



PROCEEDINGS

of the

FIFTIETH

ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE

National Society

Daughters of the American Revolution

in

West Virginia

West Virginian Hotel

Bluefield

October 20, 21, 22, 1955

Hostesses

Chapters of the Southern District

Borderland

Captain James Allen

Colonel Andrew Donnally

General Andrew Lewis

Jennie Wiley

John Chapman

Mathew French

Mondongachate

Princess Aracoma



Miss Gertrude S. Carraway
President General



Mrs. William W. McClaugherty
State Regent



I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands—one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THE AMERICAN'S CREED

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

William Tyler Page

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

O, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming;
And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night, that our flag was still there!
Oh, say does the star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Oh, thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation;
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heaven-rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto, "In God is our trust;"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

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1955

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Princess Aracoma — Mrs. F. E. Bradford, Box 791, Logan

HEADQUARTERS FOR STATE CONFERENCE

THE WEST VIRGINIAN HOTEL — BLUEFIELD, W. VA.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1955

9:30 A.M.	Registration of Delegates	Hotel Lobby
12 O'clock Noon	State D.A.R. Board of Management Meeting	Mondongachate Chapter — Hostess
1:30 P.M.	Meeting of Resolutions Committee	
2:30 P.M.	Memorial Service	Mrs. W. H. Daniels, Chairman Bland Street Methodist Church Mrs. G. H. Neale, State Chaplain
4:00 P.M.	C.A.R. Round Table Discussion	Mrs. James Moore, State Senior President
4:00 P.M.	Pages Instruction	Miss Ruth Seibert, Chairman
6:00 P.M.	State Officers' Club	Mrs. E. Plumer Hill, President Borderland Chapter, Hostess
6:00 P.M.	Buffet Supper, Ball Room	Colonel Andrew Donnally Chapter Hostess
8:30 P.M.	Opening of State Conference	

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The State Holds in Loving Remembrance
This Service for Members
Who Have Entered into Life Eternal
Between
October, 1954 and October, 1955

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will
fear no evil, for Thou art with me. Psalm 23:4.

BLAND STREET METHODIST CHURCH
2:30 P.M.

Thursday, October 20, 1955
BLUEFIELD, W. VA.

Arranged by The State Chaplain
Mrs. George Hughes Neale

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude — "God's Time Is Best"	J. S. Bach
Processional — "Triumphal March"	Karg-Elert
Organist	Mr. Robert C. Lutton
Call to Remembrance	Chaplain
"Let us now, with quiet and grateful hearts, remember before God our dearly beloved dead. They have left our earthly companionship, but still they live within our hearts. The remembrance of them is dear and blessed."	
Response by the Audience:	
"They are not dead, who live in hearts they leave behind. In those they have blessed, they live a life again. Eternal life is theirs, throughout the year, and time declares their immortality."	
—(D.A.R. Ritual)	
Scripture and Prayer	State Chaplain
Solo — "Psalm 23"	Liddle
Miss Aelise Helm, Soprano	
Tribute to deceased members	
Roll call of members deceased since October, 1954.	
Solo — "O Lord, Most Holy"	Franck
Miss Aelise Helm	
Benediction	Mrs. William McClaugherty, State Regent
Recessional — "O World, I Now Must Leave Thee"	Brahms
Mr. Robert C. Lutton, Organist	

Before Thee, O Heavenly Father, we remember those who have passed from us into the fuller light of Thy eternal presence, into the Life Everlasting. We thank Thee for their loyalty to duty, and their power of self surrender, by Thy grace. Grant them Thy peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and in Thy loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of Thy perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

It seemeth such a little way to me
Across to that strange country — the Beyond;
And yet not strange, for it has grown to be
The home of those of whom I am most fond;
They make it seem familiar and most dear,
As journeying friends bring distant regions near.

And so for me there is no sting to death,
And so the grave has lost its victory.
It is but crossing with abated breath,
And white set face — a little strip of sea,
To find the loved ones waiting on the shore,
Most beautiful, more precious than before.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox

In memory of these members we rededicate our lives to the cause of freedom, peace and friendship, everywhere.

DECEASED MEMBERS FROM OCT., 1954 TO OCT., 1955

- BEE LINE: Myrtle Mae Smith Fetzer (Mrs. Geo. H.)
- BLACKWATER: Mrs. Bess Lambert, Mrs. Flora Phelps.
- BUFORD: Mrs. Laurie Stewart Ritter (Mrs. C. L.), Mrs. C. V. LaLance, Mrs. E. L. Jones.
- COL. CHARLES LEWIS: Miss Mary McCulloch, Miss Mary Ellen Howard.
- COL. MORGAN MORGAN: Mrs. Lucille Morgan Traugh (Mrs. Harvey), Mrs. Elsie Ross Fear (Mrs. C. V.).
- ELIZABETH LUDINGTON HAGANS: Mrs. Margaret Donley Meyer, Miss Georgia Catherine Price, Mrs. Anna Douglas Hormell, Mrs. Dorothy Chadwick Rapp.
- HANCOCK PIONEERS: Mrs. Annie K. Cullen.
- JAMES BABOUR: Mrs. Lora Gall Felton.
- JAMES WOOD: Miss Mary Weidman, Mrs. Juliette Van Winkle Morrison (Mrs. Charles E.), Mrs. Cordelia Griffith Miller (Mrs. Geo. Ellsworth).
- JOHN CHAPMAN: Miss Virginia Lee Anderson.
- JOHN MINEAR: Mrs. Pearl Martin Snyder (Mrs. B. E.).
- KANAWHA VALLEY: Miss Katie Belle Abney, Mrs. Alfred Groves, Mrs. L. A. Petty, Mrs. U. G. McClure.
- MAJOR WILLIAM HAYMOND: Mrs. Hazel Manley Reese (Mrs. C. Earl), Mrs. Elizabeth C. Johnson (Mrs. H. R.), Mrs. Ann Ritchie Armstrong (Mrs. W. H.), Mrs. Elsie Wilfong Hennen (Mrs. L. M.).
- MATTHEW FRENCH: Mrs. H. C. Hadden.
- MOUND: Mrs. Ruba W. Milliken (Mrs. Rex P.), Mrs. Iva Court-right Potts (Mrs. Frank W.), Mrs. Dollye Houston Roberts (Mrs. L. M.).
- POTOMAC VALLEY: Mrs. Mattie Dear Hoffman (Mrs. Huntley), Mrs. Sadie P. Loy (Mrs. George M.), Mrs. Lenna S. Dean (Mrs. John H.).
- PRINCESS ARACOMA: Mrs. Marguerite Belle Goodwin.
- RAVENSWOOD: Miss Bess Maddox, Mrs. Inez Grafton.
- WHEELING: Mrs. William Brunhaus.
- WILLIAM MORRIS: Mrs. Margaret Wood Hope (Edward H.).
- YE TOWNE OF BATH: Mrs. Lenna L. Bageant Fearnow (Mrs. Dustin C.).

Fiftieth State Conference
National Society
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
in
West Virginia
OPENING SESSION

Thursday, October 20, 1955
8:30 P.M.

Theme

"TODAY IS YESTERDAY'S PUPIL"
Benjamin Franklin

"I insist that if there is anything which it is the duty of the whole people never to intrust to any hands but their own, that thing is the preservation and perpetuity of their own liberties and institutions."

Abraham Lincoln.

Assembly Call Buglers: Leroy Poythress, Clarence Jones
Processional Entrance of National and State Officers and
Honor Guests, escorted by Pages.

"Triumphal March" Mrs. George W. Richardson

Fiftieth State Conference called to Order—
Mrs. William W. McClaugherty, State Regent

Invocation Dr. Frank L. Shaffer, Pastor of Trinity Methodist Church
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag - Led by—

Mrs. Ross P. Daniel, State Chairman of the Correct Use of the Flag
American's Creed, Mrs. Harry J. Smith, Leader

National Anthem, Mrs. W. D. Dantzler, Leader

Welcome to the City of Bluefield Mr. William L. Kell, City Manager

Welcome to the Fiftieth Conference Mrs. E. L. Gage, Director of the
Southern District

Response to Address of Welcome Mrs. Edward Phillips, State Vice Regent
Music — Quintette, Graham High School Mrs. George W. Richardson,
Director

Patty Doak, Virginia Bates, Ann Smith, Joe Adams, Ronald Wynn
Early Century Novelty Numbers

Greetings from the National Society Mrs. Thomas H. Lee
Recording Secretary General

Greetings Dr. V. Eugene Holcombe, National Officer of S.A.R.

Introduction Mrs. Ira Mason Smith, State Chairman of National Defense
Address — "Forever This Land" Mr. Kermit Hunter,
Native West Virginian, Author, and Teacher

Presentation of Distinguished Guests
Introduction of State Officers

Greetings from C.A.R. Mrs. James Moore,
Senior President of West Virginia

Greetings from other Patriotic Organizations.

Presentation of General Chairman, Hostess Regents and Pages.
Retiring of the Colors Pages

RECEPTION

Princess Aracoma Chapter — Hostess.
"That Government is best which governs least."

Thomas Jefferson

"Flowers are the sweetest things God ever made and forgot to put a soul in."
H. W. Beecher

MUSIC

Organist Mrs. George W. Richardson
Baldwin Organ through courtesy Jack Call Piano Company

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1955

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

9:00 A.M.

Presentation of Colors		Pages
Conference Called to Order	Mrs. William McClaugherty, State Regent	
Devotionals	Mrs. G. H. Neale, Chaplain	
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag	Mrs. Ross Daniel	
The National Anthem	Mrs. W. D. Dantzler, Leader	
Pianist	Mrs. Ben Bates	
Report of the Credentials Committee	Mrs. O. B. French, Chairman	
Report of the Program Committee	Mrs. E. Lyle Gage	
Standing Rules of Order	Mrs. Harry J. Smith	
Reading of the Minutes	Mrs. Howard Summers, Recording Secretary	
Report of the Resolutions Committee	Mrs. W. H. Daniel, Chairman	
Report of State Officers —		
Group Singing	Mrs. W. D. Dantzler, Leader	
	Accompanist — Mrs. Ben Bates	
Announcements		

CONFERENCE LUNCHEON

1:00 P.M.

Mrs. A. Keith McClung, Honorary State Regent, Presiding.
Introduction of Guests
Reports of State Chairmen
Mathew French Chapter — Hostess
Tea, Honoring all Conference Guests and members, given by the State Regent at her home, 116 Oakhurst Avenue.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

7:00

Ball Room

Banquet Honoring Chapter Regents and Distinguished Guests.
Musical Program — Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Woolridge
accompanied by Miss Anna Mae Foresman
Reports of Chapter Regents —
"Our Buildings" — Mrs. Charles Carroll Haig
Retiring of the Colors —
John Chapman Chapter — Hostess.

SATURDAY MORNING

7:30 A.M.

West Virginia Regents' Club Breakfast — Mrs. V. Eugene Holcombe, President
Captain James Allen Chapter — Hostess.
Miss Virginia Johnson, State Chairman of Junior Committee, in charge of
Junior Bazaar.
Miss Betty Bodell — Local Chairman

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

9:00 A.M.

Conference called to order — Mrs. William W. McClaugherty, State Regent
Scripture and Prayer — Mrs. G. H. Neale, State Chaplain
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag — Mrs. Harry J. Smith
The National Anthem — Mrs. George Richardson, Leader
Reading of the Minutes — Mrs. Howard E. Summers, State Rec. Secretary

Report of the Nominating Committee	Mrs. Rose Gibson, Chairman
Election of Officers	
Report of the Credentials Committee	Mrs. O. B. French
Report of the Resolutions Committee	Mrs. W. H. Daniel, Chairman
Report of the Finance Committee	Mrs. Romeo T. McDonald, Chairman
Appointment of Committees	The State Regent
Presentation of the New Officers —	
Unfinished Business —	
New Business —	
Invitation for the 1956 Conference —	
"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"	
Retiring of the Colors —	
Adjournment of the Fiftieth State Conference	
Meeting of the State Board of Management	

JUNIOR LUNCHEON

1:00 P.M. — West Virginian Club Room.
 Miss Virginia Johnson State Chairman, Presiding
 Address — "Light A Little Candle" Mrs. William W. McClaugherty,
 State Regent

INTERESTING ITEMS COPIED FROM A 1905 MAGAZINE

In August, 1905, vigilantes were strung along the Mississippi banks to urn back yellow-fever refugees from New Orleans. Every young girl wanted one of the new "fitted" Anna Held petticoats, and Mother, Pin a Rose on Me swept Tin Pan Alley.

"I have been in black "crape" mourning for a parent for a year, can I have a violet linen suit now?" Answer: "Not for another six months."

"A smooth forehead adds greatly to the beauty of the face," believes another editor. "Try never to express anything with the forehead."

"What is more healthful and enjoyable than to be out in the fresh, exhilarating open," runs this Oldsmobile ad, "with nothing to watch but the road?" Seven horsepower Runabout, \$650. Ten Passenger Wagonette, \$2200.

"When traveling, a veil is a great protection against dust and cinders. Try red gauze to prevent sunburn at the seashore."

Beauty: "A strong perfume is one of the earmarks of vulgarity. Buy the most delicate sachet possible. The odor from it should be a mere suggestion of some flower to mingle with the sweet smell of freshly laundered linen."

New bride: "In having oatmeal for breakfast, I always cook it two hours the afternoon before, and another half hour in the morning."

Young mother: "When your baby is eighteen months old, he can begin to have a little meat. Give him milk and cereal gruels only for the first year."

"How long should a fifteen-year old wear her dresses?" Answer: "To the tops of her shoes."

Grover Cleveland expresses his disapproval of woman suffrage. In Colorado, where women succeeded in winning the vote, he says, "Her ideals have been lowered, the delicacy of her perception of right and wrong has been dulled. Her vote . . . is a blow she has dealt her own womanhood."

In a piece called Her Brother's Letters, a young man speaks out against what he calls "inflammatory waists" or blouses: "The thinnest, flimsiest textures are resorted to by young girls and women for bodices which show most plainly billows of lace and of pink and blue ribbons underneath . . . Then in comes the skirt that fits so tight as to show every line and curve of the lower anatomy — about as indecently suggestive an effect as a woman can reach."

MINUTES OF THE FIFTIETH ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE
OF WEST VIRGINIA N. S. D. A. R.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1955

The opening session of the Annual Conference, commemorating the Golden Anniversary of the West Virginia Organization of the Daughters of the American Revolution, was held in the Ballroom of the West Virginian Hotel, Bluefield, W. Va., October 20th, 1955, at 8:30 P.M.

The Assembly call was sounded by Buglers LeRoy Poythress and Clarence Jones.

The Color Bearers, with the United States Flag, the West Virginia State Flag, the D.A.R. banner, and the Pages entered the rear of the Ballroom, forming a guard of honor through which the State Regent, National Officer, National Chairmen, National Vice Chairmen, Honorary State Regents, Visiting State Regents, State Officers, Distinguished Guests of other patriotic societies, and Hostess Regents passed. Mrs. George W. Richardson played the "Triumphal March," by Verdi on the piano during the procession.

Doctor Frank L. Shafier, Pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church, Bluefield, W. Va., gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and the American's Creed were led by Mrs. Harry J. Smith, Honorary State Regent. Mrs. W. D. Dantzler led the assembly in singing the National Anthem.

William L. Kell, City Manager of Bluefield, extended the official welcome for the city, and Mrs. E. Lyle Gage, Director of the Southern District and general chairman of the Conference, extended a warm welcome from the hostess chapters of the Southern District.

Mrs. Edward S. Phillips, State Vice Regent, responded to the address of welcome and urged all members to observe United States Day, October 30th by displaying the United States Flag, and reaffirming our pledge to support the Constitutional Government of the United States of America.

A vocal quintette from Graham High School, dressed in costumes of the Early 19th Century, presented several novelty numbers. The quintette was composed of Patty Doak, Virginia Bates, Ann Smith, Joe Adams, Ronald Wynn, and was directed by Mrs. George W. Richardson.

Mrs. McClagherty, State Regent, introduced Mrs. Thomas Henry Lee, Recording Secretary General of the National Society and Past State Regent of Pennsylvania, who brought greetings and congratulations from the National Society, and from her state.

Doctor V. Eugene Holcombe, National Officer, expressed greetings and good wishes of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Ira Mason Smith, State Chairman of National Defense, was introduced by the State Regent. Mrs. Smith presented the speaker for the evening, Mr. Kermit Hunter, nationally known author and playwright.

In his patriotic address, "Forever This Land," Mr. Hunter cautioned that the greatest danger lies in the modern citizen taking freedom too much for granted. The Battle of King's Mountain which turned the tide of the Revolution was fought by a handful of patriots, without pay, because of their love of freedom, yet today only half of our people vote. He urged that we examine our heritage and return to more aggressive and positive action, return to God, the source of ultimate Truth, for Man is created in the image of God and is not an island unto himself. "When I consider the heavens, What is Man that Thou art mindful of him?"

At the Conclusion of his address, Mrs. McClagherty presented an Award of Merit, the highest award conferred by the Daughters of the American Revolution to Mr. Hunter, in recognition of his outstanding service to the cause of American Democracy, and extended sincere thanks on behalf of the Conference for his address.

The State Regent announced the theme of the 1955 Conference as "Today is Yesterday's Pupil." She presented Mrs. David E. French, Honorary State

Regent, and Past Vice President General, who sixteen years ago said that her fondest wish was to see "Mary Ann" as the State Regent of West Virginia. Mrs. McLaugherty said that as she stood beside Mrs. French as "Today's Regent" she was "Yesterday's Pupil." She expressed her great humility and deep appreciation to Mrs. French for her faith and her advice, and to the membership of the West Virginia Society for its wholehearted cooperation during her term of office.

Mrs. McLaugherty introduced Mrs. Charles Carroll Haig, National Chairman of Buildings and Grounds, and Past President National of the Children of the American Revolution, who brought greetings from the National Chairmen, and gave "The American Blue Ribbon Receipt for Good Citizenship."

Mrs. Harry J. Smith, Past Vice President General, and Honorary State Regent, expressed her pleasure in attending the Conference and her wish for a successful meeting.

Mrs. A. Keith McClung, Honorary State Regent, brought greetings from the Honorary State Regents.

The State Regent introduced Mrs. James Moore of Huntington, who is the State President of the Children of the American Revolution, and Mrs. Marshall Bixler, State Regent of Ohio.

Other distinguished guests bringing greetings were: Mrs. G. H. Coffman, President of the United States Daughters of 1812 in W. Va.; Mrs. V. Eugene Holcombe, Organizing Regent of the W. Va. Daughters of the Colonial Wars; Miss Ann Lloyd Baylor, Division President of the United Daughters of the Confederacy; Miss Hallie Martin, President of the West Virginia Huguenot Society; Mrs. Plummer Hill, National Officer, Colonial Dames of the 17th Century; Mrs. Daniel W. Snyder, Honorary Vice President National of the United States Daughters of 1812, National Vice Chairman of Credentials NSDAR, and State Parliamentarian; Mrs. Harry J. Smith, Past President, Founders and Patriots; Mrs. Charles P. Walker, National Vice President, Children of the American Revolution; Mrs. Jackson A. Hammond, Conference Press Relations Chairman.

Miss Ruth Seibert, Chairman of Pages, was introduced and she in turn presented the Pages for the Conference. Mrs. E. Lyle Gage, General Chairman of the Conference, introduced the Regents of the hostess chapters: Mrs. W. C. Bishop, Borderland; Mrs. F. M. Sayre, Capt. James Allen; Mrs. W. D. Dantzler, Col. Andrew Donnally; Mrs. Wilson Phelps, Gen. Andrew Lewis; Mrs. LeRoy Brewer, Jenny Wiley; Mrs. Ben H. Williams, John Chapman; Mrs. E. L. Robertson, Matthew French; Mrs. H. G. Humphries, Mondongachate; and Mrs. F. E. Bradford, Princess Aracoma.

Mrs. McLaugherty extended an invitation to the officers and visitors to attend a tea at her home, 116 Oakhurst Avenue, the following afternoon, 3 until 5 o'clock.

The Colors were retired and the meeting was recessed until 9:00 A.M. Oct. 21, 1955.

Following the meeting, a delightful reception was held on the hotel mezzanine. Many members wore authentic costumes of the Early Twentieth Century and prizes were awarded to Mrs. Wilson Phelps for her grandmother's Second Day dress, and Mrs. James Wright for the dress with the most handwork.

The Princess Aracoma Chapter was hostess and Mrs. F. E. Bradford, Regent, was in charge of the arrangements. Lovely organ music was rendered during the reception.

SUE PROCTOR MILLER (Mrs. S. L.).
State Recording Secretary, Pro Tem

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 21, 1955

The Colors were advanced by the Pages and the business session was called to order at 9 o'clock, October 21, 1955, by the State Regent, Mrs. William W. McClaugherty, in the Ball Room of the Hotel West Virginian. The Invocation was given by Mrs. G. H. Neale, State Chaplain.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mrs. Harry J. Smith, Honorary State Regent.

Mrs. W. D. Dantzler led the group in singing the National Anthem. Mrs. Ben Bates accompanied the singing on the piano.

Mrs. O. B. French, Chairman of the Credentials Committee requested more time to prepare the report of the committee.

The Conference Program was presented by Mrs. E. Lyle Gage, General Chairman of the Conference, who made the motion that it be adopted as printed. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Harry J. Smith, Chairman of the Rules Committee, read the Standing Rules of Order for the Conference, and made the motion that the rules be adopted as read.

Standing Rules for the Procedure of the Fiftieth Annual State Conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution in West Virginia:

1. All sessions will begin promptly at the hour announced.
2. Delegates are expected to be in their seats before the opening of each session.
3. Doors will be closed during speeches, musical numbers and reports.
4. No delegate shall be entitled to the floor until she rises, gives her name and Chapter and is recognized by the Chair.
5. No member shall speak more than once during the day to the same question, nor longer than three minutes at one time without leave of the assembly.
6. The reports of Chapter Regents and Chairmen of State Committees shall be limited to two minutes each. Reports of absent members shall be filed.
7. A typewritten copy of each report must be handed to the Recording Secretary, after it is read.
8. All main motions must be presented in writing and signed by the maker.
9. All resolutions must be presented through the Resolutions Committee.
10. Robert's Rules of Order, (revised) shall be the accepted authority on Parliamentary Law.

Mrs. Ben H. Williams, Regent of John Chapman Chapter, seconded the motion that the Standing Rules of Order be accepted as read and the motion passed.

The minutes of the Opening Session of the West Virginia Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, were read by the State Recording Secretary Pro Tem, and approved.

