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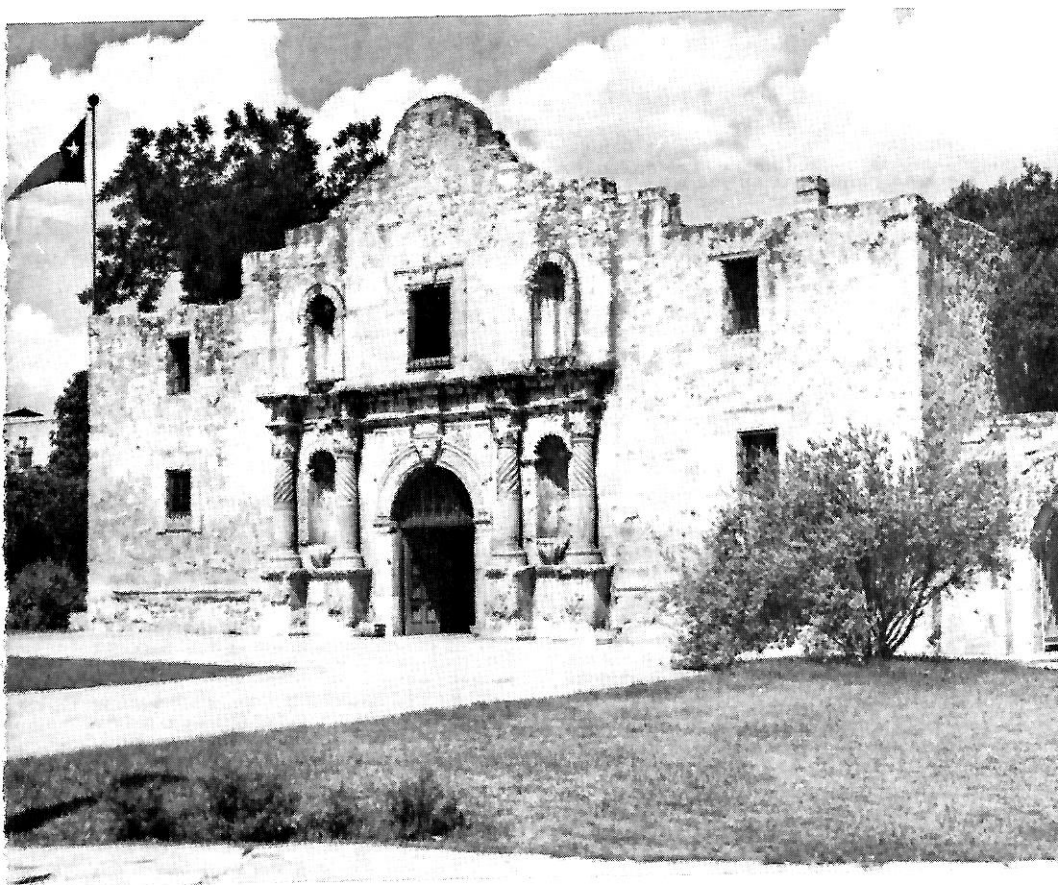


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"Mucho Gracias" from Top Hand Hill

WE ARE NEARING THE END of the Rainbow Year. It has been a pleasant and fruitful experience for your President. The visits with Chapters in many parts of the United States have convinced me that Rainbow is an enduring organization. Everywhere I found Rainbowers to be very proud of their record in two World Wars. Our large membership attests to the fact that Rainbow is worth while, that it will carry on and bind our heritage until time thins out our ranks.

Jean and I wish to express our sincere thanks for the wonderful hospitality you have shown us. In your homes and in your Chapters you have made us welcome. The cooperation and loyalty you have demonstrated has been so sincere, we have no fear of Rainbow's future. Again, we thank you all.

