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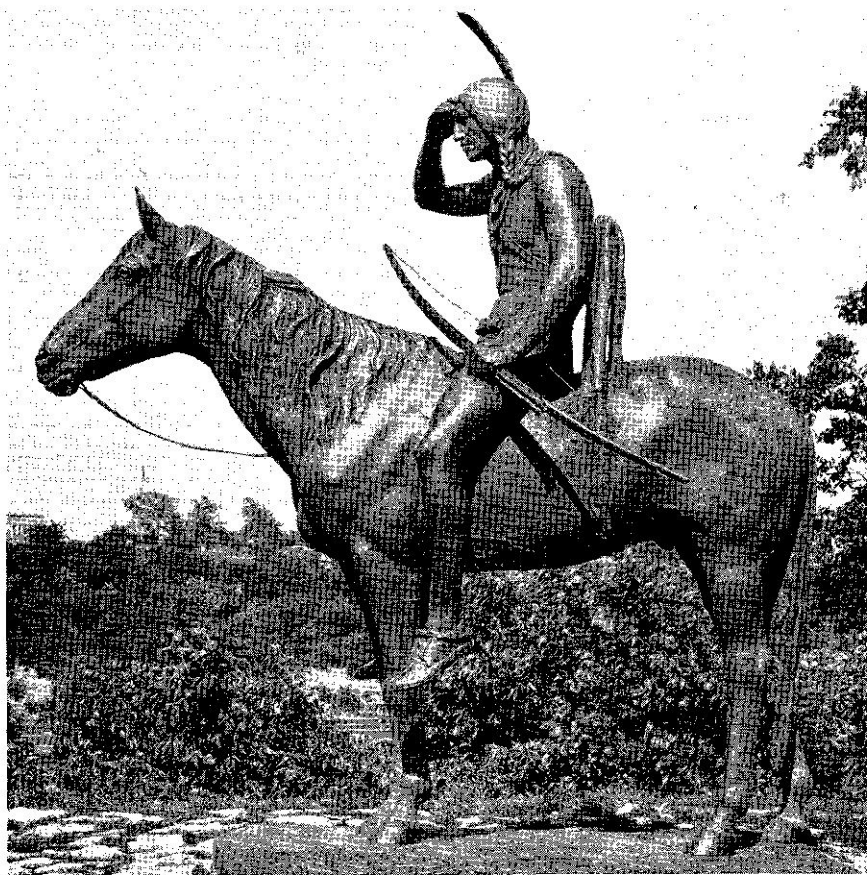
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VETERANS OF FUTURE WARS Rainbow Division Veterans have followed with interest those new campus institutions, the Veterans of Future Wars and the Future Gold Star Mothers. When the Princeton undergraduates launched the movement and it received an instantaneous flare of publicity from newspapers delighted to assist in taking a dig at the veteran, probably most Rainbow Veterans viewed the fledgling organization with amusement, perhaps a trifle tintured with chagrin. We were aware that the movement was an inspired juvenile protest at the payment of the bonus. Certainly we were not disposed to quarrel with these callow youths over the point. These campus cutups thought that the payment of the bonus, 19 years late in our estimation, was being prepaid. The Rainbow Division Veterans have as an organization avoided disputing this question with grown men and women—naturally they are not going to argue over it with children.

Then the movement took another turn when three hundred sub-debs at Vassar College organized the Future Gold Star Mothers' Association and petitioned for

an immediate trip to Europe to view the graves of their unborn sons. No doubt it was done in a spirit of good, clean fun, but we somehow find ourselves unable to see anything humorous in a Gold Star Mother. We have children of our own and are somewhat inured to the spirit of levity and irreverence displayed by the youth of today. But there are bounds of decency which even children are obligated to respect. Satirizing the grief-stricken mothers who have raised sons to manhood, only to see their promising young lives cut short on the battlefield of their nation, is an excess which should have been instantly condemned. Instead of condemnation, however, this startling breach of good taste and decency was greeted with widespread chuckles and approbation.

The ultimate indignity had not yet been reached, however, with the formation of the Gold Star Mothers. Last month a meeting of Veterans of Future Wars in a Western University opened their meeting by standing for a moment in silent tribute to their unkilld dead. This is too much. Every Rainbow meeting, probably every veterans' meeting, opens with a moment of reverent tribute to our dead. We do not ask that others

share in this reverent custom, but God save the country from a generation which thinks it a meet subject for ridicule. As death is the common end so should respect for the dead be common to all men and all generations. These thoughtless boys have by their satire profaned a holy place. "Greater love hath no man than this, he that shall lay down his life for his friend." Our friends and comrades who have given their lives

for this nation deserve better at the hands of even the children of this nation. Some of these boys may yet on some distant battlefield of a war yet to come, valiantly lay down his life for the protection of his country, and join the ranks of our heroic dead. There, in the company of these sublime veterans he may once more bow his head, not this time in mock tribute, but in humble penitence for his youthful folly.

The Rainbow Medal of Valor



R a i n b o w Medal of Valor to the outstanding hero of the state and that the National Association sponsor a national award to be selected from the recipients

Of interest to all Rain-bowers is the resolution being prepared by the Michigan Chapter, suggesting that all state Chapters initiate the presentation of the

of the state Chapter awards. A fine start has been made in the District of Columbia. Another will follow in short order. Many more could readily do so.

The Rainbow is "good copy" and when tied up with ideas such as the Medal of Valor, stressing not only local but eventually national interest, the combination is front-page news and the results most favorable to the Rainbow Division Veterans. As one news reporter expressed it, "There's romance in the Rainbow" and always ready inspiration in writing stories of the Division.

Consider for one moment the results of the last presentation in Michigan. In Detroit alone we can count five front-page stories in 10 days and three times that number on following pages; several more feature stories out-state, with a total amount of pictures and copy that exceeds three full newspaper pages and would mount much higher should we be

able to "clip" the stories featuring the part played by the Book-Cadillac Hotel and the Chrysler Corporation which were released to 700 newspapers.

One of the leaders in veterans' affairs tells us that the Rainbow's idea of honoring Michigan's heroes is "the finest thing any veterans' group in the state has ever attempted"; another says "it's a builder of good will for all veterans." All agree that the results are sweet and certainly most favorable to the Rainbow in Michigan.

