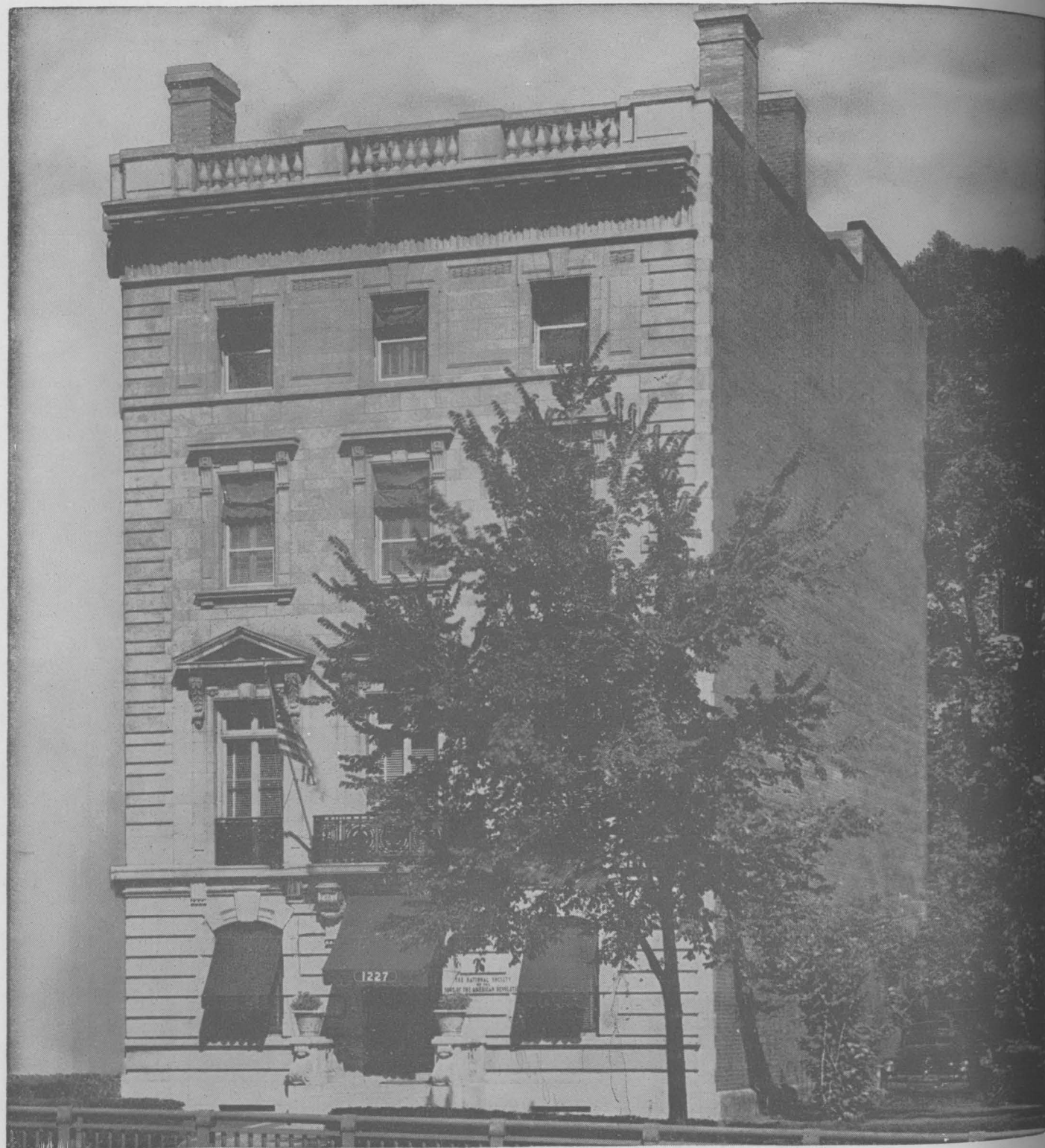


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THE EDITOR SAYS:

If the number of communications received can be accepted as an accurate measuring stick, the "readership" of our Magazine has reached a new high, and, naturally this is a source of encouragement to the Editor. However, the increased volume of communications is not altogether an unmixed blessing.

Many of the letters begin with some complimentary comment on the contents of the current issue and conclude with a request that "the enclosed speech" be published in the next issue. We are cognizant of the ability of many of our Compatriots in the field of patriotic oratory. Their addresses are, almost without exception, carefully prepared, contain references to authentic Revolutionary events and undoubtedly are received with enthusiasm by those who are present at the time of delivery. Unfortunately, there is a surplus of such ability within the ranks of our Compatriots. If we could publish all of them, each issue of the Magazine would be increased to many times its present size. But, there is one insurmountable obstacle to this procedure. There is the little matter of the Budget. Whenever, the Editor is tempted to add a few pages to an issue he takes a closer look at the amount of money allocated to the Magazine and his temptation is eliminated. We trust that this explanation will be read with sympathetic understanding by those who, with good intent, urge us to publish some of the splendid addresses submitted to this office.

There have been suggestions that the Magazine should become a more militant publication. We must remind them that the Magazine reflects the policies of the Sons of the American Revolution, and that the policies are established by the actions of, and the resolutions adopted by, the Annual Congresses of our National Society. It is the Editor's obligation to the Society to conform to the established policies of the organization, regardless of his personal opinions on issues which might be classified a "controversial."

Your expressions of opinion are welcomed and given full consideration and we hope to be favored with your continued cooperation.

Fraternally yours,  
Harold L. Putnam, Editor

April 1956



EDGAR WILLIAMSON, JR.  
President General

My predecessors in the office of President General will understand my feelings as I prepare this message, which will be my last one as President General. They must have experienced the mixed emotions which are mine at this moment. I find it difficult to realize that the year which seemed to stretch so far into the future last May, has shrunk to a mere matter of weeks. Then it seemed that there was ample time in which to accomplish all of the objectives we had in mind; now the time is short and there remains so much to be done.

In retrospect, we may find some cause for self-congratulation. We have made some progress, perhaps not as much as we had hoped to make, but nevertheless we have moved in the right direction. A major portion of our efforts has been directed toward the strengthening of our organizational structure. When the charter was presented to the Nevada Society on November 17, 1955 it marked a milestone in the history of our National Society. On that date we became a national organization in fact as well as in name. With State Societies in each of the 48 states, The District of Columbia, Alaska and Hawaii we are truly a national organization.

During these past months we have achieved some important objectives in the reorganization and reactivation of two of our State Societies which had fallen into a moribund state due to the passing of Compatriots who had served

The President General's Message

as the focal points of activities during their lives. The replacement of leaders with the capacity to lead and the devotion to our Society's objectives is a problem which is frequently with us. One of the most convincing evidences of the inherent strength of our Society is continued discovery of new leaders who catch the torch from faltering hands and carry on the patriotic efforts of our Society.

Not only have State Societies been reorganized but in a number of instances, inactive chapters have been reactivated. Activity at the Chapter level is of vital importance to the progress and welfare of our Society. Thousands of Compatriots rely upon their local Chapter for information, direction and contact with the State and National Societies. The organization of a large number of new Chapters is the cause for congratulation to those who have devoted their time and efforts to this work.

The introduction and distribution of the Handbook of information has served as a strong stimulus to the interest of individual members. They have learned of the objectives, activities and procedures through reading its pages. It has proven to be a great boon to State and Chapter officers, and is one of the most important factors in promoting the effective functioning of our Society. Our Executive Secretary is entitled to full credit for compiling and editing the Handbook.

The ever-increasing participation in the R.O.T.C. and Good Citizenship medals program by State and Chapter organizations is most encouraging. Our National Headquarters has received many requests from Army, Air Force and Navy R.O.T.C. officers for awards to their respective units. This is one of the most effective means of strengthening our national defenses. The need for trained reserves is growing more apparent day by day and the presentation of R.O.T.C. medals by the S.A.R. is tangible evidence of our interest in the young men who compose the Corps. Good Citizenship medals presented in the elementary and secondary schools offer an excellent means of emphasizing

the full meaning of American citizenship in the minds of the younger generations. I look forward to the day when each of our Chapters will have a well planned medal awards program.

As these words are written, it is impossible to make an accurate statement of the number of new applications received during the fiscal year of our Society, and while membership is desirable, it is not in itself the ultimate goal of our organization. However, I am able to state that regardless of the number of new members enrolled during the year, there is evidence that a greater number of Compatriots have been actively engaged in the patriotic efforts of our Society than before, and thanks to their work the prestige of the Society has been enhanced.

I shall have the privilege of expressing my appreciation of the splendid cooperation accorded me by the General Officers, National Trustees and Executive Committee when I present my report to the Sixty-Sixth Annual Congress, but there are some Compatriots to whom my thanks are due, who will not be present at the Congress. Therefore, I take this means of thanking each of you for the support you have given my administration. Whatever has been accomplished has been made possible through your cooperation.

On behalf of my successor, I earnestly request that you accord him the same degree of loyal support that you have given me during the past year, and thereby insure the continued progress of our Society.

Fraternally yours,  
EDGAR WILLIAMSON, JR.  
President General

THESE DATES ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU

May 27-30 are the dates of the Sixty-Sixth Annual Congress of our Society. June 10, 1956 is the deadline for all material for the July issue of the Sons of the American Revolution Magazine. Please Note.

# THE SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONGRESS

The Sagamore, Bolton Landing, Lake George, N.Y.—May 27-30, 1956

A large attendance at the forthcoming Congress is indicated. This makes us very happy as we have hoped and planned for that. On March first 180 members with 128 wives and visitors from 28 states had made reservations for over 200 rooms. That assures you that when you arrive at the Sagamore Hotel and throughout your stay you will be enjoying an exclusive S.A.R. affair.

If you have not sent in your reservation as yet do not hesitate because arrangements have been made for everyone. The Sagamore will handle the excess above its room capacity at nearby good motels with all meals in the hotel on the American plan rate of \$30 per day for two in a room and \$18 per day for single occupancy. We do not believe that cheaper or better accommodations can be provided in any other way.

**Reservations until the last minute will be handled by Gardner Osborn, Secretary, Empire State Society, S.A.R., 15 Pine Street, New York 5, N. Y.**

We have been asked about the weath-

er conditions in the area at that time of year. Albany—60 miles away—is the nearest Weather Bureau Station. Over the years the average temperature for May is 58 degrees. That means we can expect temperatures in the 70's during the day with cool nights in the 50's. We will be there the last of May, when temperatures should be higher than the monthly average. Very pleasant weather we would say, if it does not rain and the record shows that over the years rain on less than half of the days with no heavy rainfall.

A good program has been arranged to make this a strong S.A.R. Congress. All who attend will return home richly rewarded and inspired by association with members from all over the country. All will find their interest stimulated in American traditions and their preservation through the leadership and program of S.A.R.

Our Ladies Hospitality Committee is planning for interesting activities for the wives who accompany delegates when their time is not taken up by attendance

at the meetings, the two afternoon tours and the luncheons and banquets.

For those who may travel by rail we are told that it is better to get off the train at Fort Edward, where our transportation committee will arrange for you to get to Bolton Landing. For those who come by airplane, Glens Falls is the stop and that committee will look after you. If you drive it is 65 miles north of Albany on U. S. Route 9 N.

Come to this Congress for your own pleasure and the contribution you will make to the S.A.R. and its work. You will be there when nature is at its best with spring flowers in their glory. You will see an important part of the country which is steeped in the fight that our forefathers carried on for their freedom and ours.

We shall welcome all—the more the better.

Cordially,  
EMPIRE STATE SOCIETY  
Ernest S. Crosby, *President*  
Gardner Osborn, *Secretary*  
W. A. Wentworth, *Chairman*



Delegates and Visitors of the Sixty-Sixth Annual Congress will experience one of the most enjoyable events of the Congress on Tuesday afternoon May 29, when they board the good ship "Ticonderoga" for a three hour cruise around scenic Lake George.

## COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONGRESS

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## TENTATIVE PROGRAM

of the

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May 27-30, 1956 — The Sagamore, Bolton Landing, N. Y.

### SUNDAY

- 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Registration of Delegates and Visitors  
3 P.M. Memorial Service and Massing of Colors  
9 P.M. Meeting of Board of National Trustees  
Also General Meeting with illustrated address  
"New York State in the War of the Revolution"  
Dr. Marvin Rapp, Buffalo State Teachers College

### MONDAY

- 9 A.M. Opening session with addresses of welcome,  
Officers greetings and reports,  
Douglass G. High Historical Oration Contest  
Noon Luncheon and Presentation of C.A.R. Program,  
Mrs. E. Stewart James, National Senior President,  
Mrs. John Chattin, State Senior President,  
Dramatization by active C.A.R.'s  
2:30 P.M. Tour to reconstructed Fort Ticonderoga,  
Linked with American History, 1609 to 1783  
7 P.M. Reception for President General and Mrs. Williamson  
8:30 P.M. Recognition Night—Awards To Members—and  
Address "Preservation of National Historic Sites,"  
Ronald S. Lee, National Park Service

### TUESDAY

- 9 A.M. Second Business Session,  
Committee Reports and Resolutions  
Noon Luncheon and Address by President General D.A.R.  
2 P.M. Boat ride on S. S. Ticonderoga around Lake George —  
three hours  
7 P.M. Dinner followed by  
Music, Mount Pleasant High School Symphonic Singers,  
Address, Outstanding speaker (to be announced)

### WEDNESDAY

- 9 A.M. Final Business Session  
Completion of Resolutions and Election of Officers  
7:30 P.M. President General's Banquet  
Music, Leo Terry  
Installation of President-General and other general officers  
Address, Outstanding speaker (to be announced)

## REPORT OF THE IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE ON STATUS OF THE McCARRAN-WALTER ACT

Robert H. Overstreet, Chairman,  
Immigration Committee

The last report submitted by the Immigration Committee was dated April 26, 1955 and was presented to the National Congress held in Chicago in May 1955.

The foregoing report touched upon the activities and plans for making changes in the Immigration and Nationality Act (McCarran-Walter Act) if not proposals which would do away with it entirely.

Changes and amendments are still being sought; however, up to this writing it has stood fast. H. R. 4430, introduced last year by Congressman Celler and a companion Bill S. 1206 introduced in the Senate by Senator Lehman, which Bills provided for amending and revising the laws relating to immigration, naturalization, nationality and citizenship, have not been adopted so far.

At the Chicago Congress a resolution was adopted which was sent to members of the Congress of the United States, which, in effect, supported the present Act, subject only to such minor changes as effect the efficient and equitable administration of the Act.

In February 1956, there was submitted to the Congress of the United States a four point program to provide for changes in the immigration and nationality laws reflecting the administration's views in the matter. The four points were directed to:

(a) The quota system and use of national origins.

(b) The private relief bill system of handling hardship cases.

(c) Unnecessary restrictions and administrative provisions of our immigration laws.

(d) Judicial review in deportation.

Four Bills have been introduced to cover the foregoing recommendations of the Administration.

Perhaps the proposed change in the quota system is the change that is the most vital. Instead of basing on the formula predicated upon the 1920 Census, it would base on the 1950 Census and would moreover make unused quotas available to countries with oversubscribed quotas. It is estimated that the change in base from the 1920 Census to the 1950 Census would bring in about 65,000 more people. Our present quota system provides for a maximum annual quota of 154,657 immigrants.

Your Immigration Committee has stated in previous reports that the Act represents over four years of work on the part of proper Committees of Congress, duly elected Representatives of the people of the United States, assisted by the Department of Justice, the Visa and Passport Divisions of the State Department, The Central Intelligence Agency, and other qualified and capable authorities. Extensive hearings were held at which about one thousand persons testified; amongst them were experts, Government officials, and representatives of groups having an interest in the problem. This is now our basic Immigration Law and is a complete codification of the Immigration, Passport and Naturalization Laws. It is the first complete revision in more than one hundred years and was designed to remove inequities and to close any loop-

holes in the Regulations. The Act became effective December 24, 1952.

Your Chairman has discussed immigration matters with Hon. Francis E. Walter, co-author of the McCarran-Walter Act (Compatriot Walter) and with members of his staff. He has also had the privilege of discussing immigration with Hon. Scott McLeod of the State Department, who is concerned with administrative provisions of the Act. Congressman Walter continues a bulwark for the status quo.

Congressman Walter's office is receiving about five hundred letters per day from representatives of organizations and individuals taking a position against changing the Act.

