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The President's Page

Rainbow in Reunion assembled having conferred upon my unworthy person the highest honor it has to bestow, your President enters the duties of his office with great joy and with deep humility. Joy in that he is privileged to be numbered with that long line of able and faithful leaders who have so well led Rainbow since its inception twenty-five years ago. Humility in that upon ascending to the highest office he immediately becomes Rainbow's chief servant and it is not more, but rather less, his than ever before. Having met in Reunion, renewed the Comradeship of former years and paid proper tribute to its sacred dead, Rainbow then returns to its normal work and strives to uphold the leader's hands, not because the hands are his, but because his hands are theirs. Let us all work together throughout the year to build a greater and finer Rainbow that we may be worthy of our departed Comrades who now form the other half of the Division and who look down upon us from Beyond the Veil.

To the end that Rainbow may be well served with maximum efficiency and minimum effort upon the part of loyal Rainbowers, gratuit-

ously giving of their time and talents, your President has made the following appointments:

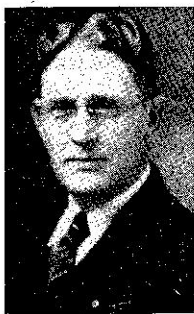
In consideration of his splendid record, his devotion to duty, his intimate knowledge of the duties of the office and the affectionate regard in which he is held by Rainbow, the President has asked to accept reappointment as Secretary, Edward C. Weitzel.

In consideration of his proven ability, his constructive foresight and his friendly cooperation with the office of Secretary in previous service, the President has asked to accept reappointment as Treasurer, Robert J. Hayward.

In consideration of his faithful service over a period of many years, his gracious willingness to serve whenever called upon to do so, and his bounteous giving of his legal talents in time of need, the President has asked to accept reappointment as Judge Advocate, Leland L. Whitney.

For the office of Sergeant-at-Arms into whose custody at Reunion is given the sacred Battle Flag of Rainbow, the President has selected that ardent Rainbower, R. Allen Gibbons.

All of the above have accepted their assignments. AL HOYT.



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A national association of veterans of the Rainbow (42nd) Division, to perpetuate that spirit of comradeship which was the greatest single factor in the success of the Division and to keep alive the memory of departed comrades.

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Rainbow's Roosters

On the evening of July 14, 1942, Al Hoyt succeeded Walker Colston as President of the National Association of Rainbow Division Veterans, and the latter joined the ranks of those who have been described by Barney Sullivan as the Tired Roosters. As these columns will be open during the succeeding year to the unlimited and unfatigued crowing of President Al, this paragraph will be devoted to one of those near-opts on Not-so-very-tired Rooster Walker Colston. Walker passed on to Al the reins of Rainbow with the Association in just about perfect condition; for Walker found Rainbow flourishing and turns it over in even more vigorous condition. We who best know Al realize how capably he will carry on. And your Editor, as one of those who best know Walker Colston, know WHY Rainbow has enjoyed such a successful year. As high-private in the

rear ranks, as chronic President of the Chapter, on and off committees Walker has been one of the tireless "Let's do it" workers who have made the D. C. a dynamic Chapter in Rainbow, and has, over the decades, displayed the keen interest in Rainbow-Local and Rainbow-National that prepared him to do the swell job he performed as National President. In that he expanded the membership, stimulated the enthusiasm, and promoted the harmony, understanding and cooperation of Rainbow nationally he merely fulfilled the expectations of his friends. Because he did a great job we're proud of him, and because he's a grand pal we love him. Here's looking at you, Walker.

YOUR NEW PRESIDENT

There are probably few men in Rainbow who need introduction to our readers less than newly-elected National President Charles Albert Hoyt. During the three years in which he held office as National Secretary, Al was in constant touch with Chapter Officers and active Rainbowners in every part of the nation; and a frequent visitor at Rainbow functions in various sections. And Al was merely continuing a correspondence he had long maintained before holding office, as a Rainbowner with a keen and affectionate interest in Rainbow and Rainbowners everywhere. Your Editor, for example, has been in correspondence with him for a good dozen years. His quizzical smile has been seen at every Reunion we can remember, and he could always be depended upon to add solid weight to Rainbow counsel. His comment in committee meetings has always been pithy, pointed and well informed; sometimes caustic but always good humored. Few men have brought to the presidency as comprehensive an experience and acquaintance with the ramifications of our Association in all places.