The civilian hero, Donald Watson, age 12, was chosen for the award by a committee headed by former Governor Wilber M. Brucker and including Judge James E. Chenot, Fr. William P. Schulte, Mrs. Jean W. Chamberlain of the Jury Commission, Mr. P. W. A. Fitzsimmons, president of the Michigan Mutual Liability Co., who dedicated a half hour broadcast on the Michigan Mutual Chimes in honor of the Division and of Donald Watson, and Mr. Fred M. Zeder, vice president of the Chrysler Corporation, who donated the car that brought Donald and his family from Ovid, Mich. The Book-Cadillac Hotel graciously presented the Watson family with the use of a magnificent suite of rooms during their stay in Detroit.

The fireman hero, Pipeman Frank G. Roach, was selected by the department committee headed by Chief Walter F. Israel. Superintendent John Smith of the police department chose Patrolman William Bourke as the police hero.

The Medals of Valor were presented by Wilber M. Brucker in fitting ceremony. Edward Don Hennessey, who originated the award idea, presented each of the fortunate winners to Comrade Brucker, who read the citations that proclaimed them Michigan's outstanding heroes for 1935.

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Report On Administration As We Enter Into Final Stretch

We are nearing the homestretch for this administration. Less than two months remain before the Reunion in Kansas City, July 13-15. I believe we have made marked progress. However, my real purpose now is to appeal to Rainbowers everywhere to help swell our membership from now until the books close at the Reunion. We have had an increase over some previous years, but the membership situation still is not satisfactory. Some of our Chapters have made an excellent showing on the quota chart—have gone far beyond their highest mark of previous years.

On June 15th, our government will begin mailing out the so-called bonus. Then every man will have \$1.00 for the National Treasury, and I have the feeling that he will want to join up with his old comrades. From all over the country we are receiving assurances that the attendance at the Kansas City Reunion will be very large. The bonus will help. It is hoped that each Chapter will pride itself on the size of its delegation.

Therefore, I want to make an appeal to each one of you to help do two jobs: (1) Swell the national membership, because the publication of *The Reveille* and postage depends entirely on the dues; and (2) help make the 1936 Reunion the greatest in our history. It is an opportunity for every Rainbower—to meet with his buddies and tell about the war—what you did and what the other fellow did, and bring to life memories almost dead. Around the assembly room will be hung large maps showing each sector in which we served.

I hope that you will be there to add your contribution to the success of the Reunion and color to the Rainbow.

RUBY D. GARRETT.

Tramp, Tramp, Tramp on to Kansas City

Rainbow caravans from every state in the Union will soon be moving on to Kansas City and that great metropolis, built on what was once the rim of the frontier, where the old Santa Fe and Oregon Trails started, is ready to welcome them with its enthusiastic hospitality.

Kansas City presents an unrivaled stage for the Eighteenth Annual Reunion of our Division. Because of its central location and its splendid facilities for entertaining great assemblies, having, besides excellent hotels, the finest municipal auditorium in the world, Kansas City ranks as one of the favorite convention cities in America. It is the natural crossing point of the continent, where a web of railways, airways and highways intersect.

You are certain to like Kansas City—everyone does. Here you will find the glamour of the old South, tempered with the frank and wholesome friendliness of the Middle West, which makes ardent devotees of casual acquaintances.

Kansas City is looking for you. Your Rainbow buddies are planning for you.

Did You Graduate from the A.E.F. into a British University? - - -



RAINBOW Veterans who attended British Universities via the A.E.F. or rather the Army of Occupation are called to attend a special reunion of their own during the National Reunion at Kansas City.

Chet Miles, Associate Editor of *The Reveille* and an active worker in the Kansas City Chapter, is arranging this get-together. These men have had in common a unique experience and it is believed that they will enjoy the privilege of meeting again and discussing their more youthful days at Oxford, Cambridge, Glasgow, Edinburgh, etc., and etc.

If you were one of these fortunate Rainbowers and are going to be able to attend the National Reunion in July at Kansas City, communicate with Chester Miles, 1605 Federal Reserve Bank Building, Kansas City, Mo., as soon as possible so that Chet may make suitable arrangements.

YOUR HISTORY IS FINISHED

Your history is finished!

Each of you knew a great deal of what went on in your own units. You had a general idea of what the Division did as a whole. However, a Division of 27,000 is so big and covers so much ground, particularly when decoyed for action, that no one man could know what was going on in all parts of it.

Similarly, except to a few high ranking officers, the war was on such a large scale that the average man could not know what part his division played in the larger picture.

Your History tells you these things. It tells them not only from the official records but also from the mouths of the men who played a leading part in everything every unit did.

In the History you will find the personal story of the assault battalion commander of each of our four infantry regiments in each of our battles. You will find the stories of company and platoon commanders of sergeants, corporals, privates, wounded, men who were taken prisoners, artillerymen, infantrymen, machine gunners, trench mortar battery people, supply, both ammunition and food, ambulance and hospital men, surgeons, staff officers, colonels, and generals.

You will also find some humor, as some of the stories different ones of you told on others were too good not to be

made a matter of record.

There is at least one photograph of every unit of the Division. You may find yourself or your friends looking out at you from them.

The maps are large and show the position of every battalion, something that has not yet been done in any history published to date.

General Pershing, Marshal Foch, General Summerall, General McArthur, General Gourand, tell you what they did and why they did it. Colonel Clark, General Pershing's personal representative, at Marshal Petains' headquarters, gives you intimate glimpses of what went on there during various critical periods.

The facts and figures are there to help you in your disputes with veterans of other divisions and with those who belittle the part the A. E. F. played in bringing the war to a victorious conclusion.

You are getting the result of a great deal of work done during the last fifteen years. The History which was three-quarters complete at the end of 1931 has been practically entirely rewritten, brought up to date, by use of all the information which has come out in the past five years and greatly enlarged because of the increased number of quotations in which the veteran tells what he saw and what he did.

HENRY J. REILLY

AWARD YOURSELF A BONUS



BARRE BLUMENTHAL

The polite phrase for the much-mooted soldier question was "Adjusted Compensation Certificate," and they theory of it was to adjust, in some measure at least, the difference in income between the soldier and the civilian.

Rainbow never had been hot and bothered about the question, but now that it has come to a practical solution, the question arises: "What has the soldier done to award *himself* a bonus?"

Unfortunately, all too few divisions can answer this question satisfactorily—*Rainbow* can. It has declared, annually, a bonus, namely: Its annual reunion of its fellows. Those of us who have not attended these reunions are entitled to a

bonus, and what better use can be made of the adjustment which the Government is now making than the application of a portion of it to the liquidation of a Rainbow bonus by attending a reunion. The bonus which the Government is paying is material compensation, the bonus which the Rainbow offers is spiritual compensation, and with the shifting tide of values, I think we all will agree that the latter is much more permanent and substantive in value than the former.