Even though there may be a need to change certain phases of the Act to make its administration more effective, it is believed that any position taken in favor of changes, no matter how small, would open the door to revisions that would destroy its value as it is believed to have at present.

It is recommended that our Society take the position that it is opposed to any changes in the Immigration and Nationality Act, at least until sufficient time has elapsed to provide definite signs of any real shortcomings.

Respectfully Submitted,

ROBERT H. OVERSTREET

Chairman, Immigration Committee  
Feb. 15, 1956

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## NEWS FROM OUR STATE SOCIETIES

The reports of the State and Chapter organizations for this issue of the Magazine are most gratifying in that they indicate increased activity at the Chapter level. We are confident that many State and Chapter officers have failed to send in reports of activities which might properly be reported. Such reports serve a dual purpose; they publicize the State or Chapter and they stimulate others to follow the example set for them. If your State or Chapter is not mentioned in these columns, you might urge your President to appoint a Publicity Chairman whose duty it will be to prepare and forward reports to the office of the Editor.

### Alabama Society

Brigadier General James E. Morrisette, USA (retired) gave the principal address to the Birmingham, Alabama Chapter at the Mountain Brook Country Club at a Sunday Dinner Meeting, December 11th in celebration of the Bill of Rights Day.

"So long as the Bill of Rights is used as a shield as it was intended on adoption it is a bulwark of liberty, but when used as a sword against the states who established the union," General Morrisette said, "there it is a perversion of the Bill of Rights and the power to asserted rights becomes a means of tyranny by the central government against the states and the people."

General Morrisette reviewed the legal precedents by which there has been a gradual erosion of the rights of states and development of greater authority by the federal government.

The climax of General Morrisette's address was his observation that "Nine highly intelligent men of undoubted patriotism and irreproachable character, appropriately gowned in black robes sitting in a marble temple in their nation's capital signed their own country's death warrant."

General Morrisette, concluded his address by prophesying that integrated schools would inevitably lead to a mulatto race, and history indelibly demonstrates that every great nation that has broken its blood stream by inter-marriage with other races has declined and the civilization has disintegrated.

General Morrisette is a former assistant judge advocate general of the Army,

a lecturer on constitutional law at the University of Alabama, and he is an active practicing lawyer at Tuscaloosa.

The Birmingham Chapter had about seventy-five members and guests present for the meeting. President Robert P. Gordon presided at the meeting.

### Alaska Society

Besides relating accomplishments, we'd like our Stateside Compatriots to know more of Alaska, as well, and our potential as a society and a State.

Our area is great and has a population of about 200,000 persons, 90% of which are U. S. Citizens from our various states. Alaskans are hard working, real American people and a goodly portion spring from early American stock. This pioneer spirit is indeed present in their desire to develop this last frontier of U. S. Soil—potentially the richest section of our Country.

We pay Federal Income Tax along with other taxes as do our Stateside Compatriots. Our Governor is appointed, our Delegate to Congress cannot vote, and they won't make us a state 'cause we'd be bigger than Texas. Texas might get upset about this and not let



The Anchorage Chapter, S.A.R., Anchorage, Alaska, presented ID (Identification Cards) to 12,000 School children on December 23, 1955. A patriotic touch was added in the form of The Pledge of Allegiance and the first stanza of the National Anthem. Chapter President Bob Reeve (left) and Assistant Superintendent of Schools Dwight Newell are pictured distributing the cards to the student representatives of the schools.

## STATE SOCIETY NEWS—Continued

Jersey College but we wished him success.—Compatriot Marshall C. Hoppin was made Acting President of our Alaska Society, S. A. R.

Our only chapter in Alaska, thus far, at Anchorage, has completed its first year with the retirement of Compatriots Bob Reeve, President; Don Rozell, Vice President; and Elwood Nurse, Secretary-Treasurer. They had done a good job as follows:

Commitment to furnish outside flagpole for Alaska Methodist College to be built at Anchorage jointly with local D. A. R.

Furnished 12,000 local students with ID cards which incorporated Pledge to The Flag and Star Spangled Banner.

Conducted splendid, monthly meetings at which constructive programs were planned.

Anchorage Chapter, S. A. R., officers chosen for 1956 are: President, Richard Lobdell; Vice President, Perry McLain; Secretary, James Wardlaw; Treasurer, Glenwood Doughty; Publicity, Pete DeM. Miller; Historian, Marlin Myers; and Genealogist, A. L. Seamands.

The Alaska Society, S. A. R. will soon nominate and elect new officers in 1956.—Both the Alaska Society and the Anchorage Chapter intend to do a lot better in this 1956.

## Arkansas Society

The 67th Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Society, S.A.R., met at the Sam Peck Hotel in Little Rock, Arkansas at 5:30 p.m., on Washington's Birthday. An old Program dated February 22, 1900, was presented to the Society by Mrs. Maude Greenlee Mosley, whose name was listed in the list of members of that date. When the Society was organized in 1889, it accepted for membership, the members of the Sons and Daughters of Noble Sires, among whom were a number of Ladies. The President—General E. L. Compere, was absent on account of sickness. The officers gave their reports. Three members were transferred during the year. One death was reported, that of our Registrar—Robert W. Mosley. The Society stood for silent prayer in his memory. Mason E. Mitchell was applauded, when it was announced that this meeting was the 25th meeting that he has attended.

The following Officers were elected: President Honorary, General Douglass MacArthur, New York; President, Emeritus, Major Edmund R. Wiles, Little Rock; President, General E. L. Compere, El Dorado; 1st Vice President William R. Snodgrass, Little Rock; 2nd Vice President John E. Harris, Fort Smith; Chancellor, Seth C. Reynolds, Ashdown; Registrar, Sam M. Clark, Conway; Genealogist, Joseph Brooks, Little Rock; Historian, Julous T. Garner, Nashville; Treasurer, Frank E. Robins, III, Conway. Librarian, Pat C. Herrington, Little Rock; Chaplain Rev. Ellis G. Mosley, Batesvilles; Secretary, Mason E. Mitchell, Conway.

Board of Governors:—General E. L. Compere, Chairman. Major Edmund R. Wiles, Dr. Cecil H. Dickerson, John N. Heiskell, Judge Edwin E. Dunaway and Mason E. Mitchell.

National Trustee, Mason E. Mitchell, Conway, Delegates to National Congress, Lake George, New York. May 27-30th. John N. Heiskell, Edwin E. Dunaway, Pat C. Herrington, John E. Harris, Mason E. Mitchell and William R. Snodgrass.

## California Society

San Francisco Chapter held a Washington's Birthday Memorial Service at Grace Cathedral with members of the D.A.R., Society of Cincinnati, and Military Order of the World Wars also par-



Under the auspices of the Nathan Hale Branch, S.A.R., memorial exercises were held at the grave of Samuel Huntington, Signer of the Declaration of Independence, at Norwich Town, Conn., on July Fourth 1955. Compatriot Charles B. Gilbert, Chairman, served as master of ceremonies. Many patriotic groups participated.

icipating. Rev. Vern Swartsfager, Rector of "The Cathedral of the Mission" and Chapter Chaplain was the speaker. The chapter also voted to participate in the Robert A. Taft Memorial Fund, Treasurer Harry E. Marshall handling the arrangements. The meeting place of the regular monthly luncheons has been changed to Hellwig's Holland House, 41 Stockton Street.

San Jose Chapter conducted a Washington's Birthday Meeting which was also their annual Ladies Night, at the Hawaiian Gardens, San Jose, on February 22d. President Heath Wagener presided, with George W. Reed as Chairman of the Program Committee. The speaker, Vice President of the State Society Charles A. Mersereau of San Francisco.

Peninsula Chapter meeting at San Carlos in San Mateo County elected Colonel Stanley C. Smock, formerly of the Washington, D. C., Society, as President and outlined an aggressive membership campaign.

San Diego Chapter adopted a resolution in support of the McCarran-Walter Act and are continuing their activities in support of the Library, and the organization of a C.A.R. Chapter.

Riverside Chapter has elected Brig. General John W. Carter as their new President and are planning for General Carter and State Historian Winfield G. Waite to represent their chapter at the

Annual Meeting of the State Society at San Francisco.

Pasadena Chapter recently met at San Marino electing Rear Admiral E. D. McEathron as their President.

Marin County Chapter has been meeting at the home of Compatriot Lewis J. Kerlin at Kent Woodlands for the past two months. President Colonel Waddell F. Smith has been visiting Egypt, Monte Carlo and Spain, sightseeing and participating in some of the international Pigeon Shoots.

California Society continues to enlarge their Library and headquarters, the Library being operated and staffed by members of the California Genealogical Society, and the Library Sponsors and Patrons Association. The S.A.R. headquarters also serves as a clearing house for the Northern California area of the D.A.R. A new telephone has been added, SUTter 1-1776, appropriately chosen for our Society. Open weekdays until 4 p.m. Rear Admiral E. D. McEathron of the Pasadena Chapter represented the State Society in place of Colonel John K. Blanche, Vice President for Southern California, at the Annual State Conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution held at the Hotel Statler, Los Angeles. Compatriot H. Lewis Mathewson, State Secretary and former State President, has been serving as one of the State Counselors for the California Society, D.A.R.

Plans are being made to publish the History of the California Society which also includes the original organization formed in San Francisco in 1875 and 1876, and possibly sometime in the future a Roster of Members with their lineages, to include the first 3,000 members of the California Society.

## Colorado Society

On February 22, 1956 the Colorado Society held its annual meeting, election of officers and in the evening the annual George Washington's Birthday Banquet in the Mural Room of the Albany Hotel in Denver, Colorado. Eighty Compatriots, their wives and guests attended. President Edwin A. Williams presided at the meeting and banquet and presented the Good Citizenship Certificate and Medal of the Society to Frederic A. Adams in recognition of his devotion to the youth of our land through the organization of The Young American League which has been a boon to the

underprivileged and a valuable deterrent to juvenile delinquency. The Certificate of Merit was presented to Compatriot Frederick Yeakel, our oldest living member in point of years service to the S.A.R. The main address was given by the Hon. B. C. Hilliard, Jr., Referee in Bankruptcy for the U. S. District Court of Colorado, on the subject "George Washington."

President Williams used the installation ceremony given in the new Handbook to induct the following new Officers of the Colorado Society: President, Frank A. Cleveland; Vice-President, Horace T. Auburn; Secretary, Edward B. Wilcox; Treasurer, Spencer Cole; Chaplain, The Rev. Gerrit S. Barnes; Registrar & Historian, R. Ewing Stiffler; and National Trustee, George E. Tarbox, Jr.

## Connecticut Society

All Connecticut Compatriots and all Compatriots living in Connecticut are cordially invited to attend the annual meeting and picnic of this society at noon on June 2, at the farm estate of President and Mrs. H. Wheeler Parrott on Route 8, three miles north of the Merritt Parkway, in Shelton. Bring

your own lunch and dishes, coffee and ice cream will be provided.

The focal point of the Winter activities of the Connecticut Society was the 66th Annual Dinner in honor of General George Washington, held at the new Statler in Hartford. Ninety stalwart Yankees and their guests braved hazardous roads to hear Secretary General A. W. Wentworth describe the coming Congress, of which he is General Chairman, and Massachusetts National Trustee, Eugene P. Carver, Jr., tell us more about Washington's General Israel Putnam, than we had ever known before. The Good Citizenship Medal was presented to Compatriot Walter E. Ditmars, President of the Gray Manufacturing Company of Hartford for his widespread and successful efforts to "fight communism," as his company's postage meter-mark reads. Rosettes with the plastic decoration granted those who had sponsored new members, were presented to Compatriots Freeman, Hine, Larkum, Kebabian, and Prichard. The meeting closed with the motion picture, "Bulwark of the Young Republic," which the Connecticut Society helped produce, with funds and participants;



The Annual Massing of the Colors, sponsored by the Palm Beach Chapter of the S.A.R., was held at the Church of the Bethesda By the Sea, Sunday Feb. 19th, 1956. Compatriot Major Enoch Warren Hunt, served as Parade Master and some 30 organizations were represented by their Colors in the parade.

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and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Vice President General Bolles was in charge of this smoothly running Dinner, ably assisted by State President Parrott, Branch President H. Gildersleeve Jarvis, and Compatriot Bradford Cafky.

Two Connecticut Branches have held meetings with a continuing interest. Gen. Gold Selleck Silliman Branch, has devoted meetings to the history of Fairfield, which was broken into seven towns, including Bridgeport; and to Black Rock, and Stratford. Our Compatriots always enjoy history, particularly their own. This three meeting series was a huge success. Nathan Hale Branch discussed the Compatriot's relation to the Branch, in November; in January, the Branch's relation to the State Society. Then in March, the State Secretary, Howard Coe, presented the State Society point of view to the New London Compatriots. These meetings promoted healthy discussion, and clarified many questions. On January 17, the Compatriots of Col. Jeremiah Wadsworth Branch met at the Connecticut Historical Society Building in Hartford, and enjoyed an illustrated lecture covering a trip taken through Java and Bali, by Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth G. Collins, of West Hartford.

A regular monthly meeting of the David Humphreys Branch was held on December 13, 1955; our Speaker was Mr. M. Grant Blakeslee, of New Haven; and he gave us a most interesting talk, including moving-pictures in technicolor, of his recent trip to England, Scotland, Germany, and Switzerland.

Our next meeting was held on January 17, 1956, at our usual meeting-place—the Union League Club, New Haven; and our Guest Speaker was Mr. William Pendergast, of one of our local papers—the new Haven Register. Mr. Pendergast, who is to be credited with initiating the practice of honoring the Signers of the Declaration of Independence on the Fourth of July of each year, by laying wreaths at their graves, chose as his subject for our January meeting, "Historic Spots of Connecticut." He showed about 100 slides, in technicolor, displaying churches, monuments, homes, shipping, and the like, to accompany his commentary; and refreshed our minds of the names of the

great Patriots of Connecticut who gained fame which will continue throughout our history as a nation.

We held no meeting in February, but, instead, many of our Members attended the State meeting in Hartford on February 18.

Mattatuck Branch reelected officers at the Annual Meeting, February 12. Former State President James R. Case, who is now Chairman of the Connecticut Rochambeau Commission, traced the march, and illustrated the campsites of the French Army en route through Connecticut to victory at Yorktown. Forty five Compatriots and their guests gathered at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Howard Coe, for the meeting, the program, refreshments and a buffet supper. At the meeting of the State Board of Managers on Feb. 18, it was decided to hold the Spring Board Meeting at Waverly Inn, Cheshire, on April 14, at 1 P.M.

The Pilgrimage to Lebanon will feature a tribute to Nathan Hale this June. The Pageant, to be presented on Friday and Saturday nights, June 22-23, is being written by the College of

Dramatics of the University of Connecticut.

The Boy Scouts will be there again and on Saturday, the Governor's Horse Guard will sponsor a horse show.

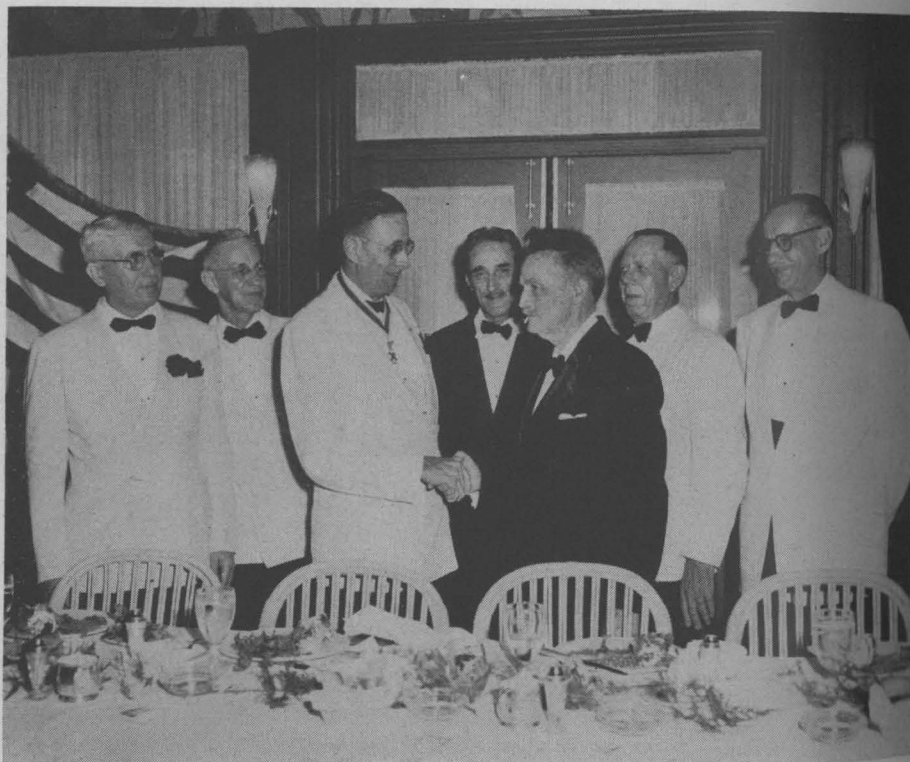
This is an excellent opportunity to view Historic Lebanon and its War Office.

