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FROM YOUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

TRAVEL WEST - YOUR PRESIDENT AND THE MRS.

Just before leaving Detroit, Michigan, Oct. 3, 1949, a wire was received announcing the sudden and unexpected death of Edward P. Cook, Indianapolis, Indiana executive committeeman at large, one of the most loyal of all of the Division members. His collection of Rainbow mementos exemplifies his sincere interest in all Rainbow activities.

A stop was made at the home of Dan Glossbrenner, Rainbow Farms, Oaklanden, Indiana, where the night was spent and Edna Glossbrenner was the perfect hostess.

After visiting "Bennie" Cook and extending National condolences at the mortuary extending respect to the deceased, the drive to Kansas City, Mo. was resumed with an overnight stop at Columbia, Mo. Just before leaving we visited the Rainbow Room at the Indianapolis Memorial building and "Hook" Young came out of his way to see us.

Wednesday night Ruby Garrett and his charming wife had us for an excellent dinner. After dinner Rainbow affairs were reviewed with Ruby, Chester Miles, Carl Wilbrand, Robert Taylor, Clarence Lavery and David Ginter. The Kansas City chapter previously meeting four times a year, is contemplating meeting monthly as soon as space in the Legion building or the new Veterans building, a memorial to World War II Veterans is available.

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RAINBOW "BIG TIME" EVENTS

November 11 -- Birmingham, Alabama - Hotel Bankhead
Annual State Banquet

November 25 -- Detroit, Michigan - Fort Shelby Hotel
Thanksgiving Dance and Frolic

This space, or a similar space elsewhere in The Reveille, will be used each month for the purpose of announcing Rainbow "Big-Time" events to be held in the succeeding month. The responsibility of advising The Reveille of such events is upon the Rainbow Chapter holding the affair. All requests for such listing should be received not later than the 10th of the month preceding publication.

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FROM YOUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT (Continued from page 1)

The Memorial to World War I Veterans at Kansas City now the depository of Rainbow flags, and other valued mementos was visited Thursday morning. The executive head of the Memorial buildings, General Strayton, and Mr. Bartlett, custodian, discussed the plan of perpetuating our colors with your president and representatives of the Kansas City chapter.

A protecting envelope and a glassed in frame is being planned as soon as large enough sheets of cellophane are available and all the colors that Rainbow men hold dear are being well cared for.

After lunch with Robert and Laura Taylor, tracks were made for Tulsa, Okla. where the night was spent with Bill and Ruth Butts. Leonard Hill was over Thursday night and Friday noon and evening we were entertained by Rainbow of Tulsa.

Friday noon at Tulsa, lunch time meant breaking bread with Tode Anderson, 168th Inf., Amos Todd, 167th Amb., Bob Wilkins, 222nd Inf., Arthur Brock, 167th Amb., Clinton Sayles, 242nd Inf., Frank Whayman, 151st F.A., Wm. S. Butts, 117th Eng., L.

J. Hill, 117th Amb. Train, Paul Haverstrite, 167th Amb. The relative merits of the 151st F.A. and the 149th F.A. were reviewed without a final conclusion.

That night, at the Smiths' restaurant of Tulsa, Okla., forty ardent Rainbowners, representative of both wars had an excellent dinner. Following dinner a gang overflowed at the home of Leonard and Jean Hill.

Saturday morning the trek was made to conquer Oklahoma City and we were accompanied by Leonard Hill, Bill Butts and Ruth, Frode Anderson and Agnes. At the Biltmore that afternoon State matters, including the State Association problem were reviewed with Gen. Key, National Committeeman Henry Bootz, Chapter Pres. Vic Stengel, Billy Gee and Hall.

That night a large gathering of Rainbowners was held at the home of Gen. Key, in the midst of the oil wells, whose income makes it difficult to break the General when he opposes you in a poker game, although I had excellent support from World War II boys in my attempt.

Sunday afternoon, L. J. Hill and myself and wife visited Chaplain John Callan at his home at Duncan, Okla. He drove from Duncan, Okla. to Indianapolis, Indiana and back, to officiate at the funeral of Ed. Cook, who requested his help in passing through the door at the end of the Rainbow - Rainbow comradeship was exemplified.

Dallas, Texas was the next destination and that night "Nate" Bradley, the outstanding mechanic of the outstanding Battery C of the outstanding 149th of the outstanding 42nd Div. was on hand to greet the President and party. That evening a trip was made to the home of past State President, John Darnell and wife, where the present State President, Robert M. Gallaher and wife were present.