So, when you are contemplating the division of your bonus income, bear in mind that a portion of it belongs wholly and only to yourself, and that the only manner in which you can personally make the best use of that portion is by paying yourself the bonus of a trip to a Rainbow reunion. We won't worry about the future, because, once you come, nothing will keep you from repeating the enjoyment.

Remember **YOU OWE YOURSELF A BONUS**, and remember also, your attendance at the reunion in Kansas City in 1936 is, of all things, a bonus.

BARRE BLUMENTHAL

"TO THE LADIES"

This is an appeal to the ladies to attend the National Convention in Kansas City. Those of you who have never attended a National Convention have indeed missed something. The joy of seeing the men meet their "Old Buddies" is alone well worth the trip, and then after a few Conventions you, too, will be kept busy greeting the friends and acquaintances you have made. The regular ones will, of course, not need to be told what grand times are had.

After looking over the plan of activities in the last Reveille, I am sure you will agree with me that this will be a Reunion to be long remembered. We are assured by the men that the ladies are

being included in all the festivities, so we will want to be there to do our part and help this new Auxiliary in every way we can.

It is my belief that all over the country the ladies are becoming more Rainbow minded each year. We all have one great thing in common, and that is our pride in and our loyalty to our Rainbow men. As time goes on we will be more and more glad and proud that we are members of this organization.

So with this thought in mind, let us all start right now to plan to spend our vacation in Kansas City.

EDNA G. LAMPMAN,
National President.

COMMENTS BY ELMER

The KaySee Hill Billy

Bring It Along—If you have a mascot, chapter flag, a drum and bugle corps, or other identification for your Chapter, bring it along. For instance, Iowa bring some of that "tall corn"; Alabama, that "Suth'n accent"; Michigan, a fish about that long. Bring anything that will add color and pep to the Reunion.

Photos or Publicity Materials—If your Chapter has any photographs of mascots, mugs, bands, etc., we would like to have them for publicity purposes. Please send them on to the National President. Maybe we can get 'em in the papers.

Don't Leave the Women Home—Plans are being made for some real entertainment for the ladies, so be sure to bring the wife and daughter with you. They will be well cared for and will enjoy Kansas City as much as you. The women will be particularly interested in our famous "Petticoat Lane" and the shopping district. They will enjoy our beau-

tiful parks and boulevards. They will be interested in the William Rockhill Nelson Gallery of Art.

Weather—Headquarters hotel has air-conditioned facilities, most all the dining rooms and restaurants are likewise equipped and, of course, the new municipal auditorium is the last word in air conditioning. So, who cares about the weather anyhow?

Be Prepared—You are assured that the entire city of Kansas City—"lock, stock and barrel"—will be turned over the Rainbow next July. It is going to stage a jamboree which will have no dull moments and will live long in the memories of every Rainbower who attends.

"Meet Me In the Heart of America," says Mademoiselle from Armentiers, "where men are men and women are happy."

Prizes and Awards

National Enrollment Drive—The Governor Wilber M. Brucker Cup will be presented to the Chapter who has enrolled the largest number of Rainbow men during the year, computed on the percentage of new enrollments to the enrollment existing as of July 15, 1935. North Carolina has won it for two years and if they win it again this year they get to keep it. Let's see some competition here.

Membership Drive—The Missouri-Kansas Chapter will present a trophy to the Chapter which has increased its actual paid membership by the greatest percentage over the 1934-35 membership. The host Chapter will not compete for this trophy.

Best Gas Alarm Story—To the Rainbower submitting the best Gas Alarm story during the past year will be presented his registration fee and hotel bill, provided he attends the Reunion.

Reunion Attendance—To the Chapter having the greatest man-mileage attendance will be given a cup. For instance, the number of Rainbowers attending from a certain Chapter, multiplied by the number of miles that Chapter is from Kansas City, divided by the total number of members in the Chapter, will be the winnah.

THE HEART OF AMERICA"

DO YOU KNOW:

The area of Greater Kansas City is 454.51 square miles?

The Kansas City Union Station is one of the five largest in the world?

Kansas City is the country's second largest railroad center and is entered by twelve trunk line railroads and thirty-two subsidiary lines?

Kansas City has the most conveniently located airport of any in the United States only five minutes by auto from the business district?

Thirty-eight planes depart daily, carrying mail, passengers and express?

Kansas City is the terminal for trans-continental bus lines?

A Municipal Auditorium, costing over \$6,000,000, just completed, is one of the best in the United States?

Kansas City ranks eighth in number of hotels and seventh in total number of guest rooms?

Kansas City is the home of the William Rockhill Nelson Gallery of Art, which ranks as one of the finest museum buildings in the world and which contains more than 5,000 objects of art?

Kansas City's Country Club District, comprising more than 3,000 acres, is one of the best known residential sections in America?

Kansas City has 3,500 acres in parks and boulevards?

Kansas City has 900 miles of streets, over 700 miles being paved?

Kansas City has 300 churches?

Kansas City's location as the "Heart of America" equalizes time and traveling costs for every member?

All Roads Lead To Kansas City

Of course some will select the airways while many will prefer the comfort of the rail, but perhaps the greatest group to attend the reunion will travel via the open road enjoying the country and the companionship of a happy group of Rainbowers traveling en masse.

For this latter group we offer the following route and log which has been suggested by the American Automobile Association to your secretary. Let's start the caravan from Detroit and then provide feeder routes and suggested meeting points for the other units traveling from our section of the States "west."

Let's set 6:00 a.m. the starting hour (for Detroit and state) on the morning of Saturday, July 11, going out over U. S. 112 to Ypsilanti, where it will be nice to meet for breakfast, get acquainted and then travel as a caravan. OK? Plan to meet there.

Route and "Log"

Routes Nos. 112-27-427

00.0—Detroit on U. S. 112 to Ypsilanti (stop for breakfast).

29.7—Ypsilanti on U. S. 112 to Coldwater, Auburn and Fort Wayne. Total, 171.

Routes Nos. 24-45-48

00.0—Fort Wayne on U. S. 24 to Huntington, Wabash, Peru, Logansport, Gilman, Onarga and Decatur. Total, 257.2.

Routes Nos. 36-54-40

00.0—Decatur on U. S. 36 to Springfield, Jacksonville, Winchester, Pittsfield, Louisiana, where you can cross Mississippi River and toll is thirty cents, on to Bolling Green, Vandalia, Mexico, Kingdom City, to Columbia and then straight into Kansas City. Total, 356.

Route Change Points

Route U. S. 112—Detroit through to Coldwater, Mich. Then pick up.