## District of Columbia Society

Our Society was fortunate in having Senator Carl T. Curtis speak to us at our January meeting. He spoke on the subject, "Uncle Sam's Headaches." Senator Curtis is especially interested in a proposed Constitutional Amendment designed to prevent our country from going further into debt.

February was a month of considerable activity for our Society. On Lincoln's birthday, February 12th, ceremonies were held at the Lincoln Memorial at which our Society was represented by a group of Compatriots with our colors and a wreath was presented in behalf of the Society.

Our Annual Washington's Birthday Meeting took place at noon at the Statler Hotel. A delicious luncheon was



Bob Rabe photo

Installation of officers of the Palm Beach Chapter was held at the Colony Hotel, Feb. 6, 1956. Left to right; 1st. Vice Pres. Clare George Warner; 2nd Vice Pres. Hon. Edward George Newell; outgoing Pres. Col. Chester Frederick Wright; Sec'y. Reginald Forrest Bradley; Pres. John Fulton Lanier; Treas. John Alton Emmons and Regstr. Wesley Russell Jones.

served to the members and their guests who attended. Representative James I. Dolliver, Congressman from the State of Iowa, was the principal speaker.

Following the luncheon, Col. Thurston H. Baxter, President of our Society called a business meeting for the purpose of nominating officers of the Society for the year April 20, 1956 to April 19, 1957. The election will take place at our March 27th meeting at the Cosmos Club. Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant, III, will address the Society that evening speaking informally on his grandfather, Gen. U. S. Grant the 18th President of the United States.

A large crowd attended the Annual Joint Celebration of the 224th anniversary of the birth of George Washington held at the Department of Interior Auditorium. This was the 42nd year for this ceremony that is jointly sponsored by the D. C. Society, S. A. R. D. C. Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the Revolution in the District of Columbia and the D. C. Society, Children of the American Revolution. This years ceremony being the responsibility of the S. A. R. the presiding officer was President Thurston R. Baxter of our D. C. Society.

The ceremony was opened with the marching in the colors of the four Societies followed by the flags of the sixty Chapters of the D. C. Daughters of the American Revolution to the strains of The Stars and Stripes Forever played by the United States Marine Band Orchestra. Charles T. Macdonald, Past President of the D. C. Society; S. A. R. was the Marshall assisted by Mrs. Adalbert Weisbrod of the D. A. R.

After the invocation by the Rev. Willis Bergen, Chaplain of our D. C. Society, S. A. R. the pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Mr. Marshall Marston, President of the S. R. in the District of Columbia. The assembly also joined in repeating the Americans Creed led by Miss Faustine Dennis, State Regent of D. C. Daughters of the American Revolution.

The Acapella Chorus from Waterford, Virginia, directed by Mrs. Helen Cooley sang several selections of 18th century composers that may well have been favorites of George Washington.

Col. Baxter then introduced the Presidents of the other participating Societies: Mr. Marshall Marston, S. R.; Miss Faustine Dennis, D. A. R.; Miss

Mildred Sherman, Senior State President, C. A. R.; Miss Annie Laurie Martin, Junior State President C. A. R.; as well as Mr. Milton Lory, Past President General of the S. A. R. and Mrs. E. Stewart James, National President of the C. A. R.

The committee composed of the State Chaplains of the four Societies under the chairmanship of the Rev. Willis Bergen, S. A. R. that had placed the wreath at the Washington Monument as a traditional part of the joint celebration was also presented at this time.

Following some additional 18th century sections by the Waterford Acapella Chorus a short colored motion picture covering the American Revolutionary War Years and Post War Years was shown which emphasized the part played by George Washington in winning our freedom and establishing our constitutional form of Government.

The National Anthem followed by the Benediction, pronounced by the Rev. Frederick Haverkamp, Assistant Chaplain of the D. C. Society, S. A. R., and the retiring of the colors concluded the ceremony.

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

erson on the 213th Anniversary of his birth, will be held at the National Jefferson Memorial.

## Florida Society

The Miami Chapter sponsored a Washington's Birthday Memorial Service and Massing of the Colors on Sunday, February 19, 1956 at the Coral Gables Methodist Church. Services were conducted by Dr. Lewis N. Head, Pastor. The organist and choir led the assembled group in singing patriotic songs.

United States Flags and the banners of the various Armed Forces units were presented and massed at the front of the church by Color Guards from the following groups:

Marine Corps Air Station  
Homestead Air Base  
United States Coast Guard  
Naval Reserve Training Unit  
Naval Air Reserve Training Unit  
Miami Air Reserve, Flying Unit  
U. S. Army R.O.T.C., University of Miami  
U. S. Air Force, R.O.T.C., University of Miami.

Special invitations to attend were sent to all local D.A.R. Chapters and the

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Mrs. James B. Patton, Honorary President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution was the guest of honor of the Illinois Society at the Annual Meeting, December 3, 1955 at which a new slate of officers was elected.

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public was invited by means of newspaper publications and church announcements. The services were well attended, and the Miami Chapter has resolved to make the program an annual event.

The Palm Beach Chapter's Installation and Ladies Night, was held in the Colony Terrace Room, of the Colony Hotel, Palm Beach, Fla. It was attended by some 30 couples. The Guest Speaker was Dr. Russell A. Williams. His remarks were most interesting as he showed that we are still living under the same rules and principals that we did when the Colonies were founded and then broke from Western countries and established our Independence. And he showed that with all our economic and other advances, we were still "One Nation under God" and always will be. And President John Fulton Lanier promised that he would strive for new members and more programmes in keeping with our National Motto "Eternal Vigilance is the price of Liberty."

*Tampa, The William C. Sessions Chapter*, celebrated the 250th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin with a dinner meeting with Vice President-General Folks Huxford as honored guest.

This was another one of a series of joint dinners sponsored by the four chapters in the Tampa Bay area, with the president and members present from the Clearwater, St. Petersburg and Sarasota Chapters.

Also present and making brief remarks were almost all of the officers and executive board of the Florida State Society, including President M. C. Burnside, First Vice President P. W. Fisher, Second Vice President and Acting Secretary-Treasurer Hal Freoff, Registrar Col. J. G. Kellogg and executive board members John A. Emmons, Horace Bittenbender, and Nelson T. Jones. Also enjoying the evening were two national officers of the Children of the American Revolution, Mr. and Mrs. William Parker, and both chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Tampa were officially represented, one by their regent and the other by a past Curator-General.

During the Meeting, Compatriot Nelson T. Jones was installed by State President Burnside to succeed Compatriot Austin R. Drew as president of

the William C. Sessions Chapter. The suggested procedure in the new S.A.R. handbook was closely followed and received many favorable comments.

The highlight of Compatriot Huxford's remarks was, as far as the Tampa members were concerned, that he had never heard of, much less attended, a meeting with such a spirit of cooperation between several chapters of the Society and that he was going to strongly recommend to all other chapters in the Southeast District that they emulate this program practiced by the four chapters on the West Coast of Florida. The next joint meeting will be Washington's Birthday, with the Clearwater Chapter as host on Feb. 25.

**Idaho Society**

The Annual Meeting of the Idaho Society, originally scheduled to be held in Boise, but moved to Idaho Falls because the retiring President, Compatriot George Bacheller, was visiting in the East, and the Boise area has no local Chapter to make arrangements for the meeting, was held in the Hotel Bonnevill.

Following the usual reports and formalities the following Compatriots were

elected to represent the Idaho Society: President: Faber F. Tway, immediate past Vice President and former Secretary-Treasurer-Registrar, of Idaho Falls. (Attorney) 520 Legion Drive. Vice President: Ezra T. Whitla, Attorney, Coeur d'Alene. Secretary-Treasurer-Registrar: re-elected, James W. Enke, 120 Linden Drive, Idaho Falls. Nat'l Soc. Trustee: J. R. Gobble, 462 Park Avenue, Idaho Falls.

The speaker for the meeting was Compatriot William S. Holden, Attorney and Chapter Member of the Eagle Rock Chapter at Idaho Falls. He gave a stirring and inspirational address, "Our American Heritage and Responsibility."

**Illinois Society**

At the annual meeting of the Illinois Society on December 3, 1955, the following compatriots were nominated and elected to offices for the year ending December 3, 1956. John E. King, president; Harold I. Meyer, M. D. 1st V.P.; C. A. Goodwin-Perkins 2nd V.P.; John T. Haynes, secretary; Paul B. Teeter, treasurer; Norman D. Anderson, registrar; Edwin N. Asmann, historian; Louis A. Bowman, chaplain;



The 194th anniversary of the marriage of George and Martha Washington was observed at a joint D.A.R.-S.A.R. commemorative dinner in the Lafayette Hotel, Portland, Maine, on Jan. 9, 1956. Left to right; Brig. Gen. George A. Davis, USA, Ret'd, vice president state S.A.R.; Mrs. Frederick A. Herron, regent D.A.R. chapter; Mrs. Basil E. Lamb, general chairman of meeting and Dr. Joseph S. White, past president, Maine Society S.A.R.

Winthrop D. MacCourt, sgt.-at-arms; Ralph M. Snyder, chancellor.

Members of the board of managers, additional members of the board of managers, delegate at large, and delegates to the National Congress were elected at the same time. Compatriots newly elected to the board of managers this year are: Eldred E. Benz, on Junior Committee; Alden S. Fields, on publicity; Alexander Hamilton; Jay M. VanValkenburgh; James N. Walmsley, membership chairman; Miles G. Brown and Frank L. Perley, co-editors News Letter and Jake Abegg, production News Letter; from Piankeshaw Chapter: Robert G. Bone, E. Harold Crouch, Donald Noone and Dr. Alden J. Rarick; from Springfield Chapter: Judge Benjamin S. DeBoice, Carrol C. Hall, Ozias M. Hatch III, and Charles F. McElroy.

Officers of the Springfield Chapter were elected on December 10, 1955. They are Daniel F. Zahn, President; Carroll Hall, first vice president; William Hughes Diller, Jr., secretary; Charles F. McElroy, chaplain; Harold J. Ziegler, counsellor; Benjamin DeBoice, registrar; Frank Darneille, historian, and S. Ben Helm, sergeant-at-arms.

Members of the board of managers are: Judge Dewitt S. Crow, Grover C. Rockwood, Amasa R. Booth, Willis J. Spaulding, Linton T. Coddington, Evans E. Cantrall, Roy G. Hill, William Hughes Diller, Sr., and W. R. Robinson.

On Veterans' Day, November 11, 1955, the Springfield Chapter was host to a memorial dinner for our late president, Earle B. Searcy. Compatriot Charles F. McElroy, then president of the chapter, presided at the dinner. Ninety-six people attended, included Mrs. Earle B. Searcy, her son and daughter, and Mr. Searcy's sister and brother—and including sixteen members from Chicago.

After the dinner the Honorable Vernon L. Nickell, state superintendent of public instruction, spoke. Dr. E. W. Esper of the American Legion, which Mr. Searcy helped found, and Chief Justice Harry B. Hershey gave tributes to the late Mr. Searcy.

Then John E. King, then acting president of the Illinois Society, conferred the Distinguished Service Award on the late Mr. Searcy and presented it

to his widow. It read: "In recognition of his unselfish services in promoting the ideals and responsibility of Patriotic American Citizenship as shown by his lifetime of devoted effort."

**Minnesota Society**

Since our last report, the Minnesota Society has suffered a grievous loss in the passing of two of our best-loved compatriots.

On December 2 last, Major General Carl R. Gray, Jr., U.S.A. retired, died after a short illness. General Gray, an Honorary Vice-President of the Society and active in the St. Paul Chapter, was a veteran of two World Wars and during World War II was Director-General of the Military Railway service of our armed forces. After the war, he became Veterans Administrator, which position he held until his retirement in 1953. He was Executive Vice-President of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railroad Company and Vice-President for public relations of the companion road, the Chicago, Northwestern. General Gray was decorated by the U. S., Italy, France, Belgium and Great Britain. He was a member of Society of Colonial Wars and Order of Founder & Patriots in New York, The Society

of the Cincinnati and was a former Governor of Society of Mayflower Descendants in Minnesota. We shall miss him greatly.

On February 5, Judge Paul W. Guilford, retired District Judge of our County, after 28 years on the bench, and a former State Representative and Senator, passed on after a four months' illness.

Judge Guilford, one of our most respected and loved jurists, was State Chancellor of our Minnesota Society and President of our Minneapolis chapter at the time of his death. He was active in our County and State Bar Associations, was a member of Hennepin County Historical Society, Lynnhurst Congregational Church and several Civic activities. He was the first Juvenile Judge of our County. We shall miss his careful guidance and leadership in both Chapter and State Society.

The Board of Managers of the State Society held its quarterly meeting January 31 at Coffman Memorial Union of the University of Minnesota with a dinner meeting at which 15 members were present, President, General S. G. Collins presiding.

Compatriot James Markoe, a past



The Honorable Thomas B. Curtis (left) Member of Congress was the guest of honor at the dinner meeting of the Missouri Society S.A.R., commemorating the 164th anniversary of the Adoption of the Bill of Rights. Henry F. Chadeayne, Secretary of the Missouri Society welcomed Mr. Curtis and Mrs. Curtis.

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president of the St. Paul Chapter, and for many years one of our most faithful workers, was elected an honorary vice-president to succeed Compatriot Major General Carl R. Gray, recently deceased.

Discussion was had on the purchase of one of the new S.A.R. flags and the national colors. The matter was turned over to a committee to report back at the next meeting.

The Minneapolis Chapter held its regular luncheon December 14 at the Normandy Hotel and listened to a talk on "American Backgrounds" by Dr. Hayden L. Stright, Executive Secretary of the Minnesota Council of Churches. Dr. Stright is a Past Governor of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Minnesota and is a Deputy Governor General of their national society. He showed Kodachrome slides of the pilgrimage of members of the Society to England and Holland this last Fall.

The Chapter annual meeting was held on January 16 at the Woman's Club with a dinner, followed by a program of music by the Madrigal Singers from Ramsey Junior High School—sixteen boys and girls 13 and 14 years of age, who gave an excellent program made up mostly of English folk songs. Also an excellent picture of Scandinavian countries put on by Scandinavian Airlines.

It was decided to support the movement to make the Outdoor Pulpit at Rindge, New Hampshire, a national shrine and to contact our members of Congress to that effect.

New officers elected were: President, Leslie W. Myers, 1st Vice-President, Wm. A. Braddock, 2nd Vice-President, Joseph Atkins, Secretary, James Van Valkenburg, Treasurer, John E. Reynolds, Chaplain Edward A. Conant. Directors: the officers and Robert J. Longyear, Bert F. Adams and Wright W. Brooks.

They will take office on April 1st.

The new president, besides all his many activities as president of the Hennepin County Historical Society and Vice-President of the Minnesota State Historical Society, is a director of the Minnesota Council of Churches and a member of the Board of the Salvation Army.

The chapter meeting was held as usual with lunch at the Normandy Hotel

on February 8. The program was postponed so that as many of our members as possible could attend the funeral of our late President, Judge Paul W. Guilford.

Bill of Rights day was observed on December 15 and State President, General S. G. Collins obtained notices of the day in our daily papers.

Minneapolis is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year and our annual summer festival, the Aquatennial, will have the Centennial as its theme. The headquarters for these activities will be the Hennepin County Historical Society building and our President, Leslie W. Myers, will have a large part in these activities.