Charles Albert is a native of Toledo, Ohio, a resident of Cleveland, and a one-time medico with the 166th Infantry. He first saw service with the old First Ambulance Company of the Ohio National Guard in 1913, at Lancaster, and he served on the Mexican Border with this outfit in 1916 in the El Paso District, as a member of the 10th Provisional Division (first completely assembled and equipped division to parade as a unit since Civil War days). Al went back into the service with the 166th Infantry in July, 1917, and served with the regiment without a single days' interruption until September 1918 when he became an instructor on the Division Staff in the Medical Branch of the Chemical Warfare Service. Scheduled for a commission in the Sanitary Corps, the Armistice held him in status quo.

Al's civilian occupation is Traveling Freight Agent for the New York Central Railroad. But he majors in his avocation; that of being an ardent worker for the Association he has always loved and now heads.

Proceedings of the Orlando Reunion

OPENING SESSION

The 24th National Reunion of the Rainbow Division Veterans opened at 10 a.m., July 13, 1942, at the San Juan Hotel, Orlando, Florida, with President Walker H. Colston presiding. Sergeant-at-Arms Dave Wiley advanced the Colors, and Chaplain John A. Callan delivered the invocation. Reunion Chairman Barney Sullivan introduced members of his committee, State Hotel Commissioner and Rainbower Hunter Johnson; and Orlando Police Chief Roy Larson. The latter two spoke briefly in welcome, and Past President Glossbrenner responded for the membership. Mrs. Helen Sullivan, Auxiliary Reunion Chairman, and Past Presidents Dan Glossbrenner, Col. Cooper Winn, Lawrence Gibbs, Elmer Neagle and Bill Nevius each spoke briefly. Several officials of the Florida American Legion then spoke, and National Auxiliary President Helen Davidson addressed the assembly, and called on Past Presidents Nora Thynne and Lily Mae Weitzel.

Reveille Committee. President Colston appointed a Reveille Committee consisting of Elmer Neagle, John Brenner and Joe Cardio.

President's Report. President Colston reported the membership at its highest paid-up level since its organization, and expressed his thanks to National and Chapter officers and Executive Committeemen for their loyal support, and to the membership for their splendid cooperation. He reported visiting twenty different Rainbow functions in different parts of the country, including affairs in Philadelphia, Lancaster, Chicago, Red Bank, Detroit, New York City, Camp Mills, Baltimore, Birmingham, Orlando, Miami, Newark, Columbus and Indianapolis. He advised that the Long Island Monument has been placed, dedicated, and paid for with the assistance of State and Chapter organizations, as well as individual aid. One Rainbower in particular, anonymous by his request, gave especially substantial aid. President Colston reported the purchase of a handsome solid gold "Permanent Honorary President's Badge" to be forwarded for presentation to General Douglas MacArthur. He advised that the annual Rainbow Broadcast on February 21 had been rebroadcast by short wave to General MacArthur and his troops, who were then still holding out at Bataan. President Colston extended his warm thanks to his appointive staff, Secretary Ed Weitzel, Treasurer Bob Hayward, and Judge Advocate Leland Whitney, who, he said "... would do credit to a cabinet much more important today than is ours of Rainbow." He expressed his appreciation for the privilege of having worn the new and beautiful President's medallion, and pledged his loyal devo-

tion to the successor to whom he would pass it on. The President's report was accepted with acclaim.

