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NOT FOR
GOLDBRICKERS

Veterans with the lengthy service that the 42d Division saw do not need to be told that any appeal addressed to a goldbricker is in vain. We are addressing the solid steady zealous men of the Rainbow with a serious appeal to support the National Association by sending in your dues because in no other way will it be possible for the National organization to carry on its work, which includes the publication of the Reveille. Your editor has ample evidence that Rainbow men desire earnestly that their national magazine continue publication. But this takes money and our only means of securing the necessary money is through the payment of

This appeal is not addressed to gold-

national dues. If you belong to a Chapter, one dollar goes to headquarters. If you do not belong to a Chapter, one dollar is the total amount of dues which you owe to the National Association for membership at large. Out of this money the National Association pays for administrative expenses, including the heavy burden laid upon the national secretary; most of the money, however, being required for the publication of our magazine. Thus far none of our membership has been dropped from the mailing list of the Reveille for non-payment of dues. But the Reveille is mailed to eleven thousand members of our organization and the heavy financial burden entailed in its publication calls for immediate improvement in the support given headquarters by individual members and Chapters. Every genuine Rainbow

veteran recognizes his obligation to pay his dues. Meet this obligation NOW and enable us to carry on.



COLONEL RUBY D. GARRETT
Still Chief Signal Officer

The Big Rainbow Broadcast

Two years ago Governor Wilber M. Brucker, then National President of the Rainbow Division Veterans, inaugurated the annual Rainbow broadcast program over a nation-wide hook-up of radio stations. Carrying the Rainbow message of fellowship into the homes of Rainbowners throughout the nation, this splendid occasion stimulated the interest of the members of our organization and brought many new members into the fold. Last year, National President M. Manning Marcus succeeded in securing the same privilege from the broadcasting company and again a program commemorating the glory and fame of our Division reached the nation.

This year our National President, Ruby D. Garrett, was once more accorded a nation-wide hook-up of stations for the Rainbow program. Station WEAJ and the red network of the National Broadcasting Company carried to every home in the nation a program which added to the distinction of our Division. The

time allotted, 10 to 10:30 p.m., Central Standard Time, was particularly favorable and made the broadcast a connecting link between the numerous Rainbow celebrations being held in every part of the country. In spirit it was as though thousands of Rainbowners were sitting around one great table enjoying a marvelous fellowship and renewing old friendships.

The program opened with a medley of military music, following which Howard Smith made a presentation of Colonel Garrett. The Colonel then spoke, introducing the program and speaking of the achievements of the Division. The program was switched to Detroit, where Governor Wilber M. Brucker spoke on "The Spirit of the Formation of the Rainbow." After a medley of A. E. F. music by the orchestra, Colonel Garrett introduced Colonel J. Monroe Johnson, who spoke from Washington, D. C., on "The Spirit of the Rainbow After Mobilization." Switching back to Chicago for Colonel Garrett's introduction of Colonel Bill Donovan, the program was transferred to New York City, where Colonel Donovan spoke on "The Spirit of the Rainbow in Battle." For no particular reason, the music of "Mademoiselle from Armentiers" was the prelude to the introduction of your editor, Permanent Private Harold Rodier, who invited all Rainbow men not affiliated with our Association to get in contact with our organization. From Chicago Colonel Garrett then introduced Colonel Noble Brandon Judah, who spoke on "The After War Spirit of the Rainbow." Colonel Garrett concluded with a short talk and very suitably the broadcast closed with the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" and "Home Sweet Home."

Splendid response has resulted from this program. Everyone has agreed that it was beautifully presented and has enhanced the reputation of our organization immeasurably. Great numbers of Rainbowners who have never been in contact with their former comrades have written in, have been placed on the mailing list of the Reveille and placed in touch with the Rainbow Chapter in their vicinity. There is evidence of a splendid stimulation of interest and activity among the old members as a result of this program. Altogether, Colonel Garrett is to be congratulated on his planning and presentation of the third annual Rainbow broadcast. It is not the first time that the Colonel has officiated at the center of a network of communications linking each unit in the Rainbow Division and it is gratifying to realize that our old signal officer has maintained his communication with the units of the Rainbow after all these years.

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

We are all proud of the Rainbow and its record. One element that contributed to our success and glory was that each unit did its part. Without the aggregate effect of so many units, each doing its best, the Division never would have made its proud record of achievement.

The success or failure of our after-war organization really depends on how well each unit does its part for the association. We took our objectives during the war, because the Infantry knew it could depend upon the Artillery, because the 165th knew all other Infantry regiments would perform their tasks.

Right now I want to appeal to each unit to restore something of the organization pride in performance that was so important in the stirring days of the war.

Our membership is larger than it was a year ago at this time, but nothing like what it should be. There are units and men who have forgotten the spirit of '17 and '18. I want to urge every man who reads the Reveille to check up with his comrades to see who do not belong to the Rainbow Veterans and then to do everything he can to sign them up. If each member would go out, determined to bring in at least one new member, the Rainbow would glow with renewed beauty. Each new man adds brilliance to the Rainbow. The Association needs these new members—the National treasury must have them. Won't you do your part?

There are approximately 40,000 Rainbowers in America. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could bring half of them into the Rainbow organization? Won't each one of you assume a personal part in this undertaking? By bringing in a new member you will show that the Rainbow spirit did not die with the Armistice.

RUBY D. GARRETT, President,
Rainbow Division Veterans.



JIM STRIFFLER

P. is for the record—always Jim to you. Jim's vocation is teaching mathematics (or something technical) in high

The good-looking gent whose picture accompanies this article is none other than James P. Striffler, past President of Father Duffy Chapter, Associate Editor of the Rainbow Reveille, Rainbow-er extraordinary and promoter of Rainbow enthusiasm and result wherever he may be. The James

school. We'll bet he is damn good at at judging by the success he makes of his avocation, which is making good Rainbowers out of indifferent ones. For the splendid cooperation he is extending to your editor, Jim we thank you.

"BROADCAST" LETTERS TO PRESIDENT

Colonel Garrett has asked your editor to carry in this issue an appreciation and acknowledgement of the many gracious and encouraging letters he has received since the Rainbow broadcast. The immense number of letters he has received (combined with the illness of his secretary) has made it impossible to acknowledge all of them personally. He deeply appreciates the generous and enthusiastic responses received.

AS SEEN FROM AN O. P.

