flag of red, with a union of the English crosses, but upon the red flag the word, "Liberty." This was our first flag of 1774.

When the embattled farmers gathered at Concord,

*"By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,
Here once the embattled farmers stood,
And fired the shot heard round the world,"*

as immortalized by Emerson, a maroon flag with armored arm holding a sword on high with the Latin words meaning "Conquer or Die." The historic midnight ride of Paul Revere was not in vain. About this time our fighting frigates needed a flag, the first design being a white flag with a green pine tree under the inscription, "An Appeal to Heaven." This flag was used by our ships when they fired upon the British at Boston.

George Washington was appointed to lead our ragged armies on June 15, 1775, and on June 21, was escorted from Philadelphia to New York by a troop of cavalry that carried a yellow flag upon whose scroll was placed the words, "For These We Strive." In the upper corner, next the staff, was a small thirteen striped flag of blue and silver color. This is the earliest note of the thirteen striped emblem in the colonies.

The Fort Moultrie flag was blue with a white crescent, symbolic of the troop's decoration. Later the word "Liberty" was added. This was flown in the Battle at Charleston, South Carolina, June 28, 1776, when the British fleet bombarded the fort.

The Gadsden Rattlesnake Flag grew out of a saying that a shipload of rattlesnakes should be sent to England to show our respect. This flag was yellow with a coiled rattlesnake thereon. Later a thirteen striped flag with the rattlesnake and the words, "Don't Tread on Me," was flown by our navy and many an enemy vessel felt its stinging fangs. The rattlesnake was an emblem of the Southern Colonies.

The Battle of Bunker Hill took place June

17, 1775, under a blue flag with a red cross in a white field with a green pine tree added.

On October 7, 1777, the Green Mountain Boys of Vermont and New Hampshire fought the British at Bennington, Vermont, and carried to victory a thirteen striped flag of seven white and six red stripes, with a large blue field of thirteen stars grouped like an inverted horseshoe with the figure "76" in the center. It was of homespun linen and hand sewed.

On September 23, 1779, John Paul Jones flew at the mast of the Bon Homme Richard a thirteen striped flag with twelve stars in four rows of three on a blue field. After the battle, when the English sloop, Serapis, hauled her colors down, John Paul Jones boarded her while his own vessel, the Bon Homme Richard, slowly sank beneath the waves carrying to her grave the only twelve star flag of record. When this flag was made only twelve colonies had joined the confederation, Georgia being greatly delayed by distance in transmitting the news of acceptance.

When Washington took command of the troops at Cambridge, January 2, 1776, there was unfurled a new flag of thirteen stripes, red and white with a canton of the English crosses. When first flown, the British thought it an act of submission to the crown of England, thus making a new canton necessary to divorce our cause completely.

With the Declaration of Independence came the desire for a new flag. Here the tradition of our flag becomes involved in controversy. These facts are known—George Washington, Robert Morris and George Ross were a duly appointed committee to design a new flag. The thirteen stripes had a widely used background and were acceptable. The canton of blue with white stars seemed a necessary adjunct. Betsy Ross, a widow of a soldier killed in battle and a niece of George Ross, was a government seamstress employed making flags for the navy. This committee went to her with their designs and it was she who recommended the five-pointed star of heraldry and their group in a circle on the blue field. This flag was adopted by the Continental Congress June 14th, 1777, in these memorable words, "Resolved, that the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

When Vermont and New Hampshire entered the little group of states, each had a new stripe and star added. For many years this fifteen stripe and fifteen star flag was the official flag of our country. It flew over the

ramparts of Fort McHenry when the British fleet bombarded during the War of 1812.

Francis Scott Key was sent to the English Battle Fleet with a message and while being detained on board during the historic fight wrote the words of our national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner."

Five new states being added to our union made it necessary to make a permanent change in our flag. On April 4th, 1818, Congress enacted the following flag law:

"That from and after the fourth day of July next, the flag of the United States be thirteen horizontal stripes, alternate red and white; that the union have twenty stars, white in a blue field; that on the admission of every new state into the Union, one star be added to the union of the flag; and that such addition shall take effect on the fourth of July next succeeding such admission."

Reverence to our flag is our loyalty to the Constitution for which it stands and for the liberty which it guarantees.

Disloyalty to the flag means disregard for the fundamental principles upon which our forefathers builded this land of opportunity.

Our flag is the emblem of our guarantee of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness to all under its protecting fold.

My radio friends, will you stand with me and give our pledge to the flag of our country, with your right hand over your heart for the first three words, then with hand palm up pointing to the flag during the remainder of the pledge:

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all!"

"Your flag and my flag—
And how it flies today!
In your land and my land,
And half the world away!
Rose-red and blood-red,
The stripes forever gleam;
Snow-white and soul-white—
The good forefathers' dream;
Sky-blue and true-blue, with stars
to shine aright—
The gloried guidon of the day, a
shelter thru the night.

"Your flag and my flag—
And, oh, how much it holds!
Your land and my land
Secure within its folds!
Your heart and my heart
Beat quicker at the sight;
Sunkissed and wind-tossed—
Red and blue and white.
The one flag—the great flag—the
flag for me and you—
Glorified all else beside—the red
and white and blue."

Our National Headquarters

IT IS now eleven years since the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution purchased the building which is shown on our frontispiece in this issue of the S. A. R. Magazine, and as more than ten thousand members have joined the Society since that momentous act and comparatively few have ever visited the building, it is felt that because of the fiftieth anniversary to be celebrated next spring, a short account of the purchase and the subsequent history of the Headquarters might be of interest to our compatriots generally.

For many years the subject of a National Headquarters had been discussed and on several occasions special committees had been appointed to investigate the possibilities of acquiring a building from which the work of the Society could be carried on, for it was realized that without some central Headquarters the demands of the ever-growing organization, and accumulation of detail contingent thereon, could not properly or adequately be fulfilled.

It was not until the Richmond Congress in May, 1927, that a specific proposition was brought before the organization, and after a rather prolonged discussion, but with practically no opposition, the S. A. R. Congress of that year voted to purchase the private residence of the late Mrs. Norman Williams at 1227 Sixteenth Street, Northwest, in Washington.

The story of the carrying out of the mandate of the Congress is interesting, and rather remarkable, for this Society, which was at that time in excellent financial condition, had practically no funds available to apply to such a large purchase. The price of the building and all the furniture including handsome and valuable rugs and bric-a-brac, a grand piano and other items of value, was \$145,000.00 to us, the original price being \$175,000.00. However, there were sterling and forward looking men at the head of our Society, then as always, and they set about raising the amount of the first substantial payment, the sum of \$25,000.00, which was to be made on August 26, 1927.

It may be said that this took some hard work on the part of the men who were responsible. The Chairman of the Headquarters Committee was Mr. Henry F. Baker, of Baltimore, now our Past President General, and the then President General was Mr. Ernest E. Rogers of New London, who had been elected at Richmond in May. These two men with

the substantial assistance of a number of our devoted compatriots, spent many anxious hours in the process of raising this \$25,000.00, which was to be paid on the date of transfer from the Williams estate to our Society. That men of this stamp would succeed goes without saying, and so, on August 26, 1927, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Baker, and the Secretary General, Mr. Steele, met in Washington and the \$25,000.00 was paid and the transfer made to these three gentlemen, who, because of a legal condition imposed by the Society's Constitution, took the property over in their own names and gave their personal notes for \$120,000.00. Later, when this legal restriction was cleared up, the property was transferred to the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, at a dignified and impressive ceremony held at the new Headquarters Building in October of that year, 1927.

The building was then occupied by the Society and the campaign was started to raise the balance of the amount due upon the indebtedness. When one stops to consider this formidable project undertaken by our Society the results are really amazing, for within the first year more than half of the sum was raised by voluntary subscriptions through the efforts of the committee in charge and many other compatriots working for the good of the Society.

However, there was still a substantial amount to be raised and at the Congress held in Washington in May, 1928, a plan was evolved by a committee appointed at that Congress headed by Past President General Colonel Louis Annin Ames, which was substantially as follows: There were to be three hundred donors secured, who would each contribute \$500.00, which would make an amount more than sufficient to pay the original cost and form the nucleus of an endowment fund. Those who had already paid the sum of \$500.00 as well as all who later made this contribution were to be considered donors. There was then created also two other classes, Sustaining Members who would contribute \$100.00 or more, and Contributing Members who would contribute any sum whatever up to \$100.00 toward the total to be raised.

This plan started in splendidly and more than two hundred Donors were secured. There is no doubt that this plan would have been completely successful and the full quota of three hundred Donors secured except for the

1929 financial disaster in October. Even after that many subscriptions continued to be received, and comparatively few pledges were unfulfilled.

It is with pride that it is recalled that the leaders of our great Society did not falter even in the trying times that followed, and at several annual Congresses thereafter conferences were held late into the night to find ways and means to eventually pay off the final indebtedness on the Headquarters. That this was accomplished is well known to all of our members, and on August 26, 1935, the final mortgage debt was paid and the personal note of our three officers was cancelled, and the plans for having our own members take over the balance of indebtedness by means of Certificates of Indebtedness was evolved after much hard labor and is now being carried out according to the conditions by payment each year of not less than \$2,000.00.

In 1934, after many efforts and many discouragements, the property by act of Congress became tax exempt, and from that most uplifting and gratifying relief the Society was enabled to take on a new lease of life as it were, and to make the later plans above outlined for the Certificates of Indebtedness to complete the unpaid balance now due our own compatriots who so loyally came to the fore.

It is of especial interest to note that the final payment on the mortgage note was completed during the administration of President General Henry F. Baker, who had been the original Chairman of the Headquarters Committee which had undertaken the purchase of the building and raised the first \$25,000.00.

All of this has been frequently told before, but in this year of retrospect we feel it is appropriate to again review the details for the benefit of newer members.

One of the conditions made in the original plan of Colonel Ames and his committee was that a bronze tablet should be erected at the Headquarters upon which the names of all Donors should be inscribed, and about a year ago it was decided that this Donorship list should be permanently closed just prior to the celebration of our fiftieth Anniversary.

This time will expire in a few months now—on April 30, 1939, to be exact, and an opportunity is thus extended to any of our compatriots who so desire to become one of these Donors. It might be said here that our President General, Mr. Messmore Kendall has secured several such Donors during his administration, and it would be a great achieve-

ment if by the time of the 50th Congress, the full number of three hundred Donors originally planned for could be secured.

Is it not worth trying for? And would it not be a grand achievement!

A further word about our Headquarters Building itself. It is one that every member should be proud of. The picture shown at the front of this magazine shows its substantial construction and beautiful appearance. It is one of the buildings in Washington that is pointed out to visitors, and noted in bulletins of information at the various hotels of the city. There are some interesting features also on the grounds outside. The lovely noble elm in front of the house has historic significance in that it is a "grandchild" of the famous Cambridge Elm under which General Washington took command of the army that eventually brought us the liberties we are now enjoying in this country.

This tree was planted in 1928, as a very small sapling, and this was taken from a slip that came from the original Cambridge Elm in 1875, many years before it was destroyed. It was the gift of Mrs. John R. Dorsey of Baltimore who had personally nurtured the slips. The beautiful tree seen in the picture has grown to lovely proportions and "lifts its arms" each year to God and gives inspiration to those who are carrying on the work of the Sons of the American Revolution at Headquarters. A small bronze plate at the base tells its story.

The other small tree on the lawn is a black oak taken from Mount Vernon and was placed there by the District of Columbia Society, S. A. R., in October, 1932, with elaborate ceremonies as a sesquicentennial observance and a gift to the Headquarters. The next spring no leaves appeared and it was almost given up for dead. However, by some miracle of nature, a little sprout was discovered just a few inches above the ground and seemed to have life and by careful nurture, was finally coaxed to live and the little tree now seen seems to be healthy and have every prospect of developing into another beautiful tree.

Space in this account is lacking to describe in detail the interior of our Headquarters, but this appeared in an earlier issue, and it need only be said that it is in every way appropriate to our needs and when visitors and members come nothing is heard but admiration of the tastefulness and beauty of the furnishings, and their evident value, as well as the beauti-

ful proportions of the rooms, and the general dignity of appearance.

Every compatriot should feel great pride in this splendid property and feel admiration and respect for the men who made it possible to have such a memorial for our use in Washing-

ton. And everyone should feel it an honor to have a part in the final accomplishment of completing the payment in full of all indebtedness on our National Headquarters before our Golden Anniversary next spring.

F. B. S.

National Citizenship Day*

A New Objective for the Sons of the American Revolution

WHAT CAN the Sons of the American Revolution do, more than they are already doing, to counteract un-American influences within our borders? How can they better promote those purposes for which they were organized—a deeper appreciation for and a more genuine devotion to the principles of government and human ideals for which their heroic forefathers fought?

While such a question is important to every patriotic citizen, it is of tremendous importance to those who are the direct descendants of the founders of this great Republic and who are banded together to preserve those high traditions and beneficent institutions which have been the pride and glory of the country for over a century and a half.

That there are many very real menaces to our historic conceptions of government, is a statement that hardly needs to be argued. There is an alarming drift away from the old moorings. Our greatest danger today is not from foreign foes but from the slow poison of subversive theories and the paralysis of patriotic indifference.