MEMBERSHIP again this year is showing an increase. On May 1st we were 160 ahead of April 15th of last year. Credit for this goes to two World War II men, Loyd Matson and Ted Johnson, Membership Chairmen; to the efficient Chapter Secretaries, and to our very capable National Secretary, Allen Gibbons. Our thanks to Historian George Seaman for the very fine history of our Association, and to Allen Gibbons for supervising the printing and mailing. Many thanks to our Editor, Harold Rodier; National Treasurer, Leo Moquin; Judge Advocate Leland Whitney, all National Vice Presidents and other National and State Of-

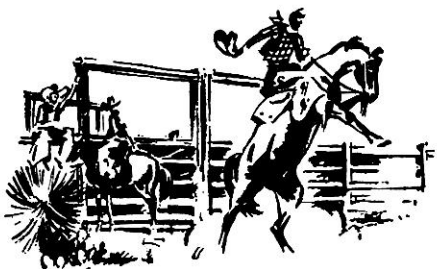


ficers. Our especial thanks go to our dues-paying members who, by their fine cooperation have helped in making our year a success.

DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL we were privileged to attend three outstanding Rainbow events. The Iowa State Reunion, on April 14th and 15th, was one of the best we have attended, with over 200 present at the Banquet. On April 27th we were guests of the new Wichita Chapter at their Spring dinner. This Chapter, like St. Louis, is made up very largely of World War II men, and with their large potential should develop into a fine Rainbow group. The next day we attended the Reunion of Dodge City - Pratt Chapter. This Chapter, originally composed of men of my old Company, now draws Rainbowers from all over Kansas. Each year we always eagerly look forward to this get-together, and this year was the best one of all. Thanks, Iowa and Kansas, for a grand time. The Reunion in Tulsa on June 2nd and the Ohio State Reunion on June 7th to 9th will end our travels for the year.

THE RAINBOW YEAR will end with our 38th Annual Reunion in Dallas on July 12th to 14th. Dallas is a beautiful city. Hotel accommodations range from the inexpensive and comfortable to the expensive and luxurious. The Texas Rainbowers headed by Chairmen Ted Jones and John Darnell, and Committee Chairmen Phillip Johnson, Bryan Snyder, Jr., Bill Rochelle and many others, assisted by all Texas Rainbowers, are going all out to entertain us. It is our sincere hope that every Rainbower who can possibly attend will make the trip to Dallas. We promise you that it will be more than worth while. Every Rainbower, from ex-K.P. to ex-General will be warmly welcomed. We are looking forward to seeing you in Dallas on July 12th to 14th!

--Leonard Hill.





HERE THEY ARE! The Top Hands of the Rainbow Brain Trust busily plotting for the 38th Annual Roundup in Dallas, July 12th to 14th. Interviewed following the meeting at the Johnson homestead, Red Man (center in the picture) said, "I'm right proud of my pards. But them Rainbowers who don't come to Texas, haven't got good horse sense. If I had my picture took with them I'd face the other way." Shown in the pasture are: "Big John" Darnell, Reunion Co-Chairman; Phillip Johnson, Texas Chapter President; Red Man, Chairman of the Alfalfa Detail; Ted Jones, Reunion Co-Chairman, and Flicka, Auxiliary Representative.

A Warm Welcome

YOU WILL BE TREATED to cattle country atmosphere when you attend the 38th Annual Rainbow Reunion in Dallas. In spite of the cosmopolitan appearance of the Statler Hilton, Dallas is so surrounded by cotton, oil and cattle that the aroma of the prairie will be dominant during July 12th to 14th.

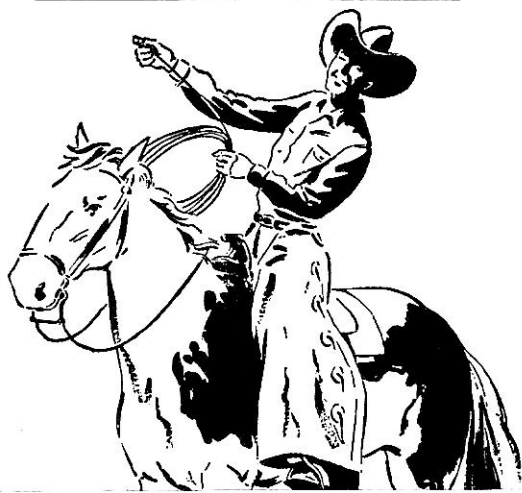
YOU ARE MOST CORDIALLY INVITED to receive a real Texas welcome. You will find wartime buddies here from all parts of the nation. To be sure that your closest friends will be here, let them know NOW that you expect to attend and would love to see them in Dallas on July 12th, at this great Rainbow Roundup.