Mrs. W. K. Gibson, Chairman Pro Tem of the Resolutions Committee, read the following Resolutions adopted by the National Society and made the motion that the Resolutions be adopted in their entirety because of their importance to the Chapters, State, and Nation. Motion adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions presented to the 50th Annual State Conference of the West Virginia Organization of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Whereas, Certain of the resolutions adopted by the 64th Continental Congress of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution are of such interest as to deserve special recognition by the members of our State Organization,

Resolved, That the 50th State Conference reaffirm the following Resolutions adopted by the 64th Continental Congress:

LAWMAKING BY TREATY (BRICKER AMENDMENT)

Whereas, The Constitution of the United States of America is the greatest document for human liberty in two thousand years of recorded history and, originally, treaties were intended to be agreements between sovereign nations concerned solely with international affairs; and

Whereas, Treaties and executive agreements have been and are now being drawn which admittedly endanger American rights, make domestic laws, override the Constitution, give Congressional powers to the executive branch of the government, give States rights to the Federal Government or to an international body, and cut across our Bill of Rights;

Resolved, That the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, urge the immediate adoption of the Bricker Amendment which will provide that no treaty or other international agreement in conflict with the Constitution shall be of any force or effect; and no treaty or other international agreement shall become effective as *internal* law in the United States except by valid legislation duly enacted by the elected representatives of the American people.

UNITED NATIONS AND WORLD GOVERNMENT

Whereas, The United Nations is a group of sixty nations banded together for the sole declared purpose of preserving peace in the world with definite provision that there be no interference in the domestic affairs of any member nation, and

Whereas, By the following assaults upon the Constitution of the United States it is now clear that a CONCEALED purpose is to destroy the sovereignty of the United States of America in order to build a WORLD GOVERNMENT without the right of secession:

1. By the Fujii case in California, through which the Charter of the United Nations was substituted for the laws of the State of California;

2. In the Steel Seizure case, a Chief Justice of our Supreme Court claimed the right of the President to seize private property under the Charter of the United Nations;

3. The propaganda of the Declaration of Human Rights is used to confuse and conceal the true purpose of the Covenant of Human Rights—which would, if adopted, destroy free speech, free press, free religion and the right to own private property;

4. The Genocide Convention will, if adopted, deprive American citizens of the right to trial by jury and will make them subject to the provisions of a world court;

5. UNESCO is a deliberate plan to create public opinion for world citizenship—it is especially directed to the school children of the NATION and is patterned exactly after the Communist teaching in Soviet Russia;

Resolved, That the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, implore the Congress of the United States to declare in unmistakable language the sovereignty of the United States of America, demand that the United Nations confine its activities to being a deliberating body only of sovereign nations and that all interference in the domestic affairs of the United States cease immediately and completely.

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN LATIN AMERICA

Whereas, The Soviet Union has constantly intervened in the affairs of Latin American Republics, and has used certain Central American countries as a beachhead in the Western Hemisphere in a conspiracy to gain domination of all Latin America, thus threatening the very existence of this nation and the entire free world;

Resolved, That the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, urge immediate strengthening of relations between the United States and all Latin American countries, through more technical, economic and military aid to those countries that are being influenced by communist

propaganda against the United States, and against the capitalist system in the entire world.

RED CHINA

Whereas, Red China has violated in many instances the terms of the Korean Armistice; and

Whereas, Admission of Red China to the United Nations would add to the already dangerous power of the Soviet Union in swaying the votes in the Security Council of the United Nations;

Resolved, That the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, reaffirm its previous stand and strongly oppose the admission of Red China to the United Nations.

REDEDICATION TO RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLES

Whereas, The heart of atheistic Marxism is the denial of GOD, and the destruction of all symbols of religious faith;

Whereas, Many religious leaders and publications are zealously advocating the sacrifice of the sovereignty of the UNITED STATES for a World Government under the United Nations;

Resolved, That the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, earnestly request our spiritual leaders to hold steadfastly to the Faith of our Fathers in the teachings of the Bible and to beware of the pitfalls of World Government and the Socialist State.

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEES

Resolved, That the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution reaffirm its previous stand on the policy of Investigating Committees commend their efforts in exposing subversive activities and earnestly request the Congress to appropriate adequate funds for the continuance of the courageous campaign by our duly elected legislators and their staffs.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Whereas, The National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, reaffirms its confidence in the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its Director, J. Edgar Hoover, with commendation for its past record;

Resolved, That the Congress of the United States be urged to appropriate funds adequate to continue and expand its effective services.

FOR A SOLVENT REPUBLIC

Whereas, The National debt of the United States exceeds 275 billions of dollars, courting inflation and bankruptcy; and

Whereas, The recipients of American taxes in foreign aid have exceeded their production and foreign trade as recorded previous to World War II;

Resolved, That we urge that all foreign aid be reduced as rapidly as possible and these billions of American tax dollars be applied on the national debt to promote a balanced budget and a financially secure United States.

FOUNDATIONS

Whereas, There are approximately seven thousand foundations in the United States of America with resources in excess of ten billion dollars and an annual income of over three hundred million dollars; and

Whereas, Many foundations are using their tax-exempt funds to subvert our youth by "directing American education toward an international viewpoint and disregarding the traditions to which they were dedicated";

Resolved, That the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, request the 84th Congress of the United States of America to conduct an unhampered investigation, the finding of which would expose to the public the foundations which were using their funds in a manner detrimental to American interests.

FEDERAL SUPERVISION OVER INDIANS

Whereas, There is now before the Senate of the United States a Bill, S. 401, which calls for the abolishment of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, removal of federal guardianship over Indians and trusteeship over Indian land, within three years from the date of enactment of the ACT;

Resolved, That we, the 64th Continental Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution, commend the Bureau of Indian Affairs for its diligent study of problems relating to American Indians on reservations as wards of the Federal Government, and earnestly solicit the Secretary of the Interior to grant sufficient extension of time for proper training of these dependent people for complete cultural assimilation and integration into mixed community life; and

Resolved, That the State Societies and Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution within the several states where Indian tribes exist on reservations, be requested to contact the members of their State Legislatures for the purpose of urging that state and local governments assume greater responsibility for the economic and civic preparedness of those reservation Indians now woefully unable to earn a living in new surroundings and for adequate educational opportunities for the Indian youth of these tribes.

YOUTH GUIDANCE

Whereas, The report of the Federal Bureau of Investigation informs the public that juvenile delinquency has greatly increased, especially in the lower age brackets, which situation now constitutes a serious and tragic menace both to the child involved and to the security of the nation;

Resolved, That the Daughters of the American Revolution determine to develop in their respective communities an increased and active interest in healthy and well-ordered training in the home and in the school; to emphasize the moral force of the church, to support worthy youth groups which meet the need for recreational activities, and to promote, wherever feasible, Juvenile Courts for the sympathetic understanding of the problem of the juvenile delinquent.

FEDERAL AID TO EDUCATION

Resolved, That the Daughters of the American Revolution reaffirm their adamant stand for control of education by the people through their States and local communities only and oppose federal aid to education.

AMERICAN HISTORY A REQUIRED SUBJECT

Whereas, One of the primary objectives of our National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, is to stress the understanding of American history and civics; and

Whereas, The teaching of these subjects in our schools, colleges and universities should be stressed in order to enable all young people to have a better knowledge of our country and governmental system essential for good citizenship;

Resolved, That each state be urged to pass laws requiring that courses in American history be taught in our elementary, junior and senior high schools, and that at least one course in American history and civics be required for graduation in all colleges and universities, both State supported and privately endowed.

FLAG

Whereas, The present Public Law No. 829 is somewhat confusing as to the correct position of the United States Flag in relation to the banners of the United Nations, NATO and other like world organizations;

Resolved, That the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, urge the Congress of the United States to pass a clear and concise law making it unlawful at any time to fly any international flag or banner

above or on the same level with the Flag of this Nation within the borders of these United States or its possessions;
Resolved, That a penalty for the violation of the sovereignty of the Flag of these United States be included in this legislation.

ANTARCTICA

Whereas, Antarctica, a continent reported to be larger than the United States and Mexico combined, has untapped reservoirs of natural resources, said to be rapidly becoming of important material value; and

Whereas, American citizens have discovered more of the South Polar continent than all other nations combined and have done nothing to validate its rightful claims; and

Whereas, Seven other countries claim portions of the area, one country claiming the entire continent;

Resolved, That the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, urge the Congress immediately to take the necessary action to further explorations to produce maps and to make investigation of mineral resources in Antarctica in order to lay the foundation to validate the rightful claims of the United States.

PROTECT AMERICA'S FUTURE THROUGH PATRIOTIC EDUCATION

Whereas, The changing of the name "Constitution Day" to "Citizenship Day" in the matter of observance of September 17th as the date of the signing of our Constitution minimizes the importance of this all-important document in the minds of the American people and emphasizes the citizenship idea which tends to fall into the "world citizen" plan of propaganda, and in order to preserve, support and appreciate our Federal Constitution it is essential to understand its provisions and principles;

Resolved, That the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, urge the United States Congress to restore the designation "Constitution Day" to the date of September 17th in order that all Americans on this anniversary may rededicate themselves to the basic principles of this great document; and

Resolved, That the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, in every locality study and publicize the Constitution during its 168th Anniversary Week of September 17-23, 1955; request their Mayors and Governors to proclaim Constitution Week; and sponsor Chapter, school and public programs on the Constitution, especially emphasizing the primary purposes of good government as set forth in the Preamble to the Constitution and the duty of citizens in our Republic to protect the Constitution and the freedoms as set forth in its Bill of Rights, so that it may continue to protect us and our posterity in "This Nation under God."

Mrs. Gibson made the motion that an additional resolution be adopted. Whereas, Our President, Dwight D. Eisenhower, was recently stricken with a heart attack; and

Whereas, His recovery and health mean so much to the peace and security of the United States and the World;

Resolved, That the members of this Conference pray for the speedy recovery and health of President Eisenhower.

Mrs. E. Lyle Gage seconded the motion that the Resolution be adopted. The motion was carried.

Mrs. McClagherty, State Regent, made the recommendation that all chapter regents have one program given to the study of the National Society Resolutions for a National Defense program.

The following State Officers gave their reports: Mrs. W. W. McClagherty reviewed her work during the year and reported on the re-decoration of the West Virginia Room at Washington, D. C. Mrs. Edward Phillips occupied the chair during Mrs. McClagherty's report.

Mrs. Edward Phillips combined the report as Vice Regent and Chairman of the Honor Roll Committee. She recommended that the D.A.R. chapters support United States Day, honoring our nation as the only country and flag to which we owe allegiance and loyalty.

Mrs. G. H. Neale, State Chaplain, reported 128 deceased, one a State Officer, Mrs. Robert Felton.

The report of Mrs. Howard E. Summers, State Recording Secretary was filed.

Mrs. Samuel Morgan presented her report as the State Corresponding Secretary.

Miss Emily Miller, State Treasurer, asked the Pages to distribute copies of her report. Miss Miller read the Auditor's Report and moved that the Auditor's Report be adopted.

Mrs. S. L. Miller, Registrar, read her report and stated that mimeograph copies could be obtained at the rear of the assembly room.

Mrs. Charles Hinkle presented the Historian's report and announced that February has been designated as American History month.

On the motion of Miss Hallie Martin and seconded by Mrs. Ben Williams, the reports were accepted as read and filed with the State Recording Secretary.

Group singing was led by Mrs. Dantzler and Mrs. Bates.

Mrs. Romeo T. McDonald, Editor of the West Virginia News, said that a story had gone out over the press releases that a cemetery in Morgantown had been desecrated. She stated that she had investigated and found that the gravestones had been put in a warehouse for protection and the ground landscaped for a lovely garden sanctuary with proper restoration of memorials. She had written a story correcting this impression and that it would be published in one of the Fall issues of the National D.A.R. Magazine.

Mrs. McClaugherty urged all regents to present names immediately for Pages and members of the Hospitality Committees to function at the National Congress in April 1956. There are nine openings allowed West Virginia and they will be filled in the order received by the State Regent, who will forward them to the National committees. Notification of the appointments will be made by the National Society.

The Committee on Credentials submitted a preliminary report: Total registration 224; voting strength 118. The committee members are Mrs. O. B. French, Mrs. A. O. Seibert, Mrs. M. Eugene Marsh, and Miss Emily Miller.

Plans for transportation to the home of Mrs. McClaugherty for the tea during the afternoon were presented by Mrs. Sayers Harman, Transportation Chairman for the Conference.

The meeting was recessed at 11:30 A.M. until the State Chairmen's Luncheon at 1 P.M.

The Colors were retired.

SUE PROCTOR MILLER (Mrs. S. L.),
State Recording Secretary, Pro Tem

STATE CHAIRMEN'S LUNCHEON

Friday, October 21, 1955

The State Chairmen's Luncheon was held at one o'clock in the Ball Room of the Hotel West Virginian, Bluefield, W. Va., Friday, October 21, 1955. Mrs. A. Keith McClung, Honorary State Regent, presiding.

The Invocation was given by Mrs. G. H. Neale, State Chaplain.

Mrs. A. Keith McClung, Honorary State Regent, expressed appreciation to the Matthew French Chapter for the beautiful luncheon decorations in gold, commemorating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the West Virginia Society N.S.D.A.R. She asked the Regent, Mrs. E. L. Robertson, to introduce the members of the hostess chapter responsible for the arrangements.

Mrs. McClung extended an invitation to the members of the Conference, to attend the Regents' Club Breakfast Saturday morning at 7:30, in the dining room of the hotel.

Mrs. McClaugherty stated that there had been an error on the official Conference program and asked that the members insert the name of the Captain James Allen Chapter, hostess to the Regents' Breakfast, for the name of Borderland Chapter. She expressed her regret for the error.

Mrs. W. D. Dantzler, Regent of the Colonel Andrew Donnally Chapter, sang "West Virginia" to the tune of "Flow Gently Sweet Afton." She was accompanied at the piano by Miss Ruth Seibert, Chairman for the Advancement of American Music.

Mrs. McClung appointed Mrs. Carl Bachman to keep the time of the State Chairmen's reports within two minutes. The State Recording Secretary Pro Tem called the roll for the reports of the State Chairmen.

Mrs. Samuel Solins, Chairman of the Americanism Committee, announced that the committee is sponsoring a Safety Campaign for School Children, and asked that all chapter regents promote a Safety Drive in their local schools.

In the absence of Mrs. Curt Amos, Mrs. Charles Hinkle presented the John Chapman Chapter with an award for the greatest gain in membership during the year. She presented an award to the James Barbour, the Wheeling, and the William Henshaw Chapters for each having members having four D.A.R. daughters each. She also made an award to the Elizabeth Zane Chapter for having the most sisters in one family among its members. There are five sisters in the Snodgrass family who are members of the Elizabeth Zane Chapter.

The meeting was recessed until 7:00 P.M.

The Colors were retired.

SUE PROCTOR MILLER (Mrs. S. L.)
State Recording Secretary Pro Tem

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

The Regents' Banquet commemorating the Golden Anniversary of the West Virginia Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, was held in the Ball Room of the Hotel West Virginian, October 21st at 7 P.M.

The Pages led the Processional of Regents to their special table and the National and State Officers and Distinguished Guests to the speakers table.

Mrs. William W. McClaugherty, State Regent, requested Mrs. G. H. Neale, State Chaplain, to give the Invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mrs. J. B. Woolridge presented a lovely group of songs: "Alice Blue Gown," "Just One Kiss," "Bless This House." She was accompanied at the piano by Miss Anna Mae Foresman. They led the group singing "God Bless America."

Mrs. Carl Bachman was appointed by the State Regent to keep time of the Regents' reports within two minutes. The reports of twenty-eight regents were read.

Mrs. Ray E. Ritchie, Regent of the Ravenswood Chapter, presented Mrs. McClaugherty with a hand-painted cup and saucer for the West Virginia Room in the Memorial Continental Hall, Washington, D. C. At a reception in the White House, Mrs. Caroline Scott Harrison (Benjamin Harrison), the first President General NSDAR, presented it to Mrs. Sara Catharine Wright, Mother of Mrs. Hallie Wright Smith (deceased) a member of the Ravenswood Chapter. Mrs. Smith gave the cup and saucer to the chapter to preserve it as an historical memorial.

Mrs. Collis Hudson, State Regent from Kentucky, was introduced by Mrs. McClaugherty. She extended "Birthday Greetings" from the 4400 Kentucky Daughters of the American Revolution.

Miss Virginia Johnson, Chairman of the Junior Committee, presented a report of the work done during the year.

Mrs. McClaugherty thanked Virginia and her committee for the splendid record of \$1,000.61 contributed to the Helen Pouch Scholarship Fund. She stated that Miss Gertrude Carraway, President General N.S.D.A.R. in a letter to her, expressed her appreciation for the many constructive ideas that Miss Johnson had given Miss Carraway for the National Program for Constitution Week.

Mrs. Romeo T. McDonald gave a report on the financial standing of the West Virginia News and said since the subscription list had doubled that it is possible to obtain cheaper mailing rates. The News has been nominated for the Freedom's Foundation Award. Mrs. McDonald submitted an article to the National D.A.R. Magazine concerning West Virginia's Two Real Daughters as well as one vindicating West Virginia's name of criticism about the destruction of a cemetery in Morgantown. The articles have been accepted and will appear in one of the Fall issues.

The State Regent introduced Mrs. Charles Carroll Haig, speaker for the evening. Mrs. Haig is the National Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. She gave many interesting facts concerning the care, repair, and inspection of the D.A.R. buildings in Washington, D. C. The buildings cover an entire city block and are valued at seven and one half million dollars.

Miss Louise Bullock, Chairman of the Tellers gave voting instructions for the election of officers Saturday morning.

The Colors were retired and the meeting recessed until Saturday at 9 A.M.

SUE PROCTOR MILLER (Mrs. S. L.),
State Recording Secretary Pro Tem

SATURDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

The closing business session of the 50th Annual State Conference of the West Virginia Society, N.S.D.A.R., was called to order at 9 A.M., Oct. 22, 1955, by the State Regent, following the advancing of the colors carried by the Pages.

The Invocation was given by Mrs. G. H. Neale, State Chaplain. Mrs. Harry J. Smith, Past Vice President General, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and the American's Creed. The group sang the National Anthem.

With the permission of the Conference, the State Regent asked for the final report of the Credentials Committee.

The Committee Reported:

National Officers	1
National Chairmen	2
National Vice Chairmen	2
Past National Officers	2
Honorary State Regents	3
Visiting State Regents	2
State Officers	8
State Chairmen	10
Chapter Regents	27
Delegates	107
Alternates	18
Members	23
Honor Guests	5
Pages	14
District Directors	2
Total Registration	225
Voting Strength	117

Mrs. Ruth Johnson French, (O. B.) Chairman, Mrs. Alvin O. Seibert, Mrs. M. Eugene Marsh, Jr., Miss Emily Miller.

Mrs. B. H. Williams made the motion that the report be accepted as read and Mrs. Samuel Solins made the second. The report was accepted.

The Nominating Committee composed of Mrs. W. Kemp Gibson, Miss Anne Lloyd Baylor, Mrs. Carl Bachman and Mrs. E. L. Gage, presented the following names for the State offices:

Regent	Mrs. Edward S. Phillips
Vice Regent	Mrs. V. Eugene Holcombe
Chaplain	Mrs. Russell J. Bergen
Recording Secretary	Miss Virginia Johnson
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Carroll Boggs
Treasurer	Mrs. L. St. Clair Allen
Registrar	Mrs. H. O. Wagner
Historian	Mrs. T. B. Leith
Librarian	Mrs. Carney Boggess

Miss Louise Bullock, National Chairman of Tellers, announced that the voting booth was set up in Parlor A, with the members of the Credentials Committee seated in the hall where each voter should be checked before voting.

The minutes of the Friday morning session were read and approved as corrected. The minutes of the State Chairmen's Luncheon and the Friday evening meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. McClaugherty thanked Mrs. Ben H. Williams, Regent of the John Chapman Chapter, for the lovely banquet commemorating the Fiftieth Anniversary, and Mrs. E. Lyle Gage, General Chairman of the Conference, for the well planned and executed Conference program.

Mrs. W. Kemp Gibson read the following Courtesy Resolutions and moved their adoption.

Resolved, that the Daughters of the American Revolution of this 50th West Virginia State Conference express to Mrs. William McClaugherty, our beloved State Regent, our appreciation for her inspiring addresses, her faithfulness to duty, for the efficient manner in which she conducted this Conference, and for her conscientious devotion to the ideals of our American Way of Life.

Resolved, that sincere thanks of this Conference be extended to our National President, Miss Gertrude Carraway for her inspiring message.

Resolved, that we extend our thanks to Mrs. Thomas Henry Lee, Recording Secretary General, for her gracious presence and greetings.

Resolved, that the sincere thanks of this Conference be extended to Mrs. Charles Carroll Haig, National Chairman of Buildings and Grounds, for her interesting and informative address about our National D.A.R. Property, and to Miss Louise Bullock, National Chairman of Tellers, for her presence and assistance at this Conference.

Resolved, that our warm thanks be extended to Mrs. M. H. Bixler, State Regent of Ohio, and to Mrs. Carroll Hudson, State Regent of Kentucky for their presence and cordial greetings.

Whereas, This 50th Annual West Virginia State Conference of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution has been so graciously entertained by the Chapters of the Southern District, and

Whereas, The District Director and Conference Chairman, Mrs. E. L. Gage, and her assistants, the Chapter Regents and members of the hostess chapters who have planned and executed this most successful meeting, now therefore be it

Resolved, That our warm thanks be extended to Mrs. Gage and her committee, and to all of them who in any way contributed to our pleasure.

Resolved, That this Conference give their thanks to Mrs. David E. French, Mrs. Harry J. Smith, Mrs. A. Keith McClung, Honorary State Regents, for their gracious presence and their warm greetings.

Resolved, That messages of love and good wishes be sent to those Honorary State Regents who were unable to attend this 50th Conference.

Resolved, That our thanks be extended to all officers of the Children of the American Revolution for their presence and greetings.

Resolved, That our appreciation and thanks be extended to the officers of other patriotic organizations for their gracious presence at this Conference.

Resolved, That an expression of deep gratitude be extended by this Conference to the Manager of Bluefield, Mr. William L. Kell for his cordial welcome; to all the speakers who shared with us their vast store of knowledge; to the artists who added to our meetings by the inspiration of their music; to the management of the West Virginian Hotel, and its employees, for their splendid service to us; to the press for its generous coverage of this Conference, and to the Chairman of Pages, Miss Ruth Seibert, and the Pages, for their untiring efforts, and that our very warm thanks be extended to all those who in any way contributed to the pleasure of the members and guests of this 50th West Virginia Annual State Conference.

Mildred Taylor (Mrs. Lee)
Ivey Smith Daniel (Mrs. W. H.)
Rose Gibson (Mrs. W. Kemp), Chairman

Mrs. Edward Phillips thanked the Courtesy Resolutions Committee, and asked the Conference to give a standing vote of appreciation to the State Regent, the Conference Chairmen, and the Hostess Chapters.

Mrs. Romeo T. McDonald, State Chairman of the Finance Committee submitted the following report:

State Dues	.35
Eleanor H. Smith Scholarship	.08
Contingent Fund	.10
C. A. R.	.05
Library	.02
West Virginia Room Museum	.02
West Virginia D. A. R. News	.10
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Mrs. Russell Bergen, Miss Emily Miller, Miss Lucy Coplin, Mrs. Edward Gibson, and Mrs. McDonald, Chairman.