In cooperation with the Minneapolis Council of Americanization, Minneapolis Chapter S.A.R. and the Minneapolis Regent's Unit of D.A.R. jointly entertained new citizens at a meeting in the Mayor's reception room on January 5 when about 80 of these new citizens received their certificates of membership, and Chapter Treasurer, William A. Braddock, welcomed the guests and the speaker of the evening was Past-Chaplain General, Dr. Mott R. Sawyer, whose subject was "Standard by Per-



George Van photo  
Edgar Williamson, Jr., President General, congratulates Prof. Ormond J. Drake (center) Assistant Secretary N.Y.U. and Brig. Gen. Bonner Fellers (right) National Director For America, as recipients of Good Citizenship Medals presented by New Jersey Society, Feb. 22 at Essex House, Newark.

formance for Americans by Choice." Refreshments were served and members mingled with the new citizens after they received their certificates. We consider these very important meetings and our only regret is that we cannot participate oftener. There are so many organizations applying to take part in these receptions that our turn comes not oftener than once a year.

The chapter has a project to put one copy of the booklet "The Key to the Constitution of the United States," published by Patriotic Education in the school library of each of the Junior and Senior High Schools of Minneapolis and five copies in the libraries of each of the secondary schools in the Minneapolis School system. This will require about 190 books and through individual donations from the members of the chapter we have already provided about 120. One contribution of 50 books was made by E. J. Longyear Company of which firm Compatriot Robert J. Longyear is president. The plan is to interest other business firms in the project. Conversations are now going on by our committee with the Minneapolis Council of Americanization on a plan to furnish one booklet to each new citizen when he

receives his certificate of Citizenship. There are approximately 800 new citizens each year.

The St. Paul Chapter held its monthly meeting with a luncheon at Woman's City Club on December 12 with a very instructive talk by Past State President Wm. B. Irwin on the new railroad running north of the St. Lawrence River to the new iron ore mines in Labrador. This railroad is to bring the ore down from an almost inaccessible district in Canada to the St. Lawrence River for shipment by boat to the steel plants on the Great Lakes and abroad. Compatriot Irwin, an Engineer, is assistant to the president of the Great Northern Railroad and is an authority on the iron ore mining in Minnesota and elsewhere.

On January 9 the chapter held its annual meeting with lunch at Woman's City Club and unanimously adopted, section by section, a new constitution as provided under our National Constitution, presented by National Trustee Hallan Huffman as chairman of its Constitution Committee. New officers elected were: Albert E. Henry, Pres., Jackson W. Petter, Vice-Pres., and Treasurer, L. F. Knowles, Secretary, Dr. Mott R. Sawyers, Chaplain.

On February 6, the chapter listened to a talk by Compatriot Petter about the St. Paul Voiture of the Legion's "40 and 8" and their engine, tender and box car that are used in parades and in all kinds of celebrations and conventions by this fun making organization in many places throughout our state. Compatriot Petter is the "engineer." Their activities are used to promote various youth organizations. It was a very instructive talk.

The Duluth Chapter has had a revival of interest and is taking on new life.

At a meeting in November they had 37% of their members present. On February 8, they held their annual joint dinner meeting with the two Duluth Chapters of D.A.R. at the Duluth Woman's Club. Mr. Bissonnette of Duluth, the speaker of the evening, gave a fine talk on Washington. Mrs. Bertram B. Lee, State Regent of the D.A.R. brought greetings from her organization. Compatriot Carl A. Herrick, State Secretary and Vice-President General of our district was a guest and brought greetings from our state and national societies. He went up early and had nearly a full day with Chapter offi-

cers and others and was able to help straighten out some of their problems.

## Nebraska Society

The Sixty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Nebraska Society of the Sons of the American Revolution was one of inspiration, information, and entertainment. It was held in the Garden Room of the Hotel Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska, on Wednesday, February 22, 1956.

The meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag led by State President Robert Neely. The invocation was then given by the State Chaplain, Rev. Earle V. Conover.

Fifty-five persons were present, including Compatriots Conover, Cornell, Cox, Norris Crafts, Forrest Estes, Ferris, Hadsell, Hartley, Hatten, Herndon, Hill, Lewis, Magee, Moseley, Sterling Mutz, Henry Neely, Robert Neely, Philpott, Shirk, Colton Smith, George Smith, and Harmon Turner. There were thirty-three guests.

President Robert Neely introduced new members Albert Herndon and

Henry David Neely. (Other new members during 1955-1956 were John M. Hale, Richard Waring, Lynn G. Barnes, and W. D. Mutz.)

Mrs. John C. Strain, State Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. J. W. Roberts, National Vice President of the C.A.R., Mrs. B. C. McLean, Regent of Deborah Avery, D.A.R., and Mrs. Margaret Bock, Senior Vice President of the Niskithke Society, C.A.R., were guests and brought greetings from their organizations.

"I Speak for Democracy" was delivered by James Jorgenson of Lincoln. Jim was one of the twelve finalists in this year's Voice of Democracy Contest. President Neely presented Jim with a Good Citizenship Medal.

Compatriot Elmer Magee discussed the topic "What they think of us." He and Mrs. Magee have recently visited sixteen countries in Europe, Asia, and Africa. Mr. Magee was one of the delegates to the Centennial Celebration of the founding of the International

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George Van photo

The New Jersey Societies of the S.A.R.; D.A.R.; and C.A.R. joined in observing Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22, at a luncheon in the Essex House, Newark. Among those present were, left to right standing; Dr. Gorge J. Deyo, Stanton T. Lawrence, Manton L. Graff, William Y. Pryor, Gardner Osborn, Ross K. Cook, Harvey B. Nelson, Jr., Richard C. Deyo, Richard E. Crane, Leon A. McIntire and Norman B. Wild. Seated, left to right; D. Stanton Hammond, Dr. Ormond Drake, Brig Gen. Bonner Fellers, President General Williamson, Clement D. Asbury, Mrs. Thomas E. Reeves, Regent, N. J. D.A.R., and Mrs. Annie H. Parmly, President N. J. C.A.R.



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Y.M.C.A. He reported that almost everywhere he found an underlying spirit of friendship for America and for Americans which it behooves us well to cultivate and to reciprocate.

Two sound films were shown. "Inside Russia" was prepared by Dean W. V. Lambert from films taken during the summer of 1955 by members of the United States Farm Delegation; it showed some of the experiments in farming and in the raising of live stock which are being conducted in the Soviet Union. A film on the life and paintings of Rembrandt concluded the program. Rembrandt's religious paintings were particularly appropriate to the observance of Brotherhood Week.

At the business session of the Society, the Secretary reported an active membership of 137. The following officers were elected for 1956-1957:

President: Charles W. Hill  
 Senior Vice President: Ralph S. Moseley  
 Junior Vice President: Lynn G. Barnes  
 Secretary-Treasurer: Henry M. Cox  
 Chaplain: Earle V. Conover  
 National Trustee: Lowell R. King  
 Board of Managers: Merle M. Hale,  
 Frank A. Lewis, Wayne McPherran,  
 Robert D. Neely, Louis T. Shirk, and  
 Edson Smith

Delegates: (to be appointed by State President)

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

**Empire State Society**

More than 700 members of the Sons of the American Revolution and Daughters of the American Revolution and their guests attended the gala 17th annual Colonial Ball at the Starlight Roof of the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria in New York City on the night of Feb. 17.

Under the general chairmanship of T. Darrington Semple, Jr., the ball was the most successful in the history of the event and was the city's outstanding social affair marking George Washington's birthday. Mayor Robert F. Wagner was the guest of honor and attended with Mrs. Wagner.

Proceeds from the ball benefited the New York S.A.R. chapter's Flag and Uniform Fund and its Good Citizenship Awards Fund for Boy Scouts, as well as the D.A.R. Scholarship Fund for underprivileged Southern Mountain children attending the Tamassee (S. C.) School.

Many dinners and cocktail parties in

private homes and the Empire Room of the hotel preceded the ball. F. Roger Downey, president of the New York Chapter, gave a reception at the hotel for distinguished guests attending. Among them were President General and Mrs. Edgar Williamson, Jr., Mrs. Harold E. Erb, state regent of the D.A.R., and Mr. Erb, Mrs. Thurman C. Warren, state regent-elect, former President General John W. Finger and Mrs. Finger, who is Senior President of the New York Society, C.A.R., Ernest S. Crosby, President of the Empire State Society, Gardner Osborn, Secretary of the Society, Clement D. Asbury, National Vice President General, Walter A. Wentworth, National Secretary General, and Mrs. Wentworth, and former New York Chapter President Robert Pierce and Mrs. Pierce.

The Colonial-style Starlight Roof was decorated with S.A.R. and D.A.R. flags and historic banners showing the development of Old Glory. Above the dais was hung on oil portrait of Washington and the patriotic theme was carried out at the tables with bouquets of red and white carnations in blue vases and miniature Betsy Ross flags.



Boy Scouts photo

S.A.R. Good Citizenship Medals are presented to Eagle Scouts by the New York Chapter on Washington's Birthday, at Federal Hall Memorial. Chapter President F. Roger Downey (left) and Committee Chairman Richard P. O'Donovan (right) presented the medals at this year's ceremony.

The color and honor guard of New York's Old Seventh Regiment, which is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year, presented the colors and performed a drill under the command of Capt. J. V. Cremonin. The guard wore the regiment's colorful uniforms which date from the War of 1812.

Later, the junior members of the D.A.R., grabbed in richly brocaded Colonial ball gowns and wearing wigs, performed a stately cotillion by candlelight with Continental Guard members of the S.A.R. who were wearing uniforms of Washington's staff officers. A group of the Children of the American Revolution brought the guests back to the present with a special waltz and some of the latest popular dance steps. Dancing continued until 2 a.m. following retirement of the colors.

Mrs. George P. Palomba and Miss Jane Buckalew were co-chairmen aiding Mr. Semple. Committee heads were Mr. Downey, entertainment, Walter R. F. Vail, decorations, William H. McGraw, patrons and patronesses, Frederick M. Winship, publicity, Ewing P. Knox, reception, John A. Crotty, seating, Elizabeth Black, tickets, and Mrs.

Paul d'Otrengge Seghers, flags, Mrs. Graham Courtland Slodden was secretary of the ball and John A. Lyon, treasurer.

**North Carolina Society**

As has been their custom for several years, the Raleigh Chapter of the S.A.R. jointly with the Caswell-Nash and the Colonel Polk Chapters of the D.A.R., celebrated the anniversary of George Washington's birth with a banquet at the Carolina Country Club, Raleigh, N. C., on Wednesday evening, February 22nd.

Carson D. Baucom, Chapter president, and immediate Past Vice President General of the National Society, S.A.R., presided, and among those with him at the head table were Mrs. E. D. Baker, Regent of Caswell-Nash Chapter, D.A.R., and Mrs. Charles W. Bradshaw, Regent of Colonel Polk Chapter. Also present were Horace B. Lindsey, State President of the S.A.R., of Durham; Travis B. Callum, National Trustee, and William A. Parker, State Secretary-Treasurer-Registrar, both of Raleigh.

The invocation and benediction were given by Rev. Brooks Patten, pastor of Highland Methodist Church. A special musical program was rendered by Miss Kay McCosley, soprano, and Miss Patricia Corbett, accordionist, both of Meridith College.

The highlight of the evening was an interesting discourse by Dr. Henry M. Stroupe, Dean of History at Wake Forest College, on Washington's travels through North Carolina while he was President of the United States. His talk was based on Washington's personal diary in which he entered many minor details which left for us an interesting picture of the territories through which he passed, and some of the customs of those times, many of which would appear to us of this day as being hardships.

The decorations were in keeping with the occasion, many of the ladies having brought their own personal candelabra during the afternoon and helped to decorate the tables. The attendance was good, the dining room being filled almost to capacity.

All in all it was said to have been the best and most interesting of these joint banquets that was ever held. Dr. D. T. Smithwick, of Louisburg, in spite of his 88 years, drove the 60 miles to and from

Raleigh to attend, and stated that looking forward to this annual event helps to keep him alive and active.

**Ohio Society**

Plans are rapidly being completed for the 1956 Annual Conference and Meeting of the Ohio Society which will be held at the Shawnee Hotel in Springfield April 27-28. A committee of Compatriots from George Rogers Clark Chapter, with the President, Benjamin H. Pershing, as Chairman has devoted much time to making this a most interesting and profitable occasion. Dr. Rees Edgar Tuloss, President Emeritus of Wittenberg College and a member of the Chapter, will preside at the Friday luncheon, and the Honorable Charles B. Zimmerman, a member of the Supreme Court of Ohio and a Past President of the Ohio Society, will preside at the Saturday luncheon. Speaker for the Friday evening dinner, always a colorful affair, will be the Honorable John M. Vorys, Member of Congress and a ranking member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. His subject will be "A Look into America's Foreign Affairs."

At least eight contestants will participate in the Historical Oration Contest Saturday morning. A trip through the famous Crowell-Collier printing plant and a tea

for the ladies at the Pennsylvania House have been arranged.

Warrant for the establishment of a new Chapter in Huron and Erie Counties was issued on March 5th by the officers of the Ohio Society, and plans are rapidly being completed for a Charter night under the leadership of Compatriot Rex Ford Bracy, of Norwalk, Chairman for the Northwest District. Applicants for the new Charter are Compatriots Bracy, George S. May, Edgar L. Tucker, A. D. Baumhart, Jr. (Member of the National House of Representatives), Alfred C. Morley, and E. G. Ankrom. Headquarters for the new Chapter will probably be in Norwalk.

Chapters throughout the state placed special emphasis on patriotic themes at their February meetings.

The evening of February 24, President Andrew P. Martin addressed the Annual Meeting of the Cincinnati Chapter held at the Cincinnati Club, his subject being "Fathers of Victory." New members were presented with their membership certificates.

"The Military Genius of George Washington" was the subject of Compatriot N. R. Howard, Editor of the Cleveland News, at the Annual meeting of Western Reserve Society at the Mid-

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S.A.R. Gold Good Citizenship Medals and Citations "for outstanding contributions to the teaching of American History" were presented Dec. 11, 1955., at the annual banquet of the N. Y. State Association of Secondary School Principals in Syracuse, N. Y. (l to r) Philip Schweickhard retiring president of the association; Frederick R. Stevens, president Tompkins County chapter, S.A.R.; Miss Genevieve Matteson, citizenship education teacher; Dr. Frederick J. Moffitt, Associate Commissioner, U. of N. Y.; Gardner Osborn, secretary, Empire State Society S.A.R.; and Ralph M. Faust, high school principal.

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Day Club, Wednesday noon, February 22.

Past President General Wallace C. Hall was the speaker Thursday evening, February 23d, at a joint dinner of Anthony Wayne Chapter, S.A.R., and Fort Industry, Fallen Timbers and Ursula Wolcott Chapters of the D.A.R. held in the Park Lane Hotel. Compatriot Hall obtained headlines with his discussion of traitorous data in school-books found in use in spots throughout the nation.

In Springfield, members of George Rogers Clark chapter joined with Lagonda Chapter of the D.A.R. in a George Washington Birthday dinner which was addressed by Mrs. James B. Patton, Honorary President General of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Friday noon, February 24, members of Nathan Hale Chapter joined with the downtown Kiwanis Club in Youngstown in a luncheon held at the Y.M.C.A.. Compatriot Norman W. Adams spoke on the subject, "George Washington and His Staff."

"Patriotic Endeavor in America" was the theme of Compatriot Fred J. Milligan of Columbus at a joint dinner of members of John Stark Chapter and Daughters of the American Revolution in Canton the evening of February 25.

"The Lincoln of Legend and the Lincoln of Fact" was the subject of Charles A. Jones, Secretary of the Ohio Society, at a dinner of Lafayette Chapter, Akron, held at the Y.W.C.A. the evening of February 14.

On the evening of February 22, Compatriot Edwin J. Taylor, Second Vice-President of the Ohio Society, spoke at Gallipolis before a joint meeting of Gallipolis Chapter and French Colony Chapter, D.A.R. His subject was "Washington Hall at Ohio University."

Members of Richard Montgomery Chapter at Dayton joined with members of Daniel Cooper Chapter, D.A.R. in a Washington Birthday dinner at the Shrine Club.

Common Pleas Judge Robert M. Draper spoke on "Some Important Words of Abraham Lincoln" at the February luncheon of Benjamin Franklin Chapter in Columbus.

All of these meetings were well attended.

Western Reserve Society in Cleve-

land is rejoicing in attainment of the membership goal set at the beginning of the last year by President Sterling W. Clements. The goal of more than 500 members was attained. Others in addition have been received since the Annual Meeting.

