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FROM YOUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT



Greetings, fellow Rainbowers. Humbly I accept the honor you bestow on me in selecting me to be your President for the ensuing year.

I have been promised the help of many of you and I welcome all your expressions of aid and expect to call on all of you when there is a specific job to do.

I expect to make a business trip to California in October and to the extent that time permits I shall be glad to visit any chapters, as your National President, that are in my travel direction. If you are interested in my visiting your chapter, have your officers drop me a line immediately so that I can advise the approximate time I would be there and a mutually acceptable date can be agreed upon.

In line with the activity of my predecessors in office, I shall try to stimulate interest in the younger men of Rainbow, and to try to enlist their activity in local and national affairs. The time is not too distant when they will have to take over leadership.

The associations that result from organization work are the finest dividends man can receive.

This is an exclusive organization. If you did not serve with the division, no amount of money will obtain for you a membership.

Those of us who are fortunate to have served with the Rainbow Division, should be jealous of our membership and keep the Rainbow shining high above us, by working to keep its spirit alive.

I know you all will work with this as your ideal.

Men who know the Rainbow spirit well have promised to write an article for the Reveille, in an endeavor to bring the division ideals to many of you who have not had the opportunity of attending annual reunions.

If any members of the division have a message to their fellow Rainbowers, contact any of the officers, and if space permits you shall have an opportunity to talk to all.

Yours in Rainbow,
Marx Rosenthaler

RAINBOW "BIG TIME" EVENTS

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. Please make all requests for such listing in a SEPARATE LETTER. It should be received not later than the 10th of the month preceding publication, i.e., for publication in the October issue it should be received by September 10th, etc. Please do not request listing of affairs unless they are of an outstanding nature, such as an Annual State-wide Dinner, Meeting, etc.

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Two Great Rainbow Years

President Edward G. Riekert has just concluded an administration which has contributed much to Rainbow. It has been a splendidly successful year, and one of which Rainbow may well be proud. Every section of the Nation reported record-breaking attendance at parties and meetings. Enthusiasm for our Association was never at a higher pitch.

President Marx Rosenthaler assumes the leadership of Rainbow under auspicious circumstances. That he will carry Rainbow on to new heights of success none who knows him will doubt. Marx is a powerhouse of energy and a fountain of Rainbow spirit. In the many years that his extensive travels have taken him to every part of America he has invariably contacted Rainbowners and has spread the gospel of Rainbow. Under his leadership Rainbow will be inspired to ever greater achievements.

Some Unfinished Business

Due to bad timing and arrangement of program (Timing and arrangement made by Edward G. Riekert), long speeches and last-minute changes that had to be made, our program went haywire. The gavel was to have been returned to me at 11:00 p.m., giving me time to make a few introductions and thank those who were responsible for giving Rainbow a swell Reunion - one that made history and will long be remembered by those who were fortunate to attend.

The following remarks I had hoped to make during the period allotted me:

Introductions:

1. Col. Joseph Hart - 165th Infantry - Pacific - World War II. 2. Col. Martin Foery - 165th Infantry - Rainbow II (Thanks for your kind hospitality. You, your officers and men are to be congratulated for the fine review. Keep up the good work.) 3. Past National Chaplain - Father James Murray.

THANKS For Your Splendid Cooperation:

1. Mayor (General) William O'Dwyer, members of the Board of Estimate; 2. Council President Vincent R. Impellitteri; 3. Grover A. Whalen, who arranged ladies' Fashion Show and presented gifts to ladies; 4. Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan and Committee for Souvenir Journal; 5. New York City Convention Bureau; 6. City Departments - Police Band and Glee Club, Sanitation Band and Orchestra, and Board of Transportation for buses; 7. Ed Sullivan; 8. Last, but not least, our daughter of Rainbow, Miss Lucy Monroe.

Congratulations and Thanks a Million for an Outstanding Reunion:

1. Chairman, Tom Halpin; 2. Co-Chairman, Matt Devlin; 3. Treasurer, Ed O'Connell; 4. Secretary, George Seaman. (Your Four Horsemen really put on a Reunion that made history in Rainbow and will always be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to attend. I know they were tough times. You not only gave all of your time and energy before the Reunion, but at the Reunion as well.