Route U. S. 27 — Coldwater through Auburn, Ind. Then pick up.

Route U. S. 427—Auburn through to Fort Wayne. Then pick up.

Route U. S. 24—Fort Wayne through to Gilman. Then pick up.

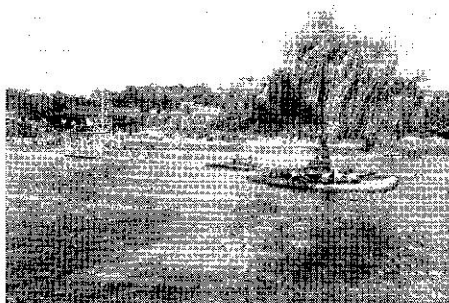
Route U. S. 45—Gilman through to Onarga. Then pick up.

Route U. S. 48—Onarga through to Decatur. Then pick up.

Route U. S. 36—Decatur through to Pittsfield. Then pick up.

Route U. S. 54—Pittsfield through to Auxvasse. Then pick up.

Route U. S. 40—Auxvasse through to Kansas City. Total mileage, 784.2.



"Calling All Cars"

Chicago Rainbowers, by traveling out on U. S. 66 via Bloomington, will arrive in Decatur in due time for the "cavalcade." Hello, Danville, your route is right straight through Urbana, Weldon and Decatur. Ohio should first join up with the Indiana "heavies" in Indianapolis and then travel right into Decatur over U. S. 36. Space does not permit to list all probable "feeder" roads from all points but we have given you the best and only direct route into Kansas City from the East. This is an all-concrete road, but for a few miles of macadam, in excellent condition and very fast. It provides for as many as four lanes at some points of travel. Don't miss the "big parade." Meet us somewhere along the line of march.

Last year sixty-four Michiganders motored to Washington. Of this group, thirty-four traveled as a caravan and did we have fun. Don't miss the gang for its more fun than a Polish picnic; in fact, it's the "nuts." The "Reunion's on" the first night you stop. Form a caravan committee and plan to be in on the fun.

Plan to stop in Decatur the first night. The hotel is the Orlando, where you can stop for as low as \$3.00 double (with bath) while tourist accommodations may be had for those who so desire. Cheaper hotel rates may be secured for a large group. Plan to be with us so as to enjoy the fun going and coming back from what points to be out greatest national reunion. See you enroute to Kansas City.

National Secretary.

HISTORY COMMITTEE HOLDS FINAL MEETING

—PUBLICATION DATE SET

Friday, May 8th, will go down in Rainbow history as it marks the date of the final meeting of the History Committee in Detroit at which time final consideration and approval was given the manuscript and lay-out of the book.

Rainbower John R. Rea of Columbus, was present representing the F. J. Heer Printing Company as was Sharon C. Cover, National Secretary and Clarence L. Houle, President of the Michigan Chapter. At the conclusion of the meeting, which lasted most of the night, Rainbower Rea returned to the Heer Printing Company with instructions to place in the mails on the night of May 11th complete Galleys for each unit commander.

According to the agreement and contract the unit commanders have ten days in which to review the manuscript for comment or criticism on the recording of the activity of their respective units, and return same to the History Committee Chairman Wilber M. Brucker with approval or comment. Strict adherence to the time allocation for this review will

place the book at the disposal of the printer, May 21st.

The Heer Printing Company have agreed to place such a staff to work on the publication work that we may have the completed first edition of the Rainbow Division "official" history on JUNE 5, 1936. It will please every Rainbower to know that the book will contain 140 more pages than the original contract calls for and without any additional cost to Rainbow by the F. J. Heer Printing Co.

The summation of the manuscript and the history et al. is the finest word picture of the activity of a combat division that I have ever read. Herein, our history, the true story of the Rainbow is told not only completely but well. It is a human document that every Rainbower will want and will be proud of.

It is with a great deal of pride and pleasure that your History Committee officially announces that on June 5, 1936 your history, so long waited for, will be a reality.

Cordially,

WILBER M. BRUCKER, *Chairman,*

Rainbow History Committee.

CLEVELAND CHAPTER HOST TO NATIONAL PRESIDENT GARRETT, MICHIGAN CHAPTER, AKRON CHAPTER AND OHIO OFFICERS

Rainbow history is always in the making and another colorful page was written when the Cleveland chapter so royally entertained our National President, the Michigan and Akron Chapters on Saturday, May 9th at a banquet dinner and joint meeting thereafter, held in the Carter Hotel.

Col. Ruby D. Garrett flew into Cleveland arriving at 11:20 to be met by several of the Cleveland Chapter headed by Rainbower Diggs, who served under Major Garrett. After a short tour of the city, lunch was enjoyed after which President Garrett was whisked off to Radio Station WGAR to speak on a subject which he loves—"Rainbow."

By 7 p. m. all the Michigan and Akron men had arrived and the sound of "mess" was heard which heralded that which every soldier loves and enjoys—good food and plenty of it. Following a lovely repast of all the fine things of life we adjourned to another room for the joint meeting.

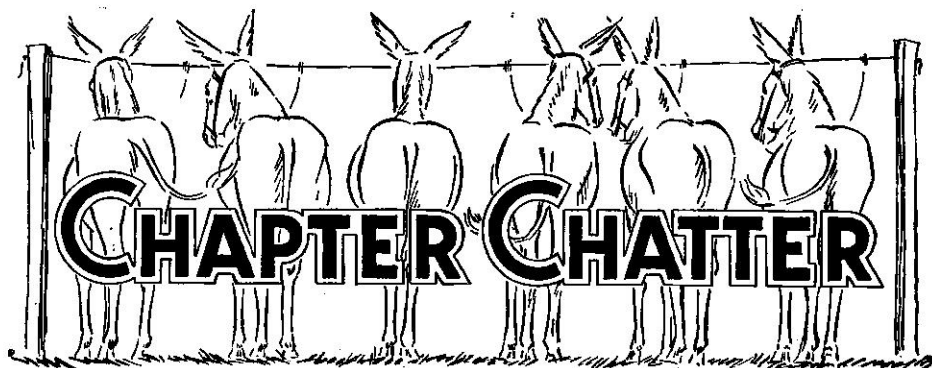
Here President Durbin, of the Cleveland Chapter, presided and in a most pleasing and entertaining manner intro-

duced the many visitors and distinguished guests. In an informal manner we all enjoyed hearing from President Weitzel, Secretary Powers and Carl Thimmes of the Akron Chapter, while President Houle spoke for the Michigan Chapter. National Vice Presidents Whitney and Dr. McAfee gave splendid talks while the old war horse of the Ohio State Rainbow Association, Jack Henry, gave a peppy talk on Rainbowism. National Secretary Cover spoke in detail on the efforts of the History Committee and the news of the publication date, June 5th, which means having the books on sale at the Ohio State Reunion, June 5 and 6, in Akron.