Secretary's Report. Secretary Ed Weitzel reported a new high in paid membership, with an increase of 490 members to achieve a total of 4242 paid-up members, a figure of particular interest and significance. He advised that 15 states had established new all-time high peak records over any previous year. He reported the organization of five new Chapters, in Shenandoah, Iowa; Seattle, Washington; Sioux City, Iowa; Atlanta, Georgia; and Newark, New Jersey. Six Chapters previously inactive were rejuvenated during the year and passed into the active list. Rainbow interest in Washington, Oregon, Kentucky, Kansas and the New England states was reported to be stimulated. He reported 11 issues of The Reveille mailed to the entire mailing list of 12,000 names. Ten issues were paid for by the Association and the Reunion issue by the Florida Reunion Corporation. He described the Year Book published during the year which contained the revised Constitution, Directory of National Officers, and an interesting resume of past administrations dating back to the organization of the National Association in Bad Neuhahr, in March, 1919. He reported an economical administration of the Secretary's Office despite a considerable increase in the volume of correspondence, an increase which has been steadily maintained for many years. On the subject of merchandise handled by the Secretary, he said that the entire supply of Rainbow Histories had been exhausted and no more will be obtainable. Four hundred and ninety-five lapel buttons were sold during the year and 843 wind-shield decals. Handled primarily as a service to the membership, these items nevertheless showed a profit to the Association. The Secretary visited numerous out-of-town Rainbow gatherings during the year. He notified the Association that his official records do not contain the minutes of the Reunions held at Birmingham, Minneapolis, Indianapolis, Columbia, Chicago (1923), New York, Des Moines, Columbus, and Baltimore. He asked that these be forwarded to the National Secretary by whomever may be holding them. Numerous records of importance to our Association are incomplete because these minutes are not available. Secretary Weitzel expressed his appreciation for the cooperation of National and Chapter Officers and Executive Committeemen, and particularly of President Colston, Treasurer Hayward and Editor Rodier. The Secretary's report was adopted, and a standing vote of thanks for his outstanding services to Rainbow was given.

Charters. On motion of Secretary Weitzel the Reunion then voted the issuance of Charters to the five Chapters before enumerated.

Reveille. The Reveille Committee previously appointed then recommended the re-appointment of Editor Harold B. Rodier, and the publication of 10 issues by the Association, whether the Reunion Host Chapter sponsored a Reunion issue or not. It urged that each state designate a Reveille correspondent and that contributions from the states be sent in regularly and promptly. On motion of Chairman Neagle the report of the committee was unanimously adopted. The session then adjourned with a benediction and the retirement of the Colors.

FINAL SESSION

The second session was opened by President Colston on Tuesday, July 14, with the invocation delivered by Chaplain Callan's guest, Rabbi Skop. Secretary Weitzel read various telegrams and letters from Rainbowers, in spirit answering the roll call. Rainbower Jim Barney of Miami, Florida State President Louis French, and Walter Breheney of New York each spoke briefly. The latter presented Corono Coronas to those present, through the courtesy of the Prince Edward Company of Tampa.

Memorial Committee. Chairman Callan submitted the Memorial Committee's recommendation that all Chapter secretaries promptly notify the National Secretary of the death of Rainbowers in their vicinity, giving complete information for the National Memorial file. It was also recommended that the Rainbow Burial Service prepared by Leland L. Whitney be adopted for use by the Association, and that copies of the same be prepared and sent to each Chapter at the expense of the National Association. The committee further recommended that the custom be revived of holding a 15-minute memorial service for our departed comrades during each Annual Reunion. The report of the Memorial Committee and its recommendations were unanimously adopted.

Auditing Committee. Chairman Marx Rosenthaler turned in a classic report, containing the annual denunciation of the annual 30-cent shortage (subsequently acknowledged to be only the annual vain effort to put the squeeze on the Secretary-Treasurer for lunch for the committee). The committee found all records and funds to be in perfect order, and praised the fiduciary officers of the Association for their painstaking care in handling the organization's money and records. It made the recommendation, as a matter of principle, that these officers be bonded in the sums of \$2,000 and \$5,000, respectively, for the Secretary and Treasurer. Chairman Rosenthaler also strongly recommended that the Executive Committee be urged to consider changing the fiscal year of the Association to end on June 30, so that the financial reports of the Secretary and