Tom Halpin and Matt Devlin were the spearheads in Pittsburgh to bring the Reunion and President to New York in 1949. (I was in Philadelphia and knew nothing about it) at which time you both put a heavy load on your shoulders. You carried it well throughout the year and wound up with the best Reunion Rainbow ever witnessed.

The support received from the Father Duffy Chapter was outstanding, especially the special chairman you saw fit to appoint, namely: a) Distinguished Guests - Mike Walsh; b) Housing - Meyer Levy; c) Publicity - Oliver Atkinson, Mrs. May Franks; d) Reception - Thomas Mullady; e) Entertainment - Jack Lichter; f) Badges - John Serla; g) Banquet - Jim Monogue, Jerry Buckley.

All other members of your Committee are to be congratulated, along with the entire membership of the Father Duffy Chapter who were present. It was "Out of This World." Thanks for everything.

To the Ladies: - Nora Thynne, Chairman, Kitty (Gracie Allen) Co-Chairman. Your special committees and all of your members did a swell job. Congratulations!

As to your National President (at that time), I was proud of all of you and only wish that I could have expressed my feelings from the dais. ED RIEKERT

DETROIT AGAIN "DIGS IN"

To use the vernacular, or idiom, of a language that is known and understood by every Rainbow Division veteran seems most fitting and best describes what is happening in the Michigan Sector: All is not quiet on the Michigan Front!

The Michigan State Chapter senses deeply the great honor, and privilege of again being Host to the 32nd (1950) National Reunion in Detroit, July 12, 13 and 14, 1950. Detroit's bid for the 1950 reunion was closely contested by Birmingham, Alabama. The Time and Place Committee was placed in the happy situation that whichever way it was decided the outcome would assure "Rainbow" of a splendid reunion. All Michigan Rainbows are indeed most happy that Detroit received the "nod." We promise the Association a reunion in the best tradition of Rainbow Reunions -- no small promise and one made with confidence but with due

humility. All Michigan Rainbows will look forward to the time when Birmingham's number comes up, pledging its support and a great turnout.

At this early date Michigan is hard at work under the able leadership of our General Reunion Chairman, Wilber M. Brucker, briefing plans for one of the greatest and largest attended reunions in the Division. Too early for even rumors but we will tell you from time to time why your visit to Detroit, "Where Life Is Worth Living," will be a memorable one. REMEMBER 1934! The members of the Michigan Chapter, representing practically every unit in the Rainbow, join in extending a most cordial welcome and bid you

COME TO DETROIT NEXT JULY
Sharon C. Cover, President
Michigan State Chapter

REUNION IN NEW YORK

After an absence of twenty-three years, Rainbow again journeyed to the Nation's largest City for a splendid Reunion with Rainbow's largest Chapter and its Auxiliary as gracious hosts. It was a cool, busy interesting and happy affair throughout. Weather was moderate, many things were to be seen and done, and everyone was in a gay and happy festival mood. The time was all too short and the departures were reluctant.

The Pilgrimage: (Tuesday) Outstanding among the events was the splendid ceremony in Duffy Square before the Father Duffy Monument where Rainbow from all over the land came to pay humble tribute to the memory of a faithful Priest, a soldier brave, a citizen strong and a Man's man who commanded the respect and love of all men in every walk of life. That a space should be reserved in the very heart of the great city and that its normal tempo should be slowed for a moment for such an occasion, was in good order and all who attended were impressed and proud of the privilege of being present: Greetings were made by Grover Whelan and acting Mayor Vincent Impellitteri with a few appropriate remarks by General Wm. Donovan. In the presence of National and Chapter colors in profusion, a fine City band played the National Anthem, which was sung by Miss Lucy Monroe. The invocation was by Francis Cardinal Spellman in an inspired poem-prayer "God of the Rainbow," a most fitting and beautiful supplication of high order. Only in New York could such a ceremony occur and Father Duffy Chapter is to be praised for the perfect arrangements.