Danger signals are all about us. Sinister doctrines preached from soap box and even from some school and university class rooms, lawlessness on the increase particularly among the youth, sullen discontent among the poor and selfish apathy among the rich, fifty per cent of our citizens neglecting to vote at important elections, a growing unwillingness on the part of our better citizens to participate personally in political activity and the general unconcern with which the average citizen views serious problems and tendencies—all these are indications of a condition that may justly be called alarming to all those who gauge their Americanism by the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence and by the interpre-

tations given it by Washington, Lincoln, and the great historic leaders of the past. When devotion to those high principles ceases, the days of the America that we have known will be numbered. It is but a truism to say that no Republic can survive the general defection of her citizens.

The correction of this disturbing trend is not easy. Many excellent suggestions have been made and many plans inaugurated by our own and other organizations to stay the drift. Probably all of them are helpful.

But is it not possible that we have been overlooking a very strategic point of attack—an opening that would give us an opportunity to establish patriotism in the minds of our citizens at a very impressionable period? When would be a more telling time to instruct and to impress in the duties of citizenship than at that time when citizenship is granted? Why not capitalize on the initiation into citizenship both of our youth upon becoming of age and of the foreign born upon completing the requirements for naturalization?

Why not set apart one day each year as a day of recognition for all those who have entered into the estate of citizenship during the year—a day when they are to be received, instructed and registered in the great fraternity of American citizenship.

As it is today, so far as our native born youths are concerned, there is absolutely no recognition of their becoming eligible to vote. They take up the priceless privilege of suffrage without the least manifestation of interest on the part of the government or the people. There is no special instruction, no examination, no gesture of welcome. Their initiation into a school fraternity, a club or a secret order is more impressive than their entrance into one of the highest of human fellowships—that of voters in the greatest free government on earth.

With the foreign born, there is, of course, some ceremony required by law, and there are

* Submitted to the President General by the President of San Diego Chapter, and published because of its valuable suggestions for a constructive program.

some places where these ceremonies are made appropriate and impressive. But even in these places they are but local. They lack uniformity and the solemnity that would be theirs if they were nationwide and had governmental authority. On the other hand there are places where the foreign born are received into citizenship with scant ceremony, with scarcely more dignity and solemnity than is required to get a dog license or to secure a permit to sell bananas on the street.

How can we expect new citizens to respect a privilege and obligation which is so lightly regarded by government and people?

Is it not reasonable to assume that a more impressive entry into citizenship would result in a higher esteem being placed upon it by those who receive it?

As a goal toward which we might work, let us envision a new national observance—a day set apart for the welcoming of new voters. On this day all those American born young people who have, during the year, arrived at voting age, and all those of foreign birth, who during the year have fulfilled the requirements for naturalization, in other words all those who that year have become eligible to vote, would report at the court houses of their respective counties or at some other appropriate place to be formally received into citizenship. It would be a public holiday and the actual ceremony of reception would be preceded by an outstanding patriotic celebration the features of which might well be a military and civil parade, with all the elements of the community participating, with floats depicting scenes or episodes of American history, or ideals of American life. Following the parade there would be an appropriate public program with colorful features such as pageants, music and an address by an outstanding speaker who would expound to the new citizens something of the meaning of American citizenship into which they are about to enter. The climax of the program would be the taking of an oath of allegiance by each of the new citizens, their registration in a citizens book-of-records which would be preserved among the permanent records of the county—along with the records of births, marriages and land titles. Each one would be given a token of his new relationship to the government, perhaps a certificate or card to retain permanently as evidence of his right to vote.

As an added feature of the observance, the churches of the country should be enlisted. The Sunday preceding September 17th would

be designated "National Citizenship Sunday," on which day special services in the churches, with perhaps delegations of new voters as invited guests, would emphasize the religious sanctions of citizenship.

All this, to be sure, is as yet an ideal picture. Before it becomes an actuality there must be beginnings, the idea must be "sold," experiments must be tried, details worked out, ultimately laws will have to be enacted. Of course before we can expect legislation there must be the building of sentiment and some degree of demonstration.

That is where the Sons of the American Revolution come in. What a challenging objective! And absolutely in harmony with all our traditions and ideals.

In the course of time other organizations—patriotic, civic, fraternal—will be enlisted. They will be glad to cooperate when once they get the vision, but it is for the Sons of the American Revolution to inspire the vision. There is no taint of partisanship, or sectarianism, or anything but pure Americanism, in the whole plan. The whole country should swing whole-heartedly behind it.

Because of the simplicity of it and because of its deep significance and potential value, such a day might well become in the course of time the greatest of our national holidays. Instead of being a memorial of some past event, it would be a memorial of the whole American ideal, a school of instruction for new citizens, a perennial incentive for a higher conception of citizenship. Think of the effect of the impact of such an observance in practically all of our three thousand counties every year, think of the influence upon the thought of the stream of young citizenry joining the ranks of voters impressed with the dignity and the glory of American citizenship.

As to the date for such an observance, would not the seventeenth of September, Constitution Day, be a most fitting time? What could be a more appropriate way of celebrating the adoption of the Constitution than by welcoming new citizens to the duties and privileges which the Constitution depends upon and guarantees?

As a beginning of this movement, the San Diego Chapter, California, Sons of the American Revolution, is planning to hold a suitable celebration for new citizens on Constitution Day, September 17th, 1938. It appeals to all local chapters to carry out a similar observance in their own localities. It respectfully suggests to the State Societies of the several States, that they adopt this plan and begin the pro-

motion and the encouragement of the idea in every way possible. And finally it appeals most respectfully to the National Society to make this a nationwide project, urging all State Societies and local chapters to cooperate in making the 17th of September an American Citizenship Day for the attainment of a higher type of loyalty to our American ideals and a more conscientious and intelligent performance of the plain duties which every citizen owes to his country in this free land of ours.

E. E. SCRANTON,
Lt. Comdr., U. S. N.,

RICHMOND JACKSON,
Attorney,

CHARLES GURLEY,
Better Business Bureau,

A. WATSON BROWN,
President, San Diego Chapter, Chairman.

SOME OF THE REACTIONS TO THE SUGGESTIONS FOR "NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP DAY" AS AN OBJECTIVE FOR THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

"You have a really constructive idea which may well become an objective of our Society."—Messmore Kendall, President General of the National Society.

"The idea of having a National Citizenship Day is a very fine one."—Captain James Dearing Fauntleroy, President, Virginia Society.

"I am heartily in accord with the purposes set forth and do most positively consider it a worthwhile project for the organization."—Harold L. Putman, President, California Society.

"Personally, I am 100% for it."—Charles A. Dubois, Secretary, New York (Empire State) Society.

"I wish to add my approval of your plan and suggestion and shall support the project."—Col. James D. Watson, President, Georgia Society.

"I most heartily commend your plans and activities."—Joseph S. Fisher, President, Pennsylvania Society.

"I have read the statement with deep interest, and desire to commend you and your committee for your initiative in setting forth this worthy objective."—Chalmers Seymour McConnell, President, District of Columbia Society.

"The idea is a very good one. Adoption of the plan would be of very great benefit."—William H. Pettit, Secretary-Registrar, Ohio Society.

"It would be difficult to find a more worthy objective for the entire membership of the Sons of the American Revolution than to work for the eventual observance of a 'National Citizenship Day.' We need such an objective."—Harry E. Marshall, President, San Francisco Chapter.

"With growing appreciation and approval I have been studying your proposal for a 'National Citizenship Day.' Compatriots of our local Chapter with whom I have discussed the proposal are likewise interested."—Joseph A. Gaines, President, Glasgow (Kentucky) Chapter.

"Personally I am much in accord with the idea and have felt that the entire Society and the individual Chapters should have something more constructive for which to work."—H. B. Corwin, President, Kent Chapter, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

"I am very much in sympathy and approve heartily with your proposal."—John W. Beretta, President, San Antonio Chapter, Texas.

"I heartily approve the plan proposed by you."—R. A. Rowlands, President, Schenectady Chapter, New York.

"I think that you have started something that is very much worthwhile."—Charles W. Taylor, President, Lincoln Chapter, Nebraska.

"Most Admirable."—C. L. Wilson, President, K. M. Van Zandt Chapter, Fort Worth, Texas.

The Organization Committee Speaks

THE CUP of joy of your Organization Committee is filling, as result of last year's increase in membership and organization activities, but wants to be over-flowing! Think of it, one local chapter, Medford, Oregon, starting out with a membership of nearly forty, and only five of them old members. They have promised to have fifty members in the chapter by Washington's Birthday. There is also the example of the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter of Reading, Pennsylvania, the record of which is even more imposing, but which has the advantage of being located in a center of great eligibility.

Your committee has come to the conclusion that our shortcomings are the result of self-satisfaction and complacency which develops in the minds of those who gloat over the past, singing now, forgetting the future: living in temporary glory upon our forebears' achievements, making no effort to contribute to our generation and dissipating the heritage which has come to us. The antidote against this creeping lethargy is in the hands of every state president and every member of a local chapter.

It can be prescribed by our President General, but its administration must be initiated through state and chapter officers.

In each community where there is a local chapter, let us strive during the next twelve months to justify our existence, so we may expect outstanding citizens to become one of us—not because our Society is great, but because of present day useful and constructive efforts—such as education in citizenship, and taking the leading part in celebrating patriotic anniversaries.

This is the solution to success of your chapter and problem of membership. Where you find apathy in chapter officers, membership dwindles, lack of interest and finally the deeds of our forebears forgotten, and deterioration.

A chapter cannot expect to take its place in accordance with the present day needs of a community by pointing to the history of the Sons of the American Revolution. And such a chapter is not a credit to our Society and criticism is germinated like a dark cloud to

cover and conceal the principles for which we stand.

When a Compatriot is elected he is known to be a worthy citizen of his community, and has made a name for himself, known throughout every home. If he fails it casts a shadow on his chapter officers and likewise his own qualifications as a member.

Our goal must depend not upon the heroic deeds of ancestors, but the building of a similar state of our own which we pass on to those to come. If we cling with tenacity to the course and fundamentals pointed out by our ancestors, we stand supreme and unchallenged in the cause of liberty and preservation of America and its democratic form of government.

Our President General has charted a course during the coming year that will make the Sons of the American Revolution a necessary and respected part of this great country, so, let us become such a necessity that our fellow citizens with the qualifications will ask to become members.

Recognizing the fact that whatever may be accomplished for our Society must come through efforts of the state and chapter officers, your committee looks forward to a year of great moment.

We call for an expression of confidence in our newly re-elected President General, Messmore Kendall, in the form of a large membership increase, for his untiring effort in behalf of the Society. Under his inspiring guidance we may safely turn our eyes to the future, knowing that the welfare of the Society will be upheld and that it will expand its sphere of usefulness.

Encouraging reports are now coming in from State Societies. Plan your membership drive and begin functioning without delay.

For the Organization Committee,

JAMES D. WATSON,
Chairman.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FORMING LOCAL CHAPTERS SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The question of membership and organization is the function primarily of the state societies. In forming new chapters or rehabilitating those that have gone below the accepted standard, the program outlined has proven of much value.

First of all real personal contact is the thing that counts. If one person can be prevailed upon to take the lead in forming the chapter, success is assured. Before going into a town to start a chapter or rehabilitate an old one it is necessary to get the names of eligible men that will be congenial with each other, and the highest type of citizen in the community. Confer with the local Regent or Recording Secretary of the D.A.R. for this list; they usually consider it an honor and pleasure to furnish the names of prospects.

After receiving the list of prospects, literature should be sent them for at least one month. This literature may be obtained from the Secretary General's Office.

First a letter, preferably one from one of the National Officers, in any case the Secretary General, should be sent the candidate with comments and calling attention to the fact that a booklet is being sent them which is a short pamphlet of information concerning the Sons of the American Revolution, and, if read, will prove very interesting.

Next is sent a copy of the Society Magazine. Then send a letter from the selected leader in the city where the chapter is to be located and a letter from the State President extending an invitation on behalf of the Board of Managers, to become a charter member. Follow this with another and later copy of the Magazine if practicable.

Upon acceptance of the invitation to become a member, prepare the applications, with the assistance of a volunteer from the local D.A.R. Chapter—members will gladly help in this work—then send them in for approval to the State Secretary who in turn will forward to the Registrar General for final approval.

When the required number of members have been obtained to start the chapter—even though all applications have not been approved—call a meeting for the purpose of organizing. After having all prospects sign an application for charter, write the State Secretary that the chapter has been formed, giving list of officers, name of chapter and accompany this report with all completed applications not already forwarded. The State Officers should then report these details to National headquarters.

Delay issuing charter until all applications have been approved, or if desired hold the charter open for acceptance of new members for a specified period.

The S. A. R. Library

AN EXCEPTIONALLY valuable and most appropriate donation was made to the S. A. R. Library by a former president of the Louisiana State Society, C. Robert Churchill, when he recently gave to the National Society a manuscript copy of his well-indexed "S. A. R. Spanish Records." Only five copies of this compilation are in existence, the S. A. R. receiving copy number three. Mr. Churchill in the preparation of this work has performed an unusually great service to our society because his efforts have opened up a great untouched field for membership from among the descendants of the soldiers who served under Galvez in campaigns against the British in 1779, 1780 and 1781. This volume is being carefully preserved with other rare works in a special cabinet at the Headquarters Building. Your librarian will gladly assist anyone desiring to have the volume consulted for any particular name.