Treasurer may be completed before the annual audit, instead of it being necessary to audit them while the fiscal year is "in motion". The report and recommendations of the Auditing Committee were unanimously approved, and President Colston offered the thanks of the Association to Marx Rosenthaler for his valuable service to Rainbow.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Bob Hayward then submitted his annual report, the highlights of which were an increase of \$1,217.96 in the Association's funds over the preceding year, and the purchase of two \$1,000 Victory Bonds out of the funds of the Association. The receipts and disbursements reported for the year were as follows:

Receipts	
Balance 1940-41	\$2,101.10
Dues	4,351.00
Lapel Buttons	344.85
Decalcomanias	101.95
Charter Certificates	11.25
Histories	69.00
History rebate from F. J. Heer Co.	85.50
Donations	8.81
Overpayments	2.70
Miscellaneous	14.00
Interest on deposit in savings bank	20.00
	\$7,110.16
Expenditures	
Secretary's Postage	\$ 185.00
Reveille	2,290.00
Membership cards and stationery	233.50
Secretary's Office Supplies	50.00
Secretary's Stenographic Expense	400.00
Secretary's Allowance	96.87
Histories for Association	25.00
History Income Disbursed	69.00
History rebate paid to Chapters	59.50
Lapel Buttons	164.72
Decalcomanias	55.17
President's Medal	77.08
Floral Wreath Camp Mills Monument	25.00
Overpayments Refunded	2.70
Printing and Mailing 1941 Year Book	55.50
Chapters Certificates	8.50
Miscellaneous	93.56
	\$3,791.10
Funds on Hand	
Cash in Brooklyn Trust Co.	\$1,133.41
Cash in Roosevelt Savings Bank	540.00
Two \$1000 War Bonds at Cost	1,480.00
Monies received at Orlando	165.65
1941-42 Balance	\$3,319.06

The Treasurer's report was adopted, and President Colston extended the congratulations and appreciation of the Association for Treasurer Hayward's faithful services during the year.

Budget and Finance. The Committee on Finance and Budget, through Chairman Al Hoyt, submitted the following proposed budget for the ensuing Rainbow year:

BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT	
Postage	\$ 225.00
President and Treasurer Expenses	250.00
Reveille	2,200.00
Stationary and Membership Cards	200.00
Office Supplies	100.00
Secretary Stenographic Allowance	450.00
Secretary's Allowance	200.00
Emergency	875.00
	\$4,500.00

The foregoing budget was unanimously adopted on motion of the Chairman.

Credentials Committee. Chairman Alan B. Stout reported for the credentials committee that the statement of paid membership submitted by the Secretary was found correct; his report was adopted by the Reunion.

Constitution and By-Laws. The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws offered the following proposed amendment to the Constitution: "... to Article 6, Section 1, there be added the following:

"except during the period of a war, or National Emergency in which the United States is engaged, when the Executive Committee shall have the power to designate the place, date and nature of the Annual Reunion."

It was explained that the purpose of the foregoing amendment was to regularize the authority of the Executive Committee to make any changes in Reunion arrangements which were dictated by the exigencies of the war. The amendment was adopted as proposed by a unanimous vote of the Reunion.

Resolutions. Chairman Lawrence Gibbs, who had also acted as Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, presented resolutions thanking the City of Orlando and the State of Florida for contributing to an outstanding Reunion; a resolution similar in vein to the Reunion Corporation and the Officers and Membership of the Orlando and other Florida Chapters; to the local and state Legion posts for their cooperation and hospitality; and to the members of the Orlando Air Base who had contributed so generously of their time and talent in entertaining the Reunion. It also presented a resolution congratulating President Colston and his official family for a highly successful year, and expressing the appreciation of Rainbow for the enviable record he had established. These resolutions were duly passed as offered. Colonel Bill Talbot then offered from the floor a resolution urging that the Association petition President Roosevelt to designate General MacArthur to command the Eastern Front expected to be established in Europe. After some debate from which it was apparent that everyone present felt the most earnest conviction that General MacArthur is beyond doubt the man they would most dearly love to see in such a position of command, the resolution failed to pass, obviously on the expressed proposition that military decisions of the Commander-in-Chief should not be the subject of petitions from a body such as ours.