Notes gathered at random: So many regretably absent, among them Cooks, Blumenthal, Whitneys, Bruckers, Hansons, Fagiolo, Holdens, Winslows, Dent, Reno, Bjorks, Disks, Gordon, Crawford, Johnson (C.E.), Johnson (Wm.), Bootz, Nieburgs, Hemmes, Ramseys, Cronin, Marks, Ivy Olds. The splendid Hotel Commodore where all were billeted and its magnificent ballroom and longest refreshment stand in the cellar. Meeting Dick O'Neill, Congressional Medal of New York and Werner Eich, DSC of Ohio. Sharon Cover, now President of the Michigan Chapter, back

in Rainbow harness after an absence and re-inspired with Rainbow spirit. Being seated at the Duffy ceremony by one "of the finest" -- ah, but this time by a girl cop and a comely one too. The sad news of the passing of Clarence Houle on Friday. The long list of regrets including one from the Mayor of Chalons. Ray Noble of Cincinnati and his old Lieutenant Paul Siebert meeting after thirty-one years--never saw each other in this country before. Joseph Weil of Chicago showing up again after ten years, also Harold Stein after too long an absence. Jared Barker of Ohio, a Rainbow youngster and his bride honeymooning at the Reunion--Barker now serving with Second Division at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Among other fine younger members present was Elmer Kravitz and wife from Cleveland. They are fine people, these younger Rainbows and so good to have them with us, this includes you, too, Maston. Knowing I'll overlook something or somebody in this report and feel badly afterward. Ohio turned up a delegation of seventy-five--getting better every year. Getting fed again on the too much talk about golf. The humorous tip about that thing Jack Clarke is wearing these days--of course it's the result of an operation, but can you imagine HE MAN Clarkewearing a girdle. Camile Neagle, the wife of a Rainbow and the mother of two Rainbow sons. The pleasure of having our Committee report typed by one of Riebert's City Hall secretaries, Miss Polugar.

If you are proud of the fact
you are a

RAINBOW VETERAN

Why not let the world
know--wear a

RAINBOW BUTTON

One Dollar sent to the National
Secretary gets you one
in a hurry.

R. Allen Gibbons
P. O. Box 342
Roanoke 3, Va.

The Bagpipers: The famous bagpipers section of the WW II Rainbow band has been reincarnated in the Second Division now Commanded by Harry J. Collins. This section he brought with him to the Reunion where it delighted and inspired all on several occasions. In charge was Sergeant John Wintrode, 168th Inf., also Rainbow WW II and still in the Army with Collins. Wintrode is President of the new Rainbow Chapter within the Second Division at Ft. Lewis, Wash., and which Chapter was chartered at the Reunion. At this Reunion General Collins was made a Permanent Honorary President of the Association, a belated recognition, long overdue. Now is complete the merging and there is but one Rainbow by concept and by act. Now no one need feel he is a member by sufferance. The younger members, after a caucus, requested it. It is done.

The Girls: Had a good time from all reports and elected Ethel Gardner as President, Bernice Harper as First Vice and Rose Barrow as Second. Fern Thomas will mail your cards and Jean Seaman will collect the bucks. Each of the girls, who grow lovelier every year, received a gold lace-jewel crested compact as a favor; they are lovely. They enjoyed themselves with trips to Radio City, visits to famous spots, boat trips around the harbor, shopping, theatres and such like. Lilymae Weitzel and Ruth Butts even took a horse and buggy ride in Central Park. On Wednesday afternoon, Grover Whelan on behalf of "Coty" put on a style show and cocktail party attended by all the ladies and Walker Colston. Few of the ladies indulge, you know, but Colston was up and about the next morning. Each lady attending received a neat plastic compact and a miniature vial of perfume. This affair was another neat feature arranged by the New York Auxiliary.

The Bouquet: To Tom Halpin and his entire staff, both men and women, who strove so valiantly to give us an unforgettable Reunion, our grateful thanks. We shall long remember.

The Banquet: One of the largest and finest in Rainbow history. Over eleven hundred persons were seated in the largest and most beautiful ballroom extant. One feature noted was the gorgeous facade behind the speakers' table. This was most tastefully decorated in a profusion of flags and bunting and beneath were the many National, State and Chapter colors making a veritable riot of beauty gracefully moving in rhythm with the gentle wafts from the spotted fans. The food was excellent and reminiscent of Pittsburgh -- You may inform the Hotel Manager, Tom. While a friendly orchestra cooperated all of the State songs were sung with enthusiasm -- Bill Swabey arising and singing with five States and Clara Horne three. The mastering of ceremonies was in the most capable hands of no other than that most puissant, gleaming domed, thrice potent, Grand Past Master of the oily art, Ruby D. Garrett who overlooked nothing, including a proper tribute to the nice people who made the grand affair possible. A stirring address was made by General Donovan. The cane was presented to the retiring President and promptly stolen, as usual. Tables were reserved by States and much confusion was avoided thereby for which our thanks, Banquet Chairman