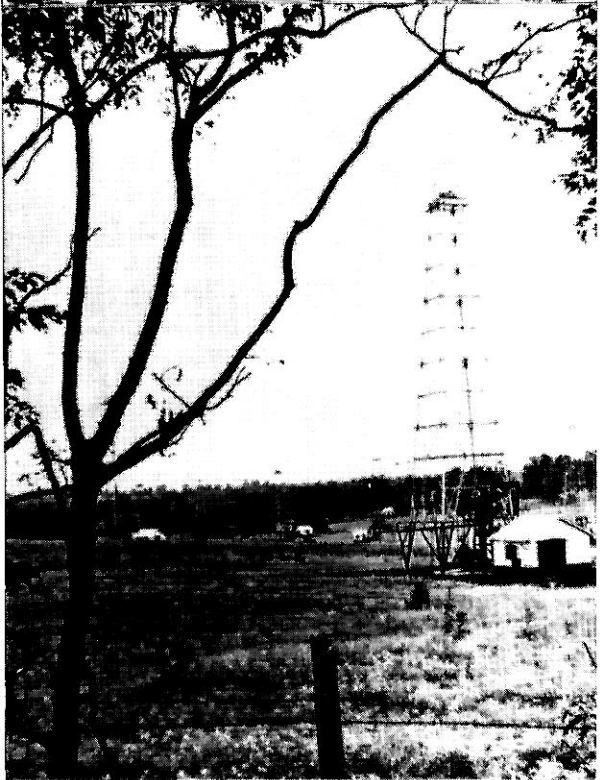
THE REUNION COMMITTEE and the whole Texas Chapter are united in

striving to make this an outstanding Reunion, and one that you will always remember.

Phillip P. Johnson, President,
Texas Chapter

John R. Darnell,
Theodore E. Jones,
Reunion Co-Chairmen





PROGRAM

Association

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11th

3:00 P. M. Registration - Mezzanine
8:00 P. M. Early Bird Party -
Embassy Ballroom

THURSDAY, JULY 12th

9:00 A. M. Registration - Mezzanine
10:00 A. M. Executive Committee
Meeting -
Mustang Room
2:00 P. M. Opening Session of Reunion
6:30 P. M. Barbecue -
State Fair Grounds

FRIDAY, JULY 13th

9:00 A. M. Registration - Mezzanine
10:00 A. M. Second Business Session
2:00 to
Tour in groups of the new
5:00 P. M. Republic National Bank
9:00 P. M. Dance - Statler Hilton

SATURDAY, JULY 14th

9:00 A. M. Registration - Mezzanine
10:00 A. M. Final Business Session
7:00 P. M. Banquet - Grand Ballroom
Memorial Service
11:45 P. M. Champagne Hour

Auxiliary

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11th

3:00 P. M. Registration - Mezzanine
8:00 P. M. Early Bird Party -
Embassy Ballroom

THURSDAY, JULY 12th

9:00 A. M. Registration - Mezzanine
9:30 A. M. Executive Committee
Meeting -
Bluebonnet Room
2:00 P. M. Opening Session - jointly
with Association, later
ladies withdraw for the
Auxiliary Meeting
6:30 P. M. Barbecue -
State Fair Grounds

FRIDAY, JULY 13th

9:00 A. M. Registration - Mezzanine
10:00 A. M. Second Business Session
2:00 P. M. Style Show and Tea
9:00 P. M. Dance - Statler Hilton

SATURDAY, JULY 14th

9:00 A. M. Registration - Mezzanine
10:00 A. M. Final Business Session
(When adjourned ladies
join men for the closing
Session)
7:00 P. M. Banquet - Grand Ballroom
Memorial Service
11:45 P. M. Champagne Hour

38th ANNUAL REUNION

DALLAS. JULY 12 - 14, 1956



WW II Dogies Head for Dallas

ARTHUR S. MCCARTHY and JAMES B. MITCHELL have been writing letters all over the United States in an effort to get together the largest Company Reunion of World War II men that has ever been possible. They are urging all former 242nd Infantrymen to be in Dallas; but they are especially concentrating on Company I. So far they have commitments from as far away as South Carolina, not to mention Louisiana, Oklahoma and Mississippi.