At this point National President Garrett was given a most fitting introduction by President Durbin and the group assembled enjoyed one of the finest talks, we believe, that we have ever heard by the one, and only one, Col. Garrett. Let me add also that on this occasion the Colonel did NOT suffer a "linguistic stymie, due to the presence of the ladies as there were none present.

All in all it was a most enjoyable occasion and to the Cleveland Chapter, our gracious host, we all owe a great debt of appreciation as well as President Garrett for honoring us with his presence.

THE MICHIGAN SHADOW.



OHIO Ohioans are looking forward to a merry round of Rainbow re-unioning during the coming months, and also the long overdue pay from the government that some folks call a "bonus."

First on the schedule is a party at the Carter Hotel in Cleveland on May 9th when the Cleveland Chapter will be host to National President Ruby Garrett. The affair is primarily a get-together for Detroit, Cleveland and Akron, but every and all Rainbowers are invited. Ex-President Wilbur Brucker, National Secretary Sharon Cover, and other Detroit boys will be present. State President Bill Laughman and State Secretary Jack Henry will be there. Come one, come all, and greet the National President.

Next comes the annual state reunion. The place is the Mayflower Hotel at Akron, and the dates are June 5th and 6th. Carl Thimmas of Akron, state first vice president, is general chairman. The Akronites have lined up a dizzy whirl of events that crowd the hours and pack them with fun. All Rainbowers are cordially invited.

Registration opens June 5th, at 9 a.m., and a tour of the B. F. Goodrich plant is scheduled at 10 o'clock. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon is a migration to the Burkhardt Brewery for a luncheon and all the beer you can drink in the taproom. The Akron Elks have turned over their luxurious home to the Rainbow for a veterans' stag show, fish fry and other entertainment starting at 6 o'clock, and at 9:30 o'clock a dance is scheduled for the Mayflower ballroom.

The second day of reuniting opens with the annual business session and election at 10 a.m. At 1 o'clock a tour to the Zeppelin hangar and thence to the Portage Lakes is on the book. A supply of beer will be waiting at one of the lake resorts for a party there. At 6 o'clock is the annual memorial service and banquet—and it will be an impressive service and a brilliant banquet.

The Akron gang has also arranged to have a Rainbow Dugout open every

minute from the start of the reunion to the end except during the memorial service and banquet and business session. Beer and harder stuff for a dime a throw, floor shows, and a general swell time is guaranteed at the dugout.

The Rainbow ladies are invited to participate in any or all of the events lined up except the stag and business session. There are optional entertainment affairs arranged by the Akron Auxiliary for those who wish to skip any or all of the program outlined above.

Then comes July and the big national reunion at Kansas City. Groups are now being formed to head westward and be on hand for the festivities that will make the heart swell with Rainbowism and provide a standout program of fun and frolic.

Next on the schedule is September when the Cleveland Chapter will operate the Rainbow Room in the Carter Hotel during the National Legion Convention. The Clevelanders will make the convention Rainbow conscious with signs and decorations, and a banquet and entertainment for all Rainbowers and their ladies will be staged on Tuesday night, September 12, which will be a truly wonderful affair.

JACK HENRY.

NEBRASKA The Nebraska Chapter had its regular monthly meeting in the Lincoln Hotel Monday night, April 6. The gang responded nicely and all had a good time. One of the old Captains dropped in—Claude S. Selby, from North Platte, Nebr. He gave us a tip where we could find Capt. Roy D. Bryson and so now we have two old Captains members of the Nebraska Chapter. We hope that the rest of the old gang will sit up and take notice and send Secretary Reese at Lincoln, Nebr., 1345 N. 21st Street, that \$1.00 dues and keep Nebraska at the top of the membership.

All at the last meeting pledged for the Rainbow at war.

They all seem to be rarin' to go to

the Kansas City Convention, so if everything goes as planned, Nebraska will be there 100 per cent. The P.W.A. put on an 8-act play for the Rainbowners in March and about 150 attended. It was a real play and they all enjoyed it. Hope to have some more soon.

Our next meeting will be May 4 at the Lincoln Hotel.

W. S. REESE, Sec'y

OKLAHOMA A few news flashes from

Oklahoma City. The newest Chapter of the Rainbow sends greetings to all our sister Chapters. Although many of the boys in the Chapter are from the 167th Amb. Co., we are proud of the fact that the majority of the men hail from every outfit in the Rainbow. We have 25 Charter members and we hope to have 25 more by the time National Convention rolls around in July.

Last week we elected permanent officers for the Chapter—

President, Lawrence G. Wood, 167th Amb. Co.

Vice president, Russell B. McCabe, 167th Amb. Co.

Secretary, Walter E. Fillman, 166th Inf. Treasurer, Ted S. Scott, 167th Amb. Co. Historian, Mel Hall, 166th Inf.

We had a great Rally on Washington's Birthday. Had 42 Rainbowners out for the meeting. With the ladies and children there was 80. Had a good time of eats, drinks, etc., and fine program.

Master of Ceremonies was Raymond Fields, newspaper man from Guthrie and a 167th Amb. Co. boy. Address of welcome by District Judge Ben C. Arnold, a 167th Amb. Co. boy. Responses by Lt. Governor James E. Berry, former captain, Division Headquarters. The Crusaders, a band of 35 pieces, gave the meeting a military atmosphere. Chester Hamilton, Tulsa, Chapter President, and Arthur F. Brock, Tulsa Chapter, Secretary spoke. The main address was given by Brig. Gen. William S. Key, Administrator WPA for the State of Oklahoma. He gave a fine talk. Gen. Key was a major and served in capacity of Assistant Division Quartermaster.

The program was over at 9:30 o'clock. The climax was the Rainbow Hour which came over our local station, WKY. It was good to hear Col. Johnson's, Lt. Brucker's, and Col. "Wild Bill" Donovan's voices again. We also enjoyed a talk from a pillroller and buck private. As Col. Johnson so aptly stated in his recent tribute in the American Legion Magazine, in the *Rainbow* there is no distinction between enlisted men and commissioned officers.

WALTER E. FILLMAN, Secretary.

See You in Kansas City—July 13-14-15

On Saturday, June 6, the Tulsa Chapter will be the host at our annual state reunion and the plans are now being made for this day. We expect a large group of Rainbowners here that day and we urge every Rainbowner in Oklahoma who possibly can to come to Tulsa and meet with the "finest gang on earth." The evening program, banquet and dance will be held again this year in the Alvin Hotel, 7th and Main Streets.