Time and Place. The Committee on Time and Place, Colonel Cooper Winn, Chairman, reported that the Illinois Chapter, the Mayor, and the Chamber of Commerce had extended an invitation that the Reunion be held in Chicago, Illinois, in 1943. The Committee recommended acceptance of this invitation, with the understanding that the Executive Committee shall advise the Illinois Chapter not later than March 1, 1943, of the nature and extent of the Reunion recommended. The Committee also urged that the strongest con-

sideration be given to the invitation of the Des Moines, Iowa, Chapter, that the first post-war Reunion be held in their city. A similar invitation was presented from the Indiana State Chapter. On motion of Col. Winn the recommendation of the Committee was adopted, and Chicago was awarded the 1943 Reunion, the time to be later designated.

Nominations. Past President Bill Nevius submitted the report of the nominating committee, as follows:

For Honorary President—Walker H. Colston.
For President—Albert C. Hoyt
For Vice President—Eskil Bjork
For Vice President—John Tyson
For Vice President—Phillip Lacey
For Vice President—O. E. Hickman
Chaplain—John A. Callan

Executive Committee Term ending 1945:

John Brenner, Bill Talbot, Joe Justad, Ed Riekert, Bill Carroll, Raymond Ramsey, P. E. Radcliffe, Art Slattery, Ed Weitzel, Leo Roberts.

The report of the nominating committee was approved, following which Chairman Nevius moved that nominations be closed and that the slate offered by the committee be declared elected. The same was carried unanimously and the aforesaid officers were escorted to the platform and congratulated by President Colston.

Auxiliary. At this point Auxiliary President Helen Davidson introduced President-elect Hazel Wright, Vice President Evelyn Dandridge, Secretary Minnie Fisher and Sergeant-at-Arms Marian Cable, officers-elect.

President Hoyt. President Colston presented President-elect Hoyt to the assembly, and the latter spoke movingly of what he described as a "...very happy and very sober occasion . . .", expressing his appreciation of the honor he had received, and pledging to carry on in the traditions of his splendid predecessors. Following this talk President Colston called a recess as Past President Monroe Johnson was momentarily expected and it was desired that the Reunion be given an opportunity to hear from him. Following the recess various matters were discussed, including a proposed resolution from Comrade Dandridge on the subject of committee representation and procedure. The resolution lost on a rising vote. Colonel Monroe Johnson then stirred the assembly with an address which brought the delegates to their feet. The meeting was thereupon declared adjourned, and closed with a benediction by Chaplain Callan and the retiring of the Colors.

Want a Reunion Badge and Program?

Reunion Chairman Barney Sullivan advises that a number of Reunion Registration Kits containing a Reunion Badge, Souvenir Program, etc. are available, and may be obtained for 50c to cover cost of mailing, handling, etc. Address Barney Sullivan, Court House, Orlando, Florida.