Monday night Dallas had a dinner for all who could come and forty or more were there. Texas is leading the drive for membership, thanks to the hard work of Theodore E. Jones, Dallas Sec'y and Walter G. Dick executive committeeman. Leonard J. Hill left the tour at Dallas and returned to work.

Bill Rochelle, Capt. of Co. D, had an excellent suggestion. All World II company commanders should designate a representative to arrange for company and battery reunions at Detroit, July 10th or 11th, preceding the National Reunion. All interested should notify the President.

At the request of Gallaher, Darnell, and Jones a stop was made at Big Springs, Texas to see about a chapter at the home of Co. D, 167th Supply Train. The boys of this company meet once a year and with a group of twenty four or more a local chapter is a "must."

Cecil L. Wasson, Alvie L. Woods and Dr. Chas. W. Deats promised your president to start the formation of a local chapter. As we grow older a stronger interest in the Rainbow organization is apparent. A former member of the 149th F.A. was found at Big Spring. J. E. Kitt lives at 705 Aylford and is on the sick list.

The next day a visit was enjoyed with Fred Cornelius at El Paso, Texas. He is looking fine and preaching Rainbow philosophy to all he can reach. All travelers through El Paso will be welcomed by Fred and his wife, Marian, at 3419 Nashville St. Marx Rosenthaler

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN . . . ?

Everytime two Rainbow men get together anywhere, there's a Reunion. When several hundred Rainbowers from both World War I and II get together in Detroit on July 12 - 14, 1950, there will be several hundred reunions occurring simultaneously with the official 32nd REUNION OF THE RAINBOW (42nd) DIVISION VETERANS. One of the finest things about Rainbow is its unique capacity for nurturing friendships that last.

The Michigan Chapter is beginning to bestir itself for the big event next July. The 1950 Reunion Corporation has been formed and chartered by the State. Sharon Cover has been appointed General Secretary of the Reunion, and the numerous committees are being activated. The all-important Finance Committee has been appointed with Dr. Arlington F. Lecklider as Chairman. Then, too, our National President, Marx Rosenthaler, is already out around the country beating the tom-tom for advance registration.

The year NINETEEN FIFTY marks the half-century mark. We, of Detroit, want to celebrate 1950 by having Rainbow, - the finest gang in the world. - as our guests. We are counting the months until we can give you the welcome that you have coming when you arrive in Detroit, next July.

Cordially,

William M. Gruener.

32nd Reunion Chairman.

RAINBOW BATTLEFIELDS REVISITED

By Frank H. Boos

The Aisne-Marne American Military Cemetery near the town of Fere-en-Tardenois by common consent has been considered to be the Rainbow Division's War I Cemetery for the good reason that most of the six thousand young men whose final resting place it is, were from our Division. A few of the dead of the Fifth, the 26th, and the 28th Divisions are buried here. All of its markers are of white marble - crosses for the Christians and six-pointed stars for the Jews. Approximately every twelfth marker bears the inscription: "Here rests an American soldier known only to God." This is not surprising when we remember under what circumstances we were compelled to bury our dead during the tragic days of July, 1918.

On May 7, 1938, when I visited the cemetery it was beautifully appointed and excellently maintained. Since that date, the Nazi hordes have twice swept over it, and although I had been previously advised that our World War I military cemeteries were not desecrated by the German military machine, I nevertheless entertained some apprehensions.

I again visited this Cemetery and

the adjoining battlefields on August 26th of this year. As I approached our cemetery I did so with some misgivings; more especially as I remembered that in the first few rows of markers were several Jewish stars. I was fearful that the young Nazis, maddened by defeat, and indoctrinated to destroy all vestiges of the Jewish people, might have committed acts of vandalism as they withdrew. This was especially true as five German army corps, more than a million men, in escaping General Patton's Third Army had poured through the narrow Aisne-Marne corridor.

Not a gravestone had been touched. Count Robert Antoine de Vogue, whose modest chateau at Mareuil-le-Port on the Marne River is but nine kilometers away, informed me that a German General Order forbade the destruction of any of the military cemeteries; and that during the occupation the Germans assigned French gardeners to maintain our cemetery.