Rainbow Conventions have been an asset to the nation. It is my opinion that had there been annual gatherings similar to our Reunions during the first half of the nineteenth century our national history might never have been blemished by the Civil War. Our conventions have been important factors in our education. Northerner has greeted Southerner, Easterner has greeted Westerner. Sectional prejudices have given way to mutual understanding; petty grievances have been submerged by good fellowship. As the atmospheric rainbow knows no boundaries, neither does our Rainbow. We are truly "E Pluribus Unum." Such a spirit among citizenry is an asset to any nation.

Naturally, where there is such mutual understanding and good will, there must necessarily be sociability. There is no place open to bigotry or antipathy. As a matter of fact, I have met many at these conventions who have told me that I was the first priest to whom they had ever spoken. One of my happy memories—and there are many—of Washington is the narrative of one fellow who concluded his side-splitting story thus: "I kick myself in the rump now for ever having been a member of it." He had been regaling me with some of his adventures experienced while he was secretary of the Ku Klux Klan. (Incidentally, if he reads this, my sister refuses to dance with you in Kansas City if you persist in wearing hobnails.)

Another feature of our Reunions of a profitable nature is the educational benefit to be derived from travel. Some of us New Yorkers had never been farther west than Hoboken. Inasmuch as our divisional organization embraces men from every state in the Union, our conventions have taken us to the four points of the compass—even to France and Canada. Travel of such a nature cannot help but have a broadening influence.

It is pleasant to note, too, that in recent years the Rainbower finds attendance at a convention to be an excellent form of vacation, not merely for himself but also for Mrs. Rainbower and their son. Of course, personally, I am of the opinion that the Germans were quite lacking in consideration. They should have realized that July was a poor month to have that Champagne affair take place. It would be more conducive to comfort had they waited

until October. But, of course, they never dreamed that we intended to hold annual conventions.

However, we do hold them. We promised to perpetuate the memory of our dead and to maintain a spirit of comradeship and to this end we shall continue to hold conventions. Other Divisional organizations have attempted to do the same thing, but their loyalty has not been as staunch and the number of Reunions decreases each year. Undiminished success has accompanied us because the interest and loyalty of the real Rainbower is undying. This is well exemplified by the members of the Chapter which acts host. Admittedly, there is plenty of work for each member of that unit, but the men enjoy doing it. They leave no stone unturned in their attempt to make the visitors welcome and they contrive in some diabolical way to have the civic fathers admit that a Rainbower is entirely above, beyond and outside all man-made laws. Backslapping, handshaking, toasts, reminiscing, and—well, as Chaplain, I do not recall what else—are the order of the day. Of course, some time is lost in futile argument as to which outfit was the best. But gradually truth is forging to the front and now that everyone knows that the 69th won the war, it is expected that this time will be profitably given over to business sessions. Yes, they do hold a couple of those. It is the history of man that every now and then he ceases to be merely a social animal and becomes a rational animal.

And I suggest to every Rainbower that attendance at a Rainbow Convention is a rational manner in which to spend part of a summer vacation. If you have never been to a convention, go to Kansas City next July. You owe it to yourself, to the Divisional organization and to the citizenry to keep alive the memory of your deeds. You are proud of your part in the World War; so is the Divisional organization. There is no need in true humility of "hiding your light under a bushel"—especially when you can get such a "kick" out of exhibiting it. Finally, you owe it to the Kansas City Chapter, every member of which is doing his utmost to give you a rip-roaring good time. I'll meet you in Kansas City.

REV. JAMES A. MURRAY,
National Chaplain.

Last Will and Testament of John Doe, Rainbower

I, John Doe, former member of the Rainbow (42d) Division, being desirous of attending the 18th Annual Reunion of the Rainbow Division Veterans in Kansas City, Missouri, July 12-13-14-15, 1936, and realizing the uncertainty of life and limb at said Reunion, and desiring to dispose of my property and affairs while in good health, memory and strength, rather than risk losing it in games of chance, or succumbing to the charms and wiles of the female species, and be inveigled into eating, drinking and being entirely too merry for a man of my age, do hereby publish this to be my last will and testament.

FIRST: I desire that all my just I.O.U.'s and expense of "shipping the body" back home, and also any damages, punitive or actual, which I may have done or committed against property or person while attending said Reunion, be first paid.

SECOND: For record purposes only, I desire to state that I have made a thorough investigation of the NRA, AAA, TVA and Townsend Plan, etc., and, finding that I have nothing due me except a certain government bonus and being anxious to preserve a little for old age,

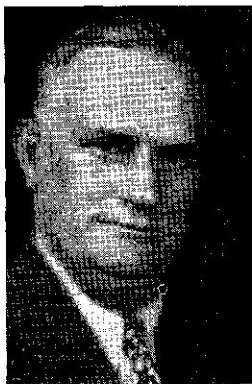
but also being forced to use a portion of same for necessities—such as payment of my Rainbow dues and a reasonable allowance to cover my expenses at said Reunion, all the rest and remainder of said bonus I give to posterity—whatever that it or wherever the same may be resident.

THIRD: 1917—TIME MARCHES ON—1936. Anyone wanting this time can have it. Look what it's done to me! I still have my hair, but its grey; have added a few pounds since I settled down—and, of course, most of it started on my chest and then dropped. Lost my teeth—however, the dentist made a good imitation. Also gone is the appendix—but you wouldn't notice that. But I still have my rich memories of beautiful comradeships, which I give to each Rainbower, share and share alike, to use and dispose of as his own 'til the final sound of taps.

FOURTH: My apologies to the C. O. I called him a "so and so." I take it all back. I should have called him a "such and such."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I will see you in Kansas City next July.

JOHN DOE.



ELMER F. NEAGLE

Old Reliable Elmer is perhaps a somewhat disrespectful way to speak of the President of the District of Columbia Chapter. But Elmer is only serving his second term as Chapter President, and he has been known as Old Reliable since Rolam-pont days; and what a dependable Rainbower

organization like our needs. Following a successful year in National office, Elmer was elected President of the District of Columbia Chapter. He has been notably successful in maintaining the enthusiasm engendered in the Chapter by the National Reunion last year. His meetings have been marked by a high attendance and an extraordinary enthusiasm. An example of the way Elmer does things may be found in the party put on by the District of Columbia Chapter to celebrate the enactment of the bonus bill. When Elmer conducts a celebration they really celebrate. So Elmer served champagne to the boys! Match that, some of you Chapters to the North, South, East or West!