Eagan. The pilgrimage by telephone: The annual phone call to Fred Cornelius in El Paso, Texas was made about two A.M. after the banquet and when the retiring and incoming officers had gathered for the purpose. Speaking in proper order were: Eddie Riekert, Marx Rosenthaler, Irene Colston, Ethel Gardner and Editor Rodier who reappointed Fred an Associate Editor of the Reveille for another year at the same wages. Capt. Herron of the present 165th Inf. was included in the roll. General Collins had to leave before the call but his cheery "Hello from Harry Collins" was duly transmitted by the Chairman as requested.

The Champagne Hour: "The time is now 11:45." The huge room is plunged into darkness. In silence and in deep humility, we hear the long, long roll of Comrades passed during the year, many of them so near and dear to us. The meaningful "I tell you there is no death" (Lucy Monroe). Monroe Johnson, faithful unto his pledge, recalls the events of long, long ago. It is done. We move quietly away and out. Until we meet again----

The Rainbow Ghost

News & Views of World War II's

The greatest news we have to report in the first of our Reveille columns this Rainbow year is the news that Major Gen. Harry J. Collins, former CG of the WW II Division has been elected Permanent Honorary President of the Association.

We feel that his election as Permanent Honorary President, along with General MacArthur, CG of the WW I Division, is a step in the right direction--the direction of a closer-knit association of WW I and II Rainbowners. General Collins is a great soldier and man, and we know his election to this office will be hailed by WW II'ers as an important move.

There is no need to mention here the names of all our WW I friends we saw at the Reunion in New York City. It is a funny thing--there are 30 years difference in the ages of the two sets of members--WW I and WW II, respectively--but when one attends a meeting or a reunion, the difference is never prevalent in our attitudes toward each other. We are just one great brotherhood.

Before we close our first column of this Rainbow year, we want to add a note about two of the 1949-50 officers--Marx Rosenthaler, our National President, and Vito R. Bertoldo, one of the six Vice Presidents. Marx will make a great President. We have known him since the 1947 Reunion in Des Moines and have watched his excellent Rainbow leadership. Bertoldo, former member of the 242d Inf., was the only recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor in the WW II Division. Although we have never known him personally, we know we can expect great things from him. We wish these two and all the other 1949-50 officers luck in their undertaking this Rainbow year.

Now a few words on survival! This column can never survive without food for reading from our WW II members. How about sitting down today and writing us some news about yourself, your buddies? We'll digest all the news you send in. The address is Apartment No. 4, 5209 Monument Ave., Richmond 21, Virginia. Keep it coming. MORTON MARKS, JR.

PROCEEDINGS AT NEW YORK REUNION

OPENING SESSION

The Thirty-First Annual Reunion in New York City, at the Commodore Hotel at 2:10 p.m., July 12, 1949, President Edward G. Riekert presiding. The colors were advanced, and Chaplain Roscoe Conkling Hatch delivered the invocation. President Riekert introduced Deputy Police Commissioner General Martin Meany, until recently the C. O. of the 165th Inf., and who had served with the Regiment since Border days. General Meany extended an official welcome on behalf of the Department and the City to his fellow Rainbows. Auxiliary President Irene Colston and Permanent Honorary President Mother Frew were then escorted to the platform. President Colston welcomed the Reunion on behalf of the Auxiliary, and there followed a brief recess while the ladies departed for their own meeting. Secretary Allen Gibbons then read communications and greetings from Robert J. Bradshaw, President, Chatanooga Chapter; Mother Maddie Joyce Stack; Leland L. Whitney, and the following letter from our own Douglas MacArthur:

"Dear Colonel Riekert:
".....You all know, I am sure, how much it would mean to me to be with you again, but it is not possible this year.

"Please give to all of those present the affectionate greetings of their old comrade in arms, and tell them that our stirring association together remains one of the most poignant memories of my life.

"With warm regards, most faithfully,
Douglas MacArthur."