The Foret de Fere and the smaller Foret de Nesles are slightly less dense than when we knew them, as all of the underbrush had been cut for firewood during the Nazi occupation. The Croix Rouge Farm, where the 165th Infantry performed its heroic and costly sacrifice, is a

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Under the able leadership of President Buck Somers the Chapter has gotten off to a good start in its Rainbow year. The first meeting was held in September at the Carlyle Hotel, a dinner honoring our perennial Treasurer, Irving (Ziggie) Silverberg. Ziggie has been a dependable wheelhorse in Rainbow for a quarter of a century, and it seems as tho he has been Treasurer for most of that time. Ziggie's technique in the collection of dues is admirably simple and direct. "Where the hell," he demands "is YOUR three bucks?" Yet Ziggie has a keen instinct that prevents his use of this approach when the question would be embarrassing. Ziggie's tenure as Treasurer was interrupted for a year when he was Chapter President, but thereafter took up the old burden again. The October meeting was held in the Press Club, and a number of long-time-no-see faces were seen - such as Sam Wilen (C-232d F.A.), Chas. O'Neal (165th F.H.), Bob Potter (165th F.H.), Bob Ellicott (C-142d Eng.), Don Richardson (Hq.-232d Inf.) and Geo. Mosier (149th F.A.). The meeting was largely devoted to discussing plans for the THANKSGIVING DANCE, to be held at the Statler Hotel on November 19th (the Saturday before Thanksgiving). A good attendance from out-of-town Rainbows is expected, and Chairman Romeo Faggiolo predicted success for the affair. **BILL YOUNGER**

MASSACHUSETTS The Massachusetts Chapter meets on Thursday, December 1, 1949 at the Hotel Vendome, Commonwealth Avenue, Boston at 8 P.M.

Col. Bolduc, the former C.O. of the 22nd Regiment attended our Massachusetts Chapter meeting of Thursday, Oct. 20th, 1949 and gave a very interesting talk about the 42nd Rainbow Division's work after the wars end in Europe. Many of the World War II at the meeting knew personally of the heroic exploits of the heavily decorated Col. Bolduc of the Rainbow Division. Col. Bolduc brought back fond memories to both WW I and II when he mentioned many places that were known to Rainbows of both wars.

Rainbow Fraser reported as to what went on at the National Convention in New York City. There were about fifteen members from the Massachusetts Chapter at the National Convention.

A. P. MILAUSKAS

MICHIGAN August, September and October have been great months with Michigan Rainbow highlighted with many interesting events. Our August Picnic at Bob-Lo Park was tops, for the oldest as well as the youngsters; the September meeting was a sell out to honor (our own) President Rosenthaler who gave a fine report on Rainbow Nationally and at our October meeting we were privileged to enjoy a most interesting talk, with Signal Corps movies, on the subject of Guided Missiles by Col. Kenneth Butterfield, U.S. A.R. In short Michigan is off to a great start.

Our Rainbow sponsored Fall Carnival, known as Reunion Project No. 1, was a great financial success and the Ladies of the Auxiliary netted a tidy sum from the operation of their hot dog, coffee and coke concession. Our Thanksgiving Dance and Frolic, November 25th in the Coral Room of the Hotel Fort Shelby is Reunion Project No. 2 with Bill Hemme, Chairman, and a fine committee in charge. If you're in the vicinity don't miss. For Michigan Rainbows - IT'S A MUST.

October 27th the Ann Arbor Rainbows will host the Jackson men of the Rainbow and President Cover and a large delegation from Detroit will attend the outstate "kick-off." Two other outstate meetings in the making will be at Lansing and Grand Rapids in the near future. The Prez is spearheading outstate activities and chapter formations, where possible, is on the agenda.

Happy to report that Joe Connolly, a recent victim of a hit and run accident, resulting in amputation of his left leg below the knee, is coming along fine and convalescing at U.S. Veterans' Facility, Dearborn, Michigan. A card or letter to room 708 will help a heap so don't delay....Gov. Brucker just appointed a member of the American Bar Association committee on professional ethics and grievances....Jerry Kohn, more recently a member of the Indiana State Chapter, is now a resident of Detroit, a



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paid up member of the chapter and busy on a committee....Frode Andersen and Bill Butts, both of Tulsa, are now members of the Michigan Chapter ALSO.... First Reunion Hotel reservations in from Lawrence and Frances Wood, William T. Gee of Oklahoma City followed by the Andersens of Tulsa. Great State Oklahoma....Fine reports from Marx, on his Rainbow trip to the coast, indicate interesting meetings enroute, peak interest and assurance of our largest attended national reunion in Detroit come next July. The Company Clerk