STEVE Steve Masson, Rainbower par excellence and stormy petrel of the Baltimore Chapter, has received a well-deserved recognition in his professional field by his election as president of the Baltimore organization of the Propeller Club of the United States. This is an organization of men connected with the shipping industry.

he is! Elmer first held national office under the Rainbow when he was National Secretary during the presidency of Col. J. Monroe Johnson. And did Colonel Johnson work Elmer's ——— off! Last year when President Manning Marcus was looking around for a treasurer, he picked on his side kick, Elmer Elmer made the kind of treasurer an

All Roads Lead To Kansas City

OUT WHERE THE WEST BEGINS

By ARTHUR CHAPMAN

Out where the handclasp's a little stronger,
Out where the smile dwells a little longer,
That's where the West begins;
Out where the sun is a little brighter,
Where the snows that fall are a trifle whiter,
Where the bonds of home are a wee bit tighter,

That's where the West begins.

Out where the skies are a trifle bluer,
Out where friendship's a little truer,

That's where the West begins;

Out where a fresher breeze is blowing,
Where there's laughter in every streamlet flowing,

Where there's more of reaping and less of sowing,

That's where the West begins.

Out where the world is in the making,
Where fewer hearts in despair are aching,

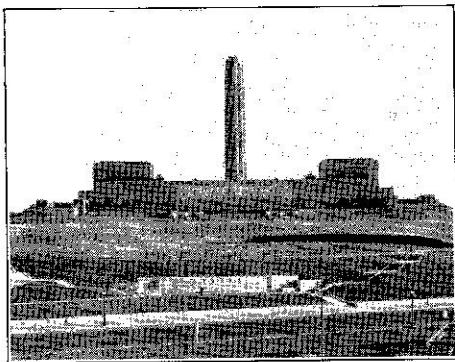
That's where the West begins;

Where there's more of singing and less of sighing,

Where there's more of giving and less of buying,

And a man makes friends without half trying—

That's where the West begins.



LIBERTY MEMORIAL

Kansas City is the ideal meeting place for the 1936 Rainbow Reunion. Situated geographically at the very heart of the United States, Kansas City will assure us of a maximum attendance at the Reunion for it will place no extra burden of time, travel or expense on our members.

Kansas City is not only centrally located, but it is very readily accessible by any form of travel. From it, twelve railroads and thirty-five subsidiary lines radiate in every direction, connecting with all the principal centers in the country with up-to-the-minute service. It is the key city of transcontinental air travel. For those who drive or come by bus it is at the crossroads of coast

to coast and north to south highways. This splendid and unique combination of central location and ready accessibility is another positive assurance of a well-attended Reunion.

A Beautiful City

Kansas City is one of America's most attractive and interesting cities to visit. It prides itself in the great beauty and extent of its parks, boulevards and residential sections; in the breadth of its cultural backgrounds; and its great enterprise as a city of commerce and industry. Its cultural aspects are typified in the famous William Rockhill Nelson Gallery of Art, its art institute, its symphony orchestra, and in its many public monuments and similar noteworthy objects of art.

Hospitality and Cooperation

Kansas City and Kansas Citians enjoy doing big things and doing them well. They are thoroughly aroused to the 1936 Reunion of the Rainbow Veterans. The National Organization, and the Missouri-Kansas Chapter in particular, are receiving every possible support and are assured that those attending the Reunion will be accorded the warm hospitality for which Kansas City is famous. Its people are thoroughly American, typically Western in their enterprise, yet Southern in the tradition of warm hospitality that they follow.

Brief Reunion News

This year the efforts of the Missouri-Kansas Chapter are being directed towards insuring something more than "just another reunion" for the Rainbow. In making plans for the Reunion, no effort is being spared to assure each one who attends a most enjoyable time. Comfort, convenience and reminiscent entertainment have been our first aim.

The tentative program for the Reunion is filled with many human interest features. We believe it will bring back vividly the best of the war. The dominant note of the Reunion will be one of reminiscence of our association in France.

For the early arrivals on Sunday evening, July 12th, there will be a reception and buffet supper with entertainment.

Monday evening will be one of gayety and frivolity—a carnival and wild West frolic, with a touch of the old frontier days of '49 in which villians, dance hall girls and gambling with 'phony' francs will play a large part.

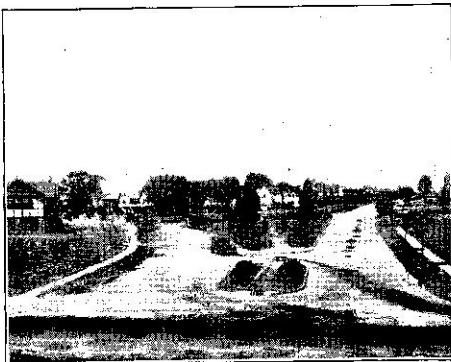
On Tuesday evening will be the annual banquet, climaxed by the champagne

hour, in which Kansas City's famous Liberty Memorial will serve as a majestic and fitting background for this sacrament. The Memorial rises to a height of 537 feet on a series of terraces and seems to have all Kansas City at its feet. From these tranquil heights a perpetual flame glows from the top of the shaft which stands between two stone sphinxes with eyes covered by their wings—symbolic of the grief felt for our dead.

Interspersing all this will be sight-seeing tours, business sessions, golf, and Chapter stunts. The above will give you a glimpse of what can be expected July 12-15—days filled with traditions and interest for every Rainbow man.

Recreational opportunities in Kansas City are many and varied—excellent theatres and supper clubs, swimming, golf, tennis, horseback riding, etc.

The big problem now is to start as-



sembling your buddies and head toward Kansas City—the airlines, railroads, buses and automobiles all lead to the heart of America.

"TO THE LADIES"

As six months have passed since the convention in Washington, I am wondering if you would not like to know what has been done in Auxiliary work, so with this thought in mind am outlining a few of the important things for your information.

Both Mrs. Kristoff and myself have worked very hard, written many letters in order that the organization might show progress, and we felt that it has. We have written every Auxiliary President in an effort to keep in close personal touch at all times. I have also made one trip to the Dayton Veterans' Hospital in the interest of welfare.