The history sales in Oklahoma have been lagging of late so all you fellows who haven't done so send in your three bucks to me at Box 262 and let's put this sale over with a bang.

ARTHUR F. BROCK.

CALIFORNIA HOP

Ye olde Chapter Scribe has been receiving much of ye razzberry for his contributions to ye *Reveille*, as ye Chapter members say that his stuff is dry, like dust, and that he should mend his ways.

Well, men, majority always wins, so here goes.

Went out to Exposition Park and paid a call at the L. A. Museum—and do the old Chapter colors look grand in their glass case alongside of the Chapter history!

The National Rainbow broadcast came through fine and all the gang got a big wallop out of it. So did the next generation who heard for the first time what some of their old man's former bosses sounded like.

We are busy making plans for the annual Memorial Day program in Rainbow Division Memorial Grove and hope to have Ruby Garrett for our guest this year.

Sorry to have to say that some of the crew have gone away for good. "Slim" Culiver, "Eddy" Friend, "Hippo" Giles, "Ma" Evans, Dee Minier, "Dutch" Stirneman, Lee Powers and Harry Van Bibber is the roll. See the obituary column for full details.

"TOP" DAVIS.

MINNESOTA The Minneapolis Chapter is going to have its Sons and Daughters' Drum and Bugle Corps on hand at our own service at the flagpole the Sunday before Memorial Day and at the Memorial Day parade. These youngsters are doing themselves proud.

President Ed. Place, Minneapolis Chapter; President Ed. Vogle, St. Paul Chapter, and State President F. K. Ware are working on a plan to collect five years' dues when the bonus comes due.

Dr. Soper has just returned from Washington, D. C., where he and a committee presented to the War Depart-

ment plans for a national cemetery for Minnesota. "Doc" started this movement last fall and now all of the organizations are behind it with "Doc" as chairman, and through the efforts of this committee a bill has been presented to both the House and Senate.

Most of the soldiers' plots in our local cemetery are full and one of Pershing's "hundred heroes," Capt. George Malon, is buried in a lot so small that part of the grave cuts into the aisle where people walk. Capt. Malon was not only one of Pershing's "hundred heroes," but a receiver of all the medals of honor. What a pity it is to have a soldier of such distinction buried in this two-by-four grave.

"Doc" is going after this in that good old Rainbow spirit and whether he gets it through or not, we want him to know his buddies as well as all soldiers are grateful for his efforts.

FRANK WEST.

MARYLAND The slave-driving editor of *The Reveille* sent me a letter, which I received in the hospital, demanding an article for the next issue. Just to prove my undying loyalty to good old Reveille, here goes:

Some men can smile in the evening,
Some men can smile in the dawn,
But the man worth while
Can write with a smile

With both of his tonsils just gone.

The semi-annual dance was held at the Maryland Country Club last month. The rules were Marquis of Queensbury—no hitting below the belt and breaking clean in the clinches.

A number of oldtimers turned out, their Tuxedos smelling of moth balls. Alan Stout was one. He had spent six weeks in good works, meditation and prayer and his wife gave him one more chance. He behaved very well—for him. He did push my dancing partner's head and mine together giving us each black eyes in one of his boyish pranks, but it was, of course, just play. Bud Wieso, chairman of the entertainment committee, learned that Abe Stout, Paul Smoot, Clint Davidson, Moo Common and some more of the disorderly element were coming, said "Oh, the hell with it" and went to Florida. Paul Lantz came out of his hole for the evening like the groundhog and then crawled back in till next year.

The boys contributed \$53 to the Red Cross for flood relief that night, which is a pretty good indication of the shape they were in.

Jack Clark and Slat's Fanning were on deck, representing Baltimore political and deceased elements, respectively, and

that human bloodhound, Jay Gould Rollins, was there tracking each two dollars to its lair.

HARRY STANSBURY.

MICHIGAN The dream of a blind Rainbow Veteran, John McDonald, that somewhere in Detroit would be erected a humble little memorial to his pal and buddy, Joyce Kilmer, famous as poet and Rainbow Division hero of the 165th Infantry, is soon to be realized.

The response to McDonald's suggestion was widespread and immediate. Civic, religious, educational and veteran organizations voiced approval. Many sought to sponsor the movement. The Michigan Rainbow, fittingly delegated this honor, suggested that the memorial to Joyce Kilmer be combined with the memorial to all Rainbow dead.

The City Plan Commission rejected the first and modest presentation of the Michigan Chapter as unworthy of both the subject and of the widespread interest aroused. The result was a series of meetings attended by city officials and Rainbow Veterans, under the chairmanship of Wilber M. Brucker, that gave definite direction to the idea that the combined memorial should be one of outstanding merit in a style most worthy of the inspiration and should "glorify a single tree and, through one or more branches, permit a means of contemplation and meditation."

It was suggested that the ideas expressed should be placed in definite form and that a general committee be formed which would foster the progress of the memorial. A design calling for the erection of a white marble memorial in the form of a 75-foot Rainbow arc, made of 18 foot pillar or columns, with benches between each, and with appropriate bronze plaques at each end, all surrounding a giant tree on Belle Isle, met the unanimous approval of the Michigan Chapter and the City Plan Commission. The Chapter voted funds to cover the preliminary expenses. Contacts were made with interested parties and groups. The outstanding art schools of the state offered cooperation. Details of organization were worked out and a permanent working committee was formed.

This general committee is as follows: Wilber M. Brucker, Mrs. Henry Ford, Mrs. Frederick M. Alger, Mrs. Truman Newberry, Mrs. John S. Siefert, Mrs. Elmer S. Lumley, Frank Cody, superintendent of schools; Dr. James J. Daly, S. J., of the University of Detroit, who was a personal friend of Joyce Kilmer; Herbert L. Russell and William R. Kales of the City Plan Commission; Henry W. Busch, Commissioner of Parks and

Boulevards; Clyde Burroughs, secretary of the Detroit Institute of Arts, and Clarence Houle, president of the Michigan Chapter.

A general meeting of a much larger group to include about 125 leaders in various activities in Michigan will be held on May 28th. At this meeting plans for raising the necessary \$25,000 to \$50,000 will be discussed and the campaign put under way.

Under the leadership of this splendid committee, backed by the enthusiastic support of interested individuals from all walks of life and the unqualified support of all Rainbowers, there seems every evidence that the Joyce Kilmer Rainbow Memorial will become a reality.