Highlights and Lowlights of Orlando Reunion

President Colston's recessing of final business session pending arrival of Colonel J. Monroe Johnson for the usual inspiring remarks . . . President-Elect Hoyt's visit to the tontorial artist immediately following his election to the top spot . . . Larry Gibbs attending the first reunion since 1932 in Los Angeles when he was Mr. President . . . Dan Glossbrenner's most apropos remark, "This is the kissingest reunion ever." . . . Long-distance phone call from Meyer Levy, George Seaman and gang during the annual banquet . . . Ed Weitzel's perfect modulation when reading the ever-increasing Champagne Hour list . . . Barney and Helen Sullivan, Harold and Sandra Stein as well as all other "Orlandoans" busy as bees endeavoring to entertain and please all visitors . . . Eddie Riekert entertaining royally, assisted by units of the "Clown" band from Miami . . . Jim Barney's change to shorts so as to appear the same guy to his many visiting friends . . . Garrett (Lt. Col.) Olds being greeted by a host of friends and admirers . . . Keith (1st Lt.) Gregg stationed in Miami arrived and departed via plane . . . Bill (Capt.) Moore joining the gang each evening after his daily duties at the O.A.B. . . . The hurried departure of Jack Clarke was result of telegram advising of a Baltimore blackout . . . The very swell "Ed Cooke's" on hand as usual with their lovely little pal, Jane Weber . . . The A-No.-1 wisecrack is recorded in the name of Harold Rodier who noted that the Angebilt thermometer recorded the D. C. temperature at 62 and claimed that he should return home to start the winter heating apparatus . . . Marx Rosenthaler's clever and witty auditors' report re a 30-cent overage . . . Bill Nevius keeping intact his consecutive record of attending the twenty-four annual reunions . . . Past Presidents Cooper Winn and Elmer Neagle on the job as usual . . . "Col. Bill" Talbot from (rap-rap-rap) the heart of Texas renewing old friendships . . . National Chaplain John Callan holding a jam-session with Past National Chaplain Harry Carter who served as the Birmingham reunion chairman in '20 . . . Lloyd Wright being referred to by his close friends as Mr. Hazel Wright after the auxiliary election . . . Bob Hayward and Arthur Slattery heading the "New Jolsey" delegation of sixteen . . . Bob Reno and Gene Halpin of the world's greatest and world's largest Rainbow Chapters talking things over calmly . . . State President Bill Rheney extolling the virtues of Florida limes to Exec. Committeemen Joe Cardio, Abe Stout, Henry Wood and John Brenner . . . Louise Carroll, Phil Lacey and Ernest Pritchett from Ozark, Birmingham and Montgomery (Alabam) discussing the weather with Pittsburgh Randolph, Philadelphia Letzer and the Des Moines Davidsons . . . All visitors going for Bill Sharkey's lime merangue pie in a great big way . . . Bill Kay, Bernie Rhodes and "Ziggle" Silverberg leaving for a visit

to the Dixie Hotel in Daytona operated by Rainbowners Ernie and Robbie Thiel . . . Past Presidents Nora Thynne and Lily Mae Weitzel discussing some auxiliary problem about a dime or a reasonable facsimile . . . Dave Wiley practically living with the colors as National Sergeant-at-Arms . . . Secretary's report showing membership of 4,242, an increase of 490. Treasurer's report showing increase of over \$1,200 in general fund . . . Thank you, and 30. G.T.R.

RAMBLINGS OF A DAZED REUNIONEER

Barney Sullivan in no less than 42 places at the same time, anticipating every possibility . . . Barney, you know, is the guy who worked three days in Birmingham and four days in Atlantic City for the privilege of spending five sleepless days and nights in Orlando . . . the warm weather of Florida but the even warmer hospitality of the grand people of that State . . . the night ride in the patrol wagon commanded by Al Hoyt and Harold Rodier . . . J. Monroe Johnson's remarks at the Rotary Club luncheon that that was one time when Al and Harold detained the police . . . the sunshine committee organized by the Reunion chairman . . . John Brenner and others who served on this committee, getting to bed at 3 a.m. and summoned an hour later to meet the Virginia delegation . . . Walker Colston's streamlined efficiency in streamlining the Reunion . . . Marx Rosenthaler's fruitless search for thirty cents, which wasn't even lost . . . when better auditing committee reports are written, Marx will write them . . . the temporary mist on Sunday afternoon which failed entirely to break up the services in Eola Park . . . the pet alligator which charming Helen Sullivan paraded on a leash . . . Abe Stout's reaction when he saw the 'gator . . . Abe jumped upon a chair and screamed "My God, the doctor was right; he told me not to drink" . . . Bob Taylor, who stayed behind in Orlando a few days, getting acquainted with his dad, a truly fine gentleman . . . the spontaneous applause that greeted Ed Weitzel's report the membership for the year just ended totaled 4242, showing the greatest gain of any year in the last seven . . . the approval of the Reunion that last year's administration invested in \$2,000 in U. S. War Bonds . . . the pet monkey seen frequently in the company of Jim Barney . . . the symbolic and majestic Rainbow which lighted the heavens on Wednesday evening . . . the wise selections of the nominating committee, headed by Bill Nevius . . . the pleasant surprise that greeted us in this morning's mail . . . it was a gracious card signed by Lew French, Harold Stein, Barney and Helen, thanking us for our attendance at the Reunion . . . Boys and Girl, we thank YOU for the grand-