We are very happy to report the forming of a new Auxiliary at Easton, Pa., and also one at Akron, Ohio, which now makes five subchapters in Ohio besides the State Chapter. To these new Auxiliaries we wish to extend our congratulations.

I also understand that Kansas City is about ready to organize. With the many good workers I am told Kansas City has,

am confident things will be humming next July.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the Auxiliaries that so promptly answered our letters, sent us monthly papers, and otherwise cooperated with us in every respect, as it is only by this close keeping in touch by correspondence that any administration may hope to succeed.

Also want to take this opportunity to tell you how very much I have enjoyed these months of work. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve as your President. While I feel that I am a "Veteran," having been a Rainbow member since 1919, yet the new friendships which have been formed, the contacts that have been made with Rainbow women in different parts of the country, have brought me much pleasure and made this the happiest Rainbow year I have ever had.

Both Mrs. Kristoff and Mrs. Fultz join me in hoping that we may all meet in Kansas City and wishing for you a successful New Year.

EDNA G. LAMPMAN.

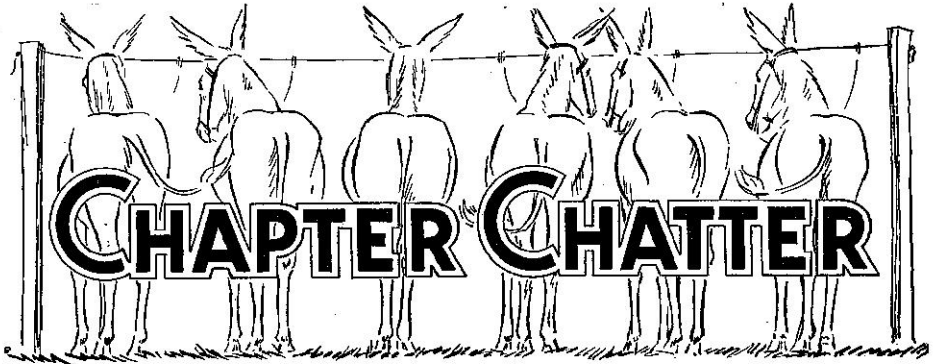
Mrs. Theresa F. Hughes, an Honorary President and organizer of the Father Duffy Auxiliary, passed away on Sunday evening, March 1, after a month's illness.

She was for a number of years a very active Chairlady of the Hospital Committee and with her assistants personally visited the boys. To the last, her thoughts were always of "her Rainbow boys."

Her military funeral on March 4 gave evidence of the love and esteem held for her by the Chapter and Auxiliary members.

In the passing of "Mother Hughes" the Auxiliary has lost a devoted and faithful member and pal and has left a place which cannot be filled.

MISS NORA A. THYNNE.



MISSOURI-KANSAS

Once again the Missouri-Kansas Chapter in assembled annual meeting enjoyed the comradely good fellowship founded so many years ago under the Rainbow banner.

The banquet committee of arrangements, no other than Ray Ramsey and Carl Logan, provided us in surroundings with a replica of the old Cafe de Bacarat. There were the usual red table cloths, genuine vin rouge, and even the unmistakable signs in French that we all remember so well, were in evidence. Enjoyable entertainment was also a part of the program.

Needless to say, we missed the presence of that best natured of all individuals, Colonel Garrett, but we were happy in the fact that his inspiring message to all Rainbowers throughout the nation was coming so clearly over the air, as were those of other leaders of wartime Rainbow units from their home points.

We also felt keenly the absence of our Chapter President, Judge James A. Anderson, who was unable to be with us because of illness. Knowing well that these two men who are so vital a part of our organization were with us in thought, we carried on as Rainbow men will and do.

In the order of business, Judge James H. Anderson was unanimously elected Chapter President for the coming year, with also the unanimous election to the Senior Vice Presidency of Walter Warren. Offices of Chapter Secretary and Treasurer, being appointive by the Executive Committee, no action was taken on these posts, which hold over pending any Executive Committee action.

A most gratifying unanimous election was that of Miss Moorine Coats, who has carried so much of the responsibility of detail work, to be honorary Vice President. The compliment to Miss Coats is a most fitting one and was received with whole-hearted enthusiasm.

The expression of the group was for one hundred per cent cooperation in

carrying out plans for a highly successful national reunion in Kansas City next July.

D. G. BURRILL,
Chapter Secretary.

OKLAHOMA We had a nice turnout at our regular meeting this last Friday night, February 7, and from the enthusiasm shown, believe that things are picking up for the Rainbow Veterans here in Oklahoma. On January 18, President Hamilton, your secretary, Andersen, Butts and L. J. Hill drove over to Oklahoma City and met for lunch with a group there. These included Fillman, Hall, Wood, McCabe, Shorney, Scott and Fields. We had a very enthusiastic afternoon and plans were discussed concerning a concerted drive for memberships. It was decided that each one of us was to consider himself a membership detail of one to live, talk and sell Rainbow at every opportunity. On February 22 we will hold a statewide rally at Oklahoma City to make this one of the big "Rainbow" days here in Oklahoma. A real live Chapter is in formation there and for this newest Rainbow Chapter in the Southwest we wish them every success and urge every Rainbower in central and western Oklahoma to line up with this bunch and sign on the dotted line as a charter member of the Oklahoma City Chapter. Thanks to Raymond Fields we have a quantity of rosters of the veterans here in Oklahoma and we are sending every Rainbower in the state a copy so that he can know where his wartime comrades are located. To you, Raymond, we say "merci beaucoup." Our annual state reunion will be held again this year in Tulsa, Saturday, June 6, so plan now to attend this year and help us make this a grand occasion.

ARTHUR F. BROCK,
Chapter Secretary.

ILLINOIS The Illinois Chapter was highly honored by a visit from our National President, Colonel Ruby Garrett, on Tuesday, January 28.

The Colonel is a fast worker. He got up at his usual time in the morning at Kansas City, went to his office and disposed of his early morning chores and then grabbed a TWA plane which landed at the airport in Chicago at 11:00 a.m.

After a quick visit with one of his Spanish-American War buddies, Major Lee, the police magistrate at Maywood, he attended an informal luncheon at the University Club with members of the Executive Committee living here in Chicago. His afternoon was devoted to discussing Rainbow with Chapter officers and conventioners and in the evening was the honored guest of the entire Chapter at a dinner at the Sherman Hotel.