The Columbia University Press continues to send many of its publications for review. Not only does this publisher, but a number of others, regularly give our society complimentary copies of their works and with little exception they make excellent and needed additions to the collections of the library. Compatriot William M. Pettit, Chairman of the National Society's Library Committee, is doing some

good work in this regard by his correspondence with outstanding publishers to encourage the practice of sending new publications to the National Society for review in its magazine.

Few State Societies and local chapters have responded to the request that copies of their publications and bulletins be regularly sent to the S. A. R. Library. It is suggested that every compatriot consider himself a committee of one to get the Headquarters Building on his state and local society's mailing list for two copies of every issue. Remind your secretary, please, to do this at once. To delay is to forget.

Manuscript genealogies are especially desired from the members. Particularly to be noted in this issue's list of donors are Colonel Henry Dickinson Lindsley for his genealogy showing descent from Lieutenant Nathaniel Lawrence and Mr. C. B. Langstroth for his genealogical chart of the Townsend family. Attention is also called to the donation of Compatriot C. H. Cory, Jr., which included a number of very appropriate volumes. If every compatriot would make a contribution as large as that of Mr. Cory the S. A. R. Library would be the largest of its kind in the whole United States.

LOUIS CHARLES SMITH,
Librarian General.

Brief Book Reviews

(Copies of these recently published books have been donated to the S. A. R. Library by the publishers.)

"The History of Old Tryon and Rutherford Counties, N. C., 1730-1936," by Clarence W. Griffin, P. O. Box 533, Forest City, North Carolina. (Published by the author, \$12.50.)

This work is written by the County Historian of Rutherford County who is also a member of the North Carolina Historical Commission. More than fifteen years were spent gathering the material for this work which was published under the sponsorship of the Rutherford County Historical Association. The history contains over four hundred biographical-genealogical sketches.

"Record of the Old Burying Ground at Watertown, Connecticut," published by the Sarah Whitman Trumbull Chapter, D. A. R., of Watertown, Conn. (\$2.50.)

The arrangement of this book is unique inasmuch as it makes it possible to find not only the epitaph but also to locate the grave of anyone buried in the Old Burying Ground by means of a

map showing the location of each of the 981 stones. An introduction and historical sketch give authorities for some interesting side notes and historical information regarding Watertown.

"The Soviet Paradise Lost," by Ivan Solonevich, translated by Warren Harrow. Published by The Paisley Press, New York City. (\$2.50.)

This is an exceptionally enthralling tale, told with simplicity, vigor and frequently grim humor, of the author's experiences in a concentration camp. The unique point which Solonevich stresses above all else is that the concentration camp is a normal cross section of Soviet life, with the sole difference that everything happens openly in camp.

"The Founding of American Civilization, the Middle Colonies," by Thomas Jefferson Wertenbaker. Published by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York City. (\$3.00.)

A cultural history of New York, New Jersey, Delaware, and Pennsylvania—the "Middle Colonies" of the subtitle. Beginning with the earliest settlements the author shows how there grew up during the next century and a half a truly indi-

vidual American culture or civilization. The book is fully illustrated with photographs, drawings, maps and facsimiles of old documents.

"Trumpets at Dawn," by Cyril Harris; published by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York City. (\$2.50.)

This is a novel of the American Revolution. The fortunes of two families are involved—the older generation still clinging to their loyalty to "George the King"; the younger—no longer "colonials" or "rebels", but Americans—risking their all in Washington's ragged armies. As a vast spectacle of a people in the throes of war, with intimate and authentic glimpses into their homes and lives, the life in the forlorn continental regiments, the alarms of battle and exploits of spies within the lines, Trumpets at Dawn presents the Revolution as something that the reader experiences as he turns the pages. Its richness of characterization, romance, and powerful sense of reality place it high among the novels dealing with the years from 1776 to 1783.

The following books are published, at the prices indicated, by the Columbia University Press, New York City:

"Pressures on the Legislature of New Jersey," by Dayton David McKean. (\$2.75.) The value of this study is enhanced by the fact that the author was a member of the New Jersey Assembly in the sessions of 1934 and 1935 and so able to study at first hand the subject which he was also examining from the viewpoint of a scholar. The book not only discloses what are the different conflicting interests in New Jersey but also tells something of their background in the economic and political life of that state.

"Brooklyn Village, 1816-1834," by Ralph Foster Weld. (\$3.50.) In the first part of the book the political evolution has been traced from the simplest forms of organization, brought over from Europe, to the comparatively complex machinery of a democratically governed American city. The chief economic and social factors which accompanied and conditioned the political changes are given. The second part of the book deals with the growth of churches, also the rise of reform movements. The third and fourth parts cover the press, schools and intellectual life in general.

"Annals of the New York Stage, Volume X, 1875-1879," by George C. D. Odell. (\$8.75.) Much meticulous research was undertaken in the preparation of this volume. The life of the town, with its changing tastes and customs, serves as background for the pictures of the actors, the audiences and the manners of stage production.

"The Rise of a New Federalism; Federal-State Cooperation in the United States," by Jane Perry

Clark. (\$3.50.) The present volume favors neither federal centralization nor states rights. Its purpose, rather, is to indicate and describe some of the ways in which the federal and state governments have cooperated and to discover how effective their joint activity has been. In short, this book examines one of the important problems of American government and contributes to a better understanding of our federal system as it functions today.

"The Reorganization of State Governments in the United States," by A. E. Buck. (\$2.50.) The purpose of this study is two-fold. In the first part it surveys the historical background briefly and outlines the various types of reorganization which have been proposed or considered, with some evaluation of the many plans and experiments. In the second part of the book a section is devoted to each of the forty-eight states and a sketch of actual or proposed reorganizations or administrative consolidations is presented in each case.

"Merchants of Peace," by George L. Ridgeway. (\$3.75.) This is a history of the International Chamber of Commerce. It is the story of international cooperation by representative business men of the world. It shows how it is possible by greater international cooperation on the part of both business and government for armament races to be halted, security for individuals and nations achieved, and trade made to flow in increasing quantities among nations.

"The Finns on the Delaware, 1638-1655," by John H. Wuorinen. (\$1.25.) This is an essay in American Colonial history. It is a history of the background, events and significance of New Sweden, and pays particular attention to the part which the Finns played in the development of the colony on the Delaware.

"Maximilien Robespierre: Nationalist Dictator," by James Michael Eagan. (\$2.75.) Dr. Eagan has not attempted to write a life of Robespierre, nor a history of the French Revolution. Rather, the purpose of this volume is to present the nationalist thought of Robespierre in its origins and development, from the time when he was an obscure lawyer in Artois, infatuated with the writings of Rousseau, through the period of the Constitutional Monarchy (1789-1792), when his nationalism was constitutional and stridently humanitarian, up to the days of the Convention and the Republic when he personified the intolerant Jacobin nationalism that made him for a few months virtually the first nationalist dictator of France. Thus, while this is a study centered on the man Robespierre, it is at the same time an account of the techniques of nationalist dictatorship as practiced by him.

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History of Wilkinson County, by Victor Davidson, published by the John Ball Chapter, D. A. R.....	John Wesley Hooks
The Colonial Home, Three Generations of Experience.....	Clayton L. Wallace
Year Book of the Town of Fairfield, Connecticut, 1937.....	Archie Harwood Loomis
Would Communism Work Out In America, by Percy Crosby.....	Percy Crosby
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Temple Hill, the site where Washington through his eloquence was able to quell the incipient revolution among the disappointed remnants of his army, and prevented the culmination of a plan to create a military dictatorship, was the subject of an able paper before the New York State Historical Association at its recent September meeting, by Rev. A. Elwood Corning, President of the Temple Hill Association and of Newburgh Chapter, New York. Our National Society endorsed the project of restoring Temple Hill at the Congresses at Portland, Maine, and Buffalo, New York, and the cornerstone of the shrine pro-

posed to be erected on this site was laid in September, 1937, with President General Kendall, as presiding Chairman.

A Massachusetts compatriot had an interesting experience during his travels in England a short time ago, arising from an inquiry about the significance of his S. A. R. rosette. As a result of the information given by him, an article was published in the London *Times* about the Sons of the American Revolution and its rosette with a statement that the latter is seen in England about as frequently as is the rosette of the Legion of Honor of France.

The Golden Book of Cook County

AS ARMISTICE DAY approaches the following account seems pertinent, although it is an account of a program carried out a year ago. The story was received too late for publication at that time but was reserved for later use.—Ed.

TRIBUTE TO THE four thousand men from Chicago and Cook County, Illinois, who were killed in action overseas during the World War, was paid by the Illinois Society, Sons of the American Revolution, at the annual international Armistice ceremonies in the auditorium of the Chicago Historical Society last November seventh, when the World War Medal of the Society was presented for the Medal Case of the "Golden Book of Cook County."

In 1934 all records of Chicago's war dead were destroyed in the fire which consumed the State Armory at Springfield. After years of painstaking work these names were compiled by the Chicago Historical Society and engrossed in a beautiful book, "The Golden Book of Cook County." With international military ceremonies, it was dedicated on March 15, 1936, the ceremonies attended by the diplomatic representatives of fifteen of the former allied nations.

Since its dedication it has been enshrined in the World War Room of the Historical Society and has been designated by every United States and Allied veteran organization in the city as its official world war memorial shrine—the first and only one in Chicago. Ambassadors of France, Italy, Poland and the Ministers of Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia have gone there to place wreaths or present memorial plaques for their respective governments, as have the ranking national officers of fifteen veteran organizations to present the official medals of their respective organizations, to join every United States world war medal, from the Congressional Medal of Honor to the Victory Medal with 17 battle clasps, which now hang in the Medal Case of the "Golden Book."

Each day a page is turned in the book. Surrounding it in its glass case are dried petals of flowers brought from France, Italy, Yugoslavia, Belgium, Scotland and England, Canada, South Africa, Poland, Greece and Czechoslovakia for the dedication services, presented by ranking officers of veteran organizations of the armies of those nations.

At the climax of the program, Compatriot Wilbur Helm, Past President of the Illinois Society, presented the World War Medal of the Sons of the American Revolution in memory of former compatriots or their sons whose names are in the "Golden Book." Among

other medals presented at the same time was the Italian World War Victory Medal. Fifteen nations were represented by their Consul Generals. Major General Hugh A. Drum, U. S. A., and Rear Admiral Hayne Ellis, U. S. N., represented our armed forces and seventeen United States and allied veteran organizations participated.

On the evening of December 3rd compatriots who served in the armed forces of the United States during the World War were presented with World War Medals of the S. A. R., with a special certificate showing their specific war service. Of more than 60 compatriots who had authenticated service, many of them out of the city, 30 were able to be present to receive their medals. Those with army service were decorated by Colonel Robert M. Danford, U. S. A., Chief-of-Staff, 6th Army Corps. Men serving in the navy were decorated by Commander George D. Hull, N. S. N., and former marines received their medals from Lt. Colonel Roy D. Swink, U. S. M. C.

Following the decoration short talks were made by Edward J. Clamage, Sr., Vice Commander, Dept. of Ill., American Legion; George F. Bradfield, National Adjutant of the Military Order of the Purple Heart; Capt. Herman H. Weimen, D. S. C., Past National Commander, Disabled American Veterans; Lt. Colonel Adolph Miller, U. S. M. C., and Capt. William J. Grace, Sr., Vice Commander, Dept. of Ill., Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Both of these programs were planned and conducted by Compatriot Col. Carleton B. Cunningham, who also arranged and directed the original dedication ceremonies of the "Golden Book of Cook County." Besides serving on the Board of Managers of the Illinois Society, S. A. R., he is President of the Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Illinois and the National Commander-in-Chief of the Allied World War Veterans Council, a central national organization of the veteran organizations in America of the armies of France, Great Britain, Belgium, Yugoslavia, Poland, Italy, Czechoslovakia and Greece. For "distinguished service in the cause of world peace and international understanding" he has been decorated by the President of France with the Cross of the Legion of Honor and recently was awarded the Golden Cross of the Order of Merit by the President of Poland, one of the youngest men ever to receive either of these distinguished honors.

Events of State Societies

(Editor's Note: State and Chapter Officers are requested to furnish news items of their activities for publication in this department. Such items should be sent to National Headquarters for our next issue on or before December 1, 1938.)

California Society

Vice President William H. Adams, Chairman of the Committee on Publicity, arranged for a series of broadcasts over one of the San Francisco stations. The programs were in the form of interviews on the phases of the duties of American citizens in connection with their voting privileges. Four broadcasts, on successive Tuesdays of August, were given, and found cordial reception.

President Putnam spoke at the public Fourth of July celebration, and Past President Mathewson made the Flag Day address on June 14, given in full on another page.

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER—Compatriot John P. Pryor of San Francisco Chapter presented the trophy of the Chapter to David W. Durfee, Troop A, 11th Cavalry, Presidio of Monterey, for excellence in subjects common to Infantry, Cavalry, and Field Artillery. This camp of C. M. T. C. bears the name of the Compatriot making the presentation, being named for Capt. John P. Pryor, who was killed in France during the World War.