At the Anthony Wayne Chapter Washington Birthday Dinner, Compatriot Hubbard Scott, president, introduced Eagle Scout Gary Long, who will lay a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, June 14, during Flag Day ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, the first Boy Scout in the nation's history to lay the traditional wreath. Compatriot Scott is rapidly completing plans for the appearance in this ceremony of the 150 American flags owned by Vernon McCune Post of the American Legion, and as many members as possible of Boy Scout Troop 38 who have been invited to act as flag bearers.

Compatriot Scott has also worked out plans with the authorities of Ohio State University for a special ceremony honoring his great collection of flags at one of the prominent football games this fall. The University authorities have expressed much interest in the patriotic possibilities connected with the display of these flags.



Members of the Binghamton Chapter, were given an explanation of the Bricker Amendments by Frank C. Love, past commander New York American Legion, at their Washington's Birthday dinner, at the Arlington Hotel, Binghamton. Fred L. Bowden, president (left) and Roger C. Underhill, first vice president (right) discuss the speech with Mr. Love (center).

A special committee headed by Compatriot Edwin J. Taylor has completed design for a special bronze plaque which is to be installed in the new Washington Hall on the Ohio University campus in Athens. The dedication will take place in October, and at this time the flags of Compatriot Hubbard Scott will also be a feature of the dedication.

Compatriot Wayne G. Smith of Cleveland, who for several years has headed up the Ohio Historical Contest Committee, has recently been installed as president of the Greater Cleveland Veterans Council. He is a past commander of the American Legion's 13th Ohio District.

Compatriots are glad to know of the recovery of Past President J. B. Heidler of Athens from a severe illness suffered in December, and likewise of the recovery of Compatriot Winfield Worline, Secretary of Western Reserve Society, from a major operation.

## Oklahoma Society

The 51st Annual Meeting was held in Oklahoma City, Saturday, February 25th, 1956 at the Huckins Hotel.

At a meeting held Sept. 21, 1955, at the Student Union Building, Norman, Okla., Frederick W. Huntington, of San Antonio, Texas, Past President of

Texas Society and Vice-President General of Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas were present, along with State Registrar Redmond S. Cole, of Tulsa, and other members of the Oklahoma City Chapter.

The Colorado Banner won at the National Congress in May 1955 for the greatest percentage of increase in members of any Society having one hundred members or more, was presented.

At the National Congress held in Chicago last May, State Registrar Redmond S. Cole was given the Minute Man Award. At Norman the 2nd Florence Kendall Medal was presented to C. T. Walker for second high man for the fiscal year, in memberships, also a Certificate of Merit.

## Pennsylvania Society

The bi-monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Society was held Saturday afternoon, January 27th, at the Penn Harris Hotel, Harrisburg; the new president Morris W. Hazel presiding. Historian Floyd Hohenstein reported that the compilation of the year book was progressing on schedule, the first hundred pages being at the printers, and that it should be out by June 1st. Chairman Dr. Clyde Flory, of the new chapters committee, told the board he wrote to every D.A.R. regent in the State asking for the names of eligible men in their district. The response was amazing. In three months these faithful women submitted 543 names. An authoritative array from which chapters can be built, new members gotten.

However, chapters cannot live on new members alone, there must be stimulating chapter activity, or the new members become past members. The programs should be unselfish, civic, year-round. Executive Secretary Harold Putnam, in his 9,000-mile trip to chapters around the country, soon recognized this. He found that activity at the chapter level is sorely needed, that vigorous action is necessary. We in Pennsylvania, for some time, have felt this to be so. Our Erie Chapter developed a plan aimed at remedying, at least in part, this weakness. The plan is so applicable that it should be given at length. Here is the heart of it, the reasons for it:

"There are many eligible for membership in the Society who have never applied for membership. Probably their

number far exceeds that of actual membership. In search for reasons for this situation and trying to ascertain what the Society needs to do to overcome it, we have become convinced that the prestige of the Society as an organization standing for and doing worth-while things needs some building up. The more this is accomplished, the more will membership become desirable in the eyes of eligible non-members.

How are we to gain the sort of public recognition that will bring about this desirable end? Reputations, and the regard of the community are built upon a foundation of deeds. This is why so many men, approached with the proposition of becoming members of the Society ask: "What do you do?" And too often we are unable to give very impressive answers.

Many chapters have been carrying on various projects, in keeping with the aims of the Society, and suited to the conditions prevailing locally. Such activities do not, as a rule, receive more than local publicity. However, if simultaneously all over the State many chapters were to do the same or very similar things, then the sum of many local units of publicity might easily add up to a State-wide awareness of the works of the S.A.R.

There are no doubt many situations where a chapter wishes to undertake a project, but lacks the "know how." In such cases, instructions, detailed and specific, would be welcome. This is where the State Society could be of great help.

Let us assume (here our plan begins to take shape) that every chapter that has established a successful project sends Headquarters a description of such project. Each such description should carry a very complete set of step by step instructions as to the procedures needed for the successful prosecution of the project being described, such as what committees have to be assembled and, when, what the committees are to do and when, what stationery, printed matter, and other supplies have to be acquired and when. This procedure would quickly build up a valuable pool of "know how" that would be available to every chapter.

As early as possible a list giving a brief summary description of all projects for which such information is available should be circulated to all chapters.

Then, whenever any chapter wishes to undertake a new activity, it could select an appropriate one from this State sponsored list.

Another conceivable benefit accruing to the Society from such a set-up, would be the probable development of a tendency toward uniformity of activities and projects as between chapters; and through such uniformity, with proper cultivation of the press, much enhanced public awareness of the Society's works. It is logical that eventually a majority of the chapters would tend to gravitate towards projects that had proven to be the most effective. This would be all to the good; for a favorable result of such uniformity, would be the cumulative effect of uniform and simultaneous publicity all over the state, which might easily add up to a State-wide awareness of the workers of the S.A.R.

This is not to be taken to mean that chapters would be discouraged from

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Irvin Dribben photo

T. Darrington Semple, Jr., general chairman of the Colonial Ball took time to enjoy a dance with Mrs. Semple at the ball held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel Feb. 17, under the joint sponsorship of the New York Chapters of S.A.R. and D.A.R.

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undertaking any project of their own. Only through the efforts of those chapters, willing to pioneer in projects they believe to be more effective, more suited to conditions, more timely can the list grow."

So much for that, and now some of the chapter activities. The Pittsburgh Chapter, following its annual custom, observed the birth anniversary of George Washington with a dinner party held on the evening of February 22nd, at the Duquesne Club. This was a joint dinner sponsored by the Pittsburgh Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution and the Pittsburgh Chapter, of the Sons of the American Revolution. The attendance was most encouraging, 242 guests being present. The President of the Pittsburgh Chapter S.A.R., Compatriot Ansley A. Izenour was master of ceremonies, who shared the honors with the Regent of the D.A.R., Mrs. Carl E. Glock. Nathaniel Rue High Moor, Dean, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, was the guest speaker and he lived up to his reputation in presenting a most entertaining talk. Mrs. Patterson, State Regent, gave a most informative sketch of the activities of George Washington. Cards were enjoyed, following the dinner, ending a most pleasant evening.

Throwing bouquets at The Father of Our Country on his natal day is educational even if it is repetitious, and education is what is needed especially in the fundamentals of our way of life. We have taken it all for granted because we never had to explain it or defend it. Now we do. The Pittsburgh Chapter, realizing this, presented on February 14th, 200 copies of "The Key To The Constitution" to the Public Schools of Pittsburgh. The presentation was made at the Carrick High School, Mr. Carl Brackman, Principal, accepted them in behalf of the Public Schools. Participating in the presentation were Jerry Spear, representing the high school; Frederick Moreau and Barbara Bartoo, of the junior high school, Ansley A. Izenour, president of the Chapter, who made the presentation and Edwin B. Graham, secretary-treasurer of the Pittsburgh Chapter.

The Philadelphia Chapter, at their Washington birthday dinner, presented their "good citizen" medal to Bishop Fulton J. Sheen. The big golden ball room of the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel

was filled with diners. The balcony around the sides was draped with bunting and on the stage was a large painting of marching Revolutionary soldiers. Over the main entrance outside hung a large American flag and right beside it an equally large S.A.R. banner. The Bishop traced the divine origin of our inalienable rights and ended with a peroration that brought the diners to their feet.

The Governor Hiester Chapter of Reading held its observation jointly with the local chapter of the D.A.R. and the Historical Society of Berks County. The speaker, Vice Admiral Walter Delayne, gave an unusual but pertinent talk. He showed how Russia has added to the cold war by entering into economic rivalry. "That is a speech I would not have missed," said many a diner.

## Rhode Island Society

The 66th Annual Meeting of the Rhode Island Society was held February 22nd, 1956 at the John Brown House, home of the Rhode Island Historical Society.

The following slate of officers was elected for the coming year: President, Philip M. Shires; Vice President, Walter

R. Martin; Secretary, Richmond H. Sweet; Treasurer, Lewis A. Waterman; Registrar, Philip R. Arnold; Historian, Clifford P. Monahan; Chaplain, The Rev. Harvey Blair Marks; and Poet, William Mabley Muncy. For Members of the Board of Managers (Term ending 1959): Townes M. Harris, Robert B. Jones, and Frederick A. Webster. For nomination as Trustee from the Rhode Island Society to the National Society: Charles C. Horton.

Ex-officio Past President General: Arthur Milton McCrillis. For Representative of the Society to the General Nathanael Greene Memorial Association (For term ending 1961): Harry B. Sherman. To fill the unexpired term of the late Addison P. Munroe which expires 1957: Lawrence F. Vories. For Trustee from the Society to the General Nathanael Greene Homestead Association (For term ending 1959): Philip R. Arnold.

The Retiring President, Herbert A. Crowell, automatically became a member of the Board of Managers.

A highlight of the meeting was the presentation by the Poet, Dr. William Mabley Muncy, of an original poem which was enthusiastically received. The



200 copies of "The Key To The Constitution" were presented to the public schools by the Pittsburgh Chapter, Feb. 14, 1956. Mr. Carl Brackman (center) Principal of Carrick High School accepted them and Ansley A. Izenour, President and Edwin B. Graham, Secretary-Treasurer, of the Pittsburgh Chapter made the presentation.

Poet of the Rhode Island Society perennially declines renomination and is regularly renominated and reelected. In fact, this matter is usually one of the highlights of every Annual Meeting.

Merrill P. Budlong, Jr., Junior State President, C.A.R., spoke appreciatively of the invitation extended to him and to other members of the C.A.R. to attend. Eugene P. Carver, Jr., Trustee to the National Society from the Massachusetts Society brought greetings and good wishes from the Massachusetts Society.

The famous Fish House Punch was served and enjoyed as usual followed by a delightful buffet luncheon.

## Tennessee Society

The Tennessee Society, S.A.R. held their annual meeting on December 15, 1955 at which time the following election of officers was held: President, Harry T. Burn of Rockwood; Vice-Presidents: Austin W. Smith, Cookeville, Col. Van Dyke Ochs, Chattanooga; W. C. Ayres, Memphis; and Sam Youngblood and Dr. John B. Youmans, Nashville; Secretary-Registrar, Dorian Clark, Nashville; Treasurer, John W. Clay, Nashville; Historian and Genealogist, Stanley Horn, Nashville; Chancellor, Sims Crownover, Nashville; National Trustee, William Russell Wright, Hartsville; Chaplain, Littell Rust, Nashville; Surgeon, Dr. Charles R. Henry; Sergeant-at-arms, Dan MacDonald. The Board of Managers for the coming year are: Berry B. Brooks, Memphis; Walter Henderson, Chattanooga; Clarence Whelchel, Columbia; Malcolm J. Rawlings, Chattanooga; and Hugh Stallworth and Douglas Fisher, both of Nashville.

Richard Arens, Counsel of the Senate Committee on Internal Security was the principal speaker at the dinner meeting held at Belle Meade Country Club in Nashville and addressed one of the largest annual meetings of the Tennessee Society, S.A.R.

In his speech, the Washington counsel said Communist leaders had boasted that on a given issue they could produce in Congress and government agencies tens of thousands of letters.

Arens said such a propaganda technique is used consistently by Communists to pass or defeat measures before Congress.

"I'm confident," he continued, "that the vast majority of our people are loyal

citizens. The trouble is they are not articulate in making demands to their representatives.

"They do not make their demands known, but Communist sympathizers and supporters are walking the corridors of Washington and are being heard."

Mr. Arens believes we are losing the war with Communism. The danger in communism lies in the ability of its leaders to withdraw from the forefront of public attention at the appropriate time, yet keep plugging at their task, and to dupe unsuspecting, respectable people in doing their work.

Arens said the nation was, and had been, at war with communism. And, in his opinion, he said, "we are losing this war, both here and abroad, at an alarming rate."

Some of the foremost leaders in public opinion believe that the hour is indeed late in the Soviet timetable for world domination, he said.

He described Communist propaganda devices, and Communist penetration into the ranks of organized labor and the nation's immigration system, the three areas with which he said he was most familiar.

Quoting the Biblical passage stating that no man can serve two masters, Arens said the whole Marxist philosophy denies the existence of God and the primacy of the human spirit.

Communist society is determined by material considerations exclusively, he pointed out.

"It is curious how such a doctrine can capture such a wide following. Yet it is a force to reckon with and one which is moving recklessly toward world domination.

"The Communist objective is simple. They seek the day when a Communist heads the United States and the government will not be capitalist but Soviet and behind it will stand the Red Army to

enforce the dictatorship of the proletariat," he said quoting William Foster, head of the Communist party in the U. S.

Asked about Communist influence in the clergy and teaching profession, Arens said he was not a competent authority in the field, but that there were those who felt that there had been a significant penetration.

Arens said the S.A.R. was a militant force in preserving constitutional liberties. He was introduced by James G. Stahlman, publisher of the Nashville Banner. Among the guests were Will Gupton; Mrs. Will Gupton, national chaplain of the D.A.R.; Mrs. James G. Stahlman, James G. Stahlman, publisher of the Nashville Banner, Mrs. Elmer D. Rule, D.A.R. state regent, Dr. Donald Davidson, president of the Tennessee Federation for Constitutional Government, Mrs. Donald Davidson, former Senator and Mrs. Tom Stewart.

## Texas Society

A thousand Houstonians, most of them descendants of Revolutionary War patriots, saluted one of Houston's great builders Wednesday night as, in a joint tribute, they honored the memory of George Washington as one of the architects of the American republic.

The Houstonian honored was Jesse H. Jones, who received the good citizenship award presented annually by the Paul Carrington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The presentation was made at a dinner in the Rice Hotel, for which one of the top leaders of the Republican Party, House Minority Leader Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts, was the principal speaker.

Houston's Paul Carrington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution has but recently completed the task of

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putting into the hands of 11,000 of the Nation's political, religious and business leaders a copy of John T. Flynn's new book, the "Decline of the American Republic," and 7,500 copies of Fulton Lewis' "The Fund of the Republic" were donated to as many of the Nation's public libraries.

This vast nation-wide campaign included the task of writing a personal letter to each of 11,000 leaders in nearly as many American cities and addressing to each, not only a personal letter asking for their aid in preserving the Constitution, but including in the same package a copy of Flynn's latest book. The 18,500 books were all mailed during January.

Dallas Chapter #2, Dallas, Texas, memorialized the anniversary of the birth of George Washington with a dinner on Wednesday evening, February 22nd, 1956 at the Dolly Madison Restaurant in Dallas. The celebration was an annual joint celebration with the Jane Douglas Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, the largest D.A.R. Chapter in the world. Attending the dinner was the National Trustee Judge Robert Thompson, of Dallas, and several of the State officers of both the D.A.R. and the S.A.R. as well as several past National officers of the D.A.R. The speaker was Mr. William F. Billings, attorney, and at one time an F.B.I. investigator. His subject was "If George Washington Were Here." The two Chapters are making plans for the

joint celebration of Constitution Day in September.

**Vermont Society**

The Vermont Society S.A.R. releases a new pamphlet with pictures of 16 memorial tablets honoring 16 different men or events associated with the Revolutionary history of the state.

The pamphlet is published for those whose interests and perhaps devotion go back to the days when the people of Vermont, in common with those of the thirteen colonies, were fighting for independence.