est time we ever had. See you in Chicago next year!—EMIL.

We had a very fine Reunion and for some time I thought Barney Sullivan wasn't on the level when he told us about the temperature; however, I arrived home with the thermometer so high I wished I were back in Florida. They at least had orange and grapefruit juice in abundance, and if my memory serves me correctly, they poured something white from a bottle into the punch bowl. Of course this could have been something to purify it, or California water, something like chlorine. I did notice the boys talked louder after the tenth glass—one Rainbower from New York became allergic to bicycles after drinking a few and it was a job keeping him on the sidewalk.

There was the self-appointed "Florida Sunshine Club," probably encouraged by California, to see that you were up at seven, more especially if you went to bed at five.

And then the parade. Do you remember how many couldn't walk four blocks? Well, after some Ponce de Leon's water they did it at five in the morning. The Army did it on rubber heels—did you hear our gang?

As usual Abe Stout gets lost on the train on the way home. A few Alabama boys went fishing and to prove the Florida lakes have fish I was invited to a fish dinner; eight-pound bass are good eating anywhere Alabama.

The Army shows, the Clown Band, Room 1104, the Parade, the Barbeque, the Legion Dance and Champagne Hour, etc., are now fond memories of our Florida Reunion which was a huge success.—J. D. B.

Yea, Sullivan, yea, Sullivan, eeyow, Orlando. What a Reunion! And what a calamity it might have been for Bob Taylor had he not pulled the bellcord of the train as it was leaving the fair city without discharging passenger Bob at the station. Wealthy Hoyt was heard to complain (the dimples were in evidence, however) that the tree under which she took refuge through the shower which came up during the Sunday afternoon services, must have leaked. Do we owe a debt of gratitude to two well-known Rainbowers from Illinois and Indiana who "brushed off" Larry Gibbs with such finesse that the gentleman from California has vowed to make the trip to Chicago next year to be avenged. . . . How we pity the poor swain who sighed that he would have to don an Alabama cap before

he could hope to gain favor in the eyes of Louise Carroll . . . Camille Neagle, the perfect hostess at home and abroad . . . Classic cracks of the Reunion from the unpredictable Reveille Editor, Harold Rodier, to the south-bound Pullman conductor, "I'll have it understood, sir, that I've been thrown out of better Pullmans than this, one that was on time." . . . How everyone missed the Frews and the many other regulars whose absence was so keenly regretted . . . The Olds, Lieut. Col. Garrett W. (the man with the widest smile in Rainbow) and Ivy Anne and the Moores, Captain Bill and Pearl, the boys, friends since childhood had served together in the last war and now in the service again, met in Orlando after years of separation . . . The lovely little lady whose first thought is the welfare of others and thereby retains the love and affection of all, Irene Colston . . . The husky Eddie Reickert who lost his shirt (we really mean lost it) wearing one of John Brenner's and resembling a sausage escaping from its skin . . . Orchids to that fine group of young soldiers from the Orlando Air Base who provided such splendid entertainment . . . And orange blossoms to Doc Brinklow and his band and to all the Floridians who put on such a marvelous Reunion . . . Your scribe signs off with the significant symbol. P.P.A.