SAN JOSE CHAPTER—Our oldest member, Compatriot George W. Shreve, was the guest of the State of Pennsylvania during the recent reunion of Federal and Confederate veterans at Gettysburg. He visited the site of his old home in Fairfax County, Virginia, and met a host of relatives, many of whom he had never seen. Motor trips to Washington and to other historic places, once familiar to his boyhood, added to the enjoyment of the visit.

ALAMEDA COUNTY CHAPTER—The annual regatta of the Sea Scouts of Northern California was held this year at Alameda on the third, fourth and fifth of September. According to established custom, an S. A. R. Good Citizenship medal was given to a selected member of the organization. The method of selection is a little out of the ordinary. Each "ship" selects as a candidate one of its own outstanding boys. This year there were about twenty contestants. These were put in a room and given two hours in which to write a two-hundred word essay on the subject: "What American Citizenship Means to Me." They had had no time for preparation or for collaboration with others, so what they wrote came out of their own minds. A committee consisting of prominent Alameda educators read the essays and selected the winner. The presentation was made Sunday evening by F. Howard Seely, Acting President of the ALAMEDA COUNTY CHAPTER, to

the winner, Sea Scout Duncan Ridge, of Concord, California.

It is interesting to note that the Sea Scout Ship *Sea Hawk*, of Berkeley, California, scoring 606 points out of a possible 640, was awarded the Regatta Trophy. Having won this trophy for three consecutive years, the ship will keep the bronze plaque permanently. This is a national award.

Connecticut Society

A Regional Meeting in celebration of Constitution Day was held at Putnam Park, Redding, in which all D. A. R., S. A. R. and C. A. R. chapters of the near vicinity participated. The Chapters of the S. A. R. included GENERAL GOLD SILLIMAN BRANCH of Bridgeport, NORWALK BRANCH, CAPTAIN MATTHEW MEAD BRANCH, Greenwich, and DANBURY BRANCH.

This is the first occasion of such a joint meeting and proved most successful both from a patriotic and a social standpoint. A large attendance enjoyed a basket picnic to which everyone contributed, and committees to make introductions and promote the social features were active. A program of games and sports was also enjoyed.

The serious feature of the gathering was the recognition of Constitution Day anniversary with an able address by Judge William W. Bent upon this topic. The meeting was so successful that it was voted to make these joint gatherings an annual affair, and a tentative permanent organization was formed. Putnam Park, where the ceremonies were held is the winter camp site of General Israel Putnam during 1778-9.

At the regional meeting held in Storowtown, Massachusetts, on July 16th, there were twenty-five members of the Connecticut Society present. More details of this meeting are to be found on another page. Also at the second regional meeting at Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, on August 13th, Connecticut was well represented and addresses were made by Past President General Rogers and Vice President General Howard E. Coe. A splendid spirit of neighborliness and cooperation was manifest at both meetings, which bids well for membership increase and the forthcoming 50th Congress of the National Society, toward the success of which the Connecticut Society is bending every effort.

CAPTAIN MATTHEW MEAD BRANCH, Greenwich—On Constitution Day this Chapter dedicated two Revolutionary millstones with appropriate exercises.

CAPTAIN JOHN COUCH BRANCH, of Meride, held a supper meeting jointly with the local D. A. R. on Constitution Day.

Delaware Society

Vice President General Alexander H. Lord and Past President of the Delaware Society represented the National Society at the mass meeting in Washington sponsored by the District of Columbia D. A. R. on the evening of Constitution Day, and brought the greetings of the National officers of the S. A. R.

District of Columbia Society

Following a very quiet summer, President McConnell called a Board meeting during August for the purpose of passing on applications received since the spring meeting. The regular Bulletin of the Society was issued as a result of this meeting, with a call for observance of Constitution Day and the participation of compatriots in the Mass meeting held under the auspices of the D. A. R. at Memorial Continental Hall on the evening of September 17th. Mr. McConnell represented the District of Columbia S. A. R. on this occasion, and Vice President General Alexander Lord of Delaware brought greetings from the National Society.

The August Bulletin lists the committees to be appointed and requests members to indicate on which they wish to serve, and announces the names of seven new applicants recommended for membership to be voted on at the ensuing meeting.

Georgia Society

A "Get Together" meeting was held by ATHENS CHAPTER at the home of President and Mrs. R. R. Gunn, on June 9th. A tour of the newly completed residence was made in three or four groups. It is full of historical relics and much of the house has been finished with lumber obtained from the ancestral home of the host.

Supper was served on the lawn and the members, thirty-eight out of a total membership of forty, afterwards assembled under the large oaks where a program was held. Colonel James D. Watson, State President, was present and gave a short report of the Annual Congress, at Dallas, Texas, and displayed the Colorado Traveling Banner of the Society won by Georgia for greatest percentage of net gain in membership in the State Societies of over 100. The Chapter voted to invite Georgia State Society to meet with them in October for the annual meeting. Various objectives for the coming year's work was also discussed and settled upon.

Result of the election was Robert R. Gunn, President; Prof. Hubert B. Owens, Vice President; J. Mays Brock, Secretary; Dean H. B. Ritchie,

Historian and Treasurer; Dr. B. M. Grier, Registrar; J. Clayton Bowers, Sergeant-at-Arms; and Thomas F. Comer, Chaplain.

President Asa G. DeLoach, of ATLANTA CHAPTER, attended the marking of Dow Pulpit Rock, at Monticello, Georgia, June 9th, by the local chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Also the unveiling of an historical marker at Eatonton, Georgia, June 15th.

ATLANTA CHAPTER has doubled its membership during the past year and arrangements are being made for increased activities during the fall and winter months.

President R. W. Hatcher, JOHN MILLEDGE CHAPTER, was injured in an automobile accident last April. He is recovering, but will not be able to resume his usual activities for some time.

Thirty-seven R. O. T. C. Medals were presented to students in various Schools and Universities during May, fifteen going to the Infantry and Cavalry unit of the University of Georgia where Compatriot Colonel Herbert E. Mann is Military Instructor.

Plans for the meeting of the Georgia State Society are still tentative but the date of October 14th is decided, and ATHENS CHAPTER will be the host, as above mentioned. There will be a business session in the morning followed by luncheon and a drive about the city and the Georgia State University after the conclusion of the sessions. In the evening there is planned a joint meeting with the local D. A. R., at which the President General Messmore Kendall, is expected as guest of honor and speaker.

The Georgia Society has been endeavoring to establish the last resting place of William Few, Georgia Signer of the Constitution, and through the assistance of Rev. A. Elwood Corning, President of NEWBURGH CHAPTER, N. Y., has evidence that these remains lie in an unmarked vault in the Old Dutch Reformed Church Cemetery, at Beacon, N. Y. As soon as definite proof of the truth of the evidence is established, the Georgia Society proposes to place an appropriate marker.

Illinois Society

GEORGE ROGERS CLARK CHAPTER, Peoria—A Flag Day meeting was held on June 19th at the Wheeler Farm, near Putnam, Illinois, the spot where one year ago the Chapter dedicated a bronze tablet to the memory of Chief Senachwine, who lies buried here. The dedication at the time was conducted by the Chapter and the donor of the plaque was Compatriot George W. Hunt.

A program followed the fine picnic luncheon, and talks were enjoyed by Mrs. Thomas Monier, on "Marking Indian Trails," and Compatriot

George W. Hunt on "Trails of the Early Pioneer," narrating events in the lives of early settlers in the vicinity of the Indiana Trading Post near Hennepin.

SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER—As its Constitution Day Observance, this Chapter presented to the three High Schools of Springfield, the Shrines of the Constitution, and in each case with appropriate exercises in the school assemblies to mark the anniversary. These Shrines are furnished by the United States Constitution Sesqui-Centennial Commission and are replicas of the Shrine in which the original Constitution is preserved in the Congressional Library in Washington.

The students have shown great interest in studying these and the principals all testify to the appreciation of this splendid gift on the part of SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER. In the presentation exercises at Lanphier High, Secretary Nelson Allyn, and former Secretary Isaac R. Diller, participated.

Indiana Society

The Society has been active during the summer months, and regardless of heat, has had good attendance at all meetings.

Flag Day was celebrated June 1st. In July the meeting was given over to reports by the delegates who had attended the Dallas Congress. President Arthur spoke on various phases of the Congress and Compatriot Smith of the New Castle Chapter described the trip taken to Mexico in which he had participated; Mark Reasoner, National Trustee, spoke especially of the committee work of the Congress and Vice President General Cook described the social features.

On July 30th the Society was represented by Compatriots Clarence Cook, Harry O. Garman and Newton Keister at Fort Benjamin Harrison, when the Indiana Society presented, through Vice President General Cook, the Society's Good Citizenship Medal to the outstanding C. M. T. C. student at the July camp. A medal was also presented on behalf of the Ohio Society to an Ohio student.

On August 3rd, the members were addressed by Past President Frank B. Fowler who gave an interesting talk on "Impressions from a Recent Trip to Europe." Again, on August 31st, a second medal was awarded to the C. M. T. C. by Indiana Society, and on this award day medals of the Ohio and Kentucky S. A. R. were also presented.

Fall activities of the Indiana Society opened on September 7th, when a Constitution Day program was carried out in advance of the regular date. This was an open meeting for the public and was well attended. Governor Clifford Townsend had

issued a special proclamation urging proper observance. At this meeting, the speaker was Hon. Harley T. Ristine of Crawfordsville.



Kansas Society

The accompanying picture shows Governor Walter A. Huxman of Kansas, with former Vice President General A. W. Deatrick showing a photograph of the Signing of the Constitution. Governor Huxman was one of the many State Executives who issued a formal proclamation urging the observance of Constitution Day throughout his state.

Maryland Society

The Committee on Medals of the Maryland Society including President Lewis A. Rice, Edward D. Shriner, Jr. and F. Earle Shriner of Frederick, Md., W. Giles Parker, Chairman of the Committee, Edward McColgan, Frank L. Chapin and George S. Robertson, on Sunday, July 17th, at Camp Ritchie, presented medals to the First Regiment, the Fifth Regiment, the Fifty-eighth Brigade Headquarters Company, Company D of the 104th Quartermasters Regiment and the State detachment of the Maryland National Guard. Forty-three medals and one bar for the second year.

The medals were presented by Governor Harry C. Nice after the Committee and other guests had partaken of dinner served in tents erected upon the lawn of Major General Milton A. Record.

On July 29th medals were awarded to the 29th

Division of Aviation by Mr. William H. Blake-man at Virginia Beach, Va.

On August 13th at Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, eleven medals were awarded to the 110th Field Artillery. The committee who attended this ceremony was composed of Lewis A. Rice, President; Edward D. Shriner, Jr., F. Earle Shriner and Ruger R. Rice, of Frederick, Md.; W. Giles Parker, Chairman, Edward McColgan, G. W. S. Musgrave and Lee Wylie Tipton.

On September 7th one medal was awarded to the First Separate Company (colored) at the Richmond Market Armory, the presentation being made by Mr. W. Giles Parker, Chairman; and the committee who attended consisted of Edward McColgan, Lee Wylie Tipton, J. Noble Stockett and George S. Robertson.

There are four medals to be awarded to the 104th Medical Regiment at their armory, Baltimore, sometime during the month of October at a regimental review.

The medals presented to all of the above are the special Maryland medal provided by the State Society for presentation to the National Guard described in a previous issue.

Massachusetts Society

The annual Summer Field Day of the Massachusetts Society was held at Storrowtown on July 16th and was also a regional meeting, with representatives of the neighboring states of Rhode Island and Connecticut attending. Vice President General Howard E. Coe of Waterbury, Connecticut; Judge Henry D. C. DuBois, President of the Rhode Island State Society, were present, and C. Wesley Patten, Genealogist General of the National Society and President of Massachusetts Society, presided. The guest speaker was Captain S. Kenneth Skolfield, of Northwestern University Law School and U. S. A. Reserves. A tour of the Colonial village and buildings was taken before luncheon, served in the old Potter House. Other interesting preservations including Gilbert Homestead, Eddy Law Office, Whately Schoolhouse, Chesterfield Blacksmith Shop, Salisbury Meeting House, Phillips House, Atkinson Tavern, etc. An interesting meeting followed in the Town House, with a splendid attendance of compatriots throughout the State.

On August 4th, State Secretary Arthur Dow and former President Davis G. Maraspin visited Fort Devens, upon invitation of the Camp Commander, for the Governor's Day celebration and review of C. M. T. C. when they made the presentation of the Society's Good Citizenship Medal to the outstanding cadet of Massachusetts. Following the review, Commander Colonel and Mrs.

Tomlinson entertained the officers and distinguished guests at their home.

On August 13th the Massachusetts Society held a second regional meeting on Martha's Vineyard, at Edgartown, where the DUKES COUNTY CHAPTER were hosts and served luncheon at the Colonial Inn; afterward with Chairman Abner L. Braley presiding, in the old First Church, brief greetings were heard from President Patten of the State Society, former President General Ernest E. Rogers of Connecticut, Vice President General Coe of the New England District, President Henry D. C. DuBois of the Rhode Island Society, and the Island Superintendent of Schools. Other guests were present from the District of Columbia, Connecticut, Wyoming, Rhode Island, New York and Massachusetts Societies, and representatives of the D. A. R. and C. A. R. Following the meeting the guests visited the D. A. R. headquarters which has a fine collection of souvenirs.