The motion was made by Mrs. Bergen that the Budget be accepted as presented and was seconded by Miss Miller. The motion was passed.

Mrs. McClaugherty, State Regent, asked if there were any unfinished business or any new business to come before the Conference. No business was presented from the floor.

Mrs. McClaugherty reported that the National Board of Management requested the names of speakers for the Speakers Bureau, to address D.A.R. chapters, other civic and patriotic organizations. The names of members qualified should be presented to Mrs. Ira Mason Smith, Chairman of the Speakers Bureau.

The State Regent reminded the chapter regents that State Officers must be elected as Delegates from the chapters in order to have seats assigned to them at the National Congress in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Edward S. Phillips stated that the West Virginia Luncheon would be held at the Hotel Sheraton-Carlton, April 17. The price of the banquet tickets had to be increased fifty cents because of rising prices in Washington, D. C. She urged the regents to order tickets for the delegates before Congress convenes by writing to her and that those wishing seats at the Regent's table should make requests at once. She added that she would refund money for the luncheon tickets if any member found that she was unable to attend. Mrs. Phillips said that she would be in the West Virginia Box to sell tickets on Monday, 10 until 12 noon.

Mrs. Phillips urged the chapters to consider as projects, scholarships to the D.A.R. Schools. Scholarships to Bacone amount to \$150. and to St. Marys, \$75. The need at Tamassee is for more used clothing. She also asked for new material for the National Program file, stating that since Mrs. Keith McClung had to resign because of ill health, that Mrs. Thomas Reed, Sr., is the National Chairman. She urged chapter regents to send outstanding program papers to Mrs. Reed.

Mrs. White urged the chapters to continue working with foreign persons and to sponsor sending the foreign born children to summer camps, but cautioned them to investigate the kind of camp and the leadership within the camp. She stressed the Girl Homemakers, now under the Americanism Committee, and the continuing support of the C. A. R. Society to foster training in true American patriotism. She asked chapters to review the school text books as to content and slanting towards world government.

A request was made for the clarification of the position of the American Flag on a platform. Mrs. McClaugherty cautioned that the flag should not be used for decoration but should be shown the same respect and reverence as we show the Bible in the home, because the flag guarantees us that freedom of worship. The flag should always be placed on the right of the honored speaker, to the right of the center of attention.

The State Regent urged that women who are employed be placed on committees in which they are interested, and that under the supervision of the D.A.R. chapter, the committees could have monthly meetings in the evening to keep that interest alive. It is difficult to estimate the good that can be done by such committees or even one person, citing the fact that through the research and interest of Miss Marion Tapp, eleven new members were obtained for the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans Chapter at Morgantown, W. Va. Mrs. Dwight P. Cruikshank reported that one such committee in the James Wood Chapter had raised over \$400.

Mrs. Edward S. Phillips, Vice Regent, reviewed the achievements of Mrs. William W. McClaugherty as a wife, mother, civic and patriotic worker, and presented her name as a candidate for the office of Chaplain General on the ticket of Mrs. Charles Carroll Haig, candidate for the office of President General of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Edward Gibson seconded the motion to show the devotion of Mrs. McClaugherty's friends, and the Conference gave a standing vote of endorsement and loyalty.

Mrs. McClaugherty expressed her great humility and deep appreciation for the endorsement. She thanked the State Officers, State Chairmen, and the members in the West Virginia Society for their loyal support and enthusiastic work during her term of office.

Mrs. A. Keith McClung and Mrs. David E. French, Honorary State Regents, presented a motion to elect Mrs. McClaugherty as Honorary State Regent of the West Virginia Society. The members gave a standing vote of support to the motion.

The State Regent declared the meeting recessed for thirty minutes until the report of the election could be given by the tellers.

The business session was reconvened at 11:45 A.M. by the State Regent.

Miss Louise Bullock, National Chairman of Tellers, announced the results of the election: 117 registered voters and 114 votes cast; three mutilated ballots were cast out. The following persons were elected:

- Mrs. Edward S. Phillips State Regent
- Mrs. V. Eugene Holsombe Vice Regent
- Mrs. Russell Bergen Chaplain
- Miss Virginia Johnson Recording Secretary
- Mrs. Carroll Boggs Corresponding Secretary
- Mrs. L. St. Clair Allen Treasurer
- Mrs. H. O. Waggoner Registrar
- Mrs. T. B. Leith Historian
- Mrs. Carney Bogges Librarian

Mrs. W. W. McClaugherty, retiring State Regent, presented Mrs. Edward S. Phillips, and congratulated her and asked the members to give Mrs. Phillips the same cooperation and loyalty that she enjoyed during her term of office.

Mrs. Phillips thanked the members for the honor bestowed upon her and introduced the new State Officers. She announced that a meeting of the Board of Management would be held at the close of the Conference.

An invitation to hold the 1956 Annual Conference at Martinsburg, W. Va., was extended by the chapters in the Eastern District, West Virginia Organization N.S.D.A.R. Mrs. Phillips accepted the invitation and thanked the Eastern District chapters.

The minutes of the Saturday morning session were read and approved as corrected.

The members of the Conference joined hands and sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

The Colors were retired by the Pages and the State Regent declared the Fiftieth Annual State Conference adjourned.

SUE PROCTOR MILLER (Mrs. S. L.),
State Recording Secretary Pro Tem

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board of Management of the West Virginia State Organization of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, met in Parlor B of the West Virginian Hotel, Bluefield, W. Va., Oct. 20, 1955, following a luncheon at 12 o'clock.

Mrs. William W. McLaugherty, State Regent, called the meeting to order.

Mrs. G. H. Neale, State Chaplain, pronounced the Invocation and Mrs. Harry J. Smith, Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the last meeting of the West Virginia Board of Management were read and approved. The State Officers and Chapter Regents present totaled 26.

The following projects of the National and the State Society were presented by the State Regent:

The authorization, by the National Board, of the establishment of new chapters at Salem, Franklin, and Williamson. She requested that members contact all prospective members in these regions so that the chapters may be formed on the above action by the Board.

Mrs. McLaugherty announced the actual formation of the West Virginia Beef Herd at Tamasee, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Holly Simmons, Chairman of the Approved Schools Committee, and Mr. Ralph Cain, manager.

Mrs. McLaugherty also asked the Chapter Regents to submit names to Mrs. Ira Mason Smith, State Chairman of National Defense, for the Speakers Bureau, and names for the nine openings allowed West Virginia, for Pages and members of the house committees for the National Congress, to her. The positions will be filled in the order received by the State Regent, and the appointments will be made by the National Society. It is necessary that the persons whose names are submitted be physically fit as the work involved is arduous.

The possibility of changing the time of holding the Annual State Conference from the week containing the day of Oct. 10th, commemorating the Battle of Pt. Pleasant, to Constitution Week, in September, was discussed.

On motion by Mrs. C. G. Bergman and seconded by Mrs. Carroll Boggs, that a committee be appointed to study the question and to draft a resolution concerning the proposed change, the State Regent appointed Mrs. D. W. Snyder, National Vice Chairman of Credentials, and State Parliamentarian, Miss Emily Miller, State Treasurer, and Mrs. S. L. Miller, State Registrar, to the above committee.

Since only 288 subscriptions were reported from West Virginia, the State Regent stressed the need of increasing the sale of subscriptions to the National magazine to facilitate the sale of advertising space to business and professional people.

Miss Hallie Martin reported on the Eleanor Smith Scholarship award.

Mrs. Romeo McDonald, Editor of the West Virginia News, reported that she had written an article vindicating West Virginia of the criticism concerning the destruction of a cemetery at Morgantown, and another article about West Virginia's Two Real Daughters. Mrs. McDonald submitted them to the magazine published by the Daughters of the American Revolution and they will appear in one of the Fall issues.

Mrs. McClaugherty stated that she had read a newspaper account reporting that she had been appointed, by the Governor of West Virginia, to a committee to assist in working out details for a State Historical Museum. She asked for a discussion of the needs and wishes of the group for the space which will be set aside for the West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. McClaugherty introduced Mrs. H. G. Humphries, Regent of the Mondongachate Chapter, the hostess chapter for the Board of Management Luncheon. She in turn introduced the members of her committee.

"Black Diamond Gold" ear-rings, made by the women at Pence Springs Prison at Alderson, W. Va., were presented as door prizes to Mrs. Ray E. Ritchie, Regent of the Ravenswood Chapter, Mrs. Carroll Boggs, Regent of the Wheeling Chapter, and Mrs. Romeo McDonald, Editor of the West Virginia News.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was recessed until Saturday after the close of the Annual Conference.

SUE PROCTOR MILLER (Mrs. S. L.),
State Recording Secretary Pro Tem

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Saturday, October 22, 1955

The Board of Management convened on Saturday, Oct. 22, 1955, following the adjournment of the 50th Annual Conference, NSDAR in West Virginia.

Mrs. McClaugherty stated that since the present State Officers will hold office only until the installation of the newly elected officers at the National Congress in April, no new projects were planned, no bills were outstanding, and there was no unfinished business. She thanked the Board of Management for its cooperation and turned the meeting over to Mrs. Edward Phillips, the newly elected State Regent of West Virginia.

Mrs. Phillips requested the chapter regents to submit the names of members to her for the State Chairmen. She urged the chapter regents to promote interest in the new chapters, and new membership in their own chapters. The membership required by the National Society for new chapters in cities already having chapters is 25, and in towns which do not have chapters, 12.

She announced that the 51st Annual Conference NSDAR in West Virginia, will be held in Martinsburg in October 1956, the Eastern District acting as hostess.

Mrs. C. G. Bergman, Regent of the Kanawha Valley Chapter, proposed the name of Mrs. Ross B. Johnston for one of the members of the Speakers Bureau, to appear before other chapters, patriotic, and civic organizations, to speak on National Defense. She recommended Mrs. Johnston very highly for her address on the Bricker Amendment. The only charge would be transportation to and from the speaking engagement.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

SUE PROCTOR MILLER (Mrs. S. L.),
State Recording Secretary Pro Tem

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board of Management was called to order by the State Regent, Mrs. William W. McClaugherty, on April 19, 1955, following the West Virginia State Luncheon in the Carlton Room at the Sheraton Carlton Hotel.

The Chair opened the meeting with prayer in remembrance of Mrs. G. H. Neale, State Chaplain, in her sorrow.

The State Regent announced the resignation of Mrs. Samuel McCoy, State Librarian, who was elected at the State Conference, held in Clarksburg, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mrs. Robert Felton. The Chair said she had written to Mrs. Carney Boggess of Philippi asking her to assume the office, and requested the Board to approve the appointment.

A motion "That the appointment of Mrs. Carney Boggess be approved as State Librarian" was made by Miss Ann Lloyd Baylor, and seconded. The motion carried.

The time for the State Conference to be held in Bluefield was discussed. A motion "That we accept the dates of October 20, 21, 22 for the State Conference" was made by Mrs. Boggs, seconded and carried. There were eighteen present.

The Jackson's Mill Luncheon was announced for July 9. Two cottages are available for those wishing to stay the week-end.

The Chair announced that the expense for decorating the West Virginia Room was \$374.00. It was done by Roland's Interior Decorating Firm in Bluefield.

The meeting, upon motion, was adjourned.

NELLIE REESER SUMMERS, State Recording Secretary

REPORTS OF STATE OFFICERS

STATE REGENT'S REPORT

Thomas Jefferson, once said, "To inform the minds of the people and to follow their will is the chief duty of those placed at their head." During the years of my administration this has been my desire.

Your Regent has felt the responsibility of keeping you informed about the program and projects of the National Society; to report to you the action taken in the National Board meetings, and to promote the projects you have suggested.

I only visited two Chapters, and tried to keep up all necessary correspondence until January 1st then all engagements were cancelled, and I was unable to attend the National Board meeting, due to the fact I was with my brother in Wyoming, who was ill.

Upon my return, I went to Washington to see about the plans we had made to renovate our West Virginia Room in Continental Hall. It took several days to get the work outlined and placed in the proper hands.

Mrs. Sam Nuzum, has secured the necessary funds to convert an idle closet into a beautiful book case. This was given in honor of Mrs. Elizabeth Cunningham Rowan, a former Regent of the Major William Haymond Chapter. The book case was installed at a total cost of \$221.85. All of you had contributed toward other improvements. While there are many things to be desired in completing this project, we have made a substantial start.

Our Tamassée "Beef Herd" now has a good start with nearly thirteen hundred dollars contributed. I am sure that this will be an interesting project for our State for years to come. Our State Chairman, Mrs. Holly Simons, deserves much credit for her constant work and enthusiasm.

Your Regent attended the Board Meeting before and following the Congress. She attended the National Officers' Club Dinner, the Chaplains Breakfast, and was a guest at the following social functions while attending the Continental Congress — Daughters of the Colonial Wars, Junior Committee Dinner, Illinois Dinner, Approved Schools' Luncheon, Indiana Tea, Texas, Tenn. Tea Luncheon, honoring your State Regent, given by Mrs. Elizabeth Kee, Congresswoman, North Carolina Tea, Rhode Island Dinner.

It is gratifying to see a growing interest in our District meetings. Your Regent attended four of them, and regretted that a conflict prevented her being present at the Northern District meeting. At each meeting attended I spoke on the subject, "Highlights of Continental Congress." Each Chapter that served as hostess to the District, beautifully planned the entire day, making those present feel it was well worth the time and effort it required to be present.

I regret that time will not permit me to elaborate upon the enjoyable visits I have had with many of the chapters this year, where I have been invited to speak. Also to tell you about the wonderful hospitality I have so richly enjoyed in the homes I have been a guest. Each one will always be a cherished memory.

During the year I have spoken on the following occasions, The George Washington Birthday Luncheon, John Chapman Chapter, Ravenswood Chapter Luncheon, — General Andrew Lewis Chapter Luncheon, William Henshaw Chapter Tea, Bee Line Chapter Dinner, Barboursville Chapter Luncheon — Luncheon honoring the new members given by John Chapman Chapter, Matthew French evening meeting, John Chapman Junior Committee meeting, Colonel Andrew Donnally Chapter Luncheon.

Your Regent has been asked to speak to other organizations including, Youth Banquet, Bland Street Methodist Church, Daughters of the Colonial Wars, Parent Teachers' Association. Also delivered an address over Radio Station WHIS, on "Our Constitution".

Our Membership has increased and our two new Chapters are most active. However, we must work to organize Chapters in towns not being served by

any Chapter at the present. Please let me know if you are interested in helping to organize a Chapter.

Let us remember that the State Officers elected at this Conference do not take office until next April. That we who now have these places of honor must work diligently to further our program, that those who come after us may find "Our house in order", and be able to move forward to greater achievements.

It is with a feeling of gratitude and humility that I bring you my last annual report. Gratitude for your loyal support and excellent co-operation. Humility, that you have entrusted me with the highest office in your State Society. Many times I have felt that the mantle was too big for my shoulders, and the Stewardship too great. Then in my weakest moments, I have felt you by side, giving me courage and faith, and from you wonderful West Virginia Daughters I have gleaned strength to carry on my duties. There have been so many times when you could have written me letters of criticism for mistakes, and failure in duty. Instead, you have, without a single exception, written messages of kindness, sympathy and real affection. For all of the countless expressions of friendship and love, I shall forever be thankful to each of you.

In the months that lie ahead, may we work and pray that our great Nation may be stronger because of the power for good exerted through the united effort of our great organization. It is well for us to remember the words by a poet whose name is not known:

"I want to give to others hope and faith,
I want to do all that the Master saith;
I want to live aright from day to day;
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way."

Affectionately,

MARY ANNE McCLAUHERTY

REPORT OF THE STATE VICE REGENT

During the preceding year, the Vice Regent's duties consisted of planning the West Virginia Luncheon in Washington and of chairing the Honor Roll Committee.

The luncheon was held April 19, 1955 in the Carlton Room of the Sheraton-Carlton. One hundred twenty-nine West Virginia Daughters and their guests were present.

Three general letters were written: two, one in January the other in August, to the Chapter Chairmen of the Honor Roll, giving details of the work of this committee; and one in February, concerning the Washington luncheon, to the Chapter Regents. Copies of the Honor Roll Questionnaire have also been printed and distributed among the membership.

The Vice Regent attended four District Meetings. She reported at each of the work done by West Virginia Chapters for the Honor Roll Committee. She also spoke at two Chapter Meetings.

In March the Vice Regent and the Chairman of the D.A.R. Good Citizenship Committee for Wheeling Chapter appeared on Station WTRF-TV to explain the work of this committee and to present the D.A.R. Good Citizenship pins.

The Vice Regent was present in July at the annual D.A.R. Luncheon at Jackson's Mill.

Of the 47 Chapters in West Virginia, 37 filed Honor Roll reports. This is an increase of 32 per cent over last year. 17 Chapters, a 9.5 per cent increase, attained places on the Honor Roll: 13 the Gold, 2 the Silver, and 2 Honorable Mention.

Those Chapters having Gold Honor Roll standing were Bee Line, Blennerhassett, Buford, Capt. James Allen, Col. Charles Lewis, Col. Morgan Morgan, Elizabeth Zane, James Wood, John Chapman, John Young, Major William Haymond, West Augusta, and Wheeling.

Silver Honor Roll status was attained by Kanawha Valley and Matthew French.

Borderland and John Hart received Honorable Mention.

This is the last year for the Honor Roll. May West Virginia have even a greater increase in the number of Chapters receiving the coveted award!

ALICE BAYNE PHILLIPS (Mrs. Edward S.) State Vice Regent

REPORT OF STATE CHAPLAIN

I wish to express my appreciation for the opportunity to have served as State Chaplain during the past three years. It has been a pleasure to have worked with the other State Officers and members of this great organization.

Our theme this year was "United in the Faith". Without Faith, we fail to have anything to which we might anchor, and with Unity, our cause is strengthened.

I urge the chaplains to visit the sick, and those in distress, also the aged members who may not be able to attend the meetings. I hope they follow this plan more and more as time goes on and they may also be of service to other committees.

We have lost 138 members since my term of office began, which saddens us all, but we will ever cherish memories of them. One State Officer, Mrs. Robert Felton passed away during this time, also several past State Officers.

Our President General has stressed during her administration, the power of Prayer. Why cannot we follow her pattern?

My best wishes are extended to the incoming State Regent and her officers for a successful administration and I am sure they will receive the co-operation of the members of this great organization.

SARA E. NEALE (Mrs. G. H.), State Chaplain

REPORT OF STATE RECORDING SECRETARY

Your State Recording Secretary attended the Annual State Conference in Clarksburg and the 64th Congress in Washington. She recorded the minutes of the West Virginia State Luncheon held at the Sheraton-Carlton Hotel, and of the Board of Management meeting called by the State Regent, Mrs. William McClaugherty, following the Luncheon.

The State Proceedings were proof read three times by the committee and were mailed out as soon as they were off the press to all State Officers, Honorary State Regents, National Officers, National Chairmen and Vice Chairmen in West Virginia, State Chairmen of all Committees, Chapter Regents and many State Regents of other States. Several notes were received complimenting the Daughters of West Virginia for their fine work and expressing appreciation for the Proceedings sent to them.

She was a guest of the Barboursville Chapter at a luncheon in March at which our State Regent was the guest speaker. She was sorry that she was unable to accept the invitation of the Central, Northern and Southern Districts.

Many letters have been written to other State Officers and State Chairmen regarding work of the State Society.

Three letters were sent, one to the President of the Senate, the Honorable Ralph J. Beau, and one to the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the Honorable W. E. Flannery regarding the resolution passed by the 49th State Conference favoring an enabling act for the establishment of a joint committee to study ways and means to build a separate building to house a Museum and State Archives of History for the State of West Virginia; and one to the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the Honorable W. E. Flannery regarding the resolution presented by the Barboursville Chapter asking that the State Constitution be in some way amended to acknowledge the allegiance of citizens of our State to their Creator. Replies were received from all three letters.

She regrets that a trip planned by her husband confleets with this 50th State Conference. She is however leaving the recording of the minutes to a most capable Secretary Pro Tem. She wishes to thank Mrs. Miller for her gracious response when asked to serve, and to express appreciation for the privilege of serving in the "offical family" of our beloved State Regent, Mrs. McClaugherty. Her best wishes for a most successful Conference.

NELLIE REESER SUMMERS, State Recording Secretary

REPORT OF STATE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Due to the efficiency of our State Regent my duties the past year have been few. I have attended to all correspondence brought to my attention and assisted when called upon on any occasion. I attended State Conference but was unable to be in Washington for the National Congress.

To have served as one of your State Officers is more than I had ever thought possible and it is with regret that I say I have received more than I have given. Perhaps I will someday have the opportunity to serve better our great organization.