OHIO Ohio Chapter's membership is rolling right along. To date there are 358 members paid-up. The chapters are working hard to have most of the members listed before Armistice Day. The secretaries in most chapters have been on the ball since the reunion in June. This is quite a help to the second vice president of the state association, Lloyd H. Lea, who is membership chairman. The officers for the year are Harry J. SirLouis, Route 2, Mansfield, president; William F. Siegroth, 2634 Beekman St., Cincinnati, first vice president and Lloyd H. Lea, 920 Woodsdale Ave., Toledo, second vice president. William C. Mead is serving his second year as chaplain, and Everett (Red) Brooks is sergeant-at-arms for the third year. These officers are working hard for a banner year in Ohio. One of the oldest members of the 166th Inf., Thomas E. (Baldy) Hardman, of San Diego, California, who had passed his eightieth birthday died in the U. S. Navy Hospital in that city recently, of a heart attack. We have two Ohio men on the executive committee in the National Ass'n - Mel Horne who represents the state and George Walters who is committeeman at large. CARL THIMMES

OKLAHOMA At our annual meeting in June Amos Todd was elected President for the year. Roy Blackford and Bob Wilkins Vice-Presidents. For years Amos has been one of the mainstays of Tulsa Chapter. Roy and Bob are both from world war 2. We started the year's activities with an ice cream party at the Butts' in August. Next was the annual fall picnic at the Dale's home south of town. Both events were well attended and, as usual, successful in every respect. Of course, the main event of the year was the visit of President Marx and Mrs. Rosenthaler

last week. We entertained them at a luncheon at noon and a dinner meeting October 7. The evening event brought out 45 members and their wives - composed of eight couples of the younger Rainbowers. Marx, in his talk, did a lot to stimulate interest in Rainbow.

We regret very much to lose Clinton and Mrs. Sayles (242nd Inf.). Clinton is being transferred to Canada.

Richard Alberty and Mrs. Alberty (142nd Eng.) are additions to our chapter. Mike Lovitt is recovering from a heart attack suffered on June 4. Art Cochran and Hap Gruenberg (167th Amb.) are back in the fold after an absence of several years. Several Rainbowers from this area are planning to attend the February meeting in Chicago and the National Reunion in Detroit. We have just learned John Gainer (167th Amb.) passed away suddenly in Washington on Sept. 17th and was buried in Arlington.

LEONARD HILL

TEXAS On October 10, Texas Chapter was host to National President Marx Rosenthaler. Climaxing a full, busy day in the interests of Rainbow with a dinner in the Rainbow Room of the Stoneleigh, we were inspired by the optimism and hope he held forth for Rainbow in '50.

On learning of the Texas Chapter quota for 1949-1950, we were in a position to report that our current membership drive had already brought us up to about 85% of our quota. As a matter of fact, our present membership is more than eight per cent higher than it has ever been before in the thirty-one years of Rainbow.

Attending the dinner, in addition to National President and Mrs. Rosenthaler, Texas Chapter President and Mrs. Mac Gallaher, and National Vice President and Mrs. Ted Jones, was National Committeeman Leonard Hill, who had accompanied the Rosenthalers here from Oklahoma. Also in attendance were numerous Texas Chapter Rainbowers, many accompanied by their wives and several from out of town.

The National President was introduced by our Texas Chapter President, and upon completion of his address, WW II Rainbower William J. Rochelle, Jr. gave a very interesting resume of the WW II Rainbowers' interest in -- and attitude toward -- the Rainbow Division Veterans Association. Y'dorter been there.

EVERETTE HALE

Father Duffy Material Wanted

I am completing the collection of material for a biography of Father Duffy. I should appreciate hearing from anyone who has any personal recollections, or any information, any letters by or relating to him.

TERESA VARNI,

80 Ingraham Place, Newark, N. J.

Rainbow Battlefields Revisited

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cluster of rebuilt buildings and still known as the Croix Rouge Farm. Meurcy Farm has been rebuilt and is occupied by the family who owned it before World War I. Bois Colas, Bois Brule, Bois Pelger, Les Jomblets, and De la Planchette are small clusters of wooded areas which give no sign of having been the places of concentration of the deadly IVth Imperial Prussian Guard Division commanded by Prince Eitel Friedrich, the Kaiser's son, and also of the 201st German, the 10th Landwehr and the 6th Bavarian Divisions.

Completely rebuilt, the villages of Nesles, Seringes, and bloody Sergy and Villers-sur-Fere smiled in the August sun. Dead Horse Woods outside of the village of Seringes, which for three days the rear echelon of the 149th Illinois Field Artillery shared with a hundred dead and distended German horses, a few dozen bloated dead Prussian guardsmen and ten million carrionflies, is now a picnic ground for the villagers on Sundays and holidays. Tuillerie Farm has been rebuilt and is occupied, which is also true of the Chateau de Nesles.