On Constitution Day, September 17th, the State Society held a dinner at Boston City Club jointly with the OLD BOSTON and MYSTIC VALLEY CHAPTER. Judge Frankland W. L. Miles was the speaker.

Missouri Society

A program on the evening of Constitution Day, September 17th was held under the auspices of the Society at Beaumont High School, St. Louis, at which the State President, John Rush Powell made the preliminary remarks, and National Trustee, James M. Breckenridge introduces the speaker of the evening, Hon. Frederick A. Judell of the St. Louis Bar on "Our Constitution and What it Means to Us Today." Orchestral music and vocal solos completed an inspiring program.

The Society also had charge of the program of the Rotary Club at the Hotel Dupont, Constitution week, when the speaker was the Deputy Attorney General of Missouri, Edward Duffy, who spoke on John Marshall, and described his influence in shaping the success of the Supreme Court.

In accordance with its custom of years, the Missouri Society presented Good Citizenship Medals to the C. M. T. C. units at Jefferson Barracks at the closing exercises. Eleven Medals were awarded.

Montana Society

Secretary Leslie Sulgrove, Director of Montana State observance of Constitution Day reports that the celebration was very complete, and the proclamation issued by Governor Roy E. Ayers, to the public generally and the proclamation of Miss Ruth Reardon, Superintendent of Public Instruction, reached every schoolroom in the State from

Kindergarten to the Universities. The observance, is by the Legal Holiday law, made under the supervision of the Superintendent, and is very thorough. In all of the exercises, particular respect was shown to the memory of the Founder David Lawrence Pierson, reviewing his life-work, demise and fame.

Nebraska Society

In cooperation with twenty-seven other patriotic and civic organizations of Lincoln the Nebraska Society participated in an outstanding Constitution Day program at the Chamber of Commerce on September 17th. The Citizenship Committee of the Chamber, under whose auspices the meeting was arranged, was headed by Judge Frederick Shepherd, and the address of the day was made by the Vice President General of the S. A. R., Hon. Sterling F. Mutz on "Our Constitution."

LINCOLN CHAPTER is affiliated with the Americanization Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and during the past year ninety new citizens were admitted in whom this committee took a personal interest.

OMAHA CHAPTER held a very interesting quarterly meeting at the Chamber of Commerce on September 20, at noon, in observation of Constitution Day. About forty members were in attendance and listened to a very instructive address on Constitutions in general and the United States' Constitution in particular by Mr. Charles Reed, a prominent member of the Omaha Bar. He is recognized in this section as an authority on this subject.

The New Jersey Society

The Headquarters office has been open during the summer months and in active operation. The first fall meeting of the Board of Managers will be on October 14th.

The Society wishes to herein officially register the deep regret and sorrow which will be felt by all of its members as a result of the death of former Secretary David Lawrence Pierson. Notice of the death of Compatriot Pierson is contained elsewhere in this issue. In this column, the Board of Managers wishes to record its feelings of sympathy for Mrs. David L. Pierson.

ELIZABETHTOWN CHAPTER—A number of members of the Chapter served on the Mayor's Committee in celebration of Independence Day. The program for the day included exercises at the Winfield Scott Park and fireworks display in the evening.

A delegation from the Chapter attended the funeral services of Compatriot Lovell H. Carr.

Plans were carried out for the celebration of

Constitution Day with a special recognition of the services of the late Compatriot David L. Pierson, the Founder of the Day.

MONTCLAIR CHAPTER—The Chapter's participation in the Fourth of July celebration was its only activity during the summer months. In accordance with an established custom, President Clarence V. Price, served as Chairman of the Committee appointed by the Mayor to make the necessary arrangements for the observance of Independence Day.

Committee meetings are being arranged in preparation for the year's activities and an opening meeting of the Chapter will be held early in the Fall.

The members of the Chapter have been working through the schools, the Mayor's office and the local newspapers in connection with Constitution Day. President Clarence V. Price delivered a talk before the assemblies of two of the local schools and Compatriot H. Prescott Beach, National Trustee, prepared an article which appeared in the *Montclair Times*, on the Constitution.

NEWARK CHAPTER—A Patriotic Meeting in celebration of Constitution Day was held. This was also a Memorial to the late Compatriot David L. Pierson. The Chapter is cooperating with the Patriotic Order, Sons of America of Essex County and the Junior Order of American Mechanics of Essex County and a number of other patriotic organizations. The meeting was held at the Old First Church, Newark.

MONMOUTH CHAPTER—The Annual Meeting of the Chapter was held on June 8th at the home of the Secretary and Treasurer, Compatriot Henry D. Brinley. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, John Taylor; Vice President, I. Newton Williams; Secretary-Treasurer, Henry D. Brinley; Historian, John D. Alden; and Chaplain, Joseph Holmes. Under the auspices of the Chapter, Compatriot John D. Alden, the Past President and present Historian of the New Jersey Society, delivered addresses before the Dover Rotary Club, Wanamassa High School in Ocean Township, the History Class of the Asbury Park High School, Belmar Kiwanis Club and the Toms River Rotary Club.

On June 26th the patriotic societies of Monmouth County celebrated the Battle of Monmouth at the Old Tennent Church, Tennent, N. J. There was a parade before and after the ceremonies. The principal speaker was Congressman and Compatriot William H. Sutphin. Compatriots John D. Alden and Col. Philander Betts also made short addresses. A detail from Fort Monmouth and Fort Hancock fired a volley over the grave of Capt. Henry Fauntleroy of the 5th Virginia Regi-

ment, who was killed at the Battle of Monmouth and buried in Tennent Church yard.

WEST FIELDS CHAPTER—Following the annual custom of more than a decade, the Chapter sponsored a Sunrise Service in Minowaskin Park, on July 4th as a part of the general town celebration of the day. Members of the D. A. R. and C. A. R. assisted. Past Chaplain General Rev. Dr. Frank A. Smith of the ELIZABETHTOWN CHAPTER, was the principal speaker. Prayer was led by Rev. Dr. William H. McKinney and the Chapter Secretary, Compatriot Ray E. Mayham, Jr. read passages from the Declaration of Independence. Past President C. Milton Tremaine, who originated the Sunrise Service, presided.

The Chapter's fall and winter season activities were planned at a meeting of the Trustees held on September 14th at the call of President Walter H. Van Hoesen. President Clifton C. Quimby and Secretary Arthur deB. Robins of the New Jersey Society, were guests at the first meeting and the program was in observance of Constitution Day. In addition to the regular meetings the Chapter will again sponsor several evenings of bowling to afford members an opportunity for social get-togethers during the winter.

CAPTAIN ABRAHAM GODWIN CHAPTER—During the summer months activities are performed by individuals as meetings are suspended. Much interest has been shown in the acquisition of Ringwood Manor, the home of General Robert Erskine, Geographer and Surveyor General for Washington and at whose house Washington often stayed. Compatriot D. Stanton Hammond has been the means of securing old maps in and around Paterson, which were copied or photostated. This was a WPA project and Compatriot Hammond was very helpful in its preparation. Compatriot Frank E. Smith, President of the Chapter, was a director in the Y. M. C. A. Camp at Andover, N. J. Here Compatriot William H. Rauchfuss delivered an address when a flag was dedicated in July. This flag was presented to the Camp by Col. Louis Annin Ames. Compatriot Rev. Warren Patten Coon delivered an address on July 4th entitled, "Romance of the Liberty Bell since its Birthday in 1752." The celebrated Dey Mansion has undergone fine work for a year at the hands of the WPA. A new kitchen was built and the grounds fixed up in imitation of the Mount Vernon site.

MAPLEWOOD CHAPTER—The Chapter sent letters to all local newspaper editors and all pastors of Maplewood Churches, urging them to take due notice of Constitution Day and its Founder, the late David L. Pierson, in their respective sermons and in the news and editorial columns of the papers.

RUTHERFORD CHAPTER—The plan of presenting Good Citizenship Medals started in the Chapter in 1930 was again carried out. Medals were presented to the selected pupils in the graduating classes in Rutherford, East Rutherford and Wood Ridge, by President Stanton T. Lawrence and Secretary Frederick E. Pinkham.

The first Fall meeting will be held on October 4th when plans will be formulated for an active season. Compatriot Lawrence Casazza, Registrar of the Chapter, plans a very active campaign, with the expectation of bringing back into the Chapter a number of former members and a number of new prospects.

JERSEY CITY CHAPTER—The Fall meeting was held at the home of Compatriot Dr. Miles T. Long, Secretary, on September 22nd. Compatriot Russell A. Coykendall was the speaker of the evening. President Irving Underhill presided at the meeting, after which a social hour was enjoyed.

Compatriot Dr. Harold A. Koonz arranged for the publicity in the local newspapers regarding the celebration of Constitution Day on September 17th. Compatriot Rev. Dr. Harry W. Noble, Chaplain of the Chapter, and several other ministers in the vicinity of Jersey City, called attention to the anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution in their sermons on Sunday, September 18th, at the request of the Chapter.

Empire State Society

A patriotic meeting commemorating Constitution Day was held by the Bronx Rotary Club at the Concourse Plaza Hotel at their regular Tuesday meeting September 13th. The meeting was addressed by Captain Richard V. Goodwin, President of the Empire State Society, on the subject of Practical Patriotism. Following the meeting there was a rising vote of thanks and each member pledged himself to work for practical patriotism and the preservation of the ideals of the country.

NEW YORK CHAPTER—The YOUNG MEN'S DIVISION, now known as the Continental Guard, which is to be incorporated to cover the entire State, held their annual meeting and dinner in the Rumpus Room in the 7th Regiment Armory on Monday evening, September 19th.

The speakers were Col. U. S. Grant, 3rd, General Louis W. Stotesbury, Col. Henry B. Fairbanks, Captain Richard V. Goodwin.

Walter J. Bellinger, Jr. was elected President of the Continental Guard succeeding James W. Mitchell.

The annual observance of Constitution Day was held under the auspices of NEW YORK CHAPTER at the Sub Treasury on September 17th, with the address on the Constitution by the Hon. Laurens

M. Hamilton, Vice President of the Empire State Society, S. A. R., as the principal speaker. A wreath was placed at the Washington Statue by Col. Henry B. Fairbanks, President of the Chapter and by President Goodwin of the State Society. Music by the 52nd U. S. Coast Artillery Band, and the National Anthem sung by Miss Margaret Daum, coloratura soprano of the Capitol Theater, completed a very impressive program, which was enjoyed by a large audience. The exercises were preceded by a parade of the Color Guard of the Society, and Compatriots, with other patriotic societies, veteran organizations and Women's patriotic groups participating with their colors, making a most colorful and impressive introduction to the ceremonies.

NEWTOWN BATTLE CHAPTER, Elmira—The Chapter held a Constitution Day meeting in the Lake Street Presbyterian Church on Friday, September 16th. Hon. Charles M. Culver, presiding Judge of Towanda, Pennsylvania, addressed them. The meeting was attended by the families of the members together with members of the D. A. R.

FREEPORT CHAPTER, Long Island—The fall program was inaugurated on the evening of September 19th with a dinner at Canary Cottage, Merrick Road, when the guest speaker was Mr. J. W. Duffield of the Speakers' Bureau of the New York Times. Mr. Duffield spoke on "Current Events," and the notice of his address brought out an excellent attendance. President Mansperger presided.

NEWBURGH CHAPTER—President A. Elwood Corning represented the Chapter at the meeting of the New York State Historical Association held at Poughkeepsie, on September 14th to 17th, and gave an interesting paper on Temple Hill, the restoration of which is a project dear to his heart.

ROCHESTER CHAPTER—On Saturday, July 30th, the July meeting was in the form of a picnic, held at the cottage of past president, Major and Mrs. Henry Lampert at Sodus Point on Lake Ontario, about thirty members attended and many spent the entire day there, arriving in the morning for noon lunch and remaining for evening lunch; coffee was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Lampert and a very enjoyable day was spent by all members who were so fortunate as to be able to attend.

COL. CORNELIUS VAN DYCK CHAPTER, Schenectady—Newly elected officers of this Chapter at its annual meeting in June include the following: President, Richard A. Rowlands; Vice Presidents, Sanford E. Liddle, Frank C. Zapf; Secretary-Registrar, George E. Young; Treasurer, E. E. Thornton; Historian, Alonzo P. Walton; Chaplain,

Aaron Becker. Executive Committee, the above officers and Willis W. Roe and William W. Campbell.

BUFFALO CHAPTER—A Good Citizenship Medal was presented on behalf of this Chapter at the closing exercises of C. M. T. C. at Old Fort Niagara on August 2nd, President H. Edson Webster officiating. A number of other medals and awards were made on this occasion by various groups and organizations. The Secretary General, Frank B. Steele, was an interested spectator of the program.

Ohio Society

A new Chapter is in process of organization at Portsmouth, Ohio, and petition for a charter is now in the hands of Dr. Samuel P. Adams, formerly of the Illinois Society but now transferred to Ohio, who is enthusiastically taking the lead, and hopes to perfect the new organization in a short time, as this year marks the one hundredth anniversary of the settlement of the Northwest Territory.

The Ohio Chapters are resuming monthly meetings and starting their programs of activities. Constitution Day was observed by special meetings of a majority of the Chapters, which gave recognition to Compatriot Pierson, the originator of the day.