MARY MORGAN (Mrs. S. P.), Corresponding Secretary

REPORT OF STATE TREASURER

I herewith submit the following report from September 16, 1954, to September 15, 1955:

Balance in People's Trust Co., Martinsburg, Sept. 15, 1954 \$2,394.61

RECEIPTS

State Dues	\$ 1,199.45		
Conference Dues	438.00		
State Contingent Fund	342.70		
C. A. R.	176.35		
West Virginia Room and Museum	385.39		
Eleanor H. Smith Scholarship Fund	274.16		
Libraray	68.48		
West Virginia D. A. R. News	348.05		
Approved Schools	757.50		
Tanassee "Beef Herd"	1,270.70		
Valley Forge Mem. Tower "Patriot Stone"	24.00		
American Indians	36.00		
Bacone	37.50		
St. Mary's School	16.00		
State Student Loan & Scholarship Fund	17.00		
Helen Pouch Memorial Fund	1,203.62		
Investment Trust & Endowment Fund	166.75		
Art Fund - For Restoral Paintings - Wash.	3.00		
National Museum Fund	5.00		
National Defense Fund	43.00		
National Library Fund	5.00		
Restoration "Old North Church" Tower	10.00	\$ 6,827.74	
Miscellaneous Receipts:			
Sale of 1954 Proceedings — 7 copies	7.00		
W. Va. Regent's Club for Printing Report in 1954 Proceedings	10.00		
D. A. R. Magazine Advertising	7.50		
G. C. Bond	75.00		
G. C. Pins	50.25		
Reward for "State With Best Gain"	2.00		
Refund from Money Advanced General Chairman for 1954 State Conference	30.98	182.73	7,010.47

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WEST VIRGINIA ORGANIZATION THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REV
Fiftieth Annual State Conference — Chapter Receipts From September 16, 1954, to September 15, 1955
Emily Randolph Miller, Treasurer

CHAPTERS	No. Members																
		Total	State Dues	Conf. Dues	State Cont. Fund	C. A. R.	W. Va. Room and Museum	E. H. Smith Scholarship Fund	Library	W. Va. D.A.R. News	Approved Schools	"Beef Herd" Tamassee	American Indians	Helen Pouch Fund	Bacone	St. Mary's School	Student Loan and Scholarship Fund
Ann Royal	53	67.96	18.55	12.00	5.30	2.65	1.06	4.24	1.06	5.30		5.00		12.80			
Bartonsville	38	90.26	13.30	6.00	3.80	1.90	.76	3.04	.76	3.80	40.00	10.00		1.90			
Blue Line	50	74.55	17.50	12.00	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.00	1.00	5.00		10.00		12.05			
Blackwater	31	40.12	10.85	6.00	3.10	1.55	.62	2.48	.62	3.10		5.00		6.80			
Blennerhassett	31	54.90	10.85	6.00	3.10	1.55	2.62	2.48	.62	3.10	10.00	10.00		2.58			
Bordenland	45	49.85	15.75	6.00	4.50	2.25	.90	3.60	.90	4.50				1.45			
Bridford	177	471.25	61.95	12.00	17.70	8.85	3.54	14.16	3.54	17.70	236.16	50.00	6.00	16.65			
Captain James Allen	41	121.42	14.35	6.00	4.10	2.05	10.82	3.28	.82	4.10	33.00	35.00	2.00	.90			
Col. Andrew Donnally	44	90.38	15.40	6.00	4.40	2.20	.88	3.52	.88	4.40	12.00	32.00		3.70			5.00
Col. Charles Lewis	100	162.95	35.00	12.00	10.00	5.00	2.00	8.00	2.00	10.00	5.00	53.00		5.95			5.00
Col. John Evans	122	215.83	42.70	12.00	12.20	6.10	12.44	9.76	2.44	12.20	13.84	29.00		63.15			
Col. Morgan Morgan	98	127.65	34.30	12.00	9.80	4.90	11.96	7.84	1.90	9.80		20.00		8.15			
Daniel Davison	103	116.90	36.05	12.00	10.30	5.15	2.06	8.24	2.06	10.30		26.00		4.74			
Daniel Taylor	19	23.68	6.65	6.00	1.90	.95	.38	1.52	.38	1.90	3.00		1.00				
Elizabeth Cummins Jackson	30	48.10	10.50	6.00	3.00	1.50	.60	2.40	.60	3.00		10.00		5.50			5.00
Elizabeth																	
Lucretia Huggins	202	390.35	70.70	12.00	20.20	10.10	4.04	16.16	4.04	20.20	200.00	25.00		7.91			
Elizabeth Zane	52	153.89	18.20	12.00	5.20	2.60	6.04	4.16	1.04	5.20	15.00	50.00		29.45			
Gen. Andrew Lewis	22	40.67	7.70	6.00	2.20	1.10	.44	1.76	.44	2.20		12.50		6.33			
Hancock Pioneers	16	22.52	5.60	6.00	1.60	.80	.32	1.28	.32	1.60		5.00					
James Barbour	36	66.67	12.60	6.00	3.60	1.80	.72	2.88	.72	3.60	10.00	10.00		9.75			
James Wood	188	573.61	65.80	12.00	18.80	9.40	13.76	15.04	3.76	18.80	7.00	264.00	21.00	86.75			
Jennie Wiley	17	18.24	5.95	6.00	1.70	.85	.34	1.36	.34	1.70							
John Chapman	156	440.08	54.60	12.00	15.60	7.80	3.12	12.48	3.12	15.60	5.00	27.00		255.76			
John Hart	96	178.32	33.60	12.00	9.60	4.80	1.92	7.68	1.92	9.60		15.00		70.20			
John Minear	25	42.18	8.75	6.00	2.50	1.25	.50	2.00	.50	2.50		11.00		3.18			
John Young	160	589.05	56.00	12.00	16.00	8.00	3.20	12.80	3.20	16.00		52.00		402.85			
Kanawha Valley	191	241.67	66.85	12.00	19.10	9.55	3.82	15.28	3.82	22.95		26.00		35.80	12.50		
King's Wood	24	36.28	8.40	6.00	2.40	1.20	.48	1.92	.48	2.40		10.00					1.00
Maj. Wm. Haymond	136	398.82	47.60	12.00	13.60	6.80	224.57	10.88	2.72	13.60		51.00		11.05			
Matthew French	105	220.11	36.75	12.00	10.50	5.25	2.10	8.40	2.10	10.50	5.00	25.00	5.00	72.51			
Mondongachate	22	31.34	7.70	6.00	2.20	1.10	.44	1.76	.44	2.20		5.00		2.00			
Mound	103	157.41	36.05	12.00	10.30	5.15	2.06	8.24	2.06	10.30	30.00	26.00		.25	15.00		
Nathan Davis	14	45.61	4.90	6.00	1.40	.70	.28	1.12	.28	1.40		25.00		4.53			
Ohio Valley	16	17.52	5.60	6.00	1.60	.80	.32	1.28	.32	1.60							
Park House Ford	40	36.70	14.00	6.00	4.00	2.00	.80	3.20	.80	4.00				1.90			
Potomac Valley	69	80.01	24.15	12.00	6.90	3.45	1.38	5.52	1.38	6.90		12.50		.83			
Princess Aracoma	98	192.91	34.30	12.00	9.80	4.90	1.96	7.84	1.96	9.80	100.00	10.00		.35			
Ravenswood	56	85.42	10.60	12.00	5.60	2.80	4.12	4.48	1.12	5.60		15.00	1.00	5.10			
Shenandoah Valley	103	166.01	36.05	12.00	10.30	5.15	2.06	8.24	2.06	10.30		50.00		4.85	10.00		5.00
S. Branch Valley	50	71.05	17.50	12.00	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.00	1.00	5.00				6.80			5.00
Spencer Roane	37	80.09	12.95	6.00	3.70	1.85	20.74	2.96	.74	3.70	15.00	10.00		.45			
Trans-Allegheny	53	87.21	18.55	12.00	5.30	2.65	1.06	4.24	1.06	5.30		32.00		5.05			
West Augusta	49	61.73	17.15	6.00	4.90	2.45	.98	3.92	.98	4.90	12.50	2.50		.45			
Wheeling	152	279.64	53.20	12.00	15.20	7.60	18.04	12.16	3.04	15.20		102.00		25.20			
William Henshaw	67	90.24	23.45	12.00	6.70	3.35	1.34	5.36	1.34	6.70	5.00	10.00		5.00			
William Morris	59	64.48	20.65	12.00	5.90	2.95	1.18	4.72	1.18	5.90		10.00					
Ye Towne of Bath	31	36.32	10.85	6.00	3.10	1.55	.62	2.48	.62	3.10		5.00		3.00			
	3427	6751.95	1199.45	438.00	342.70	176.35	385.39	274.16	68.48	347.05	757.50	1193.50	36.00	1203.62	37.50		16.00

WEST VIRGINIA ORGANIZATION
Fiftieth Annual Report

CHAPTERS	No. Members		State Dues	Conf. Dues	State Cont. Fund	C. A. R.	W. Va. Room and Museum
		Total					
Ann Royal	53	67.96	18.55	12.00	5.30	2.65	1.06
Barboursville	38	90.26	13.30	6.00	3.80	1.90	.76
Bee Line	50	74.55	17.50	12.00	5.00	2.50	1.00
Blackwater	31	40.12	10.85	6.00	3.10	1.55	.62
Blennerhassett	31	54.90	10.85	6.00	3.10	1.55	2.62
Borderland	45	49.85	15.75	6.00	4.50	2.25	.90
Buford	177	471.25	61.95	12.00	17.70	8.85	3.54
Captain James Allen	41	121.42	14.35	6.00	4.10	2.05	10.82
Col. Andrew Donnally	44	90.38	15.40	6.00	4.40	2.20	.88
Col. Charles Lewis	100	162.95	35.00	12.00	10.00	5.00	2.00
Col. John Evans	122	215.83	42.70	12.00	12.20	6.10	12.44
Col. Morgan Morgan	98	127.65	34.30	12.00	9.80	4.90	11.96
Daniel Davison	103	116.90	36.05	12.00	10.30	5.15	2.06
Daniel Taylor	19	23.68	6.65	6.00	1.90	.95	.38
Elizabeth Cummins Jackson Elizabeth	30	48.10	10.50	6.00	3.00	1.50	.60
Ludington Hagans	202	390.35	70.70	12.00	20.20	10.10	4.04
Elizabeth Zane	52	153.89	18.20	12.00	5.20	2.60	6.04
Gen. Andrew Lewis	22	40.67	7.70	6.00	2.20	1.10	.44
Hancock Pioneers	16	22.52	5.60	6.00	1.60	.80	.32
James Barbour	36	66.67	12.60	6.00	3.60	1.80	.72
James Wood	188	573.61	65.80	12.00	18.80	9.40	13.76
Jennie Wiley	17	18.24	5.95	6.00	1.70	.85	.34
John Chapman	156	440.08	54.60	12.00	15.60	7.80	3.12
John Hart	96	178.32	33.60	12.00	9.60	4.80	1.92
John Mincar	25	42.18	8.75	6.00	2.50	1.25	.50
John Young	160	589.05	56.00	12.00	16.00	8.00	3.20
Kanawha Valley	191	241.67	66.85	12.00	19.10	9.55	3.82
King's Wood	24	36.28	8.40	6.00	2.40	1.20	.48
Maj. Wm. Haymond	136	398.82	47.60	12.00	13.60	6.80	224.57
Matthew French	105	220.11	36.75	12.00	10.50	5.25	2.10
Mondongachate	22	31.34	7.70	6.00	2.20	1.10	.44
Mound	103	157.41	36.05	12.00	10.30	5.15	2.06
Nathan Davis	14	45.61	4.90	6.00	1.40	.70	.28
Ohio Valley	16	17.52	5.60	6.00	1.60	.80	.32
Pack Horse Ford	40	36.70	14.00	6.00	4.00	2.00	.80
Potomac Valley	69	80.01	24.15	12.00	6.90	3.45	1.38
Princess Aracoma	98	192.91	34.30	12.00	9.80	4.90	1.96
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Shenandoah Valley	103	166.01	36.05	12.00	10.30	5.15	12.06
S. Branch Valley	50	71.05	17.50	12.00	5.00	2.50	1.00
Spencer Roane	37	80.09	12.95	6.00	3.70	1.85	20.74
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Ye Towne of Bath	31	36.32	10.85	6.00	3.10	1.55	.62
	3427	6751.95	1199.45	438.00	342.70	176.35	385

FROM THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN RE
 late Conference — Chapter Receipts From September 16, 1954, to September 15, 1955
 Emily Randolph Miller, Treasurer

	E. H. Smith Scholarship Fund	Library	W. Va. D.A.R. News	Approved Schools	"Beef Herd" Tamassee	American Indians	Helen Fouch Fund	Bacone	St. Mary's School	Student Loan and
	4.24	1.06	5.30		5.00		12.80			
	3.04	.76	3.80	40.00	10.00		1.90			
	4.00	1.00	5.00		10.00		12.05			
	2.48	.62	3.10		5.00		6.80			
	2.48	.62	3.10	10.00	10.00		2.58			
	3.60	.90	4.50				1.45			
	14.16	3.54	17.70	236.16	50.00	6.00	16.65			
	3.28	.32	4.10	33.00	35.00	2.00	.90			
	3.52	.88	4.40	12.00	32.00		3.70			5.
	8.00	2.00	10.00	5.00	53.00		5.95			5.
	9.76	2.44	12.20	13.84	29.00		63.15			
	7.84	1.90	9.80		20.00		8.15			
	8.24	2.06	10.30		26.00		4.74			
	1.52	.38	1.90	3.00		1.00				
	2.40	.60	3.00		10.00		5.50		5.00	
	16.16	4.04	20.20	200.00	25.00		7.91			
	4.16	1.04	5.20	15.00	50.00		29.45			
	1.76	.44	2.20		12.50		6.33			
	1.28	.32	1.60		5.00					
	2.88	.72	3.60	10.00	10.00		9.75			
	15.04	3.76	18.80	7.00	264.00	21.00	86.75			
	1.36	.34	1.70							
	12.48	3.12	15.60	5.00	27.00		255.76			
	7.68	1.92	9.60		15.00		70.20			
	2.00	.50	2.50		11.00		3.18			
	12.80	3.20	16.00		52.00		402.35			
	15.28	3.82	22.95		26.00		35.80	12.50		
	1.92	.48	2.40		10.00				1.00	
	10.88	2.72	13.60		51.00		11.05			
	8.40	2.10	10.50	5.00	25.00	5.00	72.51			
	1.76	.44	2.70		5.00		2.00			
	8.24	2.06	10.30	30.00	26.00		.25	15.00		
	1.12	.28	1.40		25.00		4.53			
	1.28	.32	1.60							
	3.20	.80	4.00				1.90			
	5.52	1.38	6.90		12.50		.83			
	7.84	1.96	9.80	100.00	10.00		.35			
	4.48	1.12	5.60		15.00	1.00	5.10			2.
	8.24	2.06	10.30		50.00		4.85	10.00	5.00	
	4.00	1.00	5.00				6.80		5.00	5.
	2.96	.74	3.70	15.00	10.00		.45			
	4.24	1.06	5.30		32.00		5.05			
	3.92	.98	4.90	12.50	2.50		.45			
	12.16	3.04	15.20		102.00		25.20			
	5.36	1.34	6.70	5.00	10.00		5.00			
	4.72	1.18	5.90		10.00					
	2.48	.62	3.10		5.00		3.00			
274.16	68.48	347.05	757.50	1193.50	36.00	1203.62	37.50	16.00	17.	

EVOLUTION

Scholarship Fund	National Library Fund	National Defense Committee	National Museum Fund	"Patriot Stone" Valley Forge Bell Tower	Inv. Trust & Endowment Fund	Art Fund Restoral of Paintings	Restoration "Old North Church" Tower	D.A.R. Magazine Advertising
		5.00						
				2.00	2.50			
					2.00			
					10.00			
				2.00	20.00	1.00		35.05
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	3.00			2.00	25.00			7.50
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DISBURSEMENTS

State Dues:

Gentry Bros. — 150 copies		
1954 Proceedings	469.27	
Gentry Bros. — Cuts for 1954 Proceedings	4.70	
Mrs. E. H. Summers. Postage for mailing		
1953 and 1954 Proceedings	19.52	
Mimeographing Treasurer's Report 1954	32.65	
Publishing State Report D.A.R. Mag.	27.00	
Mrs. W. W. McClaugherty—1/3 of		
1955 - 56 Dues	398.65	
Postage — Stationery	38.26	
Mrs. G. C. Burnett — State Chairman		
Press Relations	5.00	
Miss Hallie Martin — State Chairman		
E. H. Smith Scholarship Fund	5.00	
Miss Virginia Johnson — State Chairman		
Junior Membership	5.00	1,005.05

Conference Dues:

Credential Cards and Mailing	15.40	
Delegates & Alter. Badges 1954 Conf.	31.89	
Invitations — Delegates and Alternates		
Cards 1955 Conf.	31.00	
Entertaining Dr. and Mrs. Cain and party		
from Tamasee at 1954 Conf.	20.69	
Small Florist — Flowers State Regent	12.75	
350 Programs 1954 Conference	63.60	175.33

Contingent Fund:

Good Citizens Pins	50.25	
Good Citizens Bond	75.00	
Washington Memorial Chapel —		
Valley Forge	5.00	
Prizes Junior American Citizens	10.00	140.25

Miscellaneous:

Eleanor H. Smith Scholarship	250.00	
C. A. R. (1954 & 1955 Assessments)	346.60	
W. Va. D. A. R. News	312.88	
Approved Schools	757.50	
Tamasee "Beef Herd"	1,360.79	
Mrs. J. Carney Boggs —		
Express Library Records	2.31	
American Indians	36.00	
Bacone	37.50	
St. Mary's School	16.00	
Investment Trust & Endowment Fund	166.75	
Helen Pouch Memorial Fund	1,203.62	
W. Va. Room and Museum	813.35	
Art Fund — Restoral Paintings	3.00	
National Defense Fund	43.00	
National Library Fund	5.00	
National Museum Fund	5.00	
Restoration "Old North Church" Tower	10.00	
Treas. Gen. — Adver. D. A. R. Mag.	7.50	5,376.80 6,697.43

Balance in The People's Trust Company, Martinsburg _____ \$ 2,707.65

"I have compared this report with the treasurer's books and with the account at the Peoples Trust Company. There are three checks outstanding

amounting to \$22.00 and when these checks are paid the bank balance will agree exactly with this report.

S. DUDLEY HARLEY, Auditor
Sept. 20, 1955"

STATE REGISTRAR'S REPORT

The membership of the West Virginia Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, shows an increase of 97 since Sept. 15, 1954.

Your State Registrar has set up a card file for the Nathan Davis, Ohio Valley, and the Gen. Andrew Lewis chapters, and for the State files for each of the three chapters. She is currently working on the Blennerhasset chapter cards for the chapter and the State records, and a State file for members At Large.

Cards have been added to the ancestor file by the following chapters: Shenandoah Valley 26; Col. Morgan Morgan 6; Col. Charles Lewis 6; Potomac Valley 1; Bee Line 3; Princess Aracoma 2; Mondongachate 2; John Hart 3; Wheeling 5; Ye Town of Bath 2; William Henshaw 3; James Wood 3; Maj. William Haymond 3; Elizabeth Ludington Hagans 2; and Ravenswood 5.

Your Registrar attended three District meetings, the Jackson Mill luncheon, the State Conference, and the National Congress. She has answered many inquires for historical references and filed many changes in membership status not recorded by the chapter registrars. May I urge that each chapter registrar send a card for the State files for each change in membership.

I am grateful for the privilege of serving as your Registrar. I have learned a great deal, and have formed many delightful friendships. I thank you for your cooperation and happy associations.

SUE PROCTOR MILLER (Mrs. S. L.), State Registrar

Mimeographed copies of the membership by chapters may be obtained from the pages at the rear of the room.

Membership	New Members	Resigned	Transferred	Dropped	Deceased	At Large	Total Membership
Ann Royal	2	0	2	1	0	0	53
Barboursville							42
Bee Line	4	1	0	0	1	0	50
Blackwater							30
Blennerhassett	6	0	0	0	0	0	40
Borderland	1	0	0	0	0	0	46
Buford	21	4	3	3	3	0	184
Captain James Allen	2	2	1	0	0	0	42
Col. Andrew Donnally	1	2	3	0	0	0	40
Col. Charles Lewis	3	1	0	0	1	0	98
Col. John Evans	1	4	3	6	0	0	118
Col. Morgan Morgan	8	3	1	0	2	0	96
Daniel Davisson							105
Daniel Taylor							19
Eliz. Cummins Jackson	3	0	0	0	0	0	33
Eliz. Ludington Hagans	7	4	5	3	4	0	201
Elizabeth Zane	4	1	1	0	0	0	51
General Andrew Lewis	3	0	1	0	0	0	24
Hancock Pioneers	1	1	0	1	1	0	15
James Barbour	0	0	1	0	1	0	35
James Wood	5	2	1	0	3	0	186

Jennie Wiley	0	0	1	0	0	0	16
John Chapman	0	0	2	0	1	0	160
John Hart	9	0	0	0	1	0	100
John Minear	0	0	1	0	1	0	24
John Young	11	1	2	0	0	0	168
Kanawha Valley	9	5	6	0	3	0	186
King's Wood	1	0	0	2	0	0	24
Maj. Wm. Haymond	10	4	0	0	5	0	140
Matthew French	6	1	3	0	1	0	105
Mondongachate							22
Mound	2	1	2	1	3	0	107
Nathan Davis	1	0	0	0	0	0	14
Ohio Valley	1	0	0	0	0	0	17
Pack Horse Ford	0	0	0	1	0	0	39
Potomac Valley	3	0	0	0	0	0	70
Princess Aracoma	2	4	1	2	1	0	96
Ravenswood	0	0	1	1	2	0	54
Shenandoah Valley	1	3	0	0	0	0	104
South Branch Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Spencer Roane	0	0	1	1	0	1	38
Trans-Alleghany	0	0	0	1	0	1	53
West Augusta	4	0	0	0	0	6	52
Wheeling	6	2	4	0	2	0	153
William Henshaw							69
William Morris	2	0	1	0	1	0	59
Ye Town of Bath	1	0	0	0	1	0	31
Total Membership W. Va. 1955 —	3473						
At Large	1955 — 17						
Membership W. Va. 1954 —	3376 gain 97						
Membership W. Va. 1953 —	3276						
Membership W. Va. 1952 —	3234						

SUE PROCTOR MILLER (Mrs. S. L.), State Registrar

REPORT OF STATE HISTORIAN

While an increase in historical reports is marked this year, we are not fully one hundred per cent. Many chapters have done outstanding work, through the schools, the press, giving of historical awards and historical tours.

Too much space would be consumed in enumerating the work of each chapter, hence the grouping of principal chapters as follows: Borderland, Bee Line, Blackwater, Blennerhassett, Buford, Colonel John Evans, Colonel Charles Lewis, Colonel Morgan Morgan, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans, Elizabeth Cummins Jackson, Elizabeth Zane, John Chapman, John Minear, John Hart, John Young, Kanawha Valley, Major William Haymond, Matthew French, Nathan Davis, Potomac Valley, Shenandoah Valley, Spencer-Roane, Trans-Allegheny, William Henshaw, William Morris, Ye Towne of Bath, have all observed the Historian General's outline, and work done of note. Other chapters have also complied in lesser degree.

Graves marked 89; Historic spots marked 2; Patriotic Anniversaries 75; Historical programs presented 65; Programs given by pupils in school under direction of NSDAR 41; Original playlets 2; Visits to historic places 499; Scrapbooks 5; Maps 1; Gifts for hero orations 3; History medals on hero essays 22, Certificates of awards on hero orations, or essays 21, History books checked 60; Gifts 600; Medals 88; History awards in grades chosen by chapters 144; Markers for deceased members 9; Articles published by chapter historian 5 (Nancy Stout Beckwith, Blennerhassett Chapter); Radio Programs 4.

As I leave as your Historian, may I say I have enjoyed working with you, thank you for your cooperation, and may you remember that "Ancestry and History are worthwhile when posterity profits by them."

AUDREY JARVIS HINKLE, State Historian

REPORTS OF STATE CHAIRMEN

AMERICAN RED CROSS REPORT 1954 - 55

Not all chapters in West Virginia sent reports of the work accomplished for the American Red Cross. Several of those that did report, listed only that the chapter contributed to the Red Cross drive and their members were also among those giving donations. Chapters limiting reports to the contributions will not be listed below even though the money was much appreciated. To conserve time, the reports from chapters will list only the other aid given to the Red Cross.

BORDERLAND: Greatest field of service was at the Veterans Hospital at Beckley. The regent is a member of the Volunteer Service Advisory Board which meets monthly to plan for volunteer service. Borderland's representative has interested other chapters in the Southern District in helping with several of the projects, including the collection of comfort articles for patients at the hospital. Chapters in the district have given \$52 which has been used by Borderland Chapter to carry on the work.

The chapter was responsible for two parties for ambulatory patients during the year and one for psychiatric patients. The chapter was responsible for all Christmas decorations and favors for the hospital dining room during the holiday season. Eight members serve as grey ladies, 160 hours have been given to recruiting, 12 hours to records, 12 hours to bloodmobile volunteer work and 18 hours in serving refreshments.