Hill 184, where the 166th Infantry sustained such staggering losses, Hill 288, behind whose crest the 149th Illinois Field Artillery fired continuously for three days and nights, and Hill 212, which the 168th Iowa Infantry captured at great sacrifice, are lush and prosperous wheat fields.

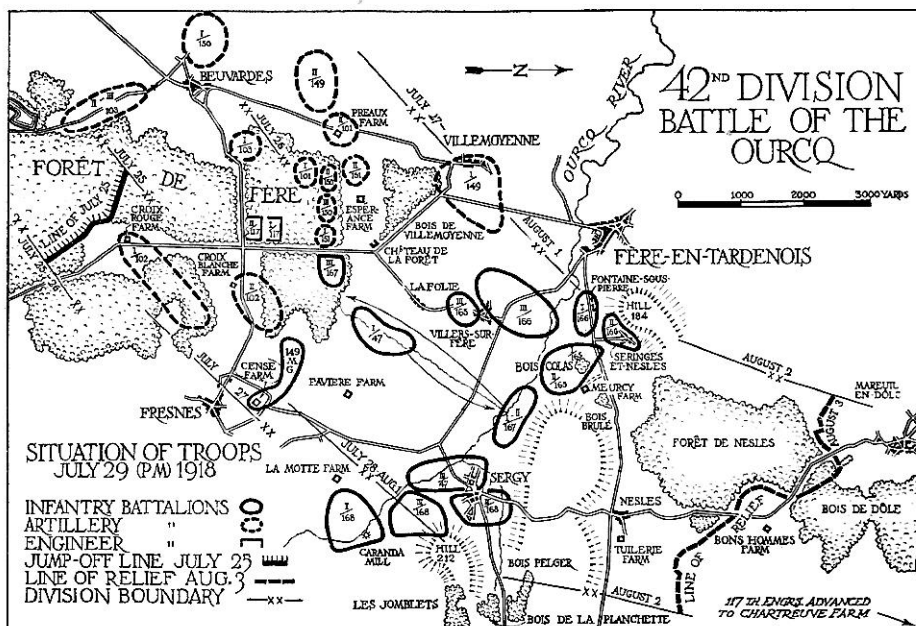
Walking through Seringes-et-Nesles, I was able to identify the spot where the

German shell exploded which nearly took my life and could still trace the position taken in the southwest portion of the village where Lieut. Cohen of the 1st Battalion of our machine guns first established a foothold in the outskirts of that village, which, by the way, changed hands four times in thirty-six hours.

There are still vestiges of some of the gun emplacements along the highways. The little River Ourcq still purls placidly toward her elder sister, the Marne, as does the wider but still shallow River Vesle. The retreating Nazi armies left this pastoral countryside unmarked by war, contenting themselves with the destruction of the bridges over the Marne and of the railroad yard at Fere-en-Tardenois. The France we knew and loved and fought for endures unchanged. Tall farmers in their wooden shoes still guide the three-horse wagons across the lush fields and tall farmers' wives still do the gleaning and the manuring, and the village priest tucks up his cassock and assists in the harvest. In the main, the houses and public buildings were rebuilt on exactly the sites occupied by the destroyed structures we knew.

I found it almost impossible to realize as I stood overlooking this pastoral scene of sleepy villages, quiet woods and well-tilled farms that our Rainbow Division alone had expended in killed and wounded 184 of its officers and 5,469 of its enlisted men in an area smaller than our township.

FRANK H. BOOS



News & Views of World War II's

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Since the beginning of this Rainbow year we have been deluged with chapter newspapers and newsletters. In our humble opinion, this medium of information to Rainbowners is much better than any other presently employed by chapters.

We saw the Illinois Chapter's "Swazacans" last year and see that it is a magnificent medium; then last month we gave an honorable mention to the San Francisco Chapter's publication. Now, we want to say a few words about "The Observation Post," published by Michigan State Chapter, host of the 1950 Reunion.

The three-page newspaper appears to be a real membership booster. There is news for the entire chapter, a trifle for the WW II men by Bill Sak, associate editor of the "Post," and an entire section devoted to the Chapter Auxiliary. G. I. Williams, editor, and his staff are doing a noteworthy job of spreading good will among chapter members.