The Colonel gave us a glowing account of his plans for the Reunion in Kansas City and kept us laughing for a good half hour with his inimitable Rainbow stories. He had to leave the hotel promptly at 8:30 in order to catch his 9:15 plane back to Kansas City—a busy day, indeed, for him, but a very delightful one for the Illinois Chapter. Come again, Colonel!

We regret to note the death of Rainbow A. V. Smith which occurred on February 9 at Waukegan, Illinois. Colonel Smith, who was one of the organizers of old C Battery at Waukegan in 1903, went to the Mexican border as a captain in the 1st Illinois Field Artillery and, as Lieutenant-Colonel, served with the regiment during the World War when the regiment became known as the 149th Field Artillery.

Since the war Colonel Smith had always been active in ex-service men's affairs, being one of the organizers of the Waukegan sub-Chapter of the Rainbow Division Veterans, and he was a frequent visitor at the meetings of the Illinois Chapter held in Chicago. Though a busy man, he never missed an opportunity to be with the men with whom he served during the war.

His peacetime service was also notable and Waukegan and Lake County, where he held office as State's Attorney for fourteen years and where he gained a national reputation as a prosecutor, held him in high regard. The funeral was held at Waukegan on February 11 and was attended by Rainbow men from Chicago and other parts of Illinois. Colonel Smith will be remembered as a kindly, well-dispositioned and stalwart Rainbow who served well his time and his fellow men.

DEV. BOWLY.

VIRGINIA We have just received a flash from Sharon Cover that the third Rainbow national broadcast will be on the air Saturday, the twenty-second, and boys we are getting our "tuners-in" all set for the big night. Next to the National Reunion and Christmas comes the big broadcast.

The 1st Company, Virginia Coast Artillery Corps, from which our Rainbow unit was formed, held its annual banquet at Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, Virginia, on December 28, 1935. This banquet has been held every year since the war and we are planning to keep on until it is a "last man's affair," but that's future history. It was a very quiet little party this year—? though some were seen inhaling Coca-Cola and root beer between courses. First Company officers for the coming year are Sidney P. Chockley, president; W. Burton Guy and Joe Ellis, vice presidents, and W. F. (Ting) Crueger, who has been secretary-treasurer ever since the War of 1812, was reelected. That fellow is certainly a hog for punishment.

Flash—Greetings to Fred Pierce and an orchid for the New Year's message. Send us your address, Fred.

Jim Dent is driving us "nuts" over dues and if he keeps it up we will soon be over the top, or in the bughouse. He is really worse than a Scotchman you borrowed a buck from, if you could find a Scottie like that.

We just collected dues from a Virginia Rainbow man living in London, England. Come on you other Chapters and tell us a better one than that and I'd just like to see National Headquarters say this guy belongs to some other Chapter.

Signing off and shoving off for Washington and the tri-state meeting of the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia Chapters. Wish you could all be there.

BILL HITT.

NEBRASKA The Nebraska Chapter is going over the top. The December 6 meeting in the Lincoln Hotel found us holding a membership of 26 Rainbows. Will be meeting that quota for the Rainbow at war in the very near future. I know we will sell a lot of the books to the Rainbows of Nebraska. I know we were a little late getting started but will be going strong at the finish. We have very bad weather at present and didn't get much done at the February 3 meeting. Our membership now is 30. Since our December meeting we have brought to life Rainbow men from near and far—Frank Roops at Hiffing, Minn.; Philip Lindsay, Kansas City, Mo.; Howard (Soup)

Hutchinson, Los Angeles, Calif.; Harold Weddel, Arcadia, Nebr., and Glenn H. Anderson, Vauclouwer, Wash. Come on, Rainbowners, let's hear from some more so we can put Nebraska on the map. Look out for Nebraska at Kansas City next July because we are going to be there with colors flying.

We are planning on a big party in the spring. Will have more to tell you then. Our next meeting will be held in the Lincoln Hotel, Lincoln, Nebraska, March 2, 1936. Hope to see a lot of new faces.

W. S. REESE,
Chapter Secretary.

NEW YORK New York gave birth to another offspring with the formation of a sub-Chapter in Nassau County, Long Island. Lester Sullivan is the president and from all indications we expect to be as proud of this baby as we are of the Westchester branch.

Right now the Father Duffy Chapter is busy making preparations for its annual ball to be held this year at the New Yorker Hotel on April 19. General John Prout is the chairman of the affair and has started off with a bang. If the initial enthusiasm shown carries through to the end we will have a successful party.

Jack Ryan is training himself for the trip to Kansas City next summer. By keeping away from the evil influences of Mullady and Nugent for the past few months he has whipped himself into the same healthy shape he was in when he was light heavy champ on the border.

Since we changed the meeting night to Friday of the second week the boys who don't work on Saturdays find a little more time for relaxation. Winthrop and Rickert always want to try one more place before returning to their wives, however. "Yidda" Smith acts as a rudder and always steers the boys right. You'd never know our "Yidda" now.

If you are ever around the Armory on Lexington Avenue, don't fail to drop in and see the mural paintings that have been done on the walls leading to the meeting room. A PWA artist, inspired by innumerable beers, has worked out a lot of the most interesting incidents of our trip overseas in caricature. Mike Shea and Johnny Twohill did most of the posing and also furnished a lot of the historical background for the job but they were well repaid for their efforts by having their likenesses painted on the walls for future generations to admire.

See you in Kansas City.

J. P. S.

ALABAMA More than one hundred Rainbow Veterans attended a banquet at the Gay-Teague Hotel February 22, at which the Julian M. Strassburger Chapter of Montgomery commemorated the 18th anniversary of the entrance of the Division into the line. Among the special guests of honor were Colonel William P. Screws, Colonel Dallas B. Smith, President Howard Lamb and Rainbow Veterans from all over the state. President Howard Lamb congratulated the Montgomery Chapter and Major Dickerson, chairman, on the success of the banquet. He called on Rainbow men to give a wholehearted cooperation to state and National headquarters in bringing membership enrollments to a new high record. Colonel Moon, in a brief talk, urged the support of the Rainbow Veterans in a movement for reorganization of the 42d Division with the 167th Infantry of Alabama and to the unattached National Guard Infantry regiments throughout the country. Colonel Screws, who was given an ovation, distributed copies which he had printed of the station list of Company H. He indicated similar lists of other companies would be made available in the near future. He also urged a 100 per cent cooperation with state and national headquarters of the Rainbow Division Veterans and announced that the official history of the division would be published and ready for distribution by July 1 of this year.