DANIEL DAVISSON: One member gave 25 hours as a grey lady.

ELIZABETH ZANE: 100 hours of work given by members.

GENERAL ANDREW LEWIS: One member gave 136 hours to Red Cross work, including service as home nursing instructor, grey lady, help in membership drive, emergency disaster drive, bloodmobile and Crippled Children's Clinic. Another was a regular member of the Ground Observer Corps and helped with the bloodmobile.

JAMES WOOD: One and a half pints of blood donated, 102 hours of work given and contributions totaled \$180.

JOHN CHAPMAN: "Comfort Shower" for Veterans Hospital at Beckley and another shower planned for this winter.

MATTHEW FRENCH: One member in charge of Red Cross work for two months, assistant full time but ill now. Two members assisted two days with bloodmobile.

SPENCER ROANE: Members serve as grey ladies at the State Hospital in Spencer and help with bloodmobile, donating 314 hours of work.

There is much to be done for our fellowman through the Red Cross but those of us who are well and happy so often fail to think of those less fortunate. Or when we do, it is much easier to give a monetary contribution than perform some service. Let us give of ourselves to others by giving some of our own precious time to assist people who have found it necessary to turn to the Red Cross for help. "Am I My Brother's Keeper?" Each of us knows the answer is in the affirmative and only by giving our time and efforts, as well as money, are we really meeting the challenge of today's world through the Red Cross.

MARY KATHARINE BARNES, Chairman

AMERICANISM REPORT

Twenty-one chapters in West Virginia made reports done on Americanism during the year 1954-55.

The Chairman wishes to express especial appreciation to five chapter chairmen for the work reported as they show real interest, and that time, thought and energy went into their work to promote Americanism throughout the year.

Those chapters with exceptionally good reports are Buford Chapter, Mrs. Porter W. Smith, chairman; Colonel Andrew Donnally in Welch, Kings Wood, Mrs. Carter Withers, chairman; Major William Haymond, Mrs. Louis D. Meisel, chairman; Matthew French, Mrs. George B. Halstead, chairman.

Four chapters reported that they helped with Naturalization Courts. Three chapters reported cooperation with night schools for Aliens or new citizens.

Colonel Andrew Donnally reports full responsibility for two Naturalization Day programs with the cooperation of the American Legion, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of Welch. Music was furnished by the Welch High School.

Kanawha Valley Chapter reported a tea for new citizens, which was attended by two hundred people. A very nice thing to plan to do. Three chapters presented flags to their respective communities. Eleven chapters reported visiting the homes of aliens, one chapter reported taking aliens to historic places.

One chapter reported taking school classes to State Capitol, for which they provided scholarships for those unable to furnish their own transportation, fifteen in all.

Seven chapters reported cooperating with schools for the foreign born.

One chapter assisted with opening a new library in the community. One hundred books were given by West Virginia Chapters to reduce illiteracy in the state. Fifty-six manuals were presented to foreign born, and 1000 pamphlets on Americanism were distributed.

Ten chapters report special projects for underprivileged children.

Twenty-one chapters report active assistance with groups of young people in church work, and ten chapters awarded prizes for Girl Home Makers.

An outstanding project is the room maintained for the Juvenile delinquent by the John Chapman Chapter.

Twenty-one chapters assist with Girl Scout and Boy Scout work, and sixteen 4-H Clubs.

Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter presented an American Flag to the Point Pleasant High School, also copies of the Flag Code and Bill of Rights to the County Schools. They sponsored a patriotic essays contest.

Wheeling Chapter sponsored an Essay contest, and entertained the contestants at luncheon.

William Haymond and Colonel Morgan Morgan prepared and distributed mimeographed copies of President Eisenhower's Constitution Day Proclamation, and arranged to radio broadcast reminders of Constitution Day.

Twenty-one chapters reported assisting with Red Cross work, polio drives, cancer control and heart campaigns.

Colonel Andrew Donnally, Kanawha Valley and John Young are most active with Naturalization courts.

Under Humanitarian work, we especially note the Christmas party and monthly parties arranged by the Borderland Chapter and the Captain James Allen Chapter at the Veteran's Hospital in Beckley, and for the coffee hours for the mentally ill at the Veteran's Hospital.

An unusual program was the Highway Safety program in McDowell County, which was a poster contest in the high schools and Junior High schools on Traffic Safety.

Colonel Charles Lewis gave a most interesting account of their assistance with the reburial of Chief Cornstalk, and other ceremonies connected with the moving of the old Indian Chief's body.

The total amount spent by chapters as reported was \$294.75.

The chapters from whom we received reports are: Bee Line, Blennerhasset, Borderland, Buford, Captain James Allen, Colonel Andrew Donnally, Colonel Charles Lewis, Colonel John Evans, Colonel Morgan Morgan, James Wood, John Chapman, John Young, Kings Wood, Major William Haymond.

Matthew French, Mound, Nathan Davis, West Augusta, Wheeling, William Henshaw and Ye Towne of Bath.

BERTHA BALLARD SOLINS. (Mrs. Samuel), Chairman

APPROVED SCHOOLS

Report for period from March 1, 1954, to March 1, 1955. 47 chapters in the state; 42 Chapter Chairmen of Approved Schools. 28 chapters had an Approved Schools program. Slides, recordings, photographs, book reviews, scripts, and speakers were used in the programs. Mr. Ralph H. Cain of Tamassee, and Mrs. Lowell E. Burnelle spoke in the state. The State Regent and the State Vice Regent, who went on the Approved Schools Tour in October, 1954, spoke at a number of chapter meetings. The State Chairman of Approved Schools assisted a number of chapters in arranging their programs, and in securing materials for program use, and personally mailed photographs, recordings and scripts to chapters for program use. Wrote articles on Approved Schools for the W. Va. D.A.R. News; mailed a letter pertaining to the year's work for the schools, and a Pledge Form for the Beef Herd at Tamassee, to all chapters in the state in September, 1954; mailed a Report Form to each chapter for annual report. Has written many other letters, replies, follow-up letters, to chapter regents, approved schools chairmen, and others. Attended Continental Congress in Washington, D. C., in April, 1954, and was present at Approved Schools luncheon, and Mississippi Plantation Benefit Party.

State Chairman had arrangements made for the entertainment of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Cain and two pupils from Tamassee during the State Conference held in Clarksburg, 1954, and had literature distributed at the Conference from the two D.A.R. Schools, Tamassee and Kate Duncan Smith. As she could not be present at the Conference because of sickness in the family, she arranged for Mrs. A. Keith McClung to take her place on the program at the State Chairmen's Luncheon, when the appeal for pledges to the Beef Herd Fund for Tamassee was made.

14 Chapters reported Approved Schools in Budget.

42 chapters contributed cash to four schools, \$2,195.77. Of this amount, \$1,320.79 represents contributions to the state project of starting a herd of beef cattle at Tamassee D.A.R. School, and \$126.50 for a "skilsaw" at Kate Duncan Smith D.A.R. School. The remainder of the cash was designated for scholarships, Christmas, and operating expenses.

32 chapters contributed to Helen Pouch Memorial Scholarship Fund, through the Junior group, \$1,000.66.

TOTAL CASH sent by 41 chapters for Approved Schools, \$3,496.43. 34 chapters shipped 94 boxes of new gifts, new clothing, weaving materials, linens, furnishings, and used clothing, hats and shoes, valued at \$3,152.34.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF SERVICE rendered five schools by 44 West Virginia chapters, \$6,648.77. Schools assisted: Tamassee, Kate Duncan Smith, Crossnore, Northland College, and Hindman Settlement School, in order named, and money contributed to the Helen Pouch Scholarship Fund.

During the past two years, our goal of \$1,500.00 to start the Hereford Beef Herd at Tamassee D.A.R. School, was reached. In the September, 1955, issue of Tamassee Sun Dial is a picture of the five beautiful pure bred Hereford two year old heifers purchased by West Virginia D.A.R., and in addition to the five pure bred heifers, there are three grade heifers; and 58 acres of new land put in permanent grass for the herd! The State of Georgia furnished the sire for the herd of cattle. Your state chairman is very proud that her dream of a beef herd for Tamassee is to be a reality, and it is due to the fine co-operation of state officers and chapters of the state. The largest contributors to the Beef Herd were: JAMES WOOD CHAPTER of Parkersburg, first, with \$264.00; Col. Chas. Lewis of Point Pleasant, second; Wheeling Chapter, third; Capt. James Allen of Beckley, fourth; and John Young Chapter of Charleston, fifth.

BUFORD CHAPTER of Huntington was the largest contributor to the schools for the year, with gifts totaling \$880.06.

JOHN YOUNG CHAPTER of Charleston was the second largest giver to the schools, with a total of \$729.46.

A number of other chapters in the state are "school conscious", and are consistent and regular in their giving to the schools.

All thirteen schools and colleges on the D.A.R. Approved list are worthy of our gifts, and their needs are many. However, we are gratified that West Virginia D.A.R. have become keenly conscious of the two D.A.R. owned and maintained schools, Tamasee and Kate Duncan Smith. These two schools need their industries built up, and they need endowment funds, in order to become self supporting.

It has been a joy to work for the schools, and to work with the fine D.A.R. women of West Virginia.

ETHEL C. SIMMONS (Mrs. M. H.), State Chairman

REPORT OF STATE SENIOR PRESIDENT

National Society, Children of American Revolution

April 1, 1955 — October 21, 1955

Madam Regent, Honored Guests, Members of the Board and D.A.R. Member

In April the Senior President attended the National C.A.R. Convention in Washington, D. C., and the fifteenth West Virginia State Conference in Martinsburg, West Virginia, on June 10 and 11.

The Theme of the Conference was "Know Your State", a chartered bus took the C.A.R. to the earliest settlement in West Virginia, Shepherdstown, Charlestown, Harper's Ferry, Antietam Battle Ground, and to the monument erected to Mr. Rumsey, who built the first steam boat, prior to the one built by Robert Fulton! The driver of the bus gave historical sketches of the life of early settlers and all the places visited.

Much more could be said of the hospitality of John Augustine Washington C.A.R. and the Senior President, Mrs. D. J. Shaw and the Junior President of that Society, Richard Way and Judy Shaw the Junior President elect.

Miss Helen Walker, Junior State President, ably conducted the meetings. Honored guests were, Mrs. E. Stewart James, Senior National President, C.A.R., Mrs. Charles P. Walker, National C.A.R. Vice President, Mr. and Mrs. James Butler, Chairman of the convention, Roland Charles, Junior National Vice President, Frances Ivy Jordan, Junior State Vice President of Virginia and Miss Virginia Johnson, State Chairman of Junior Committee of Charleston, West Virginia.

Two National Board meetings have been attended in Washington, the June and the October meetings.

At the Western District meeting held in Huntington, West Virginia, in June, the Senior State President gave "Greetings".

Since that time all chairmen for the various C.A.R. activities have been appointed and Junior Chairmen recommended to the Junior State President.

Over 250 letters have been written, 47 of which have been written to the Regents of D.A.R. telling of the work and advantages of the C.A.R., also letters to all Senior Presidents and Chairmen of Committees.

Col. Andrew Donnally Society invited the Senior State President to install the new officers.

Information for the "Jug and Musket" news sheet was compiled and sent to the state news sheet editor, Mrs. H. Paul Hite, for the first edition of 1955.

Instruction was given on several occasions to the new C.A.R. Senior President of the Col. Andrew Donnally Society, Mrs. U. B. Yeager.

Mrs. J. C. Horton, organizing Senior President, was visited in July and encouraged in her work of organizing a C.A.R. society in Greenbrier County.

A letter was received from Miss Leggett, of West Union, stating that she would try to organize a society there.

The State President was a luncheon guest of the Col. Andrew Donnelly Society Senior President at their first fall board meeting and also attended the meeting held the following week to celebrate Constitution Day.

West Virginia now has about 435 members in thirteen Societies. Four West Virginia Societies won merit awards at the National Convention in April:

Col. Andrew Donnelly, a Gold Ribbon

Seneca Trail, a Blue Ribbon

Betty Henry, Honorable Mention

Randolph, Honorable Mention

MRS. JAMES E. MOORE, Senior State President

REPORT OF CONSERVATION CHAIRMAN 1954 - 1955

Each chapter was contacted twice during the year.

Again we promoted an Arbor Day tree planting. Many chapters requested additional programs prepared by the Chairman. Not all chapters reported, but the reports received were very gratifying.

Our National Chairman complimented West Virginia on work accomplished, and in her report in Washington in April included some of our accomplishments: (quote) "West Virginia promoted state-wide tree-planting program for Arbor Day, assisted in up-keep of Fort Ashby, beautified a 4-H camp and during forest fires assisted with food and drink for workers." (unquote).

I will mention some outstanding work reported by chapters this year. I am sorry not to include all.

John Hart Chapter selected as its project the landscaping of the Vesper Knoll at Camp Pioneer in Randolph County.

Bee Line Chapter planted white dogwood on the highway near Charles Town.

James Barbour Chapter showed films on plant and animal life.

Ravenswood Chapter had a tree-planting at the Future Farmers of America camp.

Col. John Evans Chapter again planted a native dogwood on the Seneca School lot.

Potomac Valley Chapter continues the upkeep of Fort Ashby, this year planting pine and ivy.

Members of Ann Royal Chapter assisted in fire prevention and conservation survey.

The interest in conservation work is steadily growing among the chapters.

HENRIETTA TIFFANY LEITH, Chairman

CORRECT USE OF THE FLAG

Madam Regent, and members of the West Virginia Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, as Chairman of Correct Use of the Flag Committee, I submit the following report:

It was my privilege to attend the State Conference in Clarksburg last October.

Letters and suggestions were received from the National Chairman, Correct Use of the Flag, Mrs. William Ainsworth and her co-chairman, Mrs. John A. Fritchey, II. These suggestions were relayed to chairmen of all chapters in West Virginia. If the name of the chapter chairman was not known, the letter was addressed to the chapter Regent with the requests that she give the material to the proper person.

Many effectual programs were carried out during the observance of Constitution Week. Newspaper articles, radio broadcasts and patriotic programs were the media used to emphasize this special week to all Americans.

Nine chapters reported their activities during Constitution Week. Newspaper articles and pictures accompanied these reports.

To date, sixteen chapters have reported their activities of the past year. The presentation of flags — both large and small — flag codes, framed Bill of Rights, etc., to schools, scout troops and communities are some of the pleasurable duties performed by individuals and chapters.

Radio programs, and contributions of patriotic readings, papers, etc. to programs of other groups were also given by our members.

It has been a pleasure to serve under the regency of Mrs. W. W. McClaugherty, and I am grateful for this rich experience.

EDITH B. DANIEL (Mrs. Ross P.), Chairman

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

October 22, 1955

Madam State Regent:

The Committee on Credentials submits the following final report:

National Officers	1
National Officers of Other Societies	0
National Chairmen	2
National Vice Chairmen	3
Past National Officers	2
Honorary State Regents	3
Visiting State Regents	2
State Officers	7
State Chairmen	10
Chapter Regents	27
Delegates	80
Alternates	22
Members	28
Honor Guests	0
Pages	17
District Directors	2

206

Total Registration 206

Voting Strength 117

RUTH JOHNSON FRENCH, Chairman

MRS. ALVIN O. SEIBERT

EMILY R. MILLER

D. A. R. MUSEUM

As Chairman of the D.A.R. Museum Committee, I wish to bring the following report:

I feel sure all who attended D.A.R. Congress last April were thrilled when they saw the West Virginia Room with walls freshly painted, Venetian blinds, new draperies, and the bookcase given in memory of Elizabeth Cunningham Rownd through Major William Haymond Chapter. The redecorating was done through the untiring efforts of our State Regent, Mrs. McClaugherty.

Only three Chapters made contributions to the Art Fund; and since there are still many fine paintings in need of restoration, contributions to this fund must still be emphasized. However, the sale of Grandma Moses note folders has been most gratifying. This also goes to the Art Fund.

AMELIA CREIGHTON McKOWN, Chairman

STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND

I beg leave to submit the following report for the year.

Balance in Cash	\$249.92
Bonds, One	500.00
Bonds, Six — One Hundred	600.00

These above Bonds will mature November 1, 1956 giving us a maturity value of \$1,100. So by next year we should be able to help some student and not have to sacrifice any of our interest from the Government.

If we do not use our funds, we will designate part of them for use for a Scholarship in the Approved Schools of either Tamassee or Kate Duncan Smith, our own D.A.R. schools.

It is hoped that each Chapter in the State will send a small amount each year for this Fund to the State Treasurer. Only five Chapters the past year have sent donations to the State Treasurer.

MRS. J. A. HAMMOND, Chairman

ELEANOR SMITH SCHOLARSHIP

Miss Betty Nicholas, Huntington East High and Trade School graduate, was the recipient of the 1955 Eleanor Smith Scholarship Award of \$250. Betty was sponsored by the Buford Chapter and is attending Marshall College.

The award is based on "above the average in scholarship and citizenship," and student must be entering a state college to become a Home Economics teacher or Home Demonstration Agent.

Two requirements are necessary — two paragraphs in the applicant's own handwriting stating "What This Fund Would Mean To Me" and "Why I Have Chosen a Particular West Virginia College" and on Need.

Betty is an orphan and chose Marshall College to continue to live with an aunt.

This is the thirteenth girl to receive this award from the West Virginia Society, Daughters of the American Revolution.

All chapters in the state were contacted and nine entered candidates for the award.

HALLIE M. MARTIN, Chairman

GENEALOGICAL RECORDS

October 1954 — 1955	
Blennerhassett Chapter — Chairman, Mrs. Nancy Beckwith	Pages
Cemetery inscription of 11 cemeteries	23
Tombstone inscriptions of 11 cemeteries (by Mrs. Brock)	14
Total number of pages	37
Gen. Andrew Lewis Chapter — Chairman, Mrs. D. D. Harrah	
Tombstone inscriptions	1
(New Chapter)	
Col. Morgan Morgan Chapter — Chairman, Mrs. Curt Amos	
Death records of Marion County, W. Va., 1853 to 1860	81
Col. Charles Lewis Chapter — Chairman, Mrs. Wm. Steenbergen	
History of John McCulloch, including will, deeds and agreements from county records	25
Marriage and birth records from one old family Bible	2
Total number pages	27
Matthew French Chapter — Chairman, Mrs. Bessie B. Rice	
Tombstone inscriptions from 4 cemeteries	55
Mound Chapter — Chairman, Mrs. Pearl Smith	
Tombstone inscriptions	21
One Will	1
One original land survey	1
Total number of pages	23

Wheeling Chapter — Chairman, Mrs. Nancy Ebeling	
Marriage records of Brooke County, 1797-1842	48
Tombstone inscriptions	7
Baptismal records of St. Mathews Church 1813-1853	
Historical sketch of St. Mathews Church 1813-1853	
History of three other Wheeling Churches	32
Total number of pages	87
James Wood Chapter — Chairman, Mrs. Carl Galbraith	
Notes on the Pierpont Family	26
Bible records of 19 families	26
Total number of pages	52
Total number pages of material from eight Chapters	363
VIVIAN B. MARSH, Chairman	

GOOD CITIZENS

As State Chairman of Good Citizens Committee, I wish to make the following report:

Have contacted every chapter, many of them several times.

Have mailed 75 questionnaires, 68 pins and 80 certificates — in all have mailed about 200 communications during the year.

Attended State Conference and gave report. Assisted at a lovely luncheon and reception given by five prominent men of Charleston in honor of a group of 40 aliens who became citizens that day.

Awarded the \$100 Good Citizen Bond to Nancy Withers, (was pleased when I found out that Nancy's mother is a D.A.R.), sponsored by King Wood Chapter, Kingwood High School whose questionnaire was adjudged the best by the following Committee from Morris Harvey College: Miss Virginia Williams, Professor of English, Mrs. Evelyn Harris, Assistant Professor of History and Miss Lucina Keane, Head of the Art Department. They awarded to Nina Keener, Point Pleasant High School, sponsored by Col. Charles Lewis Chapter 2nd Honors and to Sharon Cain, Romney High School, sponsored by South Branch Valley Chapter, 3rd Honors. Pictures of Nancy appeared in the Charleston Gazette, Daily Mail and Preston County Journal.

Most of the pins and certificates, according to reports, were awarded by the chapter committee chairman at the May Awards Day held in the various high schools. One Chapter reported giving a special award of \$5 to the winner in a special county contest.

It has been a great pleasure to be in contact with our splendid committee chairmen and regents.

I wish to thank our State Regent, Mrs. McClaugherty and all those who have given of their time in order to help carry on the work of this committee.

MARY LEE DAINGERFIELD (Mrs. A. H.), Chairman

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

West Virginia has 315 junior members including approximately 17 new juniors in the last year. Junior Membership Chairmen have been appointed in 27 chapters. John Young, Matthew French, John Chapman, Col. John Evans, and Buford Chapters have active junior groups. James Wood Chapter has its juniors included in an active Approved Schools Committee.

All but 5 chapters have contributed something during the last year to the Helen Pouch Scholarship Fund. During the year ending March 1, 1955 West Virginia led the nation in contributions to the fund sending \$1,000.59. Many chapters which have few or no juniors have made substantial contributions to the fund.

The Juniors did the decorations for the West Virginia luncheon and for the junior dinner at Congress in April. A doll, Merrie Annie, was given to the

junior bazaar and was won by our State Regent who kindly gave it back for use next year. This doll netted the state a picture in the D.A.R. Magazine of the doll with Mrs. McLaugherty. Also a box was sent to the bazaar by Matthew French juniors.

Bazaars were held at all five district meetings and at Jackson's Mill for the Scholarship Fund. Mrs. Huffard Cooper was in charge of the bazaar at the Southern District while Miss Lucy May Coplin did the work at the Northern District.

Although the emphasis has been on the Scholarship Fund during the last year groups have also sent boxes of clothes and Christmas gifts to Tamasee, contributed money and effort to the Salvation Army, purchased flags for school rooms, and greatly assisted with Constitution Week observances.

Your Junior Membership Chairman attended Congress, four District Meetings, the C.A.R. State Conference, the Jackson's Mill luncheon and spoke about Junior Membership at meetings of James Wood Chapter and the Junior Committee and Board of James Wood Chapter, Buford Chapter, William Morris Chapter. She was a guest at a luncheon meeting of Barbourville Chapter honoring Mrs. William McLaugherty and spoke to John Chapman Chapter on Patriotic Symbols.

VIRGINIA B. JOHNSON, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

September 1, 1954 — September 1, 1955

Our forty-seven D.A.R. Chapters in West Virginia now have a membership of 3,471, with 17 members at Large. The chapter with the greatest increase in membership from Feb. 1, 1954 to Feb. 1, 1955, was John Chapman Chapter, with a net gain of 31 members. John Young Chapter had a net increase of 21 members; James Wood and Kanawha Valley, each had a net gain of 16 members, and Buford had 14.