Art McCarthy

WILLIAM J. ROCHELLE is working on the same regiment but he is centering his fire on Company D men and he is getting a good response also, with the assistance of JAMES FITZPATRICK. We do not know how many other Rainbowers are working on the same thing but we do know that CHESTER A. ANDERSON, JR., is getting a good response from the men of the 132nd Signal Company.

HOBERT W. HOWELL of the M. P.s lives in Waco, and he would make a good rallying point for that group when they arrive in Dallas.

HAROLD DAWSON is the Sergeant-at-Arms for the Reunion and HE is importing men who served in the 222nd Infantry from as far away as Tennessee. He is being assisted by SAMUEL M. HARRINGTON of Co. M, and GEORGE JANDA, of Houston, who was with the Service Co.

SOME POST-REUNION SUGGESTIONS

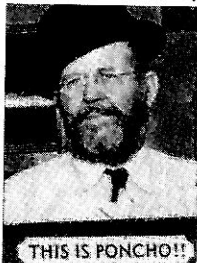
A wonderful wind-up for the Reunion in Dallas would be a post-Reunion tour of South Texas and Mexico. Historic San Antonio and the glamorous Texas Gulf Coast are a day's ride from Dallas by auto, train or bus.

There are three flights each way Dallas to Mexico via American Airlines and the non-stop flying time to Mexico City is under four hours. Round trip fare per person is \$122.76 first class, and the coach fare \$96.80 per person, round trip.

Various package tours of Mexico are available. The Flagship Tour consists of eight days and seven nights South of the Border. The cost is \$119.50 per person

Meet Poncho Nall

THIS IS NOT the late lamented Mexican bandit, but an equally famous and very much alive "Poncho" who presides over Rainbow activities in West Texas from the P. C. at his news stand in Big Spring. Each year in August the veterans of Co. D, 117th Supply Train, come from all around the ranch country for a big Reunion and Barbecue. Poncho is given the credit for sparking the event. This year they will trail to Dallas for the biggest round-up of all.



RAYMOND L. (PONCHO) NALL served as Corporal in Company D. He settled in Big Spring immediately after WW I, and has conducted his famous news stand at the same location ever since. The whiskers are gone now, but Poncho may take a notion to grow another set for the edication of the tenderfeet coming to the Dallas Reunion in July.

FOR A WONDERFUL VACATION

"I always wanted to see Texas," a Rainbower recently remarked, "and with the next Reunion being held in Dallas, I'll see Texas under the most agreeable circumstances I could possibly hope for!"

Why don't YOU see Texas, with the companionship of old friends adding to your pleasure? Make a trip to Texas and the Dallas Reunion one of the most wonderful vacations you have ever enjoyed!

for a double. On it you see Mexico City and the fabulous Pyramids nearby. Then on to Xochimilco, the Floating Gardens, and the quaint silver town of Taxco. Next stop is Cuernavaca, former home of the rulers of Mexico from time immemorial. Then comes Acapulco, the international playground on the Pacific coast. It is fully tropical and boasts some of the finest fishing in the world.

Before leaving for home you will have a day in Mexico City to do some souvenir shopping and more sightseeing.

Your flight has to stop at San Antonio to clear U. S. Customs and Immigration, and this would be a good chance to see the famed Alamo, Shrine of Texas Independence.

THE STATLER HILTON HOTEL, DALLAS, TEXAS:

Please reserve _____ room(s) at the rate checked below.