From 1777 to 1791 Vermont, refusing to submit to the jurisdiction of New York, existed as an independent republic, subject to none and defiant to all. During this period she repeatedly petitioned Congress for admission into the new union of states and was as repeatedly refused. In spite of this rejection, she cast her lot with that of the colonies during the turbulent days of the American Revolution; and the courageous spirit and fighting qualities of the Green Mountain Boys, together with the diplomatic sagacity of their leaders, have become traditional. These valiant men have passed on, but their deeds have been set in stone to be long remembered.

*For a copy of this pamphlet please send one dollar to Samuel J. Hatfield, 124 Charlotte Street, Burlington, Vermont.*

**Virginia Society**

The Annual Meeting of the Virginia Society was held at the John Marshall

Hotel, Richmond on February 22. The highlight of the meeting was the Historical Oration Contest, which was won by John White of Washington Lee High School, and who was sponsored by the George Mason Chapter. John White is a member of the Washington Lee Chapter of the C.A.R., and his victory was most gratifying to Colonel and Mrs. Robert P. Waters who have been responsible for the rapid growth of the George Mason Chapter S.A.R. and the Washington Lee Chapter of the C.A.R.

A large number of Compatriots and their wives attended the luncheon at which the speaker was Admiral Alvin Duke Chandler, President of William and Mary College. Compatriot Chandler delivered a timely and thought provoking address which held the undivided attention of his audience.

The George Mason Chapter and its President Colonel Waters were given full credit for their splendid work in sponsoring the George Mason Oratorical Contest which was held at the Falls Church High School on Saturday, February 18, and from which emerged the ultimate winner of the State contest.

The Lynchburg Chapter has established Good Citizenship medal awards in Huddleston High School, Moneta High School and Bedford High School. The Chapter plans to expand the program to include all of the sixteen High Schools in the district.

**Wisconsin Society**

At the annual meeting of the Wis-

consin Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Feb. 15, Read E. Widrig was elected president to succeed Dr. George A. Parkinson. Other officers chosen were: Wall G. Coapman, first vice-president; Addison F. Fuller, second vice-president; Hampton Randolph, secretary-treasurer; Frank T. Burt, registrar; Prof. Grant M. Hyde, historian; Dr. W. D. McNary, chaplain; the Rev. Hanson Bergen, member national board of trustees, and these additional members of the board of managers—Col. Bentley Courtenay, Madison; Conrad Kohler, Madison; Morgan Chase, Kenosha; Dr. Ralph Blaisdell, William G. Rinehart, Earl Tower and Col. Horace M. Seaman (honorary).

The James Morgan chapter S.A.R. at its annual meeting the same night elected these officers: Wall G. Coapman, president; Read E. Widrig, vice-president; Osmyn A. Dole, secretary; Addison F. Fuller, treasurer, and the Rev. Hansen Bergen, chaplain.

The annual meetings followed a joint dinner-meeting sponsored by the James Morgan Chapter S.A.R. and the Solomon Juneau Chapter D.A.R. at the City Club. The D.A.R. chapter presented awards of merit for promoting the principles of Americanism to Dr. Parkinson, Robert Siegrist, Milwaukee Sentinel editorial writer, and Dr. A. T. Bouscaren, director of the political science department of Marquette University. Dr. Bouscaren spoke on "American-Soviet Relations."

**PRESIDENT GENERAL'S CUP TO BE AWARDED AT THE CONGRESS**

As the result of the favorable action by the Board of National Trustees taken at the meeting on February 25, some local Chapter will be awarded a new trophy in the form of "The President General's Cup." The new award will be in the form of a gold cup, on which the name of the winner will be inscribed. It will be a perpetual trophy and will be placed in the custody of the winning chapter for display during the year's interval between Annual Congresses.

The details of the rules for determining the winner have not been completed, as of press time of the Magazine. The President General has appointed a committee to formulate the rules, which will be announced at the Congress. The general rules under which the award was created provide that the cup shall be awarded to the Chapter which submits evidence of the best program of activities designed to further Americanism and perpetuate American traditions.

The purpose of the new award is to encourage greater activity among the local Chapters of our Society. Heretofore, all of the awards offered have been for individuals and State Societies in recognition of membership achievement. The General Officers and the Trustees recognized the necessity of an award which would encourage Chapters to engage in programs of activity in con-

formity with the policies of the National Society.

While the time is short, it is believed that there are a number of Chapters which have made splendid progress during the past year and those which have compiled records of their activities are invited to submit them for consideration this year.

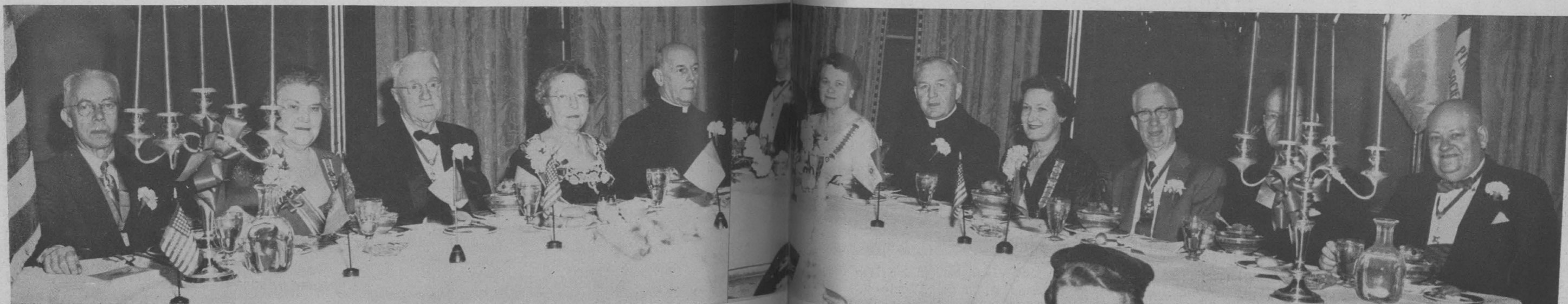
Records or accounts of the work done should be sent to; The Executive Secretary, 1227 16th Street N. W., Washington 6, D. C. They will be delivered to the Committee which will determine the winner. All records must be in the office of the Executive Secretary on or before May 10, 1956.

**NEW ENGLAND COUNCIL SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

Sixteen members of the Council from four states met at Boston on January 21st. The candidacy of Massachusetts Past State S.A.R. President Eugene P. Carver, Jr. for the office of President General was endorsed unanimously, by those present, and later by the fifth and sixth states — by mail.

Ways and means to secure full representation of the New England States at the 66th Congress were also discussed.

Reports on both matters will be presented at the Spring meeting of the Council at the Wayland Manor in Providence April 28th.



The Washington's Birthday observance sponsored by the Pittsburgh Chapters of the D.A.R. and the S.A.R., was held in the Duquesne Club, Feb. 22, 1956. At the speaker's table (l to r) Edwin B. Graham, Sec'y-Treas.-Gen'l of Penna. Society S.A.R.; Mrs. Harlow B. Kirkpatrick, Hon. Vice Pres. Gen'l. D.A.R.; James L. Taylor, Past Pres. Pittsburgh Chapter; Mrs. Herbert Patterson, Regent Penna. D.A.R.; Dean Rue High Moor, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, guest speaker; Ansley Ize-

nour, Pres. Pittsburgh Chapter; Mrs. Carl E. Glock, Regent Pittsburgh Chapter; Edward M. Wilson, Canon, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral; Mrs. Philip H. Dowdell, Penna. D.A.R.; Arthur G. Trimble, Past Pres. Pittsburgh Chapter; H. Ryerson Decker, Past Pres. Penna. S.A.R.; Herbert G. Johns, Past Pres. Penna. S.A.R.

## A VISIT TO THE SOUTH MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT

By  
Colonel F. W. Huntington, USA, Retired  
Vice President General

Shortly after my election to the office of Vice President General of the South Mississippi District at the 65th Annual Congress, I began to make plans for visiting all State Presidents and Secretaries and as many members of each State Society as possible.

After some correspondence with the State Presidents and Secretaries, mutually agreeable dates were arrived at for my visit with them.

On September 17, 1955, I attended a Constitution Day dinner in Houston in which the Children of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution participated, and at which Charles H. Lane, President of the Texas Society, was present.

Due to the activities scheduled for the day, I had but a short time to confer with Compatriot Lane. However, he having been a member of the Texas Society for a number of years, and being well acquainted with the objectives of the National Society as well as those of the Texas Society, he assured me that he would carry on with the activities of the Society which have caused the Society to become recognized in Texas for its patriotic activities.

On September 21, I flew to Oklahoma City where I was met by the State President, Dr. Melvin VandenBark, and the Secretary-Treasurer, Charles T. Walker. We then drove to Norman, site of Oklahoma University, where we had lunch at the Students Union, with fourteen Compatriots present. After lunch, I discussed with the members present some of my recommendations for increasing the activities of the Society and Chapters therein.

Upon conclusion of our conference after lunch, I was driven to Tulsa by Compatriot Colonel Routh, President of the Oklahoma City Chapter, accompanied by Compatriot Cole.

I attended a dinner meeting of the Tulsa Chapter that evening, after which a round table discussion was held concerning some of my recommendations and other means for increasing the activities of the Society.

On September 22nd, I flew to Topeka, Kansas, where, after dinner, I

conferred with Otis S. Allen, State President, Roland W. Ayers, State Secretary-Registrar, and Compatriot Ambrose W. Deatricks, President of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter in Topeka, regarding means that might be taken to step up the activities of the State Society, including the forming of new Chapters and the obtaining of new members.

On September 23rd, I flew to St. Louis, Missouri, where, after dinner, I conferred with the State President, Compatriot Joseph E. Burger, a dynamic personality and very much interested in the objectives of the Sons of the American Revolution, and the State Secretary, Compatriot Henry F. Chadeayne, concerning the possibilities especially of forming new Chapters and obtaining new members for the Society.

On September 24th, I flew to Little Rock, Arkansas, where, much to my regret, I was not able to meet with the State President, General E. L. Compere, who was sick, nor with the State

Secretary, Mason E. Mitchell, who was absent in California attending a convention. However, I did have a chance to confer with Colonel James M. Nisbett, a comparatively recent member of the Arkansas Society, who is very much interested in forwarding the objectives and purposes of the Society. After a lengthy discussion with him concerning possible methods of enlarging the Society and increasing its activities, I left with him a copy of my recommendations concerning these possibilities to be forwarded to either the State President or State Secretary.

In order to assist the State Presidents with regard to increasing the activities of their Societies, I recommended to them that they appoint the following Committees to aid them in the performance of their duties: Americanism, New Chapter, Finance, Membership, Oratorical Contest, Patriotic Observance, Publicity, ROTC Medal. I believe the

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The Annual meeting of the Rhode Island Society was held in the John Brown House, Feb. 22, 1956. Among those present were; left to right, Walter R. Martin, Vice President; Arthur M. McCrillis, Past President General; Chester R. Martin, National Trustee; Eugene P. Carver, Jr., National Trustee (Massachusetts); and Philip M. Shires, President, Rhode Island Society.

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names of these Committees are self-explanatory, though I did leave with the State Presidents detailed information concerning the reasons for the appointment of these Committees and of the assistance they can be to a State President.

I enjoyed my visits with the State Presidents immensely and hope I was of some aid in assisting them to solve the various problems confronting them.

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: Compatriot Huntington's report of his visits to the State Societies in the South Mississippi District is an excellent example of the work which should be done by the Vice President General of each district. The Board of National Trustees has approved a recommendation which will provide for a travel allowance for Vice Presidents General in the Budget for next year.)

### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S MEMO PAD

As the Annual Reports arrive at National Headquarters, it becomes apparent that there is need for explanation of the procedures to be followed in conducting the routine affairs of our Society. Perhaps these may be explained more clearly under the headings of "Do and Do Not."

Under the "Do" heading these are the most important;

1. Use the yellow "Transmittal Form" to list; New Applications, Supplementals, and Reinstatements. The use of the Transmittal Form eliminates the necessity of writing a letter. Transmittal Forms are furnished, without charge upon request by National Headquarters.
2. Check application papers for signatures of applicants, sponsors and notaries. The lack of signatures, (or legible signatures) is one of the most common causes of delay in the processing of applications.
3. Keep a file of the Notices of Approval issued by the Office of the Registrar General. These notices are of great value in the event of questions concerning the status of applications.

Under the heading of "Do Not" please note;

1. Do not use the Transmittal Form for notations on matters not related to the Applications, Supplementals or Reinstatements. The Transmittal Forms are routed to the Registrar General's office and notations on matters not related to that office may be overlooked.
2. Do not send checks drawn in favor of an individual. All Checks should be made payable to "The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution" ("The National Society S.A.R." is acceptable).
3. Do not combine payments for Admission Fees and Dues, with payments for merchandise. Admission Fees and Dues are handled by the Registrar General's office. Merchandises, (medals, rosettes, grave markers and all printed materials) are handled by the Secretary General's office.
4. Do not accept Supplemental Applications on regular Application forms. Use the Supplemental Application form for all Supplementals. Supplemental forms are available at National Headquarters and are less expensive than the regular forms.
5. Do not enter numbers in the space reserved for "National Number" and "State Number" at the top of page 1 of the Application Form. These numbers are assigned by the Registrar General's office when the application is accepted and registered at National Headquarters.



Left to right; H. Martin Nunnelley, President; Andrew Jackson Chapter; Sims Crownover, Past President, Tenn. S.A.R.; and Hugh Stallworth, Board of Managers, witnessed the laying of a wreath at the tomb of Andrew Jackson, by Mr. Richard Arens, Counsel of the Senate Committee on Internal Security, Dec. 15, 1955.

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION HELD AT NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, D. C., FEBRUARY 25, 1956

President General Williamson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

The Colors were advanced by the Color Guard of the District of Columbia Society. The Invocation was pronounced by the Rev. Willis Bergen, Chaplain of the District of Columbia Society. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States, the Colors were posted. The Pledge of the S.A.R. was led by Executive Secretary Harold L. Putnam.

The President General stated that the vacant chair on the platform was due to the fact that Secretary General Wentworth had been called home unexpectedly by the illness of his wife, for whom, on behalf of the Trustees, he wished a speedy recovery. Since the Chancellor General also was unable to be present, President General Williamson asked Past President General de la Houssaye to come to the platform and act as Chancellor General.

The Executive Secretary called the roll and those present were: President General Edgar Williamson, Jr.; Past Presidents General A. Herbert Foreman, Wallace C. Hall, Arthur A. de la Houssaye, and Milton M. Lory; Vice Presidents General Calvin C. Bolles and Louis J. Heizmann; Treasurer General Robert H. McNeill; Registrar General Edward M. Hall; Librarian General P. Harry Byerly; Executive Secretary Harold L. Putnam. National Trustees: Howard E. Coe, Connecticut; Judge George P. Whitman, Sr., Georgia; John E. King, Indiana; Eugene P. Carver, Jr., Massachusetts; Harvey B. Nelson, Jr., New Jersey; Hon. Abram Zoller, New York; Travis B. Callum, North Carolina; Warren M. Taylor, Ohio; Edwin B. Graham, Pennsylvania; and Crawford S. Rogers, Virginia. National Executive Committee Members: Charles A. Jones and Dr. Herschel S. Murphy. State Officers: Col. Thurston H. Baxter, President; Warren Foster, Vice President; W. R. F. Adams, Secretary; Dr. Willis Bergen, Chaplain; Allen R. Foster; and James L. Heflin, Color Guard Committee, all of the District of Columbia Society; John C. Wroe, Secretary, Massachusetts Society; William Y. Pryor, Vice President, and

Manton L. Graff, Secretary, New Jersey Society; Morris W. Hazel, President, and Dr. H. Ryerson Decker, Past President, Pennsylvania Society; Harry T. Burn, President, Tennessee Society. Committee Chairmen: S. Hubbard Scott, Flag Day Committee; Robert H. Overstreet, Immigration Committee; Adm. William Rea Furlong, National Headquarters Committee; and Reginald Mitchell, Public Relations Committee.

President General Williamson welcomed all of the officers and guests.

On motion of Compatriot Graham, duly seconded and carried, the courtesies of the floor were extended to visiting Compatriots.

On motion of Past President General Hall, seconded by Compatriot Coe and carried, the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held October 8, 1955, were approved as published in the January 1956, issue of the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION MAGAZINE.

The President General called for officers' reports and Vice President General Bolles reported for the New England District that it had enjoyed an active and prosperous winter.

Vice President General Heizmann of the Mid Atlantic District reported that while he had been unable to make contact with the officers of the Delaware Society, the other States of his District were prospering.