Of added interest to the Membership Committee this year, has been the Mother-Daughter Contest. Many chapters have mothers and daughters, also granddaughters who are members of chapters, and several chapters have mothers with three daughters, but we find three mothers, who have four daughters, each among our chapters. They are as follows:

Wheeling Chapter, Mother, Mrs. Paul O. Reyman; Daughters, Mrs. Nelda Reyman McCorkle, Mrs. Louise Reyman Sagendorph, Mrs. Elizabeth Reyman Spellers, Mrs. Paula Reyman Steger.

James Barbour Chapter, Mother, Mrs. Lora Gall Felton; Daughters, Mrs. Gretchen Felton Bolton, Mrs. Grace Felton Wylie, Mrs. Minnie Felton Dilworth, Mrs. Prudence Arthur.

William Henshaw Chapter, Mother, Mrs. Flora Henshaw Boltz; Daughters, Mrs. Helen Boltz King, Mrs. Gene Boltz Hott, Mrs. Anne Boltz Howdreshell, Miss Dorothy Rebecca Boltz.

Of interest, too, has been the search for the largest group of D.A.R. sisters, and we find that Elizabeth Zane Chapter has the five Snodgrass sisters, all members of that chapter. Elizabeth Zane also has the four Brake sisters and the three Arnolt sisters.

As we begin another year, may we increase our efforts to enlarge our membership. Work for new members, hold those we have, and encourage reinstatements.

BERYL M. AMOS, Chairman

AMERICAN MUSIC

October 21, 1955

Madam State Regent:

As State Chairman of the American Music Committee, I submit the following, as reported from the Chapters:

Lee Line — had one entire program on American Music. Your State Chairman is going to present their Christmas program of music this year.

Blackwater — had two programs devoted entirely to Patriotic Music presented by high school students. They are also planning another program on the music of Stephen Foster.

Borderland — used the Star Spangled Banner at every meeting. The program for their Guest Day luncheon was entirely musical presented by a student from the University of Michigan.

Buford — The first and third stanzas of the Star Spangled Banner were sung at each meeting and the chapter has learned the last stanza. There were 5 programs of American Music by American composers. One program of Indian folk songs and one program of all Christmas music. Our National Music Chairman is going to speak at their Christmas luncheon.

Capt. James Allen — The National Anthem opened each meeting. Special numbers with violin and voice were used at several meetings stressing American composers.

Colonel Andrew Donnally — During the Summer, assisted Mrs. Solins in a Naturalization Class program with appropriate American Music. Each meeting was opened with the singing of the National Anthem. A program was devoted to American Music and to the history of the writing of "The Star Spangled Banner". The same program on American Music and the history of the writing of "The Star Spangled Banner" was given at the district meeting of Daughters of the American Revolution at Bluefield.

Col. Charles Lewis — The National Anthem is sung at each meeting. An entire program of original folk music in record form was presented. This record was made by Dr. Pat Gainer of West Virginia University and was explained by him as it was played.

Col. John Evans — Open all meetings with the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" and sometimes "America". Had a program of Christmas music and planning a program on Sigmund Romberg and Rogers and Hammerstein entitled "Composers in the American Theatre Today."

Elizabeth Cummins Jackson — had a program on Patriotic Music and a Christmas program on the origin of our Christmas Carols which were played and sung. The National Anthem is used at the opening of each meeting.

General Andrew Lewis — three programs during the year were devoted to music.

James Barbour — has used the "Star Spangled Banner" at each meeting and had a program on American Music.

James Wood — Star Spangled Banner sung at all meetings. One meeting was devoted to "America's War Songs".

John Chapman — held one program devoted entirely to American Music. Patriotic music has featured several programs during the year.

John Hart — We have stressed the history and development of American music and have had papers prepared tracing its development from the days of the colonies to the present time. We use the Star Spangled Banner to open our meetings and sometimes another patriotic song, or two. We had one whole program devoted to compositions by American composers. This consisted of solos, both vocal and instrumental and a group who sang choral numbers.

John Minear — had one musical program during the year.

Kanawha Valley — At the Annual Guest Day Luncheon a musical program of songs by British and American composers was presented.

Matthew French — Always use the Star Spangled Banner at each meeting. Had a program on Patriotic Songs and planning a program on Negro Spirituals.

Pack Horse Ford — devoted one full meeting to American Music. The subject "Patriotism in Music" was illustrated by various types of music.

Shenandoah Valley — sings the Star Spangled Banner at each meeting. One program was an address and demonstration on "Modern Trends in American Music". Another program presented as a Pageant on our Flag included quite a few Patriotic Songs. Several other programs during the year included musical numbers.

South Branch Valley — One voice and one piano presentation of American Composers work at regular meetings. One Program by a member of the Chapter "Songs we have loved and sung since the Founding of our Country". Presented a Mother's Day Program with special emphasis on National Music Week.

Spencer Roane — Two musical programs were held at our meetings. One program on Patriotism in Music. The National Anthem is sung at meetings.

Wheeling — Open their meetings with the National Anthem and devote one program a year to the Music Committee.

William Henshaw — Sing the Star Spangled Banner at meetings. Your State Chairman of American Music presented the January meeting with American Music by vocal and instrumental numbers.

Ye Towne of Bath — had one program on American music with a guest speaker. Also had special music throughout the year.

Any Chapter in the State that is not mentioned in this report has sent no report to the State Chairman for this year.

It has been a pleasure to be your State Chairman of American Music and to have had the fine cooperation of the Chapter Chairmen throughout the State carrying on the high ideals of how much Music can mean to our own souls. It has been especially a privilege and pleasure to have served this Committee while our most beloved and most capable, Mrs. William McClaugherty, has been State Regent.

(Miss) RUTH E. SEIBERT, Chairman

RADIO AND TELEVISION

As State Chairman of the Radio and Television Committee, I submit the following report:

Fourteen sets of 25 script programs for spot announcements for Constitution Week, September 17-23, were mailed to all chairmen in August. In October, a copy of 21 new Radio Scripts for 1955, a list of 48 Tape Recordings received for 1954-1955, and a letter giving suggestions sent by Mrs. Edwin H. Lotz, National Radio and Television Chairman, were sent to each chairman.

Mrs. Lotz thanked all members for their response to her request for a television poll. She announced that Columbia Broadcasting System was the recipient of our first award, for the program, "You Are There". Also Mrs. Lotz stated that the project of a tape recording library is now a living thing. This was shown by the list of 48 recordings received.

The National Committee announces that our telecasts were 90 in 1954 and 208 in 1955. Spot announcements in 1954 were 324, in 1955 we totaled 1,153. This Committee consumed 719 hours, 51½ min. air time as against 578 hours in 1954. Air time value in 1955, \$113,581.84, as compared to \$93,489.76 in 1954.

Mrs. Lotz urges that in 1955-56 we have more tape recordings, more broadcasts and more telecasts. She suggests that all states observe February as "American History Month" and that each state use as far as possible, the J.A.C. Clubs, C.A.R. and Junior Groups on T.V.

At the Continental Congress in 1956, three Radio and T.V. Committee awards will be made, \$15.00 for most excellent tape recording, \$10.00 for greatest number of tape recordings submitted and accepted by the Receiving Board of the Nat'l. Society, \$10.00 for most outstanding program on Radio or T.V.

The National Society's theme this year entitled "Protect America's Future Through Education", is a definite challenge to Radio and T.V. Committee.

Six Chapters have reported this fall. John Hart Chapter presented one 15 minute program on "National Defense" over WDNE Radio Station.

Andrew Lewis Chapter, September 20 from Radio Station WRON, Ronceverte, explained the meaning of "Constitution Week" and read President Eisenhower's Proclamation on a ten minute program. On September 22,

four members presented a 25 minute program telling of the work of their chapter, Federal Constitution Week and what the Constitution meant to them. The Preamble to the Constitution and the President's Proclamation were read. This was followed by a recording of "The Star Spangled Banner".

Borderland Chapter reported that two members gave 15 minute programs over Station WOAY on Veteran's Day — Speaking on D.A.R. as a constructive force for Americanism. On February 22, a patriotic program was given by a group of children from one of our country schools, through the efforts of Borderland Chapter. One of the members on September 19, gave a program on the Constitution. The C.A.R. members, under the direction of the D.A.R., presented a T.V. program on September 21. The play used, was written by the daughter of our regent. It portrayed the signing of the Constitution and was written in the manner of "You Are There". The name of the play was "We Take You Back."

Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter was represented by four members on three radio programs covering 30 mins. The programs were in November, December and January over WJEH called "Talk of the Town". The members prepared the script on the different phases of D.A.R. work.

Spot announcements have been given every month over WSAZ station, Huntington, before the regular meetings of Buford Chapter. On July 4, a ten minute program was given over WSAZ-TV by the Junior Group of Buford. Four members in colonial costumes presented a skit showing what the ladies wore and what they did in colonial times. One member summarized what the Daughters do today.

John Young Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Charleston, West Virginia participated in the following radio and television programs during Constitution Week, September 17-23, 1955:

*Monday, September 19, 9:45-10:00 A. M. — WGKV Radio — "The Woman's Page." The Business and Professional Group of John Young Chapter presented "Wither Goest Thou", a patriotic talk on the American Way of Life, with piano background.

*Wednesday, September 21, 12:05-12:15 P.M. — WTIP Radio — "Shirley Wolfe Program". Mrs. Shirley Wolfe interviewed Mrs. G. H. Overholt, Regent of John Young Chapter. Mrs. Overholt answered questions on the Constitution.

*Wednesday, September 21, 1:00-1:30 P.M. — WSAZ Television — "Camera Goes to School". Panel discussion prepared by Mrs. Charles Anderson, Past Chairman of the Business and Professional Group, John Young Chapter, of the meaning of the Constitution to the individual, the rights one receives under the Constitution, the reasons for having the Constitution, and its history. Moderator, Mrs. Anderson; Panel, two Past Regents, Mrs. Harper Grimm and Mrs. John Kizer, a newly naturalized citizen and two high school students.

Wednesday, September 21, ten minutes of 5:00-5:30 P.M. — WCHS Television — "Lucky 8 Ranch", program for 5-12 year olds.

- Ten multiple-choice questions on the Constitution were supplied by John Young Chapter.

All local radio and television stations were contacted and responded by requesting the following length spot announcements:

Television — WCHS (CBS) 1 20 sec., 2 30 sec., 1 60 sec. WSAZ (NBC)

1 20 sec., 1 30 sec., 1 60 sec. Total 4 min.+

Radio — WCHS (CBS) 1 20 sec., 1 30 sec., 1 60 sec. WKNA (ABC)

3 20 sec., 3 30 sec., 2 60 sec. WTIP (Mutual) 2 20 sec., 2 30 sec., 0 60 sec.

WCAW 1 20 sec., 1 30 sec., 1 60 sec. WGKV (NBC) 2 20 sec., 2 30 sec.,

1 60 sec. Total 12½ min.

Total Television Minutes 44+

Total Radio Minutes 37½.

*Tape recording obtained and being sent to Washington Tape Recording Library.

JANE A. DINGESS (Mrs. Joe W.), Chairman

TRANSPORTATION

The Chairmen of the Chapter Transportation Committees have been quite active. They have been prompt in sending their reports. It has been their desire to assist the Chapter Regent as it has been my desire to assist our most charming State Regent. Throughout our state organization the Transportation Committees have been busy encouraging attendance at Chapter Meetings and in helping transport members and visitors to and from meetings. Some chairmen have provided transportation to various D.A.R. sponsored youth activities.

This has been a good year. Serving in even a small way under our beloved State Regent, Mrs. W. M. McClaugherty, has been a rare privilege and a great pleasure for your State Chairman of Transportation.

ANNE H. MAYNARD (Mrs. S. J.), Chairman

WEST VIRGINIA D. A. R. NEWS

Annual Report 1955

West Virginia DAR News has doubled its circulation this year. We have taken a step forward by obtaining a Second Class Mailing Permit which enables us to reduce mailing costs drastically. Although the permit cost \$35.00 plus \$10.00, the amount expended can easily be made up in the future. This means that we can take subscriptions from anyone up to a pre-determined level without increasing the assessment.

The News is responsible for clarifying a story carried in the DAR Magazine concerning the destruction of a famous old cemetery. West Virginia was criticized severely. The News tracked the story down, corrected it, and the correction will appear in the magazine in the near future. We have also sent the story of our two real Grand Daughters, Mrs. Manley and Miss Gopen to the Press Digest. If this has not already been printed, it will be soon, according to Mrs. Mary Spargo, Public Relations Director.

Some of our articles have been quoted verbatim in several state newspapers, and they have asked to be put on our mailing list.

We are particularly proud that West Virginia DAR News through its editorials and stories has been nominated for a Freedom's Award National Freedom Foundation. We do not dare to hope that we will win a citation, but we are so proud and happy to be included in such illustrious company.

We wish to thank all of you who have supported the state paper through articles, news items and subscriptions. To mention specific people would keep us here for hours. The paper belongs to each of you; and to each of you goes all the credit.

MRS. ROMEO T. McDONALD, Editor, W. Va., DAR News

REPORTS OF CHAPTER REGENTS

ANN ROYALL CHAPTER

Cairo, Ellenboro, Harrisville, Pennsboro

Organized September 27, 1911

Active Members 53

Associate Members 4

Transferred 2

Deceased 0

Papers Pending 1

New Members 2

Dropped 1

Officers

Regent — Mrs. June M. Elliott, Harrisville, W. Va.

First Vice Regent — Mrs. Virginia Fowler, Harrisville, W. Va.

Second Vice Regent — Mrs. Alma Drey, Ellenboro, W. Va.

Chaplain — Mrs. Kathleen Underwood, Ellenboro, W. Va.

Recording Secretary — Mrs. Lucille Rymer, Harrisville, W. Va.

Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. Bess Ross, Pennsboro, W. Va.

Treasurer — Mrs. Genta Heaton, Harrisville, W. Va.

Registrar — Mrs. Sara Barnes, Pennsboro, W. Va.

Historian — Miss Jessie Tresham, Harrisville, W. Va.

Librarian — Miss Pearl Wilson, Harrisville, W. Va.

Parliamentarian — Mrs. Isa McKeen, Harrisville, W. Va.

In charge of programs are: Mrs. Virginia Fowler, Harrisville, Mrs. Blanche Stoops, Pennsboro, W. Va., Miss Lucy Coplin, Cairo, W. Va.

Ann Royall Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution holds 11 meetings each year on the fourth Friday evening or Saturday afternoon each month.

All State and National dues are paid.

United States Flag displayed at all meetings, with flag salute given. The President General's Message is reported on at all meetings.

A box of used clothing valued at about \$40.00 sent to Kate Duncan Smith School.

Sponsored sixth grade History Contest in all Ritchie County Schools. Subject "Thomas Jefferson". Winners reading essays at chapter meetings and receiving awards.

Ann Royall Chapter entertained the Northern District meeting in Harrisville May 7, 1955.

Four of our members attended the Luncheon at Jackson's Mill July, 1955. Two members attended Continental Congress in Washington, D. C., April, 1955.

Ann Royall contributed to Tamasee Scholarship Fund, also Improved Beef Herd project.

We had programs on United Nations, Juvenile Delinquency, Americanism, West Virginia History, Constitution United States.

Dr. Grace Scott, University Morgantown, spoke on "Loyalty Oaths for Teachers".

Blenda Proudfoot, Assistant Supervisor, Elementary Schools in W. Va., spoke on our schools. We invited members of Board of Education, County Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Principals of High Schools in County. A very interesting meeting.

JUNE M. ELLIOTT, Regent

BARBOURSVILLE CHAPTER

Barboursville

Organized December 19, 1936

Mrs. W. H. Daniel, Organizing Regent

Membership 43

Officers:

Regent — Mrs. J. M. Tiernan

Vice Regent — Mrs. Alden Bryan

Chaplain — Mrs. A. A. Miller

Secretary — Mrs. Lyal Clay

Treasurer — Mrs. Ira P. Baer

Registrar — Mrs. P. A. Vallandingham

Librarian — Miss Irene Barrett

Historian — Miss Blanche Kline

Parliamentarian — Mrs. W. H. Daniel

Barboursville Chapter held ten regular meetings the past year, the meeting date being the first Saturday in the month.

The Chapter has shown continued interest in the D.A.R. objectives. Two boxes of clothing were sent to Crossnore. Ten Dollars was given toward the purchase of the beef herd at Tamassee. Five dollars was donated toward National Defense. The Chapter is very proud to have sent \$40.00 to Tamassee for a "Memorial Acre".

Our Community Project was very outstanding. The Museum was kept open each Wednesday afternoon, during which time over 300 school children visited it.

Three National Defense Citizenship Medals were presented to Barboursville Senior and Junior High Schools and Milton High School.

Two D.A.R. Good Citizens Pins and Certificates were awarded two Senior girls, one each from Barboursville High and Milton High.

Unusual interest was shown in the contest held in the sixth grades at Barboursville Elementary School. The children did three things:

1. Learned three stanzas of the National Anthem.

2. Learned "The American's Creed".

3. Wrote an essay on "What the American's Creed Means to Me".

At the final P.T.A. Meeting of the year the three sixth grades sang the National Anthem. Three History Medals were presented the winners and three other awards for those receiving honorable mention.

The Chapter was honored by the attendance of our charming State Regent, Mrs. W. W. McClaugherty, in April. Also attending the luncheon given at the home of Mrs. P. A. Vallandingham were our State Recording Secretary, Mrs. Howard Summers, Miss Virginia Johnson, State Chairman of Juniors, and Mrs. Sam Morgan of Bluefield, State Corresponding Secretary.

The Regent attended Continental Congress in Washington.

The Secretary of Western District was Mrs. Lee Taylor; and fourteen members attended the meeting at Buford Chapter. The State Conference was attended by three members.

The Flag Day program was most impressive. The retiring Regent, Mrs. Sam McConkey, presented a flag to the Chapter which had flown over the Capitol during the 64th Congress. The flag was accepted by the retiring Correct Use of the Flag Chairman, Mrs. Clay, for the use of the Chapter.

The program closed with a prayer by the Chaplain, Mrs. Alden Bryan.

The Chapter has cooperated and worked untiringly in completing the payment of the debt on the Toll House.

Many items of interest have been given the museum.

Our Organizing Regent and State Chairman of Resolutions, Mrs. W. H. Daniel, presented an antique cup and saucer to the "West Virginia Room" in Washington.

A most interesting and informative program on the history and adoption of "Our Constitution" was presented in September by Mrs. Lee Taylor who teaches history at Milton High School.

The President General's Message and National Defense have been given at each meeting. It is the desire of our members to conform to the program and ideals of our State and National Societies.

The retiring regent of our Chapter, Mrs. Sam McConkey, was elected Director of the Western District at the meeting in Huntington.

We have gained five new members this year.

The retiring regent, Mrs. McConkey, is due credit for most of the work reported.

MRS. GERTRUDE TIERNAN, Regent

BEE LINE CHAPTER

Charles Town, W. Va.

Organized March 21, 1922.

Organizing Regent — Anna Morgan Getzendanner (Mrs. Henry Clay).

Officers:

Regent — Miss Anne Lloyd Baylor
Vice-Regent — Mrs. Charles R. Langdon
Chaplain — Mrs. Paul Z. Love
Recording Secretary — Miss Katherine M. Childs
Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. Newton M. Gibson
Treasurer — Miss Edith Gardner
Historian — Mrs. George W. Johnson
Registrar — Miss Louise C. Briscoe
Librarian — Mrs. Van B. Wilson
Parliamentarian — Mrs. George W. Johnson

THEME: Foster True Patriotism

Ten regular meetings were held in the homes of the members. At our October meeting a review was given of the book "Miracle of the Hills" by one of the members. At the November meeting a box of clothing was packed for Kate Duncan Smith School and reports were given from the State Convention. In December we held our annual Christmas party with exchange of gifts among the members, Christmas music and carols.

In February we had planned a tea honoring our State Regent, who was unable to attend on account of illness in her family, so the regular meeting was held with Patriotic Program. At the March meeting we had a program on Civil Defense given by the Jefferson County Chairman, Mr. S. H. Stone.

In April we had our annual program of American Music and in May reports were given from Continental Congress.

Our June meeting was the highlight of the year's programs at which time we were honored by having our State Regent, Mrs. William McClaugherty visit our Chapter. She gave us a most inspiring address and her visit was a great inspiration to all the members, most especially to the members who have been unable to attend our State Conferences. Other guests included Miss Emily Miller, State Treasurer, Mrs. Russell Bergen, National Vice-Chairman of Transportation and Mrs. Ben H. Williams, Regent of the John Chapman Chapter, Bluefield. Miss Anne Lloyd Baylor, Regent, presented to Mrs. McClaugherty, a coin silver teaspoon for the West Virginia Room, which belonged to her Revolutionary Ancestor, George Hite, with a brief history of his services during the Revolution.

On July 4th we placed three markers on the graves of deceased members and Flags on the graves of all Revolutionary soldiers and Daughters of Revolutionary Soldiers in the two Cemeteries of our Town, which is our annual custom. Later a Coffee Hour was held at the home of the Regent. Mention is made of this celebration in the October issue of the D.A.R. Magazine.

At our September meeting we had a Constitution Day Program with a fine speaker . A proclamation was published in our local paper by the Mayor of Charles Town, proclaiming September 17-24 as Constitution Week, as per the request of the President General, Miss Gertrude Carraway and requesting that all business places and citizens display flags during this time. Posters were placed in the schools of the town and other business places and all members of the Chapter displayed flags during the week. Our press relations chairman gave publicity to the town papers and a copy of the proclamation with report was sent to the President General and State Regent, as requested by Miss Carraway.

Two Good Citizenship Medals were awarded in the Charles Town High School to outstanding boy and girl—also two History Medals for excellence in American History, and a subscription to D. A. R. Magazine given to the school library. Packages were sent to the Junior Bazaar from the Chapter by our Junior Membership Chairman, and we had a gain of two Junior members this year. One hundred dollars has been sent to Tamassee from the Chapter towards a scholarship for this year.

Our Conservation Chairman planted a white Dogwood tree in memory of our deceased members in a small park on the edge of town, which belongs jointly to Bee Line Chapter D. A. R. and the Charles Town Woman's Club, having been presented to these two organizations by the late Mr. Thornton T. Perry, a very philanthropic citizen of our town.

The President General's letter is read at all Chapter meetings and the National Defense Chairman is given at least five minutes to make a report of her work. We were so happy to make the honor roll in 1955 (Gold Star) and hope to do so in 1956, we are already working on the points. Have an application pending for our Junior member for 1956 point and have more than 20 percent of membership subscribing to the magazine.

The Regent attended the State Conference in Clarksburg, the Regent and Delegate attended Continental Congress and Regent and five members attended the W. Va. luncheon. The Regent and six members attended the District Meeting at Berkeley Springs and the Regent attended the luncheon at Jackson's Mill in July and the meeting of the State Nominating Committee of which she was a member. The Regent and four members attended the tea at Fort Ashby, given by the Potomac Valley Chapter, celebrating the Bi-Centennial Celebration of Fort Ashby and honoring Mrs. Carroll Haig and Mrs. William McClaugherty.

Our present membership is 50 but a transfer has just been completed from the Pack Horse Ford Chapter, Shepherdstown, which will give us 51. We have three associate members. We have had one death, one resignation the past year — two new members, one re-instatement, and two transfers.