NATHAN HALE CHAPTER, Youngstown—The films taken of the Northwest Territory Pageant, on September 28th, were exhibited, the Chapter having been a most important factor, under leadership of President Lieutenant Harry S. Manchester, who was chairman of the celebration. The Chapter is increasing its membership materially.

CONSTITUTION CHAPTER, Mansfield, jointly with the Daughters of the American Revolution, had for their speaker Hon. H. William Holsinger, President of the Ohio State Society.

RICHARD MONTGOMERY CHAPTER, Dayton—A Constitution Day meeting was held at Antioch Shrine Club on September 17th at noon. President Roy C. Ellis presided, and the Chapter planned participation in the Northwest Territory Pageant to celebrate the centenary of this settlement. Members of the Chapter made Constitution Day addresses at the several high schools of the city, at their assembly exercises.

Past President Virgil Z. Dorfmeier was the speaker at the Chapter meeting and at one of the school exercises.

Oklahoma Society

OKLAHOMA CITY CHAPTER held a Constitution Day dinner on September 17th at the Y. M. C. A.

with special honor to the newly elected Vice President General of the South Mississippi District, Paul P. Pinkerton, who was the principal speaker of the evening. Hon. Edward A. Vaught, Judge of the U. S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, who has recently become a member, Rev. John Abernathy the highest Masonic Dignitary, in the State and Mrs. Abernathy, Regent of the D. A. R. Chapter, and other distinguished persons were present, and the occasion was very enjoyable.

TULSA CHAPTER held its Constitution Day observance on the evening of September 12th, with Vice President General Paul Pinkerton as guest and speaker. Mr. Pinkerton is a past president of the Chapter and former State President.

State President Arthur B. Honnold made a radio address at noon on Constitution Day.

Oregon Society

In response to the appeal from the President General, Oregon Society took aggressive steps to make this anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution outstanding. A patriotic window display was sponsored thru the courtesy of Lipman-Wolfe Department Store; a replica of the Constitution, individual pictures of the signers, an old musket used by the Revolutionary ancestor of one of our members, stamps, and other items were on display, creating considerable interest.

Through President Frank S. Gannett, a program of cooperation was carried out with the Department of Public Instruction and with the Mayor's office at Portland.

On September 17th a general meeting of the membership was held and two splendid talks were

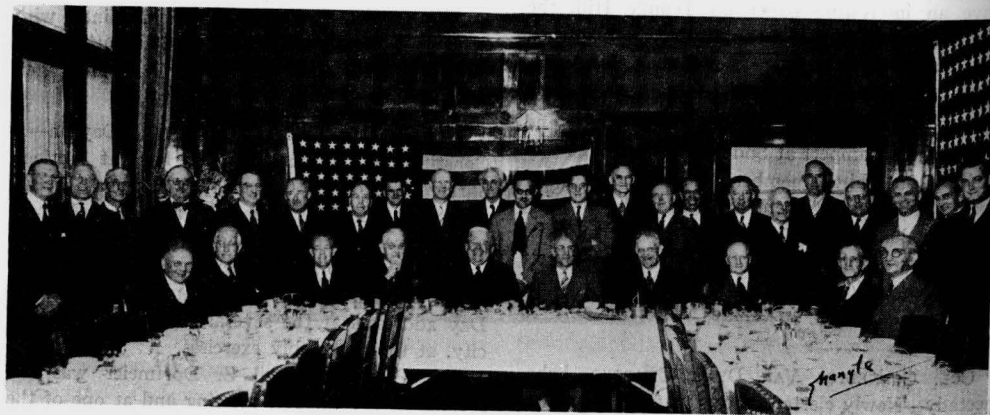
given. One on "Founding of Constitution Day", a tribute to our late Compatriot David L. Pierson, by our honored member Wallace McCamant. "History of Time and Objectives of the Men Who Framed the Constitution," by Judge Kavanaugh.

Compatriot A. A. Hoffman, of the District of Columbia Society, who is visiting the Pacific coast, was present at this meeting and spoke briefly, bringing the felicitations of the Headquarters staff in Washington to the compatriots of Oregon.

An informal meeting of the younger group was called by chairman George Black Sept. 6th, the objective being to get acquainted with new members taken in during the summer and to plan their activities for fall and winter. This group now numbers about twenty members.

SOUTHERN OREGON CHAPTER, Medford—Installation of the SOUTHERN OREGON CHAPTER at Medford on Bunker Hill Day, June 17th, was an outstanding event. State President, Frank S. Gannett, presided and presented the charter. State Secretary, Lewis D. Wanzer, gave the pledge to 30 charter members. State Historian, George D. Dryer and Past Vice-President, John Lauterman of Salem, also represented the State Society. Telegrams and Messages of congratulations were read from Pres. General Messmore Kendall; Past President Generals Wallace McCamant of Portland, and Howard C. Rowley of San Francisco. Also from Medford and Ashland D. A. R. Chapters.

Officers of the new chapter were elected and the installation service given by State President. The officers are: President, Rev. Sherman L. Divine; Vice-Presidents, Asa C. Hough, Grants Pass; George P. Taylor, Klamath Falls; Prof. Arthur



Meeting of the New Southern Oregon Chapter, June 17, 1938

Left to right center: Lewis D. Wanzer, State Secretary; John H. Lauterman, Past Vice-President; Rev. Sherman L. Divine, President of the New Chapter; Frank S. Gannett, State President

S. Taylor of Ashland; Secretary, Walter Fraser Brown; Treasurer, Ralph E. Sweeney; Registrar, Edward M. Hussong; Chaplain, Rev. John W. Hoyt. Much enthusiasm was manifested, prospects are good for a number of additional members during the year.

Pennsylvania Society

The PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER celebrated Flag Day by tendering a dinner to Compatriot A. Atwater Kent who voluntarily renovated the Betsy Ross House at great personal expense. The meeting was held in the Warwick Hotel, and the President-General came from New York to attend. Colonel Samuel O. Wynne, President of the Chapter, presided and Compatriot Lawrence C. Hickman acted as Toastmaster. Former Governor of Pennsylvania, John S. Fisher, President of the Pennsylvania State Society, also attended and the speaker of the occasion was Hon. John W. Kephart, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. There were also present, Regents of the D. A. R. Chapters located in and around Philadelphia and the officers of the Betsy Ross Flag House Association. The room assigned by the Hotel was crowded and inspiring addresses were made by our President-General and former Governor Fisher. A gold Good Citizenship Medal was presented by the Toastmaster to Compatriot A. Atwater Kent to commemorate his patriotic restoration of the Betsy Ross House. Compatriot Kent responded with a short and interesting address. Altogether it was one of the most successful meetings ever held by the Chapter.

GOV. JOSEPH HESTER CHAPTER, Reading—A very fine meeting was held by this new Chapter at the Wyomissing Club on June 21st, upon the anniversary of its organization. President Irving C. Hanners presided as toastmaster, and introduced the following guests: Mr. Louis J. Heizman, President of Berks County Historical Society; Jacob E. Cope, Vice President of the Pennsylvania Society and President of VALLEY FORGE CHAPTER; Hon. Harold G. Watkins, District Attorney of Schuylkill County; Hon. John Dickinson, and Mrs. John K. Stoudt, Regent of Berks County Chapter, D. A. R.

An interesting banquet was followed by dancing. The souvenir program of the occasion lists the numerous and several activities which this newly organized Chapter has already sponsored and carried to successful completion, and shows an outstanding interest and effort to keep our organization in the forefront of patriotic endeavor.

Tennessee Society

JOHN SEVIER CHAPTER, Chattanooga—An enjoyable dinner meeting was held at the Lookout

Mountain Hotel, in the outdoor diningroom, overlooking the beautiful valley in which Chattanooga nestles guarded by these two great peaks, Lookout and Signal Mountains, and the great "Moccasin Bend" of the Tennessee River. President Thomas S. Myers presided, and compatriot Robert C. Hunt had charge of arrangements. The guest speaker was J. P. Brown, author of "Old Frontiers," relating stories from his book describing the participation of the Cherokee Indians in the American Revolution.

Texas Society

HOUSTON CHAPTER—A Constitution Day luncheon was held on September 17th at the Rice Hotel, jointly with the local D. A. R. Chapters. Vice President General Paul P. Pinkerton of the Southern Mississippi District was the guest and speaker.

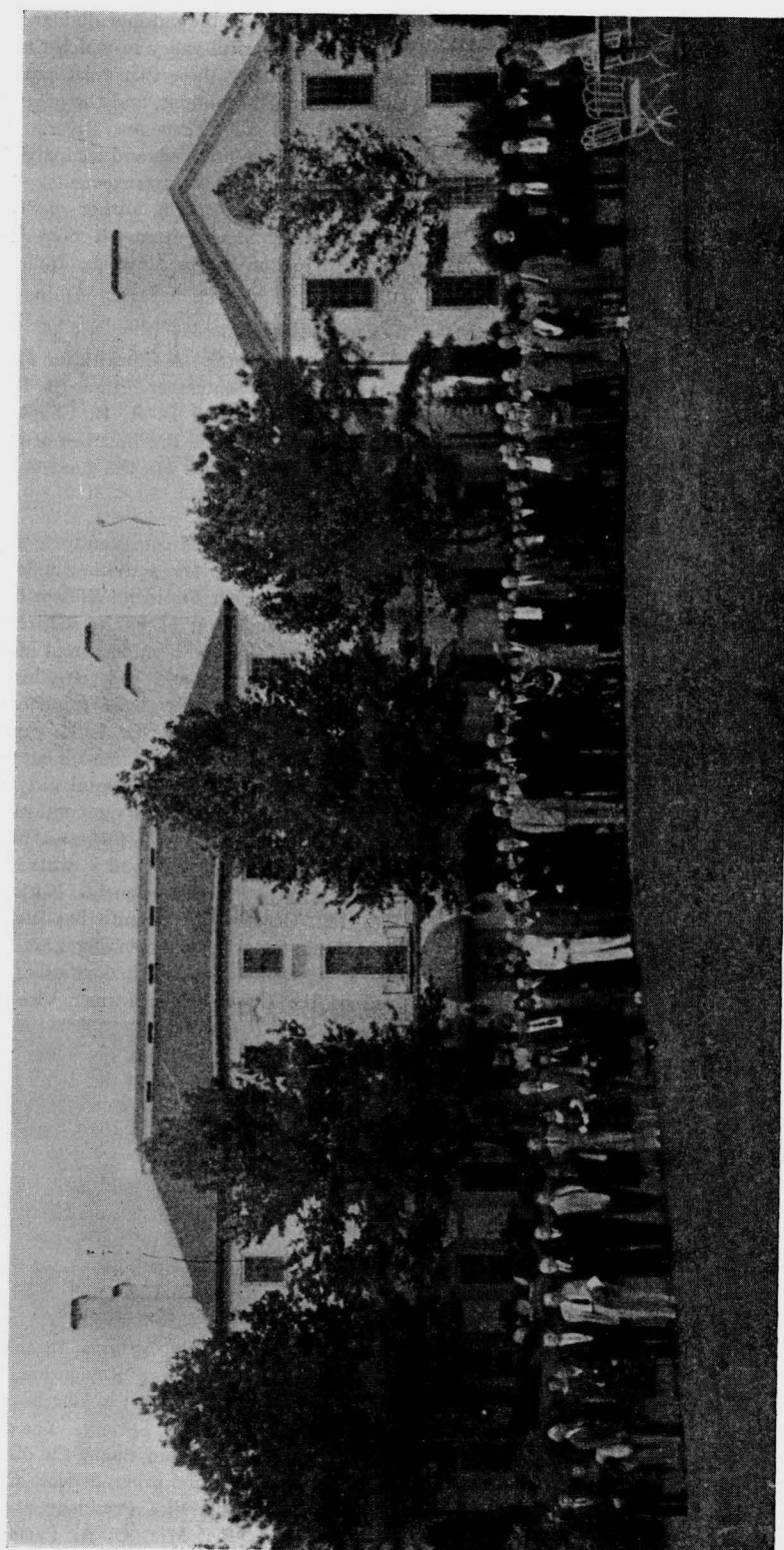
Utah Society

The Society remains consistently active in the development of patriotic activities, under the able leadership of former President William F. Bulkley, Episcopal Archdeacon of Utah. Citizenship and oratorical medals have been presented in a number of the high schools and collegiate institutes of Utah. They have also been presented at the C. M. T. C. and the R. O. T. C. camps. The Society continues to present medals at the industrial school, one to the successful girl contestant and one to the successful boy contestant. This contest has become one of the most outstanding features of the institution and is work well done.

Former Vice President General, National Trustee, Hon. George Albert Smith has just returned from a six months trip covering 27,000 miles in which he visited the principal cities of Australia and of the Orient. The former Vice President General was feted in many places and dinners and banquets were given in his honor on several different occasions, at which the dignitaries of the countries visited were present. The S. A. R. rosette was seen by many and the Society received added prestige.

As a result of the splendid administration of President Lorenzo Richards and the fine cooperation of the compatriots of the Society, Utah will give a fine account of itself for the year 1938.

On September 20th, the Utah Society joined with the D. A. R. of Salt Lake City in honoring Mrs. William H. Pouch, National President of the Children of the American Revolution, who was making an official visit and assisting in the organization of a local C. A. R. Society. The dinner was held at the Alta Club, and among the distinguished guests on the speakers' program were Compatriot Howard C. Means, Vice President of the Utah Society, S. A. R.; Mrs. O. A. Parmley, State



The Virginia Society Celebrates Constitution Day at Historic Williamsburg

Regent, D. A. R.; Mrs. Chauncey P. Overfield, past State Regent, and others.