Arrival date _____ at _____ m Departure date _____ at _____ m

Name _____

Address _____

City and State _____

Remarks _____

	Minimum	Average	Best
Single Rooms	\$ 7.00 ()	\$ 9.00 ()	\$13.00 ()
Double Rooms	10.00 ()	12.00 ()	16.00 ()
Twin Rooms	12.50 ()	14.50 ()	18.00 ()
Suites	20.00 ()	27.00 to 38.00 ()	50.00 to 65.00 ()

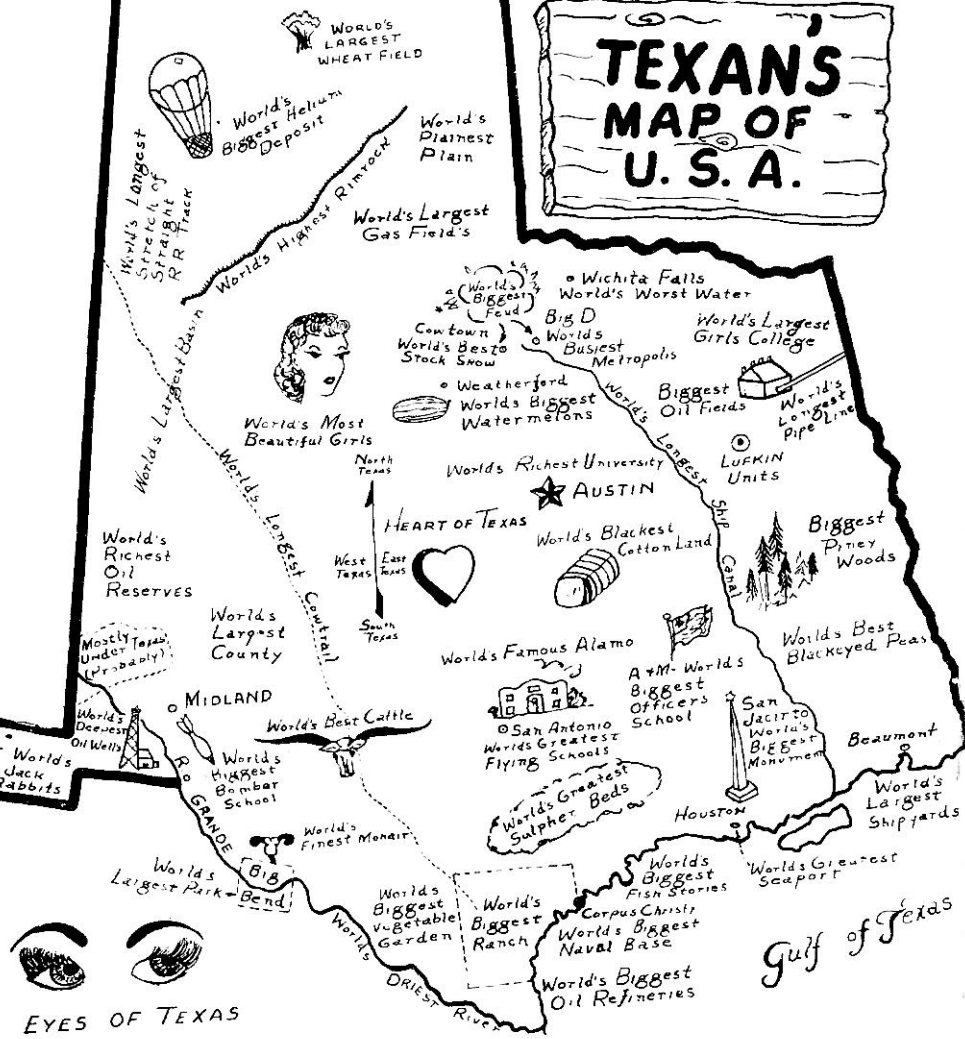
NOTE

If a room is not available at rate requested reservation will be made at next available rate.

Reservation will not be held after 6 p.m. unless hotel is notified of exact time of your arrival.



**TEXAN'S
MAP OF
U. S. A.**



A Special Invitation to attend the Dallas Reunion is extended to _____ "See You _____"