Our Press Relations Chairman has done good work, an account of all regular and special meetings have been given to the local paper and clippings have been sent to the State Chairman, the local paper has been very cooperative in giving us publicity on all D.A.R. activities.

Many of our members are active in Red Cross work, serving at Blood-mobile, Motor Corps, Canteen and assisting in the annual drive for membership. Also working at the Baker Veterans Hospital at Martinsburg.

We endeavor to carry out all projects of the National and State Organization.

ANNE LLOYD BAYLOR, Regent

BLACKWATER CHAPTER

Davis

Annual Report October 1, 1954 — October 1, 1955

Organized in Davis on October 26, 1933, by Mrs. L. H. Mott.
Membership 29

Officers:

Regent — Mrs. Ruth M. Ward
Vice Regent — Mrs. Mildred Newman
Chaplain — Mrs. Lalah Fankhouser
Recording Secretary — Mrs. Lolita Hilliard
Treasurer — Miss F. Edith Morton
Registrar — Mrs. Kathryn Cleaver
Historian — Mrs. Florence Hershberger
Librarian — Mrs. Levie Flanagan
Board of Management — Miss Martha Bomberger
Mrs. Harold Felton

Our Chapter suffered the loss of two members by death during the past year — both Chapter officers:

Mrs. Bess Lambert — Vice Regent
Mrs. Flora Phelps — Treasurer

We lost one member by transfer to another Chapter — Mrs. Mildred Harman, Kensington, Md. Papers are pending for four new members into our Chapter this fall.

Regular meetings are held in the homes of members on the third Saturday of each month except thru December, January and February unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Management.

Our programs were planned to carry out the theme "Foster True Patriotism" and on the projects of the D.A.R., such as Americanism, Approved Schools, United Nations, Conservation, American Indians. Programs have been most interesting. We have always tried to cooperate with our National and State D.A.R. programs and aims. Each meeting has been opened with the Ritualistic Work, Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the reading of the President General's Message.

Citizenship medals were awarded to an outstanding student in each of the three High Schools in Tucker County — Davis, Thomas, Parsons; also given was the American History Award.

We held our annual Christmas Bazaar. We have raised money thru the sale of candy and Christmas cards. We have contributed to the following causes: Tuberculosis, Red Cross, Polio, Heart, Cancer, Crippled Children; a gift to the Junior Bazaar for State Conference; contribution of \$5.00 to Helen Pouch Memorial Fund. A large box of clothing was sent to one of our approved schools, Tamasee; we also made a contribution to the beef herd.

Our Chapter was represented at the State Conference held in Clarksburg October, 1954, and at the District Meeting in Philippi in May, 1955.

We are continuing for another year with our own county-wide 4-H Club as our project for our community with the assistance of members and a donation of money from our Club for same.

Five minutes or more were allotted at each meeting to National Defense News.

At our September meeting a fine program was presented on the Constitution of the United States. This was in observance of Constitution Week — September 17-23. At conclusion of the program an interesting quiz was held in which all members participated. During the week of Sept. 17-23, our Chapter received cooperation from the Mayors of the three municipalities in our county in this observance. Literature was placed in various schools of the county and stickers placed in windows of business places.

The Regent has brought before the Chapter excerpts from every issue of the Press Digest.

Our Chapter was represented at the Jackson's Mill luncheon this summer with the West Virginia State Regent's Club as hostesses and at a tea celebrating the Bi-Centennial of the building of Fort Ashby which was given by the Potomac Valley Chapter and honoring Mrs. Charles C. Haig and Mrs. William W. McClaugherty.

MRS. RUTH M. WARD, Regent

BLENNERHASSETT CHAPTER

Parkersburg

Organized October 12, 1949, by Mrs. Herbert Snodgrass.

Term of Regency covers a two-year period.

Present officers were installed in May of 1954.

Members 34, Associate Members 1.

Officers:

Regent — Mrs. Charles L. Matheny
Vice Regent — Mrs. Herbert Snodgrass
Chaplain — Mrs. Russell Brock
Secretary — Miss Leona Gilchrist
Treasurer — Mrs. George Poling
Registrar — Mrs. H. Paul Hite
Historian — Mrs. H. A. Beckwith
Librarian — Mrs. H. B. Phares

The members of the Blennerhassett Chapter made a special effort to follow the National theme, "Foster True Patriotism", in their many activities.

Patriotic holidays were observed in many diverse ways. Flags were displayed; films were shown; biographies were read; famous speeches, documents, and poems were studied, and many pieces of literature were distributed during the course of the year.

One hundred fifty high school students memorized "The American's Creed", the "Preamble", and a part of the "Bill of Rights", and part of the "Declaration of Independence".

Eighty students memorized "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address".

During "Constitution Week" our chapter displayed posters in the corridor and in the classrooms of the Parkersburg High School.

One member, who is a teacher, made a daily check to determine the number of students who were displaying flags throughout "Constitution Week". The number was very gratifying.

Spot announcements concerning the "Constitution" were made daily over the radio.

One telecast appearance was made by our Historian, Mrs. H. A. Beckwith, who also had published in the Parkersburg News, a daily paper, a series of five articles entitled: "The Constitution and the Men Who Made It a Success".

Merrill Reeves Patterson, Ph. D, Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio, was the speaker for our "National Defense" luncheon at the Chancellor Hotel, Parkersburg, W. Va. in June.

Fifty people were in attendance. The James Wood, Ravenswood, Ann Royall, and Nathan Davis Chapters were represented.

At this time, Mrs. John H. Brown, President West Virginia Congress Parents Teachers was presented an "Award of Merit" for her services to the youth of this area and the State of West Virginia.

Through the persistent efforts of Mrs. H. B. Phares, Librarian, we were able to place one volume of "Chalkley's Scotch-Irish Genealogy of Augusta County, Virginia" in the Carnegie Library, Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Mrs. H. B. Phares reviewed "Miracle of the Hills" for the chapter at the October meeting.

Three "Junior American Citizens Clubs" were organized in the rural areas of Wood County; at Wadesville, Waverly, and Wigal schools under the chairmanship of Mrs. O. G. Lowther. She was assisted by Vice Regent, Mrs. Herbert Snodgrass. The membership in the three schools was fifty-seven. Fifteen members of the Waverly Club were taken on a tour of Washington, D. C. by their Director.

Two students, Miss Becky Sharon Rutter and Miss Ann Louise Frum from this same school were given "Thatcher Award" for their outstanding and efficient work in J. A. C.

Richard Winans of the Cedar Grove School was the recipient of the "History Award" for his outstanding work in United States History.

Awards of money were presented to Miss Nancy Jewell Gilchrist and Miss Ruth Ann Hendricks, members of Seneca Trail C.A.R., for the best scrapbooks submitted on "American Indians" and on "Conservation". Mrs. H. Paul Hite, Senior President, C.A.R. sponsored the scrapbook project.

At Christmas time members of the Chapter met at the home of Mrs. Paige Westfall, Chairman of Approved Schools, and wrapped gift packages for Tamassee.

Contributions of money had previously been made to Tamassee and Kate Duncan Smith Schools.

Mrs. Paige Westfall visited Tamassee in early October of this year.

Two "Good Citizens Manuals" were placed in the homes of recent immigrants by Mrs. C. O. Harper, Americanism Chairman.

Mrs. Herbert Snodgrass, Vice Regent and National Defense Chairman, averaged more than five minutes per meeting for National Defense. She distributed more than fifty pieces of defense material, exclusive of material distributed at our meetings. She also solicited advertising.

Books, magazines, and one dictionary were placed in one rural school.

Mrs. H. A. Beckwith, Historian, made a record of the inscriptions on the markers in ten cemeteries.

One meeting was devoted to the study of "American Indians and Their Traditions" under the supervision of Mrs. David Gorrell, Chairman.

Two films, "The Life and Work of George Washington" and a "History of the United States Flag" were shown in February.

Four members represented our chapter at the State Convention in Clarkburg; one at the Continental Congress in Washington; five at the District meeting at Harrisville; and five at Jackson's Mill.

Two members represented our chapter at the local "Armed Forces Day" luncheon.

Eight members were in attendance at a patriotic meeting on "Constitution Day".

Ten of our thirty-four members subscribe to the D.A.R. magazine.

All National and State dues were paid prior to January, 1955.

Miss Carraway's message was read monthly, and the flag was always on display.

All meetings were opened with the "Ritual", the "Pledge of Allegiance", and "The American's Creed".

Excellent reports were given by the numerous committees.

With the help of all members working together, we were able to complete the twelve requirements necessary to merit the "Gold Honor Roll".

BLANCHE E. MATHENY, Regent

BORDERLAND CHAPTER

Mount Hope

Borderland Chapter draws its members from eight towns within a radius of twenty miles. We have a membership of forty-six with seventeen of that number living out of the State. The late Mrs. Gory Hogg was the organizing Regent, and the date of organization was October 31, 1928.

Officers:

Regent — Mrs. Wm. C. Bishop
Vice Regent — Mrs. J. M. Francesa
Chaplain — Mrs. I. O. Shumate
Recording Secretary — Mrs. John B. Long
Treasurer — Mrs. J. B. Thompson
Historian — Mrs. O. F. McCoy
Librarian — Mrs. C. R. Bourland

Our meetings are opened with the D.A.R. Ritual, Flag Salute, the American's Creed, and the singing of the National Anthem. The President General's message is discussed by an appointed member, and a five-minutes talk on some phase of National Defense is given.

Programs pertaining to D.A.R. projects — Approved Schools, National Defense, Conservation, American Indians, Americanism, and the Constitution — were interesting and informative.

The Regent attended Continental Congress and with three other members attended State Conference and Southern District Meeting. She also attended the conference at Jackson's Mill.

Three radio programs were broadcast during the year: George Washington's Birthday, Veteran's Day, and Constitution Day.

Eight Good Citizenship medals were given in two grade schools. The D.A.R. Good Citizenship Contest was conducted in Oak Hill, Mount Hope, and Fayetteville High Schools. A pin and certificate were given the Good Citizen in each school. Then in competition with each other Miss Pauline Stotts of Fayetteville High School was chosen the County Good Citizen and given a special award of five dollars. History medals for achievement in American History were given to a Junior in four high schools: Oak Hill, Fayetteville, Mount Hope, and DuBois (colored).

Borderland Chapter has a Representative and Alternate on the Advisory Board of the Volunteer Service Committee of the Veteran's Administration Hospital at Beckley. This committee meets monthly. They represent Southern District in special projects for the hospital. So far two Chapters have sent comfort articles, and fifty-two dollars in cash have been contributed. This has been used to help with needs as they arise. Borderland has furnished entertainment and helped with two parties for ambulatory patients and one for mental patients. Money for prizes was taken from the fund. We were responsible for decorating the main dining-room at Christmas. Suitable decorations were made for fifteen tables. Members filled cellophane bags with home-made cookies as favors for seventy patients. We have given help to the Bloodmobile when possible.

The newspapers have been very cooperative. We have more than two hundred inches of newsprint and several pictures. There are ten subscribers to the D.A.R. magazine.

We see that the Good Citizenship Manuals are kept at the office of the Circuit Clerk of Fayette County and given out as needed to those wanting to become citizens.

We contributed seventeen dollars to the Beef Herd at Tamasec.

The Betty Henry Society C.A.R. under the Senior President, Mrs. C. R. Bourland of our Chapter, is very active. Each year they present one program to the Chapter.

We fully cooperated with Miss Carraway's project in observing Constitution Week. We had more than ninety inches newspaper publicity. All schools in the county were contacted by letter through the kindness of the County Superintendent. Materials for programs were furnished on request to a number of schools. One local high school (1000 pupils) gave a program over the public-address system each day with programs furnished by our Chapter. Spot announcements were given over a local radio station. One fifteen-minute program was broadcast by a member. Ministers in the area were sent letters asking them to urge their congregations be aware of the importance of our Constitution. The means used to reach the most people was a television play with members of C.A.R. as the cast. The play, "We Take You Back," written by the daughter of the Regent, was staged and directed by the Chapter and Senior President of C.A.R. It portrayed events that happened on the day of the signing of the Constitution and was written in the style of the popular D.A.R. Award Program, "You Are There." We received many favorable comments on this program. The mayors of the three towns in our area issued proclamations.

We received a certificate of Honorable Mention on the Honor Roll.

ELLEANOR H. BISHOP (Mrs. Wm. C.), Regent

BUFORD CHAPTER

Huntington

Organized June 1, 1910 by Mrs. D. D. Geiger.
183 Active members, 1 Life member.

Officers:

Regent — Mrs. D. B. Kraybill
First Vice Regent — Mrs. John E. Graham
Second Vice Regent — Mrs. J. P. Boylin
Chaplain — Mrs. W. C. Petty
Recording Secretary — Mrs. P. S. Vaughan
Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. W. K. Gibson
Treasurer — Mrs. Don Carnohan
Registrar — Mrs. D. W. Snyder
Historian — Mrs. J. M. Cain
Custodian — Mrs. J. A. Thackston
Librarian — Miss Eugyl Harris

Madame State Regent:

Most of this report is the result of the efforts of our very capable past Regent, Mrs. F. C. Hodges.

At each meeting five minutes of time was devoted to National Defense. At the October meeting we had an excellent address on Civil Defense.

One of the outstanding programs was a lecture, "Our Foreign Policy in the Far East," by Dr. Herschel Heath of the History Department of Marshall College.

At another meeting our J.A.C. Clubs with a membership of over 400, presented an original playlet, "Women of the American Revolution."

Our historian worked in cooperation with the Art, Music, and Reading supervisors of the Cabell County schools where the 4th, 5th and 6th grades learned the 3rd stanza of the Star Spangled Banner and then expressed what it meant to them in Art. Their pictures were judged and the prize winning ones displayed at the chapter meeting when the playlet was presented. Certificates were awarded to the winners at school presentations.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Reeser was named chairman of the newly organized Junior Membership Committee. Miss Virginia Johnson helped with the organization and spoke at one of our meetings.

One community project was a presentation of twelve "Good Citizenship" medals to junior and senior high school students in the city of Huntington.

Buford Chapter has won the Gold Honor Roll Ribbon for the second consecutive year. At the June meeting Buford honored Miss Betty Nichols, a 1955 graduate of Huntington East High School, who received the Eleanor H. Smith scholarship award.

Our chapter also cooperated with the Patriotic Citizens Committee of Huntington in a community-wide celebration of the 4th of July. Prior to the 4th of July our members sold American Flags in a city-wide effort to have our Flag displayed at every home on Independence Day.

The chairman, Correct Use of the Flag, wrote to the Governor of West Virginia, and the Mayor of the city of Huntington asking them to proclaim National Constitution Week, Sept. 18-23. She also contacted radio, press and television in an effort to make our citizens more conscious of the blessings they enjoy under the Constitution of the United States.

KATHRYN M. KRAYBILL (Mrs. D. B.), Regent

CAPTAIN JAMES ALLEN CHAPTER

Beckley

The Captain James Allen Chapter feels we have had a successful year in interest and worthwhile accomplishments.

We are always anxious to cooperate with our National and State D.A.R. programs and aims.

This being our 25th Anniversary we opened the year with a lovely Guest Tea in the home of Mrs. E. E. Bibb, Sr.

At Christmas time \$25.00 was given to Tamasee to be applied on the Beef Herd.

Fifteen dollars was given to Kate Duncan Smith for their "saw" and two boxes of good used clothing was sent. An \$18.00 gift was also sent to Kate Duncan Smith.

Such good causes as, Mac's Toy Fund for poor children, Infantile Paralysis Drive, Crippled Children's Drive, Tuberculosis, Veterans Hospital at Christmas, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, another Veterans Hospital gift, Investment Fund, American Indians and Red Cross were all given \$5.00 each.

Ten dollars each to Pinecrest Sanitarium and the West Virginia Room.

Five Senior High School "American History" awards of \$5.00 each are given yearly, also five Junior High School "American History" awards of \$5.00 each are given.

Of interest always is the D.A.R. "Good Citizenship Pin" given annually to a High School senior, and a Girl Home Makers award of \$5.00 is given.

A Pinecrest patient is always remembered on the holidays with presents and visits and gifts through the year.

Our vigorous Magazine Chairman came up with eleven subscriptions to bring our number to its quota for the Honor Roll and with a full page advertisement. Captain James Allen is very proud to be one of the twelve chapters in the State to win the Golden Honor Roll.

MRS. FLOYD M. SAYRE, Regent

COLONEL ANDREW DONNALLY CHAPTER

Welch

Organized April 3, 1926 by Mrs. Charles C. Marfit.

40 Members

Officers:

Regent — Mrs. W. D. Dantzler

Vice Regent — Mrs. O. G. Suter

Chaplain — Mrs. O. J. Hunter

Recording Secretary — Mrs. R. E. Wilkinson

Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. Strother Tabor

Treasurer — Mrs. Samuel Solins

Registrar — Mrs. Paul W. Jones

Librarian — Mrs. J. W. Blakely

Parliamentarian — Mrs. A. N. Harris, Sr.

The Colonel Andrew Donnally Chapter had nine meetings during the past year. The programs followed the outline of the National Program Chairman. Each meeting is opened with the D.A.R. Ritual, Flag Salute and the singing of the National Anthem. In addition to the formal program, a short flag quiz was conducted and members related all the dates of patriotic importance of each month. Guests were invited to our Christmas Tea and Spring Tea, at which time special programs were presented concerning the Christmas Season and the American Indians. In February a luncheon meeting was held with our State Regent, Mrs. W. W. McClaugherty, as guest speaker. The patriotic theme of "Americanism" was used as topic of speech, special music and decorations.

The Highway Safety Poster Contest was sponsored throughout McDowell County Schools in September with a prize of ten dollars (\$10.00) given.

Mrs. R. E. Wilkinson presented to the Chapter a table flag.

Each member contributed one dollar (\$1.00) toward Christmas gifts for the approved schools.

The Chapter has sent donations to the Kate Duncan Smith School for the Workshop Fund; to Tamasee for the beef herd; to the polio fund; McDowell

Public Library; contributed toward a trip to the State Capitol by a group of school students, who otherwise would not have been able to make the trip because of lack of funds. A box was sent to Crossnore by the Chapter.

Good Citizenship Awards were given to outstanding high school boys and girls this year.

Our Chapter has lost six members this year. Four members have transferred and two have resigned. Several have been invited to become members.

Several of our members are subscribers to the D.A.R. Magazine.

In order to have money to carry out our work, a Rummage Sale was held which was quite successful.

Illness in the family kept our Regent and delegate from attending the National Congress.

Nine members and the Regent attended the district meeting in Bluefield.

The Chapter's "pet" project is assisting the Circuit Court in the program of Naturalization of Aliens. Special programs are given with special music, talks, giving flags and manuals to each new citizen. The programs are attended by the members of the D.A.R., Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and American Legion.

ELEANOR MARIE DANTZLER (Mrs. W. D.), Regent

COLONEL CHARLES LEWIS CHAPTER

Point Pleasant

Organized June 11, 1901, by the late Dr. Livia Simpson Poffenbarger.

Officers:

Regent — Mrs. Chester A. Roush

Vice Regent — Mrs. Eldrige Sauer

Second Vice Regent — Mrs. Edward Biddle

Chaplain — Mrs. Benjamin Franklin

Recording Secretary — Mrs. Raymond F. Musgrave

Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. J. G. F. Johnson

Treasurer — Mrs. Louis Bateson

Registrar — Mrs. Hersel Henderson

Historian — Mrs. M. Holly Simmons

Librarian — Mrs. I. G. Volden

Curator — Mrs. M. L. Miller

Parliamentarian — Mrs. John H. Collins

Directors: Mrs. S. C. Wilhelm, Mrs. William Meade, Mrs. Milton L. Miller,

Mrs. N. A. Park, Mrs. Cary Howard Rayburn.

Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter was on the Gold Honor Roll which indicates the extent of our activities.

Three members attended Continental Congress, five members attended State Conference, six attended Western District meeting and Regent attended meeting at Jackson's Mill.

Our membership is now 97. We have lost one out of town member by resignation and have lost two members by death, one of whom was a Charter member. We have received three new members.

The highlight of the year was our celebration of Constitution Week when our Chapter presented a lovely nylon United States Flag to the Point Pleasant High School Auditorium-Gymnasium with the program on the Constitution and the Flag by Chapter and C.A.R. members. Twenty three Chapter members were present, nine of whom are teachers in the High School. The Flag cost \$64.00. The Auditorium is used for both school and public gatherings. Constitution Week was also observed by two Chapter member teachers having the children write short essays on the Constitution, Flag and Citizenship and memorize the Preamble to the Constitution in the Junior High School. Five best essays were published in local paper. During the week Bill of Rights pamphlets and Flag Codes were distributed to the schools throughout the County. The Proclamations of the President of the United States and of the Mayor of Point

Pleasant were published along with pictures and articles on the observance of Constitution Week.

The National Anthem was sung and Pledge of Allegiance given at each Chapter meeting. A program on American Music using recording of West Virginia folk songs by Dr. Patrick Gainer was enjoyed. Children of the American Revolution and Junior American Citizen members each presented program for Chapter. We have sponsored nine J.A.C. Clubs. Attorney Raymond F. Musgrave spoke at Chapter meeting in September on "Considering The Constitution."

A movie of Chief Cornstalk Re-burial Ceremonies was shown at one meeting. National Defense was stressed at each Chapter meeting and entire program given when Col. O. V. Knipp, of West Virginia National Guard, spoke on "Defense of America Today". Dr. Charles P. Harper, Prof. of Political Science at Marshall College was guest speaker at our annual anniversary luncheon when the Charter members and Chapter Officers were honor guests. Dr. Harper's subject was "West Virginia: the Frontier State".

Seven History Medals were awarded to three County High Schools, Junior High and Langston colored school. Medals were awarded to outstanding girls for Good Citizenship and Home Economics in each of the three County High Schools.

Twenty-eight percent of membership, including all officers, subscribe to D.A.R. Magazine and a five dollar ad was placed by firm of local member. Magazine is placed each year in three County High Schools, Junior High and County Library.

Twenty-eight pages of material was sent to Genealogical Records Committee.

\$5.00 was contributed to Student Loan and Scholarship Fund; \$5.00 to Investment Trust Fund; \$5.50 to Helen Pouch Memorial Fund; \$5.00 to National D.A.R. Library; \$5.00 to Kate Duncan Smith for skilsaw; box of clothing sent to Navajo Indians costing \$7.22 postage; four boxes of used hats, shoes and clothing valued at \$55.00 sent to Kate Duncan Smith with postage \$5.88. Remaining \$50.00 of the one hundred dollar pledge to Tamassee Beef Herd was paid with \$3.00 extra given by member. \$10.00 was sent to Tamassee by D.A.R. Ladies.

Four half hour programs were presented on radio with members preparing the script, one of which was on October 10 in commemoration of the 181st anniversary of the Battle of Point Pleasant.