Virginia Society

A joint Independence Day celebration was sponsored by the Virginia Society at Richmond, on Sunday, July 3rd, at the Christian Church. Dr. Frederick W. Burnham, LL.D., Chaplain of RICHMOND CHAPTER, made a fine address on "Our Country and Our God." The inspiration of the meeting was enhanced by the massed flags on the rostrum representing the many participating societies.

The State Society held its semi-annual meeting at Williamsburg on Constitution Day, September 17th, the THOMAS NELSON, JR., CHAPTER of the Virginia Peninsula serving as hosts. The business session was called in the morning, President James D. Fauntleroy presiding, and reports were heard from officers and committees of each local chapter in the State.

President General Messmore Kendall was the special guest of honor of the occasion, and was introduced at the luncheon which followed the morning session, at Williamsburg Inn, by Vice President General Tom Moore, and at the afternoon session, which followed, Mr. Kendall ad-

ressed the gathering congratulating the Virginia Society on its membership and splendid activity in all patriotic fields, and its fine cooperation with the National Society. The address of Hon. Samuel R. Buxton, City Attorney of Newport News, completed the program which was most inspiring.

Announcement was made of the annual ceremonies at Yorktown on October 19th, when the National Society will place a wreath at the Yorktown monument, at the exercises under the auspices of the Comte de Grasse Chapter, D. A. R.

RICHMOND CHAPTER—The September meeting was held at Mayo Memorial on the 8th, with the well known writer and artist, G. Watson James, Jr., as speaker. Music by Miss Louise Murrell, soprano, accompanied by Mrs. Cora M. Ferrell, contributed to the program.

Washington State Society

Members of this Society participated in the civic Independence Day program and furnished the "Spirit of '76" Group in the parade of the Day. The group was honored by being called out of the parade to act as escort and honor guard to the Governor upon his arrival. A number of compatriots also participated in the march.

In Memoriam

FREDERICK W. ALLING, Connecticut, July 5, 1938
 HORACE D. AUSTIN, Massachusetts, May 25, 1938
 R. HARVEY BOLTWOOD, Colorado, September 2, 1938
 CHARLES A. BROWN, New York, August 1, 1938
 CHARLES N. BURCH, Tennessee, August 11, 1938
 CHARLES A. CARLISLE, Indiana, September 1, 1938
 SILAS F. CLARK, Pennsylvania, June 15, 1938
 THOMAS S. CLAY, New York, July 5, 1938
 BERNARD L. CROZIER, Maryland, July 23, 1938
 EUGENE H. DARRACH, Indiana, August 27, 1938
 FAYETTE F. DEAN, California, September 20, 1938
 F. BOWDEN DE FOREST, Illinois, August 30, 1938
 THEODORE W. DWIGHT, State Secretary, South Dakota, May 5, 1938
 BRYAN M. EAGLE, Arkansas, July 4, 1938
 JOSEPH G. EWING, Delaware, August 23, 1938
 ROBERT FLAGG, New York, September 23, 1938
 WILLIAM E. FULTON, Pennsylvania, May 19, 1938
 FREDERIC S. GOODMAN, New Jersey, July 13, 1938
 EDMUND B. GREGORY, Virginia, September 8, 1938
 ROY R. HALE, West Virginia, September 8, 1938
 MATTHEW D. HALL, Kentucky, September 5, 1935
 DON P. HALSEY, Virginia, June 30, 1938
 FRANK M. HICKMAN, Missouri, March 21, 1938
 CLARENCE O. S. HOWE, New Jersey, September 23, 1938
 JOHN F. B. HYDE, Maryland, June 28, 1938
 GEORGE N. JAMES, New Jersey, September 16, 1938
 ARTHUR S. LANE, Connecticut, August 1, 1938
 GEORGE W. LOWELL, Massachusetts, September 6, 1938
 ALFRED F. MAYNARD, Michigan, June 4, 1938
 EDWARD T. MILLER, Missouri, August 11, 1938
 WALTER D. PECK, Connecticut, August 31, 1938
 LOUIS A. PHILLIPS, Massachusetts, August 1, 1938
 DAVID L. PIERSON, New Jersey, July 11, 1938
 HORACE A. POOLE, Massachusetts, April 8, 1938
 JAMES H. PRESTON, Past President General, Maryland, July 14, 1938
 EDWIN S. REID, New York, July 22, 1938
 FREDERICK A. ROBINSON, Connecticut, August 13, 1938
 JESSE R. SALMON, New Jersey, July 28, 1938
 EVERETT P. SMITH, Connecticut, August 1, 1938
 OSCAR W. SMITH, Pennsylvania, July, 1938
 JAMES H. WILCOX, Utah, September 8, 1938
 JOHN R. WILDMAN, New Jersey, September 21, 1938
 CHAUNCEY C. WILLIAMS, District of Columbia, August 15, 1938
 HORACE WILSON, Delaware, September 29, 1938

Additions to Membership

THERE HAVE BEEN enrolled in the office of the Registrar General from June 10, 1938, to September 1, 1938, 109 new members, distributed as follows: California, 9; Colorado, 1; Delaware, 2; District of Columbia, 1; Florida, 1; France, 4; Georgia, 5; Idaho, 2; Illinois, 6; Indiana, 7; Kentucky, 1; Maryland, 3; Massachusetts, 6; Michigan, 3; Minnesota, 3; New Jersey 2; *New York*, 16; North Carolina, 1; Ohio, 5; Oklahoma, 1; Oregon, 8; Pennsyl-

vania, 8; Rhode Island, 1; South Carolina, 1; Tennessee, 5; Virginia, 2; Washington, 1; West Virginia, 3.

Supplemental claims have been approved from the following states: District of Columbia, 4; Georgia, 3; Indiana, 2; Massachusetts, 4; New Jersey, 1; Pennsylvania, 5; Rhode Island, 1; Texas, 1; Virginia, 2; Washington, 1; West Virginia, 2.

Records of 109 New Members and 25 Supplementals Approved and Enrolled by the Registrar General from June 10, 1938 to September 1, 1938.

JOSEPH PAUL ALDERFER, Souderton, Pa. (56522). Great⁴-grandson of *John Alderfer*, private, Penna. Militia.
WILLIAM KNEALE ALFORD, Duluth, Minn. (56583). Great³-grandson of *Giles Jackson*, Member Provincial Congress, and Colonel, Mass. Troops.
JAMES AYLOE ANDERSON, Lexington, Va. (56346). Great⁴-grandson of *Henry Miller*, private, Va. Troops.
ROBERT WRIGHT ARMSTRONG, Denver, Colo. (56174). Great²-grandson of *Samuel Henry*, Sergeant, Va. Militia.
WILBUR OGDEN ARNOLD, West Palm Beach, Fla. (56271). Great²-grandson of *William Babb*, private, N. C. Troops.
WILLIAM SEAMAN BAINBRIDGE, New York, N. Y. (56470). Great²-grandson of *Alla McMath*, Ranger, Penna. Troops.
ROY SEDGWICK BARKER, Springfield, Mass. (56409). Great-grandson of *Nathan Barker*, Yeoman, Mass. Troops.
HOWARD MELZAR BARNES, JR., Paris, France. (54284). Great²-grandson of *Sampson Bixby*, Lieutenant, Mass. Line.
FRANCIS LEE BASH, Grant Pass, Ore. (56629). Great²-grandson of *John Weimer*, Corporal, Penna. Troops.
ROLAND G. BEACH, Medford, Ore. (56627). Great²-grandson of *Benjamin Chandler*, private, Vt. Troops.
HAROLD EDWIN BLAKE, W. Warwick, R. I. (55993). Great³-grandson of *George Parcher*, private, Mass. Troops.
HARRY CLARK BODEN, Wilmington, Dela. (55239). Great²-grandson of *Samuel Hayes*, Major, N. J. Militia.
WILLIAM ALGER BOWERS, Washington, D. C. (Tenn. 55165). Great³-grandson of *Spencer Clack*, Lieutenant, Va. Militia.
CONDIT DENISE BROWN, Cincinnati, Ohio. (56388). Great³-grandson of *Denise Denise*, Major, N. J. Troops.
EUGENE LORING BULSON, Fort Wayne, Ind. (56677). Great³-grandson of *Abiel Abbott*, Paymaster and Major, N. H. Troops.
JAMES BLAINE BYERS, Burnside Township, Pa. (56518). Great²-grandson of *John Colgan*, Sergeant, Penna. Troops.
WILLIAM EDWIN CABELL, Middlesford, Ky. (55937). Great-grandson of *John Cabell*, Lieutenant and member of War Committees, Va.
WILLIAM AYLETT CALLAWAY, Charleston, S. C. (Va. 56345). Great³-grandson of *Patrick Henry*, Patriot, Soldier and Statesman, Va.; great²-grandson of *James Callaway*, Colonel Va. Militia; great³-grandson of *Paul Carrington*, Chairman, Com. of Safety, Va.

ROBERT ERSKINE CAMPBELL, West Park, N. Y. (Tenn. 55166). Great²-grandson of *Angus Campbell*, Captain, S. C. Troops.
DONALD OLIVER CARRUTH, II, Portland, Ore. (56635). Great³-grandson of *James Carruth*, private, Mass. Troops.
BILLIE CATE, Niota, Tenn. (55168). Great³-grandson of *Joseph Cate*, private, N. C. Militia.
JOHN C. CATE, III, Niota, Tenn. (55169). Same as 55168 *supra*.
GEORGE ALVAH CHRITTON, River Forest, Ill. (56320). Great³-grandson of *Nathan Drake*, private, N. J. Troops.
JOSEPH VAUGHAN CLOTHIER, Pocatello, Ida. (53417). Great²-grandson of *Thomas Vaughan*, private, Penna. Militia.
LESLIE KIMBLE COFER, San Francisco, Calif. (56484). Great⁴-grandson of *Serick Titus*, private, Penna. Militia.
BENJAMIN GRAFTON COLLINS, Edgartown, Mass. (56412). Great²-grandson of *Palmyra Collins*, private, Mass. Troops.
JOHN GILBERT COPLEY, Elmira, N. Y. (56471). Great²-grandson of *Samuel Elmore*, Colonel, Conn. Troops.
FREDERICK KEHM CRESSMAN, Souderton, Pa. (56523). Great³-grandson of *David Groof*, private, Penna. Militia.
CLEMENT HASKELL DARBY, Buffalo, N. Y. (56660). Great⁴-grandson of *Joseph McLellan*, Lieutenant, Maine and Mass. Troops.
JOHN ALBERT DAVIS, Roslindale, Mass. (56413). Great²-grandson of *Isaac Freeman*, private, N. Y. Troops.
GORTON LAWRENCE DEMOND, Los Angeles, Calif. (56490). Great⁴-grandson of *Caleb Remington*, Sergeant, R. I. Troops.
XAVIER DONATIEN LA CROIX DE VIMEUR, Compté, DE ROCHAMBEAU, Paris, France (54284). Great³-grandson of *Jean Baptiste Donatien de Rochambeau*, General in French Expeditionary Forces.
OLIVER ADKINS DUFF, Georgia. (55064). Supplemental. Great²-grandson of *John Emery*, private, Mass. Minute Men.
RALPH JOHN DUFFIE, Washington, D. C. (56291). Great⁴-grandson of *Joel Parkhurst*, Lieutenant, Mass. Troops.
HAROLD CLARKE DURRELL, Mass. and N. H. (18448). Supplemental. Great³-grandson of *Bartholomew Wentworth*, Sergeant, N. H. Troops.
NICHOLAS-OTHON, BARON DE LIGNY TENDE FELT, Paris, France. (54283). Great-grandson of *Othon Frederick Daniel de Tende Felt*, private of Volunteers from France, 1777-9.