DANIEL R. JONES,
President.

MARYLAND The annual outbreak and "You old so-and-so I haven't seen you for years" was held at the Southern Hotel in January and a noisy and wet time was had by all. That perennial of perennials, Raymond Tompkins, toastmastered in his usual masterly fashion. Our old friends, Colonel Johnson, Manning Marcus and Harold Rodier, were there and talked heroically through the barrage of smoke, noise, rolls and ice cream that filled the air. Some of the astounding occurrences of the reunion were Temp Gladman and Paul Smoot trying in a refined way to keep us quiet while the speeches were going on; Steve Masson making a speech without waving his little finger in our faces; Jack Clark not making a speech, and Skeets Fanning wearing a suit that he had worn before. Time certainly marches on.

A number of our more stalwart members journeyed over to Washington to the Tri-State Reunion held on Washington's Birthday and they do say it was just like Paris. The broadcast was splendidly done and was a credit to those who handled it.

At our memorial service held on March 8 the name of Howard Carroll was added to those who have answered the last roll call. A fine fellow and we know he will be welcomed at the place where all good soldiers go.

HARRY STANSBURY.

CALIFORNIA The original colors of California Chapter have been honorably retired. Their last public appearance occurred on Decoration Day, May 30, 1935, at the dedication of the Chapter's Memorial Grove to the dead of the Rainbow. Presented to us by our Auxiliary upon return from overseas, they have been our guiding star throughout the years. Today they rest, under cover, in the Los Angeles Museum of History, Science and Art, a stone's throw from the Memorial Grove. Other colors will take their place in Chapter activities, but they alone will remain the shrine of memory at which we worship and after us, our children, our children's children, and so on until eternity.

As a part of the National Rainbow program of community service the California Chapter presented a flagpole to Civilian Conservation Corps Camp No. 2520 at Fort MacArthur, California. This was dedicated on Washington's Birthday, February 22, 1936. It might be of interest to old Rainbowers from Indiana to know that the camp adjutant is Lieut. Paul L. Walters of 150th Field Artillery.

TOP DAVIS.

CALIFORNIA Under the sponsorship of the California Chapter of the Rainbow Division Veterans, a special National Defense Week program was held in Los Angeles on Saturday, February 22. A presentation and dedication of a new flagpole took place at 2:30 p.m. at the camp of Company 2520 of the C.C.C., in Palos Verde hills, near San Pedro. Following this function the annual California reunion banquet was held at the Cafe de Paree, in Los Angeles. A rousing program was presented, with the principle feature being the National Rainbow broadcast. Rainbow ladies were included in this banquet and the conclusion of the dinner program was followed by a dance.

BILL WILLIAMSON,
President.

IOWA The Iowa Chapter held their annual State Rainbow Chapter Reunion on March 5 at Hotel Savery, Des Moines, Iowa. A total of 225 sat down at the banquet (many wandered around aimlessly, of course).

We were greatly honored by the pres-

ence of National President Ruby D. Garrett. He was met at the train by 100 of the old 168th Iowa and paraded up the streets behind the Iowa Chapter Rainbow flag and colors.

Percy Lainson, was master of ceremony. Short speeches were given by Col. Haynes, Col. Claude Stanley, General Lloyd D. Ross, Colonel E. R. Bennett and other notable guests. The speech of the evening was given by National President Garrett, who asked the support of the Iowa chapter to the National Convention in Kansas City. Those who have heard Ruby Garrett give a speech know what we heard here in Iowa. A promise of 200 from Iowa for the National Reunion was given.

Iowa is out after their history quota and also dues for National Headquarters.

HOMER E. GARDNER.

MINNESOTA The Minnesota Rainbowers held their annual state reunion at St. Paul on February 22. A buffet luncheon was served at the St. Paul Hotel at 1 o'clock. Following the social features of the meeting, an election of officers was held at which the following slate of officers was elected: President, Jake Ware; first vice president, Nordie Reirsdorf; second vice president, Joe Jodl; third vice president, Herb Stone; fourth vice president, Fred Putney; secretary, Eustace Rendell; treasurer, Elmer Faatz; historian, Jerome Jackman; sergeant at arms, John H. McDonald; chaplain, Dr. Soper; honorary president, John Dunphy.

That night a capacity crowd of 253 attended the banquet. Postmaster Van Dyke extended a welcome to the reunioneers. Colonel Leach, who recently returned to Minnesota after a tour of duty in Washington, as chief of the National Guard, received an ovation.

A junior Drum and Bugle Corps has been organized in Minneapolis. It is made up of sons and daughters of Rainbow Veterans. The enthusiasm displayed in connection with this interesting innovation promises that the corps will be a huge success and will be a notable contribution to Minnesota Rainbow affairs.

FRANK WEST.

RAINBOW BUTTONS AND AUTO MARKERS

Identify yourself with the Rainbow by wearing a Rainbow button at all times, and by displaying the Rainbow automobile emblem on your car. Rainbow lapel buttons sell for 75 cents each and auto emblems for 75 cents a pair, postpaid. Special discounts for quantity purchases by chapters. Send money order or check to K. A. Sutherland, 1213 Sonora Ave., Glendale, Calif.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA The first reunion-banquet of Rainbowers from Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia was held at the Hamilton Hotel the evening of Feb. 22 to celebrate the 18th annual anniversary of the taking over of the Lorraine Sector by our (42d) Division proved so successful that it was unanimously agreed to make this an annual event at Washington on that date.

Our only speaker and distinguished guest of this gala tri-state jamboree was the Hon. Assistant Secretary of Commerce, John Monroe Johnson, known affectionately to all Rainbow reunioneers as "Blood Brother" Johnson.

Bill Nevius, who came all the way from New Jersey, agreed with us that "a speech by Colonel Johnson was worth going anywhere to hear."

Jim Dent and Bill Hitt, with their affable gang of M. P.'s from Virginia, were in fine form.

Harry W. Fanning and Jack Clarke headed a lusty and husky group of T. M. boys from Maryland.