Past Presidents Ruby Garrett, Monroe Johnson, Walker Colston, Al Hoyt, Bob Hayward, Dan Glossbrenner, Cooper Winn, Homer Gardner, Bill Nevius and Johnny Brenner were then introduced. Reveille Committee Chairman Colston then reported briefly.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President Riekert then called on Chairman Ruby Garrett to report the recommendations of a committee appointed to consider possible changes in the Constitution relating to the Executive Committee. Colonel Garrett offered, for his Committee, the following Resolution:

"RESOLVED: That Article V of the Constitution of Rainbow Division Veterans National Association be amended by adding the following:

"At each Annual Reunion the Nominating Committee in its discretion and on its own motion may nominate as members-at-large not more than fifteen members for election to the Executive Committee." The adoption of the amendment was duly moved, seconded and carried. After various routine announcements the First Session was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

SECOND SESSION With President Riekert presiding, the second session opened at 10:50 a.m. on Wednesday, July 13th. The benediction was offered by Chaplain Hatch.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Allen Gibbons then made his

Report to the Reunion. There have been good results, he reported, in securing the names of comrades who have passed on together with data for the Memorial Roll; but Chapters are urged to still further

diligence in supplying such information.

NEW CHAPTERS FORMED

Secretary Gibbons reported the formation of two new Chapters. Chanute, Kansas, under the sparking of Bob Taylor, President of the Missouri-Kansas Chapter, organized a new Chapter. At Fort Lewis, Washington, a new Chapter was organized with the active assistance of General Collins and Colonel Jim Tanner. M/Sgt John R. Wintrose, of 168th Inf. in WW I and 22nd Inf., WW II, was elected President of the new Chapter. These two new Chapters were duly Chartered. Three previously active Chapters, Quentin Durward, Lanet, Alabama; Jacksonville, Fla., and Oklahoma State allowed their membership to drop below the required fifteen minimum and were placed on the inactive list during 1948-49. Of 84 active Chapters, 41 finished the year with increased membership. Special commendation for membership efforts were given the Creston and Cedar Valley Chapters of Iowa; the New Orleans Chapter; St. Paul, with a new high of 54; New Jersey with 152; Father Duffy with 760, and the "World's Largest Rainbow Chapter," Oklahoma City with 61; Pittsburgh with 127; Lancaster 142; Texas reached 107 and Milwaukee 44. Despite these fine accomplishments the total membership dropped off by 331, with a final membership of 6,236. He expressed confidence that 1949-50 would bring substantial gains in membership. The report of the Secretary was duly accepted and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer George E. Seaman then presented his report, subject to such revision as required to conform to the practice of rendering this report as of July 31st rather than July 14th. The report carried below is as of the latter date:

BALANCE SHEET as of July 31, 1949	
Assets	
Cash - Chase National	\$1,116.19
Cash - Roosevelt Savings	110.50
Investments	4,440.00
Inventories	
227 Lapel Buttons	81.42
1743 Decals	82.93
	<u>\$5,831.04</u>
Liabilities	
Deferred Credits	\$ 133.00
Dues Paid in Advance	4.00
Withholding Tax	
Accrued accounts payable	
FOAB Tax	.50
Surplus to July 30, 1948	5,333.79
Profit - Year 1948/49	359.75
	<u>\$5,831.04</u>

OPERATING REPORT Year Ending July 31, 1949

Income	
Membership Dues 1948-49	\$6,284.50
Donations	10.80
Bank Interest	2.17
Sale of Lapel Buttons (239)	153.30
Sale of Decals (541)	42.14
Sale of Tie Clasps (28)	14.00
	<u>\$6,506.91</u>
Expenses	
Reveille	\$3,627.65
Secretary's Salary	1,200.00
President's Travelling	429.35

Treasurer's Travelling	143.40
Secretary's Travelling	88.56
Printing	109.07
Office Supplies	16.50
Stationery & Cards	97.69
Postage	259.04
Emergency	175.90
	<u>\$6,147.16</u>
Profit	\$ 359.75

The report was duly approved and adopted. Committee appointed having been announced, Chaplain Hatch gave the benediction and President Riekert adjourned the session at 12:00 noon.