JOHN CLYDE FISHER, JR., Pa. (56512). Supplemental. Great⁴-grandson of *John Sallada (Soliday)*, private, Penna. Militia.
KEITH FALCONER FLETCHER, Springfield, Mass. (56408). Great²-grandson of *Benjamin Wheeler II*, Corporal, Conn. Troops.
DANA BARNES FOWLER, Youngstown, O. (56392). Great²-grandson of *Isaac Barnes*, private, Conn. Troops.
HARRY HANLY GARMAN, Indianapolis, Ind. (56676). Great³-grandson of *John German (Garman)*, Jr., private, Penna. Militia.
CHRISTIAN GIBBERT, Sellersville, Pa. (56324). Great³-grandson of *Jacob Leidy, Jr.*, Lieutenant, Penna. Militia.
ARCHIE GRIFFIN, Portland, Ore. (56634). Great³-grandson of *Samuel Griffin*, Fifer, Conn. Militia.
RHESE LANSING GRIFFIN, Buffalo, N. Y. (56661). Great²-grandson of *Gardner Wilder, II*, private, Mass. Troops.
JAMES MURRAY HAINES, New York, N. Y. (56658). Great³-grandson of *John Jacob Mickleby*, private, Penna. Troops and member General Committee.
JOHN FIELD HALL, Buffalo, N. Y. (56473). Great-grandson of *Abram (Abraham) Clark*, Sergeant, Conn. Line.
WILBUR THURSTON HALL, Westfield, N. J. (55798). Great³-grandson of *Charles Clark*, Ensign, N. J. Troops.
ALEXANDER HALLOCK, Merrick, L. I., N. Y. (56474). Great-grandson of *Richard Hallock*, private, N. Y. Troops.
EDDY BALDWIN HAMMETT, Kalamazoo, Mich. (56608). Great²-grandson of *Caleb Baldwin*, Captain, Conn. Troops.
VERNON BOYCE HAMPTON, Staten Island, N. Y. (56472). Great²-grandson of *Samuel Webb*, private, N. Y. Militia.
WALTER ERNEST HARDENBURG, San Francisco, Calif. (56485). Great²-grandson of *Nathaniel Gildersleeve*, private, N. Y. Troops.
ROBERT ETTER HARDWICKE, Tex. (56562). Supplemental. Great³-grandson of *Christopher Johns(t)on*, Ensign, Va. Troops.
DANIEL EDWARD HARKER, Peoria, Ill. (56321). Great-grandson of *Joseph Harker*, Lieutenant and Captain, N. J. Troops.
FRANKLIN ALLEN HARKER, Peoria, Ill. (56322). Same as 56321, *supra*.
ROBERT HANITCH HASLER, Old Westbury, L. I., N. Y. (56475). Great-grandson of *Joseph Hasler*, Sergeant, Penna. Militia.
HUGH GARLAND HEAD, JR., Atlanta, Ga. (56432). Great³-grandson of *Sherod Sims*, private, Va. Troops.
ROGER WEBB HILL, New York, N. Y. (56657). Great³-grandson of *Ebenezer Choate*, private, Mass. Line.
EARLE FLOYD HITES, Danville, Ind. (56678). Great²-grandson of *John Hites*, private in Lafayette's Army; great²-grandson of *Deliverance Eastman*, private, Conn. Troops; great²-grandson of *Peter Philip Helfenstein*, Major, Va. Troops.
GEORGE HOFFMAN, Winnetka, Ill. (56323). Great²-grandson of *George Hoffman*, private, Penna. Militia.
MERRITT REYNOLDS HOSMER, San Carlos, Calif. (56486). Great²-grandson of *William Simmons*, private, Penna. Troops.
CLAUDE MATTHEW HOUSTON, Medford, Ore. (56633). Great²-grandson of *John Houston*, Lieutenant, Va. Line.
HUBERT ORIN HUSSONG, Medford, Ore. (56632). Great³-grandson of *Henry Emanuel Lutterloh*, Asst. Q.M. General, N. Y. and Va. Troops.
GEORGE NICHOLAS IFFT, Pocatello, Idaho. (53416). Great²-grandson of *Matthew Riddell*, private, Penna. Troops.

ELISHA B. IIAMS, Washington, Pa. (56525). Great²-grandson of *John Iiams*, private, Md. Troops.
MARK LORIN IRELAND, D. C. (55559). Supplemental. Great²-grandson of *Philip Ingersoll*, private, N. Y. Militia; great³-grandson of *Nehemiah Hopkins*, private, Mass. Militia; great²-grandson of *Nehemiah Hopkins, Jr.*, private, Vt. Militia.
JOHN MERRICK JAMES, Chicago, Ill. (56324). Great⁴-grandson of *Larkin Sandidge*, private, Va. Troops.
SHERWOOD KRETSINGER, Portland, Ore. (56631). Great²-grandson of *Jacob Kretsinger*, private, N. Y. Troops.
HENRY SOUDER LANDES, Pa. (56204). Supplemental. Great²-grandson of *Jacob Landes*, private, Penna. Militia.
HENRY EDWARD LARKIN, Bremerton, Wash. (55704). Great³-grandson of *Asa Jones*, Lieutenant, N. H. Troops.
EDWARD N. LOKE, N. J. (52805). Supplemental. Great³-grandson of *George De Laughter*, private, S. C. and Ga. Troops.
JOHN WESLEY LOUD, JR., Wilmington, Dela. (55238). Great⁴-grandson of *Jonathan Groves*, private, Dela. Troops.
CHARLES WASHINGTON LOUGH, Frederick, Md. (55649). Great²-grandson of *Sebastian Reijnsider*, private, Penna. Troops.
WILLIAM GRADY McDONOUGH, McMinnville, Tenn. (55167). Great²-grandson of *Andrew McDonough*, private, N. C. Troops.
SAMUEL DINWIDDIE MCFADDEN, San Francisco, Calif. (56487). Great²-grandson of *Charles Waterman*, private, Conn. Troops.
HUGH DEAN MCKAY, Paris, France. (54285). Great³-grandson of *Richard McKay*, private, Md. Line.
JOHN SCOTT MCWHORTER, Rupert, W. Va. (55881). Great²-grandson of *Henry McWhorter*, private, New York Troops.
CHARLES AINSWORTH MARRIN, New York, N. Y. (56651). Great³-grandson of *William Trevathan*, private, N. C. Militia.
DIXON MELICK, Maplewood, N. J. (55797). Great⁴-grandson of *Tunis Melick*, private, N. J. Troops.
ALLEN R. MOORE, Wash. (20724). Supplemental. Great³-grandson of *George H. Berringer*, Captain, N. C. Militia.
EDWIN PERRY NORTON, Leslie, Mich. (56606). Great³-grandson of *Benjamin Norton*, Ensign, Conn. Troops.
JOHN IRVINE ORMOND, Glen Ellyn, Ill. (56325). Great²-grandson of *John Kelso*, Sergeant, Penna. Line.
EDWARD CHARLES ORR, Cincinnati, O. (56389). Great³-grandson of *Silas Ayers*, private, N. J. Troops.
ROBERT CRAIG ORR, JR., Athens, Ga. (56435). Great²-grandson of *James Anderson*, Captain and Major, Va. Militia.
EDWARD CLINTON PARKHURST, R. I. (27192). Supplemental. Great²-grandson of *Daniel Manton*, Colonel, R. I. Troops.
JOHN AUDLEY PATTERSON, Wilkinsburg, Pa. (56519). Great-grandson of *John Cunningham*, Lieutenant, Penna. Militia.
WILLIAM BRUCE PAUL, Indianapolis, Ind. (56679). Great²-grandson of *Thomas Carr*, private, Va. and Tenn. Militia.
SCOTT BURGETT PIERSON, Germantown, O. (56391). Great²-grandson of *David Pierson*, private, N. J. Militia.
HARVEY TOLMAN POND, Boston, Mass. (56410). Great²-grandson of *John Butler*, private, Mass. Troops.
JOSEPH EARL PRESLEY, Grosse Pte, Mich. (56607). Great³-grandson of *Ezekiel Ladd*, private, Conn. Troops.
CHARLES ALBERT PRIEST, Marion, Ind. (56680). Grandson of *Jeremiah Priest*, private, Va. Line.
JOHN PURCELL, Harrison, N. Y. (56652). Great³-grandson of *George Purcell*, Ensign, Va. Troops.

ELIAS BEESON RAMSBURG, JR., Frederick, Md. (55647). Great⁴-grandson of *Christian Orendorf*, Major, Md. Militia.

JOHN RICHARD RAMSBURG, Frederick, Md. (55648). Same as 55647, *supra*.

RALPH WALLACE RICHARDS, Pittsburgh, Pa. (56520). Great³-grandson of *James Whitaker*, private, N. Y. Militia; great³-grandson of *Abraham Louw*, private, N. Y. Militia & signed Association Articles; great⁴-grandson of *Petrus Louw*, Signed Articles of Association, N. Y.; great⁴-grandson of *Benjamin Turck*, Signed Articles of Association, N. Y.

HUSTON ST. CLAIR, Bluefield, W. Va. (55879). Great²-grandson of *George Huston*, Captain Va. Troops; great³-grandson of *Richard Reagan*, Captain, Va. Militia; great³-grandson of *Ezekiel Harrison*, private, Va. Troops.

JACOB HARRY SHEARER, Altoona, Pa. (56521). Great²-grandson of *Jacob Shearer*, Corporal and Sergeant, Penna. Troops.

LEE SHEPARD, Cincinnati, O. (56390). Great²-grandson of *Edwin Booth, Sr.*, private, Md. Troops.

WILSON LOCKETT SIMPSON, San Francisco, Calif. (56489). Great³-grandson of *Thomas Watkins*, Captain, Va. Militia.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SLEDD, Wake Forest, N. C. (55859). Great²-grandson of *George Douglas, Jr.*, private, Va. Line.

ROBERT SPALDING SPEER, Ga. (51516). Supplemental. Great³-grandson of *Ezekiel Slaughter*, private, Va. Troops.

FRED CURTIS STROUT, Minneapolis, Minn. (56587). Great²-grandson of *Enoch Strout*, private, Mass. Troops.

JAMES FLETCHER SWARTWOUT, JR., Saratoga Springs, N. Y. (56653). Great-grandson of *Jacobus (James) Swartwout*, Ensign, N. Y. Militia.

JAMES FLETCHER SWARTWOUT, 3rd, Saratoga Springs, N. Y. (56654). Son of 56653, *supra*.

ROBERT MOHLER SWEET, San Juan, Porto Rico. (Ga. 56433). Great⁴-grandson of *John Calvert*, private, Va. Militia; great⁴-grandson of *John Mohler*, Lieutenant, Penna. Militia.

DANIEL DAVIS TAYLOR, Indianapolis, Ind. (56682). Great³-grandson of *Christian Butz*, private, Penna. Militia.

DAVID PALMA TINLEY, Kenmore, N. Y. (Ga. 56434). Great²-grandson of *David Edenfield*, private, S. C. Troops.

WALTER BARTON TOWNSEND, Indianapolis, Ind. (56681). Great³-grandson of *Levi Brooks*, private, Mass. Troops.

The following interesting item is culled from a Baltimore newspaper of several months ago:

"The 40-by-32-foot flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write the "Star Spangled Banner" when the British bombarded Baltimore in the War of 1812 brought its maker \$405.90.

Mrs. Mary Pickersgill's acknowledgment of payment for making the flag was discovered, the Flag House Association announced, in a collection of old papers recently acquired by Perry W. Fuller, a dealer in old coins, stamps and documents.

CLINTON HERBERT TUTTLE, Chelmsford, Mass. (56411). Great³-grandson of *Isaac Hanson*, Private, N. H. Troops.

FRANK H. VANPELT-TURNER, Oakland, Calif. (56483). Great²-grandson of *John Young*, Surgeon, N. Y. Line.

EDGAR S. VAUGHT, Oklahoma City, Okla. (55110). Great²-grandson of *George Vaught*, private, Va. Troops.

AMOS EARLE VOORHIES, Grant Pass, Ore. (56628). Great²-grandson of *Joseph Carpenter*, private, Mass. Troops.

HARLAN MURCH WALKER, Buffalo, N. Y. (56655). Great²-grandson of *Moses Walker*, Lieutenant, Mass. Minute Men.

ALBERT WADE WELLS, Long Beach, L. I., N. Y. (56656). Great³-grandson of *William Wickham*, private, N. Y. Militia.

GUY HERBERT WELLS, Milledgeville, Ga. (56436). Great³-grandson of *John Chapman*, private, Ga. Troops.

ROSCOE ROSS WHITE, Clarksburg, W. Va. (55880). Great²-grandson of *Alexander White*, Captain, N. J. Troops.

FRED THOMAS WILSON, Mass. (55320). Supplemental. Great²-grandson of *Thomas Osborn*, private, Conn. Troops; great²-grandson of *Barzila Wilson*, private, Conn. Troops.

ERNEST ABRAM WILTSEE, San Francisco, Calif. (56482). Great²-grandson of *Johannes Wiltsee*, Lieutenant, N. Y. Militia.

GUY WITHERS, D. C. (18166). Supplemental. Great²-grandson of *John Withers*, private, Va. Troops; great²-grandson of *Daniel Sanford*, private, Conn. Troops.

PAUL REBER WOHLFORD, Robbinsdale, Minn. (56586). Great³-grandson of *Andrew Kraemer*, private, Penna. Militia.

MARTIN LUTHER WOODARD, San Francisco, Calif. (56488). Great²-grandson of *Samuel Woodard*, private, N. Y. Troops.

FREDERICK ANSEL WORLEY, Walhalla, S. C. (51720). Great³-grandson of *Ambrose Gaines*, private, Va. Troops.

HOWARD HARLAN PAIGE WRIGHT, Mass. (52939). Supplemental. Great²-grandson of *James Percival*, private, Mass. Troops.

Corrections: Vol. XXXIII, No. 1, (July, 1938), p. 77, Hill, read *Jesse Gwin*, not *George H.*
Same, p. 77, read *Harry Paine Hoffman*.

In addition to the \$405.90 Mrs. Pickersgill received, the paper showed, \$168.54 for a smaller "storm flag." Her daughter, Caroline, 14, assisted her in making both of them and their home here is now the "Flag House."

The two flags were delivered to Fort McHenry, overlooking the harbor, on August 19, 1813, when the fort was preparing against an attack from the British fleet, which had been harassing smaller towns on Chesapeake Bay.

A year later, in September, 1814, the attack came and it was then Francis Scott Key, a prisoner, wrote the song, which is now the national anthem."

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