The following were particularly active in the promotion of this get-together: Harold B. Rodier, general chairman; President Elmer F. Neagle, master of ceremonies; Vice Chairmen Jack Clarke and Billy Hitt; Walker H. Colston, John W. Shiles and Elliott Hoffman, attendance; M. Manning Marcus and J. Gould Rollins, arrangements; Edward J. Mahan, dinner; Oscar A. Jackson and Joseph Saunders, decorations; Irving Silverberg, music; Major Ivy Pelzman and William Kay, entertainment, and Bentley Mulford, publicity.

Commencing at 11 o'clock we listened for one brief half an hour to the third annual R. D. V. radio program. Colonel Johnson and ex-Private Rodier delivered their admirable remarks in that stellar program right at our banquet table.

BENTLEY MULFORD.



Rainbower R. Earl Dennis, Manheim, Pennsylvania, is at this time compiling a history of Company D of the 151st Machine Gun Battalion and in order that he may complete this record at an early date he would be pleased to hear from all former members of his old outfit, listing their present residence, occupation, and such other information as they may care to give.

Editor's Note: Rainbower Dennis is now completing a beautiful engraved metal plaque which will be dedicated to the National Association and offered as a trophy for some worthy Rainbow effort in the future.

D. C. PUBLICITY AGAIN

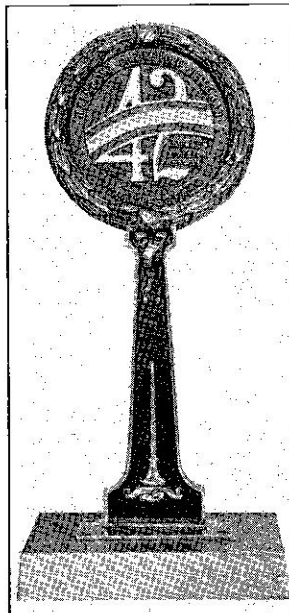
After an absence of more than fifteen years in and around New York we now have our former publicity officer with us again. Bentley Mulford has agreed to resume his former duties in the best interests of the D. C. Chapter in particular and the R. D. V. in general. He has been handling the publicity for the Westchester Chapter since that unit of the R. D. V. was merely a dim distant hope.

"Would sincerely appreciate any information you can give me as to the address, etc., of Wm. A. Norton, formerly of Jersey Shore, Pa. He served with some infantry outfit in the Rainbow Division and lived at Jersey Shore, Pa., after the war. Am very anxious to know his present address, etc., as have important news for him.

EMIL E. HOITOLA,
Riggins, Idaho."

DENVER TO ENTERTAIN V. F. W.

Rainbower Harry G. Hughes, Secretary and Treasurer of the newly formed Denver Chapter, advises that the men of Denver Chapter are preparing to entertain all visiting Rainbow V. F. W. men who attend the 37th National Encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Denver, Colorado, September, 1936.



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~GAS ALARM~

Last year's popular feature, Gas Alarm, is to be continued this year with a greater inducement to send in contributions than before. The most interesting or most entertaining letter in each issue will be selected by General Reilly, and the writer awarded a free registration at the Kansas City Reunion in 1936. In addition, as a GRAND PRIZE for the year under conditions to be later announced, the best letter for the year will be awarded an ALL EXPENSE REUNION VISIT TO KANSAS CITY, which will include all expenses except transportation to and from the Reunion. SEND IN YOUR WAR EXPERIENCES; they may win you a worthwhile prize.

FIRST U. S. UNIT TO ENTER SEDAN

During the early morning hours of November 7, 1918, the Second Battalion, 166th Infantry filtered into the village of Chehery. It was one of those gray, foggy days with the cold so penetrating that we were glad to be on the big push north towards Sedan.

Just beyond Chehery, Captain Herman C. Doellinger directed be to take out a patrol and advance until we drew enemy fire. I selected Willie Blanton, a long-legged, rangy boy from the hills of Kentucky; Harrison Ford, a husky, congenial lad from Tennessee. Both of these boys had demonstrated their mettle to me in previous re-connoitering patrols. Charles Minnick, a big, athletic, friendly chap from Washington, Iowa, and James Dawkins, a black-eyed fellow, who had just come into the company as a recruit from Alabama, completed the personnel of my patrol.

Like all patrols, we deployed and cautiously felt our way forward. We bore off in a northerly and easterly direction along the west slope of a rugged ridge of hills dotted profusely with trees and underbrush. West of us, about three kilometers away, in the valley below, lay the town of Chevenges. Our patrol progressed slowly, taking advantage of all objects which would conceal our advance. About noon I had a feeling we were near the heights overlooking the Meuse River and that Sedan was just over the brow of the ridge we had been skirting all morning. It was a temptation to go up over the skyline but I dared not jeopardize the position of the patrol by unnecessary exposure.

Coming out of a clump of bushes, Ford and I had the familiar experience of having a machine gun bullet singing our way. Mother Earth can be hugged extremely close on occasions like this, and now was no exception. We dropped back several rods and soon Blanton informed us that there was a town west and a little to the north of us which was occupied by the Germans. We determined this town to be Frenosis and that we were on the brow of a ridge of hills looking down into the city of Sedan.

I sent Blanton back to the outfit with the information that we had contacted

the enemy. While he was gone we were surprised to see a fairly large column of soldiers marching north on the main road out of Chehery. When the column reached the road that goes west toward Chevenges the German small artillery pieces on the Meuse River Heights just ahead of us opened point blank fire on the marching Infantry. From thisantage point we could see that there appeared to be confusion and all of us were of this opinion that the advancing column was not Company E for there were too many men.

I withdrew the patrol, that we might have better protection from the machine gun fire, and to await further instructions from the company. Upon Blanton's return, we learned that elements of the First Division and the Third Battalion of our Regiment had been advancing up the road toward Chevenges. I told the boys we would not act as patrol for the First Division, but that it would be necessary for them to send out their own patrol. We returned to the remnant of the company now in charge of Acting First Sergeant Spain James since all the commissioned officers were incapacitated. We were lying near a cemetery wall north of Chehery and much to our discomfort the Germans knew we were there and dropped their H.E.'s among us. One of these shells dazed me and I was taken to the first aid station in Chehery and after being ticketed for the hospital I waited around until night for the ambulance. The first aid station was busy since so many boys were wounded from the First Division, the Second and Third Battalions, that I felt a little ashamed of myself, and after hitting a rolling kitchen where I got hot slum gullion, I ran into Captain Doellinger who was on his way back to the outfit. On rejoining the Company we learned that the French were trying to squeeze out the 42nd Division in the drive for Sedan and that night instead of lying out in a turnip patch with the rest of the company several of us went A.W.O.L. and rolled up in a French hay loft.