Editor Signed Up Again

With sincere appreciation your Editor acknowledges the honor paid him of continuation in office at the helm of The Reveille. It is a tough and onerous job, and the remuneration is largely brickbats; but we love it, for it has always carried with it an intimate association and contact with the greatest gang of guys we have ever known. Every hour of midnight toil has been rewarded with an hour of delightful companionship with comrades whose friendship has enriched your Editor's life. And we look forward to the coming year with a keen anticipation. Under President Al's leadership our Association is going to be a lovely and a lively outfit. At the end of a year its fenders will be battered and bent, its tires will be baldheaded, its carburetor staggering from the wild variety of fuel offered it. But it will have been places. Dear, dear yes. We can be very sure that it will have been places. And we're glad we will be on board.

CHATTER CONTRIBS WANTED

Copy for Chapter Chatter for the next issue should be in the Editor's hands by August 20, and the 20th of each month thereafter.

Rainbow Banquet in Pittsburgh August 22

A Rainbow Banquet will be held in Pittsburgh, Saturday night, August 22, at the Keystone Hotel, in connection with the Pennsylvania Department Convention of the American Legion, August 20 to 22. Rainbow veterans who are in Pittsburgh on this occasion are urged to attend this party. Please get in touch with State President Ralph (Randy) Randolph, at the Keystone Hotel, as soon as possible so that the proper arrangements may be made.

THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

Edward C. Weitzel, P.O. Box 42, Akron, Ohio



The Secretary's page in this issue is not written BY the Secretary; it is written ABOUT the Secretary. The Secretaries of organizations such as this are apt to be pretty anonymous; their modesty is commendable, but Rainbow has a genuine interest in these quiet, unassuming chaps who keep behind the scenes and make things tick. That is Ed Weitzel in a few words. He gets things

done; gets them done in time, done right, and without too much conversation. As National Secretary last year he did an outstanding job. The collection of 4242 dues, the sale of 495 lapel buttons and 843 windshield decals, the chartering of five chapters—these things involved a tremendous volume of correspondence, far more than most Rainbowers dream of. Literally thousands of lists need be prepared; thousands of records maintained, in connection with the successful functioning of the office of the National Secretary. And with it all the Secretary is the non-stop Membership Salesman of the organization, spending as freely of his enthusiasm as of his time. And the reward of the job is naught but the feeling of satisfaction that comes from a job well done.

But, Rainbowers, the fundamental purpose of this article is to bury Weitzel, not to praise him. We want to bury him during the next month or so with an avalanche of paid-up

memberships. There is nothing which is more helpful to the Secretary than to start the year right. You Chapter secretaries and treasurers who have already started collecting dues for the year, or who will have begun the collection of dues in the next few weeks; start sending in your remittance so that Ed Weitzel can get his books set up and the machinery in operation for the current Rainbow year. Your remittance will "prime the pump" and get the flow of dues functioning smoothly and quickly. And remember this: as soon as enough dues have come in to justify it, the Association will purchase another one of those \$1000 War Bonds. That is how its surplus is invested.

There are several ways in which the Chapter Officers can cooperate to make the National Secretary's work go smoother. One is to send in dues early; when Chapters let their dues accumulate and send them in in large "batches" it creates a tremendous job making out cards and doing the other necessary routine work. Sending them in as fast as they are collected "levels off" the work and is otherwise helpful.

The Secretary's life is also an easier one if Chapter secretaries will be careful in writing the names legibly (if lists are not typed). And be sure to include the member's current address. This is not only helpful, it is necessary in checking to see if the paid-up member is on the Reveille mailing list.

In remitting for merchandise please DO NOT SEND STAMPS!

Last year Ed Weitzel adopted the slogan, "Keep 'Em Coming." You fellows lived up to his slogan as he knew you would. So this year, "Start 'em coming and keep 'em coming." This year should be a great year in the life of our Association. Let's get it started!

(If you DO NOT BELONG TO A CHAPTER, use the following coupon)

Ed Weitzel, National Secretary, Rainbow Division Veterans
P. O. Box 42, Akron, Ohio

Dear Ed:—I am proud of being a Veteran of the Rainbow Division, and wish to join our Association. I inclose \$1.00; please send me my membership card and continue sending The Reveille to the following address:

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