In membership, the Michigan Chapter has gone "over the top" with 160 bona fide paid-up members from all over the state. A very good start has been made on next year's quota by the formation of a subchapter in Flint under the leadership of Earl Waldon (151st F. A.), Bill Fagin and Dave Berg of the 149th F. A., and Bob Bassett of the 168th Infantry. These boys, especially Earl, deserve high compliment for the manner in which they increased the group in Flint from 18 to 40 and made possible the active comradeship of all Rainbowers in Genesee County.

Bob Kersul, up Port Huron way, initiated a most colorful memorial to our departed comrades which will be dedicated next July. Bob, with the cooperation of the other Rainbowers of St. Clair County and the support of civic officers, have laid out a beautiful Rainbow made up of 1,680 colorful flowers in Riverside Park. The Chapter gave enthusiastic as well as unanimous approval to this memorial and showered Kersul with fitting compliment for his splendid Rainbow spirit.

CLARENCE HOALE

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Our 18th annual spring reception dance, dedicated to divine femininity, with Honorary National President M. Manning Marcus as its general chairman, is going to be a wow of a Rainbow social occasion. It will commence at 10 o'clock Saturday evening, May 23, in the Cafe de la Crystallerie (otherwise the ballroom) of the Hotel Continental, on Union Station Plaza. Soft lights, with softer music furnished by Zigie's inimitable Royal Vagabond Syncopators, in a setting of beauty, will form a background for an evening of Rainbow pleasure and social companionship second to none.

During our recently conducted May meeting the following nominations from the floor were made for our June election of officers: Honorary president, Elmer F.

Neagle; president. William H. Kay; first, second and third vice presidents, Cecil J. Wilkinson, Huber B. Schultz and Winfield Scott Lynn, respectively; secretary, Fred Jordan and Richard J. Pahnke; treasurer, Bernard V. Rhodes; chaplain, Rev. Arlington A. McCallum; sergeant-at-arms, Francis O. Sexton, Harry M. Ford and Dr. Albert W. Kloczewski, and publicity officer, Bentley Mulford.

Conforming with the expressed desire of our National officers we have actually launched our Rainbow Division Veterans Medals of Valor program in the District of Columbia. The press and public officials, as well as the citizens of this area, naturally are supporting us 100 per cent in this highly meritorious movement, which was conceived by our Michigan Chapter. We trust before another Rainbow calendar year elapses all of the Chapters will have fallen in with this program so that there can then be the choosing of the National recipients from among the Chapters' awards. President Elmer F. Neagle appointed the following Medals of Valor committee: M. Manning Marcus, Harold B. Rodier, Roland E. Packard, Oscar S. Jackson, secretary, and Bentley Mulford, chairman. They, with certain local officials, will constitute the jury on awarding the Rainbow Medals of Valor, as will be done with appropriate ceremonies annually on the 30th of May, Decoration Day.

Come to Kansas City and hear more of all this!

BENTLEY MULFORD,
Publicity Officer.

See You in Kansas City—July 13-14-15

NEW YORK The New Yorker Hotel was jammed to the doors for our annual ball on April 17. Close to a thousand Rainbowers and friends were on hand when the curtain rose on John Prout's all-Irish show and the feeling was general when they left early Saturday morning that a good time was had by all.

The hotel had much of the appearance and atmosphere of a national convention and a lot of the regular conventioners went through their convention acts for the benefit of the home folks. Jack Ryan did his now-famous Bronx yodeling. Ed Rickert's rubber-legs act was a wow and Joe Kaveny had lots of fun inviting people to a room which did not exist. Prout's jiggling during a lull in the program was remarkable, considering the age of the performer. Father Murray made the trip from Binghamton to be on hand and Jack Joyce came all the way from Astoria.

The show was closed with what has

now become a Rainbow institution, Jimmy Murray of "B" Company singing "The Rainbow's End" as only he can sing it. The author of this song, Tom Donahue, stood in the back of the hall and blushed with unbecoming modesty. John Prout, the chairman, did a fine job.

The boys are going in for parades in a big way now. St. Patrick's Day and Army Day saw about two hundred of the stalwart sons of the Rainbow in the line of march up Fifth Avenue.

The Father Duffy statue to be placed in Times Square, New York, is nearing completion and in a few months we should see the unveiling. The Park Department and all other city departments affected have approved this project and there remains no obstacle for its final completion.

Joe McKnight is chairman for this year's convention in Kansas City. Joe is a go-getter and with the schooling he is getting from Jack Ryan plus his own enthusiasm he should do a good job.

One of Father Murray's parishoners, Edward J. Moran, of the 32d Division, has written a little play dedicated to the Rainbow Division. Some day you may have the pleasure of viewing it at a New York convention.

Who says we didn't win the war? In Muzzey's "History of the American People" used in the New York high schools he has the following paragraph in the World War chapter:

"Four days after the Rainbow Division reached the banks of the Meuse River, Germany signed the Armistice and the war was over."

Jim Striffler.



LT. WM. W. JOHNSTON
CAPT. SHELBY V. GAMBLE
CO. H, 167th INF.

These comrades are requested to get in touch with Cumley Yorksough, 117 Woodland Avenue, Alexander City, Alabama.

SEDAN It was about November 9, NOV. 9th 1918. We were in a small town a short distance back from Sedan. The gun on which I had been No. 1 man, had been sent back for repairs; the breech-block had been blowing about half open every time that I fired it for nearly a month, and this accounts for me being back with the Echelon. I was installed Acting Corporal of the Guard. On this particular night the Dutch were shelling this particular section of the town severely. They made a direct hit on a Caisson at the cross street a half block up the street, killing all the

horses, and I believe the men too. During this bombardment Chas. Garrison was killed in action. A man, who's name I have forgotten, (he was from the medical detachment attached to our outfit) went with me through what appeared to me to be a barrage, to get Garrison, who was sleeping in an open field just across the street from where the guard was stationed. After the shell exploded, blowing Garrison's pup tent down, we decided that he was hurt or killed, so the medic, and I went out to get him. It appeared that a splinter of the shell had gone through his canteen and through his head as he had raised up to take a drink of water.

I would like to hear from any of the men who were with me during this engagement or who knew of the incident. Too, I would like, particularly, to hear from or about the medic. I would like to get in touch with him.

MILES M. ADAMS (Pvt.),
Battery "E" 150th F. A.

In Memoriam

JOHN S. CULIVER
CO. F, 117TH ENGINEERS
DIED JULY 12, 1935
In the National Military Home,
WEST LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

MARTIN A. EVANS
CO. E, 117TH ENGINEERS
DIED DEC. 3, 1935
FRESNO, CALIF.