FINAL SESSION At 10:40 a.m., Thursday July 14th, the final session convened, President Edward Riekert presiding. The invocation was delivered by Chaplain Hatch. Colonel Monroe Johnson then called the attention of the Reunion to the fact that General MacArthur is likely to return to this country in the not too distant future. He pointed out that this return would be the signal for endless efforts in every section of the Nation to exploit the General's fame. He observed that while the love and honor in which General MacArthur is held by Rainbow would prompt them to demonstrate the warmth of their feelings in their welcome, they abhor the thought of any exploitation of their close ties with the General. Colonel Johnson suggested that a letter be sent the General expressing this sentiment. On motion this was expressed as the feeling and the policy of the Association. Richard W. O'Neil, (U.S. Medal of Honor) then offered a resolution paying tribute to General MacArthur and voicing the devotion of our membership for him, which was passed with acclaim.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS Col. Ruby Garrett reported for his Committee that no changes or amendments to the Constitution or By-Laws had been proposed, (other than the amendment passed at the opening session) and asked that his Committee be discharged, which was done.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE Chaplain Hatch on behalf of his Committee discussed the possibility of changes in the Rainbow Burial Service, and the possibility of placing Rainbow flags on Rainbow graves on Memorial Day.

BUDGET AND FINANCE Chairman Homer Gardner reported that his Committee had worked out a budget predicated on the probable income for the year 1949-50. He submitted the following Budget, which was duly approved.

REVEILLE	\$3600.00
Secretary's Salary	1200.00
President's Traveling Expense	300.00
Treasurer's Traveling Expense	100.00
Secretary's Traveling Expense	150.00
Printing	200.00
Office Supplies	100.00
Stationery and Cards	400.00
Postage, Telephone & Telegraph	300.00
Emergency	250.00
Total	<u>\$6600.00</u>

MEMBERSHIP Chairman Cooper Winn reported that his Committee recommended the continuation of the Pittsburgh Reunion Membership plan, by which the various Vice Presidents assume the Chairmanship of Regional Mem-

bership Drives and personally contact or write the Chapter officers in the areas assigned them. The report of the Committee was duly approved and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS Chairman Garrett Olds reported out Resolutions as follows: (a) Thanking the City of New York for their gracious hospitality; (b) Thanking President Edward G. Riekert for his splendid energy, support, loyalty and devotion to the best interests of Rainbow during his term as President; and (c) Expressing Rainbow's devotion to General MacArthur. (This resolution prepared prior to the O'Neil Resolution). All resolutions were adopted and the Committee duly discharged.

JOHN D. BRENNER CHAPTER At this point Ray Miller, on behalf of the Lancaster Chapter, asked the Reunion to sanction their action in changing the name of their Chapter to the JOHN D. BRENNER CHAPTER. The approval asked was given with acclaim.

REVEILLE Chairman Walker H. Colston reported that his Committee had reappointed Harold B. Rodier as Editor of The Reveille. The report was duly approved and adopted.

TIME AND PLACE Chairman Albert Hoyt reported that his Committee had received bids for the 1950 Reunion from the City of Boston, Mass., from Birmingham, Alabama, and Detroit, Michigan. In the absence of official Rainbow Chapter support the Boston bid was tabled and the Committee deliberated at length on the remaining invitations. A majority of the Committee having finally favored Detroit, he reported that Committee-man Henry Wood had moved that there be a unanimous vote for Detroit. The Committee therefore recommended that the 1950 Reunion be held in Detroit, Michigan, on July 12-13-14. The report of the Committee was duly approved and adopted. At this point Henry Wood, of Birmingham was recognized, and he extended Alabama's congratulations to Detroit, and pledged their wholehearted support to its success. Chairman Hoyt then reported that his Committee had received a bid from Columbus, Ohio for the 1951 Reunion, and asked that the Time and Place Committee at the next Reunion give consideration to this invitation. The Committee was duly discharged.

NOMINATIONS Chairman John D. Brenner then reported for his Committee. The slate of Officers submitted by him was duly nominated, seconded and unanimously elected. As these officers are all listed on Page Seven of this issue their names are not repeated here.

PRESIDENT-ELECT ROSENTHALER The newly elected President, Marx P. Rosenthaler was then conducted to the rostrum where he spoke briefly. He then had Auxiliary President Irene Colston conducted to the platform, to announce the election of Ethel Gardner, Iowa, as Auxiliary President.

ADJOURNMENT President Riekert then warmly thanked everyone for their fine support of his administration and for their cooperation during the Reunion. After benediction by Chaplain Hatch he declared the Thirty-First Annual Reunion adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

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