From its pages, we are snatching a few items to pass on to our readers. There was an item about Basil Butler (542d F. A. Med. Det.), who was hit on the lines and came home totally paralyzed. After three long years he is almost fully recovered and is attending medical school at the University of Iowa. As Bill Sak writes, "some real guts this lad is possessed of and ambition no end—wife and three kiddies, too, and he's going to be a doctor." Brother, you "ain't" kidding!

Here's another—Johnny Wojtusik (222d Inf.) operates his own tavern in Jackson, Michigan.

We had a letter from Werner E. Newman (Div. Hq. and H3B, 222d Inf.), who was graduated from the Illinois Institute of Technology last February as an electrical engineer. He is now with the Audio Development Company in Minneapolis, Minn., as a design engineer.

Werner has a problem. He is anxious to obtain the address of a Lieutenant Tucker, who was with General Collins in Europe the last time he heard from him. Should Lt. Tucker see this column, or if anyone knows his whereabouts, write Werner care of the Audio Development Co., 2833 13th Avenue South, Minn.

Just recently we received a similar request from Walter B. Solarz (222d Inf.), of Athens, Ohio, who wrote in quest of the address of Richard C. Smith (M-222d Inf.). We think we've located his man through a friend of a friend of a friend.

Here are a few more newsworthy notes -- John Warila (M-222d Inf.) now operates a log mill in Astoria, Ore.... John Kuntz (I-232d Inf.) writes that he has reenlisted for another hitch and regrets there is no Rainbow Division with which to serve.... Colonel Lucien Eolduc, formerly a CO of the 222d Inf., has joined the National Association for the first time since he returned from Austria. His address is State Armory, Worcester, Massachusetts.

That's all for this time. We're getting news aplenty for our readers, so keep it coming!

HISTORIAN'S COLUMN

George E. Seaman, Historian
60 East 42nd Street, New York City

Most every chapter has a historian, and to bring our National records up to date I must depend on these officers for information. Here is an opportunity for every chapter Historian to build up his records.

First, I need the dates of each chapter organization and the name and outfit of each president since its inception. When preparing this list state the period they held office.

Secondly, advise if you have a charter from the National organization and where it is kept. This may seem unnecessary but in case it should become lost or missing the Historian will have a record of the last custodian.

Should your chapter publish a paper, secure all copies published and have them bound, if possible, as you will find they will give a good history of your chapter.

The National Association Rainbow Division published the Reveille as far back as 1920 but the organization has no copies of these, prior to 1924. All Rainbowners who may have copies are requested to send them to me so that we can build up a complete file. Should I receive too many duplicates I will return them to the sender as he may wish to save them.

Any Rainbowner having copies of the early Reveille's or other papers pertinent to Rainbow history are urged to donate them to the organization. Only by securing these old records can we build up our wonderful history.

I have a good many programs of the past reunions but need copies of those prior to 1934 and would also like to obtain any data possible, relative to the number of Rainbowners who registered at each reunion and a copy of the expense account. This information should have been turned over to the Association by the reunion chairman each year but has been neglected in the past.

As yet I have had no word from any of the past presidents relative to the missing minutes of the following reunions: Birmingham 1920; Columbia, S.C. 1924; Chicago 1925; New York 1926; Columbus 1928; Baltimore 1929. These minutes are a vital part of our history and urgently needed, therefore any Rainbowner who may have knowledge of where they may be found is earnestly requested to advise me.

If I don't receive any action soon I am afraid it will be necessary for me to visit various Rainbowners whom I suspect of hoarding valuable data and ransacking their attics. I already have such an invitation and intend taking advantage of it.

CHAPTER EDITORS - ATTENTION

It is requested that a copy of all chapter publications be sent to the following National Officers: President, Secretary-Treasurer, Editor of Reveille, Historian, and Chaplain. Thru the medium of these publications your National Officers will be kept up-to-date on chapter activities and some of the news published will be of great value to them.

FROM THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

P. O. BOX 342 ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

Membership is the life-blood of our organization. Every interested Rainbower should, therefore, do everything possible to secure members. That many are doing this is evidenced by the record being made by some Chapters. As of October 15th, 36 Chapters have exceeded their membership on the same date last year. But a small number of the others are badly behind and at this writing we are 260 behind.

Deserving of special mention are those

Chapters which have already this year set all-time highs in membership. Texas, with 127, is 17 ahead of any figure in the past, and within 23 of its state quota as published in the last REVEILLE. Martinsville, Ind., with 32, is three ahead of its previous high.

All Chapter officers are urged to try to send in as many memberships as possible before November 15th, when the first compilation of Chapter Standings for this year will be made, for publication in December.

R. Allen Gibbons

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