EDWARD J. FRIEND
CO. E, 117TH ENGINEERS
DIED NOV. 22, 1927
ELLENBURG, WASHINGTON

CLYDE H. GILES
CO. D, 117TH ENGINEERS
DIED MARCH, 1936
LODI, CALIF.

DEE W. MINIER
CO. F, 117TH ENGINEERS
DIED NOV. 27, 1935
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

HARRY VAN BIBBER
CO. A, 117TH FIELD SEG. BTN.
DIED FEB. 20, 1936
In the National Military Home,
WEST LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

LEE J. POWERS
CO. G, 168TH INFANTRY
DIED DEC. 26, 1930
LONG BEACH, CALIF.

HERMAN U. STIRNEMAN
CO. G, 168TH INFANTRY
Died at Redlands, Calif.

FRANK M. GODLEY
LT.-COL. 213 C. A. C., R. N. G.
(Former Major 149 M. G. Btn.)
DIED FEB. 21, 1936
EASTON, PA.
Buried Feb. 24 with military honors

ATTENTION CHAPTER OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEN

No. 1—*Report of Chapter Officers to National Headquarters*—A special mimeographed form has been forwarded your Chapter on which you are to report to National Headquarters the name and address of each man elected to hold office in your chapter for the fiscal year 1936-37, as well as certain other information that will be of great importance to your National Organization. Your promptness in filling in this report form completely, after the election of officers, and mailing same to the National Secretary, will be appreciated.

No. 2—*18th Annual Reunion*—The 18th Annual Reunion of the Rainbow Division Veterans will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 13, 14 and 15, 1936. All communications intended to reach the Secretary on and after July 10th should be addressed to him care of the Muehlebach Hotel (headquarters hotel) and should be plainly marked: "Hold for Arrival."

No. 3—*Local Reunion Publicity*—It is not too early to start your local publicity regarding the reunion. Your "copy" for this news item should be built around the possible number of delegates who will attend from your city or state. This is the basic "news meat" which will assure the article making print, and which may be enlarged upon by supplying the many features of the reunion. This detailed information will reach you shortly in a special bulletin that is being mailed by the host Chapter.

No. 4—*Delegates to Annual Reunion*—Each Chapter is entitled to *one delegate* for each ten actual *paid-up* members of the National Association and, in addition, *two delegates* representing the Chapters at large. At the earliest possible date kindly notify the National Secretary of the *name* and the *national membership card number* of each of the delegates from your Chapter.

No. 5—*Reunion Committee Appointments*—You will assist your National

Headquarters in a great measure by submitting, to this office, the names of such members as your Chapter may select for consideration of National Headquarters for working committee appointments, designating the committee which you feel the suggested men might best serve on. Committees to be appointed: Credentials, Auditing, Nominations, Resolutions, Membership, Constitution and By-laws, Budget and Finance, Time and Place, Publications and Publicity, and Memorial.

No. 6—*Endorsements for National Office*—For the past two administrations National Headquarters has made an appeal to the Chapters for endorsements for National Offices. This policy was adopted with the thought that National Officers should be selected from the workers in the Chapters, those ardent supporters of Rainbow who do the most to maintain our organization throughout the 365 days of the year. Your present administration likewise invites your Chapter endorsement of one or more Rain-bowers whom you feel deserve recognition. Kindly send your endorsement, along with comments, to the office of the Secretary.

No. 7—*Resolutions, New Business*—It is the desire of National President Garrett to minimize our business sessions as much as possible, to provide plenty of time to "reune." With this thought in mind we suggest any new business your Chapter may have to present to the reunion be typewritten and in proper form for presentation to the interested committee. As the National Organization meets only once a year, it is imperative and for the good of Rainbow throughout the year that all sound and necessary business be acted upon. However, to expedite the work, your cooperation and adherence to routine is urged.

No. 8—*National Reunion Headquarters*—It is the desire of your National Officers to make this year's business sessions the most interesting and yet

shortest that we have ever held without sacrificing any necessary business that should come before the body.

To accomplish this we must function in an orderly manner with some degree of regulated routine. Throughout the reunion your Secretary will maintain an office on the mezzanine floor which is to be a clearing house for all matters pertaining to the reunion as well as a point of general information.

Immediately upon the arrival of your delegation in Kansas City, have your chairman or spokesman report to the Secretary's office for definite instructions as to committees and meeting dates of same. *This is important.* Business sessions will be held promptly at time designated in your program. Your duty to your Rainbow is to be present and seated *with your delegation* at the appointed time. *Your co-operation* in extending this courtesy

will make for short, snappy sessions. Of necessity, for the old Rainbow we love, we must tend to some business, so let's make it *business-like*, get it over with *quickly* and then *play like hell*.

No. 9—*Important*—At the 17th Annual Reunion held in Washington, D. C., a resolution was presented by the Maryland State Chapter requesting a uniform accounting and auditing system which would require each Chapter secretary and treasurer to certify under oath the paid-up membership of the Chapter in writing to the National Association Officer 30 days prior to the convention Annual Reunion; *also* that any and all members attending the National Reunion *must present a paid-up National membership card* at the time of registering. (Gentlemen, the Secretary's office will be open every day and the line forms on the left. *Pay up now* and avoid the rush).

QUOTA CHART

As of May 12, 1936

First Division

	1935-1936 Dues Quota	Per Cent
Nebraska	19.00	211
Missouri-Kansas	79.00	175
Colorado	27.00	148
Oklahoma	64.00	117
Texas	50.00	114
District of Columbia	66.00	103
Maryland	61.00	103
Michigan	156.00	100

Second Division

Wisconsin	57.00	89
New York	652.00	75
Virginia	49.00	75
Minnesota	196.00	54
Ohio	535.00	51
Florida	52.00	51

Third Division

Illinois	196.00	48
Alabama	151.00	47

Third Division (Continued)

	1935-1936 Dues Quota	Per Cent
California	311.00	41
Georgia	49.00	34
Indiana	166.00	33
Iowa	206.00	32

Fourth Division

South Carolina	128.00	19
National Chapter	230.00	17
Pennsylvania	230.00	8
Tennessee	34.00	2
New Jersey	94.00	0
Oregon	27.00	0

What division is *your* Chapter in? If your Chapter holds claim to the First Division you have every reason to be happy and satisfied.

If your Chapter is in any other Division you should ask yourself this question, "Have I paid my dues?" If you are not a *contributing factor* in making your Chapter a First Division unit, pay your obligation to Rainbow at once.