The next day Company D., 166th Inf., from Marion, Ohio, had the honor of being the only American unit to enter the historic city of Sedan.

WALTER E. FILLMAN.



**FROM
THE
DESK
OF
THE
NATIONAL
SECRETARY**

SHARON C. COVER
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Detroit, Mich.

RAINBOW HISTORY Rainbower John R. Rea, a San. Det. out of the 166th Infantry, now identified with the F. J. Heer Printing Company, spent the week end of February 29 in Detroit in conference with Wilber M. Brucker, Chairman of the History Committee, and your Secretary in going over the final details regarding the publication of your History.

Historian Reilly has completed the general manuscript with the exception of a very few spots here and there that await certain government verification. At this date the completed chapters are being "galley proofed" for the Unit Commanders and the History Committee for final approval. This important detail will be accomplished in a short time as all Unit Commanders have been cooperating 100% and are familiar with the situation. At the completion of their authorization of the facts regarding their respective units there remains only the final approval of the History Committee regarding Introduction, Preface, In Memoriam, An Appreciation, Index, Appendix and other details of contents and binding.

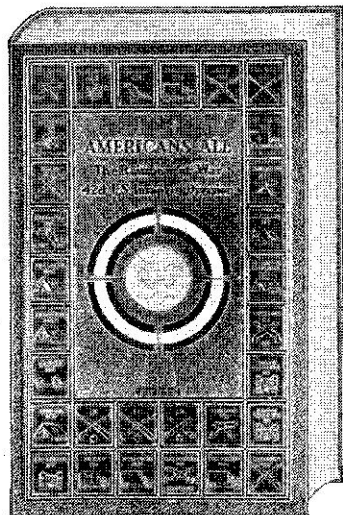
In short, men of the Rainbow, **YOUR BOOK** is just about ready to actually go to press and the Heer Printing Company is "standing by" prepared to put a crew to work sufficient to turn out the first edition in a matter of but a few days after the final OK is given by your History Committee.

You have waited for more than ten years for this History and true, too, we have had some delays in our proposed publication date, but it has been for the good of our book. Every effort is being made to make your History the outstanding record of the World War that there will be no criticism either from a point of record or literary style when

completed. We have had the privilege and pleasure to read the first chapter of the book and, men, it is more than just a book—it is a document of fact that you will be well proud to possess.

The first edition will be based upon the orders we have on hand at this time and an anticipated sale, within reason, so to be assured of obtaining a first edition place your order at once with your Chapter Secretary, or special History Agent appointed by your Chapter President, or mail your order direct with remittance to the National Secretary.

The publication date is now a matter of only days so in the interest of Rainbow and your own interest order at once to be sure of a first edition. All Histories will be shipped prepaid direct from the publisher except, of course, C.O.D. orders. There will be no consignment orders to Chapters so to secure your History you must order your book as outlined. Act at once.



**BROADCAST
RAINBOW**

We are sure that we express the gratitude and appreciation of every Rainbower when we state that this year's "Rainbow Hour," under the very able direction of our National President, Colonel Garrett, was indeed a most enjoyable event thoroughly enjoyed by all who formed a part of that vast audience. We are sure, too, that this year's "radio reunion" was by far the largest we have ever had.

To all those who took part in making this program possible and particularly to the National Broadcasting Company, we of the Rainbow are truly indebted. The efficiency with which the personnel and facilities of the National Broadcasting Company functioned has been the

subject of much fine comment. We of Rainbow have again been accorded one of the finest and greatest honors during our civilian organization.

(Note—If you have not already done so, drop NBC a letter of appreciation.)

NATIONAL BUDGET VS. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

It is indeed embarrassing to bring to your attention, through the columns of our National publication, the necessity of your attention not only as Chapters, but you as individuals, to the business obligations of your organization. While 'tis true that Rainbow is builded upon fine sentiment, it is also a fact that our civilian organization must, for life and preservation, have some business obligations, which, in turn, must be satisfied if we are to publish the Reveille and carry on for our Rainbowers. If you have been negligent and can, I am sure it has been an oversight and this reminder will be sufficient for you to dedicate that national dollar that Rainbow may continue its marvelous peace-time record. Lets continue that old comradeship of the A. E. F. in peace time with our slogan ever, "One for all and all for one with Rainbow ever first."

PAYMENT OF ADJUSTED CERTIFICATES

For the past 17 years so much has been said on this subject that I would feel very unfair to tarry long on the matter. I do, however, wish to just leave a thought with every Rainbower regarding his so-called "bonus." This is perhaps the "dearest," and I mean this both ways, bit of revenue that you have or will ever receive regardless of your present station in life. It will be yours to use as you see best and our wish is that your judgment will merit some careful consideration which will bring you and yours the greatest comfort and greatest common good.

Being of true Rainbow mind and heart we can not pass up this opportunity to suggest that you "earmark" enough funds for the purchase of our Rainbow History, and secondly, that your Rainbow Division Veterans will warrant your support, and last but by no means least, why not plan a veterans' vacation with the family, on veterans' money with the best gang on earth in good old Kansas City this July where they tell me that "fun" is real fun, and being from Missouri they are going to show us. Let's make it a date, fellows. I'll be seeing you.

QUOTA CHART

(As of March 9, 1936)

State	1935-1936 Dues Quota	Per Cent	Enroll- ment Per Cent
Nebraska	19.00	168	
Missouri-Kansas	79.00	153	
Colorado	27.00	140	.014
Texas	50.00	114	.016
Dist. of Columbia	66.00	103	
Maryland	61.00	103	.006
Oklahoma	64.00	92	.125
Michigan	156.00	89	.066
Virginia	49.00	75	
Wisconsin	89.00	57	.022
Father Duffy, N. Y.	652.00	51	.001
Florida	52.00	51	
Ohio	535.00	48	.006
Illinois	324.00	40	.001
Minnesota	196.00	38	
Georgia	49.00	34	.31
Alabama	151.00	33	.002
Indiana	166.00	30	.002
California	311.00	22	.034
South Carolina	128.00	19	
Iowa	206.00	18	.007
National Chapter	230.00	15	
Pennsylvania	230.00	8	.007
Tennessee	34.00	2	
New Jersey	94.00	0	
Oregon	27.00	0	.014

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