In the absence of Secretary General Wentworth, Executive Secretary Putnam reported that Compatriot Wentworth had carried on the routine duties of his office. Compatriot Putnam also reported on behalf of Mr. Wentworth in the latter's capacity of Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for the Sixty-sixth Congress, passing on the information that reservations for the Hotel Sagamore had been filled but that rooms were still available in two adjoining cottages and in motels in the immediate vicinity. He also outlined plans for a trip to Fort Ticonderoga and a boat trip on Lake George.

Treasurer General McNeill presented a written report, commenting that the Society was well within its budget. He stated that with the aid of Past President General Hall, to whom he expressed

special thanks, the details of transferring the trust fund bequeathed to the Society by the late Compatriot Barry T. Whipple had been completed, giving the Society an asset of about \$2,000.00. On motion of Compatriot Zoller, seconded by Compatriot Heizmann, the report was accepted and filed.

Registrar General Hall reported verbally that new memberships were about equal with the preceding year. He stated that reinstatements were greater in number than last year and urged such reinstatements be stressed for the reason that former members are frequently receptive to re-establishing their connection with the Society. He said that he hoped February and March would reflect an increased number of new members, as is often the case at the close of the fiscal year.

Librarian General Byerly made a brief verbal report, stating that the effort to reorganize the library was continuing.

The President General called for committee reports and the Executive Secretary presented the written report of the Budget Committee on behalf of the Chairman, Compatriot Wheaton H. Brewer, who was unable to be present. Compatriot Callum, seconded by Compatriot Murphy, moved that the proposed interim budget be approved as submitted by the Chairman of the Budget Committee. Compatriot de la Houssaye moved that the budget be amended to allow \$500.00 for the work of the Public Relations Committee at the Congress. The amendment to the motion was duly seconded by Compatriot Zoller and carried. The Motion was adopted with this amendment.

Admiral Furlong reported as Chairman of the National Headquarters Committee, mentioning the need of new card files, an allowance having been made in the budget for their purchase.

Chairman Hubbard Scott reported for the Flag Day Committee, first that Anthony Wayne Chapter would bring to the Annual Congress the 150 historical flags of which Compatriot Scott is custodian. He also outlined progress of plans of the members of the Boy Scout Troops who will come to Washington to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Flag Day, with the historical flags to be displayed by Army personnel on the occasion. Compatriot Scott's report was received with applause.

Chairman Charles A. Jones of the Constitution Day Observance Committee stated that the report of his committee was printed in the January issue of the Magazine. He added that Senator Knowland's resolution and President Eisenhower's proclamation of Constitution Week had stimulated a much wider observance in 1955.

The Chairman of the Immigration Committee, Compatriot Overstreet, presented a written report. He called attention to the committee hearings in Congress in connection with proposed changes in the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act, especially with reference to a change in the quota system, now based on the 1920 census, to the 1950 census. On motion of Compatriot Nelson, seconded by Compatriot Foreman, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in a meeting held in Washington, D. C. on February 25, 1956, reaffirms its faith in the McCarran-Walter Act and believes that the procedures and policies stated therein must be maintained.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the McCarran-Walter Act should not be changed.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Chairmen of the Immigration Committees of both Houses of Congress, the President of the United States, the Vice President, the Speaker of the House, and all members of the House of Representatives and Senate.

Compatriot Reginald Mitchell made a brief verbal report as Chairman of the Public Relations Committee. He expressed his appreciation for the increased appropriation for the work of his Committee at the Annual Congress, adding that he hoped to make the Sixty-sixth Congress the best from the public relations standpoint that he had attended. Compatriot Mitchell's report was applauded by the Trustees.

On motion of Past President General de la Houssaye, duly seconded and carried, the President General was authorized to appoint a permanent committee on R.O.T.C. Medal Awards, the committee appointments to be made by the President General. A little later in the session President General Williamson announced the following appointments

to the Committee on R.O.T.C. Medal Awards: Stanley S. Gillam, Chairman; Arthur A. de la Houssaye, Wallace C. Hall, Col. Frederick W. Huntington, Col. J. B. Ladd, and Edgar Williamson, Jr., President General, *ex officio*.

Compatriot Eugene P. Carver, Jr., chairman of a special committee, the other members of which were Compatriots C. A. Peairs, Jr., President of the Massachusetts Society, and Hon. George W. Roberts, President of Boston Chapter, reported on the program and activities of the Harvard New Conservative Club. On motion of Compatriot Carver, duly seconded and carried, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution commends the Harvard New Conservative Club for its efforts to help in the preservation of the ideals upon which this country was founded and its efforts to encourage the sound study of the rights, privileges and duties that are inherent in each of us as American Citizens.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Harvard New Conservative Club and to the President of Harvard University.

Executive Secretary Putnam announced that arrangements had been made for luncheon at the University Club.

The President General declared the meeting recessed for luncheon at 12:00 noon, to convene again at 2:00 p.m.

President General Williamson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

The Executive Secretary presented his report, which follows:

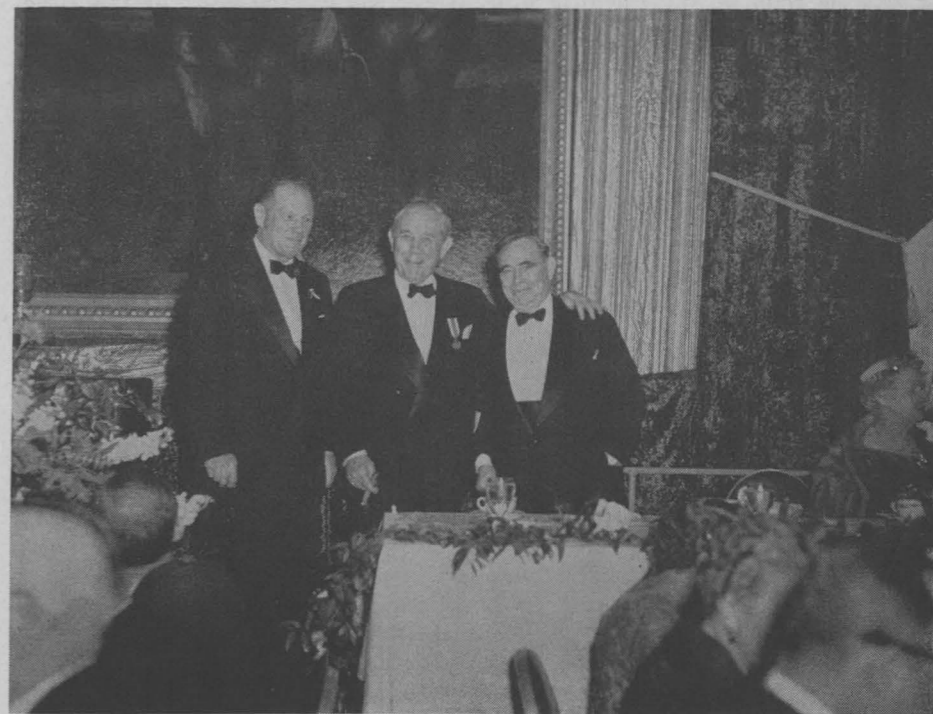
"Mr. President General and Members of the Board of National Trustees:

"On this occasion my report will refer to a number of items of importance and will contain some recommendations which I hope will be adopted at this time.

"The general condition of the National Society is good. The financial position as reflected in the financial statement is such that we have reason for self congratulation. Although we have not reached the end of our fiscal year, there is reason to believe that the report which will be made to the 66th Annual Congress will show our National Society to be in the strongest financial condition in its history.

"The membership situation is not as

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The House Minority Leader, Joseph W. Martin, Jr., (right) was the principal speaker at the George Washington Birthday Dinner of the Paul Carrington Chapter at the Rice Hotel Houston. Charles G. Fleetwood (left) President of the chapter, and Compatriot Hugh R. Cullen joined in welcoming their distinguished guest.

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good as it should be. Here again the record for the entire fiscal year is not complete, but unless the weeks remaining between now and March 31st are productive of more new applications for membership it will not equal the number admitted in the preceding year and will fall far short of the figure established in the year which ended March 31, 1954. This rather unsatisfactory membership showing may be attributed to the failure of some of our State Societies with large memberships to maintain their pace in enrolling new members. On the other hand, some State Societies with smaller memberships have been doing a much better job in comparison. There is one favorable aspect of the membership effort which should be mentioned and that is the number of new chapters which have been organized or are in the process of organization. Those new chapters to date are: California, 2; Michigan, 2; Oklahoma, 1; Pennsylvania, 1; and Wisconsin, 1. In addition to the new chapters, a number of inactive chapters have been reactivated and it is safe to assume that with the organization of new chapters and the reactivation of old ones additional memberships will be forthcoming.

"As the result of my extensive field trip of some 9,000 miles, during which I met with the officers and members of fourteen State Societies and Chapters, I became more fully conscious of the necessity of stimulating activity in our Society at the chapter level. I found that the recently issued handbook is a valuable instrument in accomplishing this objective and it is gratifying to be able to announce that we are receiving a large number of orders for the handbook here at Headquarters. These orders are coming from all parts of the country and it is apparent that the handbook is filling a long-felt need.

"With further reference to the matter of chapter activities, I should like to recommend that the Trustees authorize the purchase of a suitable award to be presented annually to the chapter which presents evidence of the greatest activity in furthering American ideals in its community. I suggest that this award be in the form of a cup to be known as 'The President General's Cup' and that the award be made at each Congress of our Society on Recognition Night at the same time the other awards are pre-

sented. This cup should be a perpetual trophy, on which the name of the winner each year will be engraved. Based on my observations during my extended field trip, I am convinced that the offer of such an award will produce greater activity among our chapters and that the competition between the chapters will stimulate the interest of present members and attract new ones.

"It is gratifying to be able to report that there appears to be a greater interest in the *SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION MAGAZINE*, and of special significance is the fact that we have begun to receive inquiries regarding advertising space in its columns. In this connection, members of our Society who are associated with business organizations which advertise on a national scale are urged to cooperate in obtaining advertising for the *SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION MAGAZINE*. Some additional improvements are contemplated which will add to the attractiveness and the readability of the Magazine.

"Our National Headquarters is continuing to serve the State and Chapter organizations and to assist the officers in carrying on their work. There is evidence of an increased reliance on the National Society for assistance and guidance, and the members of the Headquarters Staff are meeting these demands with efficiency and promptness.

"There are many items which might be included in this report, but inasmuch as they are on the agenda for discussion at this meeting and some of them are embodied in the reports of the General Officers and Committee Chairmen, it is unnecessary to consume the time in mentioning them in this report.

"I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the loyal and efficient manner in which Mrs. Kagy handled matters at Headquarters during my absence on the field trip in October and November. I feel that she is entitled to a vote of thanks for her fine work and loyal service.

"Also I should like to express my appreciation of the splendid cooperation accorded me by the General Officers and National Trustees of the National Society."

On motion, the report of the Executive Secretary was accepted. A motion to accord a rising vote of thanks to Mrs. Kagy was adopted. A further expression of approval by a rising vote was accorded

the Executive Secretary.

On motion of Past President General Hall, duly seconded and carried, the Trustees approved the recommendation of the Executive Committee that the Minute Man Award be presented at the Sixth-Sixth Annual Congress to the following Compatriots:

Brig. Gen. Charles D. Y. Ostrom,  
California

John E. King, Illinois

Arthur F. Cole, New Jersey

Charles A. Jones, Ohio

Col. Franklin Blackstone, Pennsylvania

The President General recognized Dr. Murphy, who reported for the special committee on the Educational Aid Program consisting of Judge Abram Zoller, Past President General Hall, and himself. Dr. Murphy read the following proposed amendment to Article XVIII of the By-laws:

Proposed amendment to Article XVIII of the By-laws, "Other Committees," add a new Section 2 and change the present Section 2 to Section 3.

"Educational Aid Program: The President General shall appoint, subject to approval by the Board of Trustees, a standing committee to be known as the Educational Aid Program Committee of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution of five members to administer the Educational Aid Program. Such members, initially, shall determine by lot which shall hold terms of one to five years each. Thereafter each member shall be appointed for a five year term. Such members may be appointed to succeed themselves. The Executive Secretary of the Society shall act as Administrative Director of the Committee. Such Committee shall be governed by rules and regulations adopted and prescribed by the Board of Trustees of the Society."

Compatriot Zoller moved that this proposed amendment be approved by the Trustees and presented for adoption at the Sixty-Sixth Annual Congress. The motion was seconded by Compatriot Wallace C. Hall and it was so voted.

The recommendation of the Executive Committee in regard to allocating funds for membership promotion work to the Vice Presidents General or to regional organizing secretaries was submitted and discussed. Past President General de la Houssaye moved that the Society allocate amounts not to exceed

\$500.00 for each Vice President General (or to a regional organizing secretary if the Vice President General is unable to act), to be paid on voucher approved in the regular manner, for the purpose of promoting membership and activities within their respective districts, the plan to become effective at the end of the Sixty-Sixth Congress. The motion was seconded and carried. Compatriot de la Houssaye called attention to the recommendation of the Executive Committee that the plan be given a three year trial, without attempting to bind future administrations.

The recommendation of the Executive Committee in regard to establishing an award for outstanding chapter activity was presented. On motion of Compatriot Hall, seconded by Treasurer General McNeill, the Trustees voted to authorize an award to the chapter which presents evidence of greatest activity in furthering American ideals in its community, to be known as "The President General's Cup," to be awarded annually on Recognition Night at the Congress. On motion of Past President General de la Houssaye, duly seconded and carried, the President General was authorized to appoint a committee of five to draw the rules and regulations for the awarding of the cup, with full authority to act, the award to be made for the first time at the Sixty-Sixth Annual Congress. The Executive Secretary was authorized to purchase the cup at a cost not to exceed \$100.00, to be charged against the appropriation for the Organization-Membership Committee. Compatriot Coe suggested that the new award be announced in the April issue of the Magazine.

The recommendation of the Executive Committee in regard to proposed amendments to add a Surgeon General to the General Officers of the Society was presented. Compatriot Nelson moved that the Board of Trustees approve the creation of the office of Surgeon General and that the Chancellor General be directed to draw up proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-laws to provide for such an office and present them through proper channels so that the Surgeon General may be elected at the Annual Congress to be held in Lake George in May. The motion was duly seconded and carried. (The proposed amendments to be to Article IV, Section 1, of the Constitu-

tion, and a new article of the By-laws stating the duties of the Surgeon General.)

Several officers, including Admiral Furlong, and Compatriots McNeill and Zoller, spoke in regard to the attacks in Congress on the McCarran-Walter bill, a resolution reaffirming support of the bill in its present form having been adopted by the Board of Trustees. On motion of Compatriot Murphy, duly seconded and carried, the Trustees went on record as recommending to our Chapters that they contact their Senators and Representatives, urging support of the McCarran-Walter immigration law in its present form.

It was moved by Compatriot Callum, seconded by Compatriot Byerly, that the Executive Secretary be directed to publish an article on the current situation in regard to the immigration law in the April issue of the *S.A.R. MAGAZINE*.

There was further discussion of the attacks in Congress on the law and it was recommended that the President General appoint a committee to appear at Congressional hearings representing the Society. The President General appointed a committee of three for this purpose, composed of Compatriots William Rea Furlong, Wallace C. Hall, and Milton M. Lory.

On motion of Past President General Hall, seconded by Compatriot Foreman and duly carried, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the method and manner in which the Resolutions Committees of the last several Congresses have performed, with a chairman and sub-chairmen to handle initially the resolutions proposed, and that the said procedure should be continued in the best interests of the Sons of the American Revolution. On motion of Treasurer General McNeill, duly seconded and carried, the Trustees directed employment of Mr. Joseph Oliver to audit the books and financial records of the Society at a cost not to exceed \$250.00.

On motion of Compatriot Edward M. Hall, seconded by Compatriot McNeill and carried, the Trustees authorized expenditure of \$75.00 to reimburse partially the Chairman of the Flag Day Committee, Compatriot S. Hubbard Scott, for his expenses, and directed that a wreath in the name of the National

Society be placed at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the time of the ceremony on Flag Day.

On motion of Past President General Hall, the Trustees voted to allocate the proceeds of the Barry Whipple Trust to the Educational Aid program. The President General thanked Compatriot Hall for his fine work in behalf of the Society in connection with the settlement of the estate and there was applause.

The Chairman of the Constitution Day Observance Committee, Compatriot Charles A. Jones, submitted a resolution of commendation to Senator Knowland. On motion of Compatriot Zoller, seconded by Compatriot Bolles, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution has for many years fostered and promoted throughout the Nation special observance of "Constitution Day" on September 17th, with a resulting constantly increasing interest in and attention to the great fundamental principles of our government emphasized by this immortal document; and

WHEREAS, as a result of a Joint Resolution introduced in the Senate of the United States by our distinguished Compatriot, Senator Knowland of California, and unanimously passed by both Houses of Congress, and the proclamation issued in response thereto by the President of the United States designating the period beginning September 17 and ending September 23, 1955, as "Constitution Week," there was a largely increased interest and participation in this observance; and

WHEREAS, Senator Knowland on January 5, 1956, introduced Senate Joint Resolution 105 authorizing and requesting the President of the United States to designate the period beginning September 17 and ending September 23 of each year as Constitution Week, and to issue annually a proclamation inviting the people of the United States to observe such week in schools, churches, and other suitable places with appropriate ceremonies and activities:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, that we express to Senator Knowland and to President Eisenhower our sincere appreciation of their patriotic ac-

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tions relative to the celebration of Constitution Week in 1955; and that we further express to Senator Knowland our deep appreciation of his action in sponsoring S.J.R. 105, looking to continued and annual emphasis on the meaning of our great fundamental document.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that we direct the sending of a copy of this Resolution to each member of the Senate with a personal letter from our President General expressing the deep interest of the Society in the adoption of S.J.R. 105; and that we request the officers of each State Society and local Chapter to express to their Senators and Representatives our interest in the passage of this Resolution.

On motion of Treasurer General McNeill, duly seconded and carried, the Trustees authorized the purchase of a United States Flag for the new auditorium at the Old Soldiers' Home in Washington, D. C., at a cost not to exceed \$100.00.

Past President General Hall addressed the meeting, stating that the Executive Committee that morning had, in response to an offer for purchase of the Headquarters Building for a sum not to exceed \$250,000.00 from the National Education Association, reaffirmed the policy of the Society that the property is not for sale. He said that he believed that under the Constitution and By-laws of the Society only the Annual Congress has the power to accept or reject such an offer. Compatriot Hall moved: That the President General shall appoint a committee in the interval between this meeting and the meeting of the National Congress to explore the possibilities of such an offer and to submit to the Congress recommendations as to its acceptance or rejection. The motion was seconded by Compatriot Heizmann.

Past President General Foreman was recognized and outlined to the Trustees reasons of location and availability for the work of the Society in favor of retaining the present Headquarters Building. Compatriot Foreman said that he hoped the Trustees would recommend to the Congress that the Society approve the action of the Executive Committee in passing a resolution reaffirming the policy that our Headquarters is not for sale. There was extensive discussion, the ques-

tion being raised as to whether an appraisal of the property should be made before the meeting of the Congress.

Compatriot Carver offered a substitute motion that the Trustees recommend to the Congress that the offer of the National Education Association of \$250,000.00 for the property be rejected. The substitute motion was seconded. Compatriot McNeill, moved an amendment to Compatriot Carver's motion to authorize the President General to procure two experts through the Real Estate Board to appraise the property for the information of the Congress. This motion to amend was seconded by Compatriot Rogers. There was discussion. The President General called for a standing vote. There were two votes in favor of the motion to amend and the President General declared the amendment defeated. The President General called for a standing vote on Compatriot Carver's substitute motion to recommend to the Congress that the offer be rejected and it was adopted, two votes being cast against the motion. The Executive Secretary was instructed to advise the National Education Association of the action taken by the Board of Trustees, with the explanation that the final decision must be made by the Congress.

President General Williamson thanked the Trustees for their attendance and said that he hoped to see each one at the Congress.

In the absence of a Chaplain, the President General asked Compatriot Foreman to pronounce the Benediction.

The Colors were retired by the Color Guard of the District of Columbia Society.

The President General declared the meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Harold L. Putnam  
Executive Secretary.

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION HELD AT NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, D. C., FEBRUARY 25, 1956**

President General Williamson called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. At his request, Past President General Foreman gave the Invocation.

Those present were: President General Edgar Williamson, Jr., Past President General Arthur A. de la Houssaye, Past President General A. Herbert Foreman, Edwin B. Graham, Charles A. Jones, Past President General Milton M. Lory, and Dr. Herschel S. Murphy. Also, Past President General Wallace C. Hall (at the request of the President General), Secretary General Walter A. Wentworth, and Executive Secretary Harold L. Putnam.

On motion of Past President General de la Houssaye, duly seconded, the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on October 7, 1955, were approved as transmitted to the members of the Executive Committee.

On motion of Compatriot de la Houssaye, seconded by Compatriot Foreman, the order of the business of the meeting was transposed in order to permit the Secretary General, whose wife was ill, to be excused early.

Secretary General Wentworth then reported for a special committee that had been appointed to investigate the possibilities of the Society's acting as a sponsor of the American Museum of Immigration. After some discussion, Compatriot de la Houssaye moved, seconded by Compatriot Lory, that the matter of sponsorship of the American Museum of Immigration be laid on the table. The motion was carried.

Compatriot Jones moved that the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution commend the American Heritage Foundation for its campaign to "Get out the Vote in 1956" and further that State Societies and Chapters of the S. A. R. be encouraged to cooperate in the program. The motion was seconded by Compatriot Murphy and duly carried.

Compatriot Wentworth, Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for the Sixty-sixth Congress to be held at Lake George, New York, May 27th through 30th, 1956, reported briefly on plans,

which included a trip to Fort Ticonderoga and a boat trip on Lake George. He stated that the rooms in the Hotel Sagamore had been fully reserved but that there were rooms available in two adjoining cottages and in several good motels.

Following this report, Secretary General Wentworth was excused and the President General asked him to present the best wishes of the members of the Executive Committee to his wife for a speedy recovery.

The Executive Secretary read the report of the special committee for the Minute Man awards and on motion of Compatriot de la Houssaye, seconded by Compatriot Foreman, the Executive Committee voted to approve the report of the special committee and to recommend to the Board of National Trustees that the Minute Man award be made at the Sixty-sixth Congress to the following: Brig. Gen. Charles D. Y. Ostrom, California; John E. King, Illinois; Arthur F. Cole, New Jersey; Charles A. Jones, Ohio; Col. Franklin Blackstone, Pennsylvania.

A prepared financial statement as of January 31, 1956, was presented, which on motion of Compatriot Lory, duly seconded, was accepted and filed.

Executive Secretary Putnam presented the report of the Chairman of the Budget Committee in the absence of Compatriot Wheaton H. Brewer, which included an interim budget for the period April 1 to June 1, 1956, and he asked for permission to read it in full later at the Trustees' meeting in order to save time.

Again as a time-saving expedient, on motion of Compatriot Foreman, duly seconded, it was voted to defer the full report of the Executive Secretary on his field trip until the meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Consideration of proposed amendments was the next item of business. The Executive Secretary read the proposed amendment to the By-Laws to implement the Educational Aid Program which had been prepared by the special committee composed of Dr. Herschel S. Murphy, Past President

General Wallace C. Hall, and Judge Abram Zoller. On motion of Past President General Foreman, seconded by Compatriot Murphy, the Executive Committee voted to recommend to the Trustees that the proposed amendment to Article XVIII of the By-laws, "Other Committees," be submitted to the Annual Congress. (The full text of the proposed amendment appears in the minutes of the Trustees' meeting.)

A communication from Chancellor General Lew C. Church was presented in which he submitted two amendments which he had been asked to draft which were designed to change the date of the Annual Congress. After a brief discussion, on motion of Compatriot de la Houssaye the matter was tabled.

An offer from the National Education Association to purchase the Headquarters property for a sum not to exceed \$250,000.00 was submitted for consideration. On motion of Compatriot de la Houssaye, seconded by Compatriot Foreman, the Executive Committee voted to reaffirm the previously adopted policy that the property is not for sale.

A recommendation for a perpetual trophy to be awarded annually to a Chapter for outstanding accomplishment, to be known as "The President General's Cup," was presented. On motion of Compatriot Lory, seconded by Compatriot Murphy, the Executive Committee voted to recommend to the Trustees

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that such a perpetual trophy be established.

On motion of Compatriot Lory, duly seconded and carried, it was voted that the Society should not undertake to participate in the Woodrow Wilson Centennial.

On motion of Compatriot de la Housaye, duly seconded and carried, the Executive Committee recommended that the annual meeting date of the Congress be not changed.

A communication from the Greenwood, Mississippi Chapter, requesting some action by the National Society in reference to integration was presented. After some discussion the matter was, on motion, tabled.

Compatriot Murphy presented for consideration a proposal to create the office of Surgeon General of the National Society and, on motion of Compatriot de la Houssaye, seconded by Compatriot Lory, it was voted to recommend to the Trustees that an amendment to the Constitution to establish such an office be proposed to the Annual Congress. (Full text of the proposed amendment appears in the Trustees' minutes.)

The Executive Secretary presented a recommendation that in lieu of engaging an Organizing Secretary that consideration be given to allowing an amount for travel expense, not to exceed \$500.00, to each of the Vice Presidents General or as an alternate, if the Vice President General is not in a position to act, to an organizing secretary within the District.

On motion of Compatriot de la Housaye, duly seconded and carried, the Executive Committee voted to recommend to the Trustees such an allocation of an amount not to exceed \$500.00 each for travel expense to the Vice Presidents General or to regional organizing secretaries, with the further recommendation, without attempting to bind future administrations, that the plan be undertaken for a period of three years. The Committee recommended further that the several Districts be urged to give serious consideration to the nomination of Vice Presidents General who would be in a position to undertake active organization work on behalf of the Society.

There was discussion of the invitation of the Pennsylvania Society to meet in Pittsburgh 1958 and the need to hold advance commitments of facilities. It

was stated that the Chancellor General had ruled that the present Board of Trustees could not obligate the Society beyond the term for which the Trustees were elected. After some discussion, the Executive Committee voted to recommend that at the coming Congress a tentative acceptance of the 1958 invitation be given.

On motion of Compatriot de la Housaye, seconded by Compatriot Lory and duly carried, the Executive Committee recommended to the Trustees the adoption of a resolution reaffirming the procedures of the Resolutions Committee, under a Chairman and sub-chairmen, at the last several Congresses.

There being no further business, on proper motion the President General declared the meeting adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Harold L. Putnam  
Executive Secretary

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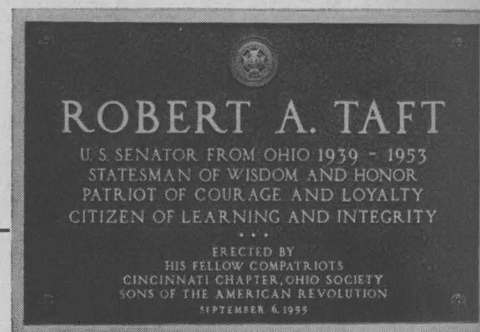
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### DONATIONS Genealogical

*Bogue And Allied Families*, by Virgil T. Bogue (Chairman, N. E. District, Ohio Society, S.A.R.) (Herald Printers, Holly, Michigan: 439 p. plus 59 p. index, Illustrated). Donated by the author.

*Three Hundred Years With The Corson Families In America*, by Orville Corson. (Free Press Interstate Corporation, Burlington, Vermont, 1939: Volume I, 274 P., plus index 26 p.; Volume II, 287 p., plus index 45 p., Illustrated). Donated by the author.

*Upshur Family In Virginia*, by John Andrews Upshur. (The Dietz Press, Inc., Richmond, Va., 1955. 183 p., plus 12 p. index, illustrations include end paper maps).

*Andrew Christy And His Descendants*, compiled by Edwin Boyd Graham, Pennsylvania Society, S.A.R. (Paperback, Typescript, 51 p. with family tree of seven generations of Christy-Campbell families attached).

### Registers and Miscellany

*The Mount Vernon Ladies Association of The Union, Annual Report, 1955.* (The Association, 1956, 68 p., Illustrated). Articles of special interest are "Furnishing and Equipping The Mansion Dependencies," "A Letter To Humphreys," "Early Views of Mount Vernon" and "Accessions." Donated by the Association.

*Encyclopedia of American Biography, New Series.* (New York, The American Historical Company, Inc., Vol. XXV, 391 p. with cumulative index.) Donated by the publisher.

### Historical

*The Secret War of Independence*, by Helen Augur. (New York, Duell, Sloan and Pearce: Boston, Little Brown, 1956. 381 p., plus index, \$4.50)

The author of the maritime history "Tall Ships to Cathay" presents for the general reader little known facts

regarding the major role played by Benjamin Franklin in the naval, diplomatic and espionage sides of the War for Independence. Based upon careful research into original sources this interestingly written volume is recommended for compatriots. The bibliography and notes indicate further reading as well as other areas needing more lengthy treatment. Donated by the publisher.

*American Issues, Volume One — The Social Record.* Revised and enlarged. Edited by Willard Thorp, Merle Curti and Carlos Baker. (Philadelphia, J. B. Lippincott Company, 1955. 1118 p. plus appendix and index, \$6.50)

This volume contains those records, speeches, reports, pamphlets, letters, autobiographies, which in the editors' opinions have best elucidated the dominant issues at work in American Society from Increase Mather to Dwight D. Eisenhower. The first 160 pages comprising the first three sections are most pertinent reading for compatriots as the following titles indicate: "The Other World Or This, 1630-1790," "The Struggle For Freedom, 1630-1776," and "The Rise Of Americanism, 1783-1825."

The selections reflect the judgments of the editors: history professor Curti of Wisconsin University, and English professors Thorp and Baker of Princeton University. Compatriots may feel that the authors and their selections as well as the issues contained in this volume could be improved upon. Presented by the publisher.

*Aaron Burr's Dream For The Southwest*, by Thomas B. Sweeney (D. C. Society S.A.R.) (San Antonio, Texas, The Naylor Company, 1955, 197 p., \$3.00). Written in connection with the Bi-centennial Anniversary of the birth of Aaron Burr on February 6, 1756 this unusual volume portrays

the life of Burr in the form of a drama. Compatriots interested in the life of this controversial leader in the American Revolution will find this volume most stimulating. Donated by the author.

*The Washington Papers, Basic Selections From The Public And Private Writings of George Washington*, edited and with an introduction by Saul K. Padover. (New York: Harpers, 1955, 430 p. indexed, \$5.00)

A far above the average compilation divided into "Personal," "Political" and a brief "Maxims, Mottos, Brief Opinions" which show his development into a writer of stately prose. The editor's perceptive essay is most valuable in understanding Washington and the entire volume can be recommended for compatriots who wish an understanding in brief compass of an outstanding leader with wide interests and problems. Donated by the publishers.

*Masonry In Texas, Background, History, And Influence To 1846*, by James David Carter, with Introduction by Walter Prescott Webb. (Waco: Committee On Masonic Education And Service For The Grand Lodge Of Texas, A.F. and A.M., 1955, 540 p. plus appendix and index, \$7.00). This stimulating study describes the important contributions of Masons to the American Revolution and to the establishment of the Republic of Texas. Chapter III "Freemasons and the American Revolution" and Appendix I "American Masonic Lodges 1733-1776" and Appendix ii "Masons in the American Revolution" p. 375-421, indicates the large number of patriots and leaders who were also Masons. The bibliography provides additional suggestions for reading about the implications of these significant facts. Donated by Rogers Kelly, Chairman,

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**Periodicals**

*The French Advance Into The Ohio Country*, by Donald H. Kent, in *The Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine*, Fall-Winter 1954-5, Vol. 37, Nos. 3 and 4, pp. 135-151. Review of source material of events of

the French and Indian War and the establishment of Fort Duquesne. *George Washington at Fort Necessity*, by John P. Cowan, in *The Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine*, Fall-Winter 1954-5, Vol. 37, Nos. 3 and 4, pp. 153-180. Washington's first conflict and "what might be termed the first of world wars was the result." *Philip Gatch: Preacher; Pioneer; Public Servant*, by Paul H. Boase, in the

*Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio Bulletin*, October, 1955, Vol. III, No. 4, pp. 286-296. Methodist missionary in the Northwest Territory in the Revolutionary Period. *George Washington: The Administrator*, by Nancy Farrell, in the *Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio Bulletin*, January 1956, Vol. XIV, No. 1, pp. 21-36. Review of Washington's career as a successful administrator.

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