Four Chapter members and three C.A.R. children rode in fourth of July parade in convertible decorated for the occasion. Chapter sends West Virginia D.A.R. News to each member. "Landmarks of Old Wheeling" by Charles J. Milton has been purchased to present to National Library in memory of Mrs. Janet McCulloch Felton, former member of Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter and State Librarian at the time of her death.

Chapter has invited Western District to hold meeting in Point Pleasant next May.

GOLD COMSTOCK ROUSH (Mrs. Chester A.) Regent

COLONEL JOHN EVANS CHAPTER

Morgantown

Organized October 5, 1909, by the late Mrs. Parks Fisher.

115 Members, one associate member.

Officers:

Regent — Mrs. J. Frederick Stickel

First Vice Regent — Mrs. Arthur E. Walker

Second Vice Regent — Mrs. Fay W. Spencer

Chaplain — Mrs. John A. Graham

Recording Secretary — Mrs. Hal A. Thorniley

Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. Benjamin T. Chalmers

Treasurer — Mrs. H. D. Griffin
Assistant Treasurer — Mrs. Richard G. Hunter
Registrar — Mrs. Edgar Williams
Historian — Mrs. Walter B. Buseman
Reporter — Miss Harriet V. Barkalow
Librarian — Mrs. Paul L. Layman
Parliamentarian — Mrs. Rudolph S. Stoyer and Mrs. Vere O. Havener
Executive Board — Mrs. J. L. Tritchler and Mrs. T. B. Leith

During the past year, the Colonel John Evans Chapter has made monetary contributions to the Tamassee Beef Herd, the renovating of the West Virginia Room at Washington, D. C., the Kate Duncan Smith School, to Conservation and tree planting ceremonies, and the Junior Committee's Doll Project. Locally to the Community Chest, the Tuberculosis Association, Friends of the Library and the three Senior High Schools' end of year graduation party called the Senior Triad; also participated in one-half of scholarship to Girls' State with the other Morgantown Chapter.

In September, we celebrated Constitution Day, our opening fall meeting with an address by our Monongalia County Prosecuting Attorney, Honorable Albert M. Morgan.

October — Miss Sara Ann Brown of the W. Va. University Home Economics Dept. informed us on her Fullbright Scholarship work in a talk "Four Months in Denmark."

November — Rabbi Morris M. Rose of the Congregation Tree of Life gave us a historic talk on "Early Jewish Settlers in America at the Time of the Revolution" relating there were 2,500 to 3,000 Jews in America at this time, their culture, their Bible teachings. He made an impressive statement that the more we study history, we find our country the most liberal, the freest, the most spiritual in the world, and with all our shortcomings, we are people of great minds and hearts.

December — A Christmas Musical Program.

January — A talk by Mrs. Rebecca Core Conaway, ten years a member of our Board of Education. We were thrilled by the patriotic teachings and practices in our schools by our teachers and pupils from her research on the subject "Patriotism in Our Schools".

February — A dinner meeting with the Sons of the Revolution and a historic resume by Felix Robinson, the speaker, on "Washington and The West".

March — An illustrated talk with beautiful pictures by Dr. Russell Gist of the Extension Dept. of W. Va. University, who spent recently a successful time in Europe with the United States Foreign Operations Administration on the alleviation of the food problem, and worked on feed and fiber for clothing in helping the people of Greece to help themselves. He also showed pictures of the Holy Land. He stated our flag flies in many places all over the world.

April — Four members had attended the D.A.R. Congress in Washington and reported in detail on meetings and resolutions. Members also attended the 8th Annual District meeting at Philippi this month.

May — Presentation of thirteen history awards, some at meeting, some at schools; also showed a historic film on New England with narration by Burton Holmes, famous traveler and lecturer.

June — "Flag Day". At this time a fine reading, brought from Washington by Mrs. Rudolph S. Stoyer and read by her, on our Flag and the sequence of its making and what it represented. The out-going Regent, Mrs. Charlotte White Tritchler and several members placed wreaths and flags on local patriots graves during the afternoon with members of the S. A. R.

July — Out-going and in-coming regents and several members attended annual meeting at Jackson's Mill.

DOROTHY KEYS STICKEL (Mrs. J. F.), Regent

COLONEL MORGAN MORGAN CHAPTER

Fairmont

Organized July 25, 1922.

Officers:

Regent — Mrs. D. F. Reaser
Vice Regent — Mrs. W. T. Lawson
Chaplain — Mrs. M. L. West
Recording Secretary — Mrs. George A. May
Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. Willa M. Fletcher
Treasurer — Mrs. J. W. Poling
Registrar — Mrs. Curt E. Amos
Historian — Mrs. E. N. Eddy
Librarian — Mrs. Ralph U. Gilbert
Parliamentarian — Mrs. W. D. Evans

This chapter was co-hostess with the Major William Haymond Chapter for the Officers luncheon at Clarksburg October 29 during the State Conference. Mrs. Edward Shabady served as page for the conference.

The Regent, one delegate, one alternate attended Continental Congress. Mrs. Edward Shabady served as Page for the Congress.

Five members attended Central District meeting. Nineteen attended Jackson's Mill luncheon.

We have had ten regular meetings.

September — A very interesting resume of the history of Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia was given by Mrs. Paul Davison with motion pictures shown of outstanding places.

October — Covered Dish Dinner. A program of unusual interest was presented by Howard Stewart, a representative of the Civilian Defense Council of Marion County.

November — Americanism was the general theme of the meeting. Miss Jewell Ashcraft gave an oration which won top honors in a National Contest sponsored by American Legion.

December — Christmas Program. A group of girls from Junior High School sang Christmas Carols. Guest speaker was Dr. J. Clair Jarvis. Santa Clause was introduced by the jingle of Christmas bells, he collected gifts brought by members to be sent to Crossnore School.

January — A program devoted largely to Tamassee School in South Carolina. Slides were shown of the school. Mrs. C. C. Hinkle gave a talk on the history of the school.

February — A program dealing with colonial period was carried out with readings from McGuffey readers. A number of antique articles from various local homes were displayed, such as quilts of quaint patterns.

March — One of our most outstanding programs was the American Indian given in conjunction with the third grade teacher in one of our local schools, B. L. Butcher. The room was first arranged as a home scene then a trading post then the gathering of the Indians to make a feast or party after the hunt. The entire room including the blackboard depicted Indian scenes. Many relics, baskets, miniature totem poles made the room a general Indian camp or trading post. The children were dressed as Indian characters.

April — Spring Luncheon. A book review "Winged Moccasins" by Mrs. Howard Jones was heard with much interest. A violin selection by a very talented musician.

May — Reports from Continental Congress.

June — Flag Day Tea. Medals were awarded to honor pupils in American History in Marion County Schools. Three good citizen awards were given. Members of Swamp Fox Chapter Children of the Revolution also contributed to the program. Miss Grace Ann Henderson, Rivesville High student who was chosen as the outstanding Junior Citizen by W. Va. Chamber of Commerce, gave an oration. Parents of students receiving medals were guests.

Our Chapter was awarded a place on the National Society Gold Honor Roll 1954-1955.

We were co-sponsors with the Major William Haymond Chapter at the Naturalization Ceremonies in March.

Sent four boxes clothing to approved schools, Kate Duncan Smith and Crossnore.

We have 94 members, eight papers in Washington.

DESSIE MAY REASER (Mrs. D. F.), Regent

ELIZABETH LUDINGTON HAGANS CHAPTER

Morgantown

Organized May 19, 1904.

Report covers September 1954 to July, 1955.

Officers installed June 1955:

Regent — Mrs. Charles B. Seibert

Vice Regent — Mrs. W. C. Percival

2nd Vice Regent — Miss Blanche E. Price

Chaplain — Mrs. Robert H. Bowlby

Recording Secretary — Mrs. M. F. Squires

Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. H. S. Vandervert

Treasurer — Mrs. William Quinn

Historian — Mrs. H. S. Areford

Registrar — Miss Marion E. Tapp

Librarian — Mrs. Harry R. Law

Genealogist — Mrs. Margaret Brand

Advisory Board — Mrs. A. M. Miller, Mrs. Glen Hiner, Mrs. C. C. Robison

Our membership is 201 with six papers pending.

Our Press Relations chairman, Mrs. M. Patricia Engle, reported 525 inches of publicity having had pictures and articles in the two local papers, the West Virginia D.A.R. News and the National D.A.R. Magazine.

The Regent and 5 delegates were at the State Conference. The Vice Regent and one delegate attended Continental Congress. The Regent and 27 members were present at Jackson's Mill.

In our 10 monthly meetings we follow the plans of the National Society both as to order of business and content of program. We stressed proper use of the flag, patriotism and love of country. We had programs on conservation, the Constitution, National Defense, the National D.A.R. Magazine, Advancement of American Music and our Flag. The outstanding meeting was February 22nd, when Dr. John Rodney Williams spoke on the Heritage of Our Western Civilization. The President General's Message was read at each meeting.

We made the following contributions: Community Chest \$10.00, Monongalia County Tuberculosis Association \$5.00, Scholarship to Tamassee \$200.00, American Red Cross \$25.00, Crippled Children \$10.00, Tamassee Beef Herd \$25.00, Senior Gala Triad \$15.00, Girls' State \$15.00, Milliard T. Sisler Award \$5.00, Good Citizenship \$5.00. Total \$315.00.

MARION E. TAPP

ELIZABETH CUMMINS JACKSON CHAPTER

Grafton

Organized July 19, 1921 by the late Miss Prudence Hinkle.

33 Members

Officers:

Regent — Mrs. Rhea H. Fisher

Vice Regent — Miss Barbara Cather

Chaplain — Mrs. O. J. Fleming

Recording and Corresponding Secretary — Miss Elizabeth Cather
Treasurer — Mrs. Bertha N. Hodges
Registrar — Mrs. C. F. McDermott
Historian and Librarian — Mrs. Rosalyn F. Heironimus

The Elizabeth Cummins Jackson Chapter had ten meetings during the year. The programs followed the outline of the National Program Chairman. The Defense and Americanism chairman gave worthwhile reports at each meeting.

One of our important projects was the planting of a tree in the National Cemetery on Armistice Day. This tree was given to us by the French Commission, and Mrs. Boyd of Charleston presented the tree, which was accepted by the Regent. The American Legion, members of the chapter and friends attended the ceremony at the National Cemetery. The D.A.R. Magazine carried a picture and an article on the planting of the tree.

The programs for the year were very interesting; A book review on the "Colony of Jamestown".

"Our Patriots" which was illustrated with moving picture.

The Origin of Patriotic Music, which was played on the piano.

"Wills and Legal Matters of Interest to Women" was a very informative program given by a member of Bar Association.

Our Chapter was represented at the District meeting in Philippi, the Jackson's Mill meeting, the State meeting in Clarksburg and the National Congress in Washington.

We have contributed to the Indian School for Girls in South Dakota, the Herford Herd for Tamassee, the Junior Dept. and the Kate Duncan Smith School.

Our Press Chairman has had splendid cooperation with our local newspaper in getting our meetings in the paper.

We celebrated Constitution Week by placing the picture "Our Living Constitution" in every High School and Jr. High School in the County. The History teachers, the Service clubs, and the Clergy cooperated in helping to make "Constitution Week" of great importance to our people.

We gained three new members this year, and have one application in Washington, and one transfer, pending at this time.

MRS. RHEA H. FISHER, Regent

ELIZABETH ZANE CHAPTER

Buckhannon

Organized July 21, 1902.

Membership 54

Officers:

Regent — Mrs. H. L. Martin, Sr.

Vice Regent — Miss Flossie Snodgrass

Chaplain — Miss Gwen Lovelace

Recording Secretary — Mrs. A. H. Lawson

Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. Charles H. Fenton, Jr.

Treasurer — Mrs. O. E. Karickhoff

Registrar — Miss Leta Snodgrass

Historian — Mrs. Karl B. Sexton

Librarian — Mrs. Fred L. Williams

Elizabeth Zane Chapter met regularly during the past year.

Since last Conference we have received three new members, one reinstated, one transferred and one resigned.

Outstanding programs were on American Music, the Constitution and National Defense. A college student gave a talk on his native country of Indonesia; another program by pupils of the eighth grade. They reviewed

the lives of Daniel Boone and Dolly Madison and gave a History of Valley Forge.

The Chapter presented one dozen flags to Elementary Schools and Brownie Scout Troops.

Our Librarian sent forty volumes and sixteen copies of Reader's Digest to the Merchant Marine Library. Bundles of magazines, for reference and scrap books, have been sent to the Home Economics Department of Wesleyan College and Elementary Schools. For the second year we subscribed to "Young Reader's of America", thus continuing our work with pupils of Junior High and Elementary grades.

The Chapter made a contribution to Tamassee Beef Herd. They sent cash gifts to three approved schools and new and used clothing to the value of \$120.00.

We had a program on Conservation and Arbor Day was observed by the planting of two trees on the Public Library grounds.

Our local papers give us splendid publicity. We have nineteen subscribers to the Historical magazine. It has been placed in public and college libraries. We have eighteen subscribers to the West Virginia News.

The National Defense Chairman has given a five minute report at each meeting. Cash prizes were given to outstanding high school students in American History.

Our Regent, two delegates and six members attended State Conference. We had one delegate to Continental Congress. The Chapter made the Honor Roll — a Gold Star Certificate.

Volunteer work and cash gifts were made by the members to the American Red Cross.

Contributions have been made to Approved Schools, American Red Cross, American Indians, Cancer, Investment Trust Fund, Museum, Redecorating West Virginia Room, and a number of community projects.

All State and National assessments have been paid in full.

DELLA ARNETT MARTIN (Mrs. H. L., Sr.), Regent

GENERAL ANDREW LEWIS CHAPTER

Lewisburg

Organized October 13, 1954.

24 Members.

Officers:

Regent — Mrs. Wilson Phelps
Vice Regent — Miss Florence Tressell
Chaplain — Mrs. Hugh Scott
Secretary — Mrs. J. Ashby Lee
Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. W. W. Collins
Treasurer — Mrs. Thomas W. Burr
Registrar — Mrs. A. D. Ferrell
Historian — Mrs. Robert D. Kauffelt
Librarian — Mrs. Charles Stacy

We were organized October 13, 1954, with 22 members. We have gained three members, lost one by transfer, one paper pending for reinstatement, with a net gain of two members.

On November 20, we were honored to start this year's activities with our State Regent, Mrs. W. W. McClaugherty, and our State National Defense Chairman, Mrs. Ira M. Smith as guest speakers. Mrs. McClaugherty gave us a delightful speech on her tour of our approved schools. Mrs. Smith outlined the work for our National Defense Chairman.

We have held nine regular meetings, all of which have been of a patriotic nature — stressing projects of the National Society.

A program on the origin of Christmas Carols was presented.

A memorial service was held for a past State Regent, Mrs. Gory Hogg, who lived in our town and we placed a grave marker at the moseleum.

National Defense was stressed and a timely item mentioned at each meeting. The Bricker Amendement was explained and discussed and action was taken in favor of its passing. A guest speaker on Civil Defense and slides shown.

A Colonial Mother-Daughter Silver Tea was given in February to get members interested in C.A.R. membership.

Flag salute was given and President's Message read at each meeting. Correct Use of the Flag pamphlets were given to the schools in the four adjoining towns and ask that it be taught as well as the Pledge to the Flag.

History certificates and cash awards were given to two students at Davis Stuart School.

Several members have contributed many hours of work to visits of the blood mobile in their respective communities. A box of comfort items was sent to the Veteran's Hospital at Beckley.

The Approved School Committee collected a box of good used clothing for Kate Duncan Smith valued at \$150.00. We have paid \$25.00 on the beef herd for Tamassee. \$2.00 was paid to the Investment Fund.

Six of our members subscribe to the D.A.R. Magazine.

Our Regent attended State Convention and District meeting. We had a report given by Mrs. Ben H. Williams on Continental Congress.

We had two radio programs Constitution Week, put a proclamation in the newspaper, had a quiz on the Constitution and distributed them to the teachers in five schools.

We have sent in three grave markings.

Our local project is helping to restore an old cemetery in Lewisburg.

ELIZABETH M. PHELPS (Mrs. Wilson P.), Regent

HANCOCK PIONEERS CHAPTER

New Cumberland

Organized April 15, 1933

Membership 16

Officers:

Organizing Regent — Mrs. J. Guy Pittenger

Regent — Mrs. Thomas R. Lafferty

Vice Regent — Mrs. J. D. Graham

Chaplain — Mrs. Frank Bowman

Recording Secretary — Miss Annie Cullen

Corresponding Secretary — Miss Matilda Rutledge

Treasurer — Mrs. Harry Trushel

Registrar — Mrs. R. E. Roach

Historian — Mrs. S. M. Newell

Librarian — Miss Adda Hindman

The Hancock Pioneers Chapter submits the following yearly report for the period October, 1954 to September, 1955.

Six meetings were held. All meetings opened with the Ritual, Pledge to the Flag and the reading of the President General's Message.

Our Program Chairman has provided us with interesting meetings; each month the programs were based on patriotic days and suggestions as outlined by our National Program Chairman.

October — Guest speakers spoke on Columbus Day; Americanism and Democracy. Guest vocalist provided patriotic music. Prospective members attended this meeting.

December — Meeting held at Weirton, W. Va. Community Center with guest speaker, accordionist and vocalist providing a beautiful and impressive Christmas program. Several guests were in attendance.

April — An interesting paper on Juvenile Delinquency was read by one of our members.

May — Rev. Mansberger spoke on Motherhood and Religion in the Home. Election of officers was held.

June — Flag Day Dinner was held at Weirton Community Center with installation of officers. Flag Day was observed with inspiring articles on the flag being read.

State and National assessments have been paid.

One member resigned.

Twenty per cent of members subscribe to D.A.R. Magazine and a subscription given to new Swancy Memorial Library in New Cumberland.

Members voted for fund to be used for community project, new orphanage, in Pughtown.

\$5.00 bond was sent to Hancock County Society for Crippled Children.

Large box of clothing valued at \$100.00 was sent to Kate Duncan Smith.

A contribution was sent to Hereford Beef Herd Fund for Tamassee School.

We mourn the passing of one of our Charter members, Miss Annie Cullen. She had been Recording Secretary for three years and held that office at the time of her death. She had been Regent for three years and Vice Regent for three years.

DOROTHY CAMPBELL LAFFERTY (Mrs. Thos. R.), Regent

JAMES BARBOUR CHAPTER

Belington

Officers:

Regent — Mrs. Edith Casto

Vice Regent — Mrs. Virginia Hunt

Chaplain — Mrs. Lillian Rosenberger

Recording Secretary — Miss Seva Wilmoth

Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. Edna Dennis

Treasurer — Mrs. Gretchen Bolton

Registrar — Mrs. Dagmar Keyser

Historian — Mrs. Eva Carnes

Librarian — Mrs. Minnie Dilworth

Our membership is now 35 with 4 papers pending.

We were represented at the Central District meeting, hostess to the Regents' Breakfast at State Conference in Clarksburg, several members attended the Jackson's Mill meeting and one member attended Continental Congress.

All regular meetings are opened according to the D.A.R. Ritual. At least five minutes is given to some phase of National Defense and the President General's message is read.

We sent \$10.00 to the Beef Herd at Tamassee, \$10.00, a box of clothing and a box of costume jewelry to Crossnore valued at \$60.00.

A book shower was given to three rural schools near Belington. The books were of historical nature and set dealt with the study of nature.

Ten of our members subscribe to the D.A.R. Magazine and we receive 20 copies of the West Virginia News.

A display at the Community Fair emphasized the importance of the study of the Constitution. Free material was given to the public. The material consisted of flag pledge cards, American Creed, Story of the Pledge, George Mason and the Bill of Rights, Story of American's Creed, Story of Flag, Symbol of Our Republic. The program on the Constitution was given in February, 1955.

Our annual memorial service was held at the Fraternal Cemetery near Belington in memory of the Veterans of all wars and deceased members of the

D.A.R. The graves were decorated with baskets of flowers gathered from our own gardens.

A good citizenship medal and a history medal were given to students in Belington High School. Also a history medal was given to a student in Kasson High School.

EDITH W. CASTO (Mrs. D. B.), Regent

JAMES WOOD CHAPTER

Parkersburg

September 15, 1954 — September 15, 1955

Organized Dec. 23, 1902; National Charter Jan. 21, 1903.

Officers:

Regent — Mrs. Dwight P. Cruikshank
Vice Regent — Mrs. Roy A. Lowther
Second Vice Regent — Mrs. S. William Goff
Chaplain — Mrs. H. Courtney Jones
Recording Secretary — Mrs. Murl Boyles
Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. Charles F. Whitaker
Treasurer — Mrs. Beatrice B. Coulter
Registrar — Mrs. Ward E.
Historian — Mrs. Carl C. Galbraith
Librarian — Miss Frances Inslee

Highlights of James Wood's activities during the Fifty-second year of its services to the National Society:

1. Eight members attended Continental Congress in 1955.
2. Celebrated United States Day with the American Legion of Parkersburg and the John Rowley Post of Charleston, Mr. Frank J. Schroeder and the High School Band, and Radio Station WCOM during half time at football game in Charleston, W. Va. in pledge and Flag maneuver Friday, October 22. The Regent, Mrs. S. W. Goff, had U. S. Day Opening Exercises at St. Paul's Methodist Church, October 24.
3. Won Gold Honor Roll Award for second time.
4. Enlarged "Approved School Committee" to furnish younger members and those unable to attend Saturday meetings opportunities to learn D.A.R. policies.
5. Raised \$250.00 for W. Va. Beef Herd at Tamassee by an Auction Sale.
6. Guest Day presented Col. Edgar M. Sites, W. Va. Director of Civil Defense in a Civil Defense speech.
7. Participated in the Armed Forces Day Parade.
8. Tied for first place in attendance at the State Luncheon at Jackson's Mill.
9. Now making extensive plans in preparation for the observance of Constitution Week.

The Program this year stressed D.A.R. projects, and included: October, Tea and Business Session; November, Civil Defense; December, Approved Schools with Mrs. Lowell C. Burnelle as speaker; January, Conservation; February, Patriotic Program by our C.A.R.; March, Junior American Citizens; April, American Music; and May, the Annual Business Meeting.

The National Theme "Foster True Patriotism" was endorsed, and the Chapter Aim, to memorize the American's Creed was continued as a part of the opening ritual at each meeting. All National and State assessments were paid: \$41.00 to American Indians; \$264.00 to the Tamassee Beef Herd; \$7.00 to Kate Duncan Smith; 7 boxes to Tamassee; \$180.00 to American Red Cross (individual contributions); members gave 255 hours to 15 organizations, and \$3,249.00 to 15 organizations; 102 hours to Red Cross, and 1½ pints of Blood.

The Flag was presented at all meetings as well as the Pledge and the National Anthem. 5,000 pamphlets on Respect for and Correct Use of the

Flag will be distributed during Constitution Week. Business men were contacted on displaying the Flag on U. S. Day, and Editorials on "Displaying the Flag on National Holidays" were printed in the local newspapers. James Wood Chapter received 1,758 square inches of local publicity and 17 pictures. Eight radio programs totaling 2 hours and valued at \$337.00 were given. Two high school girls won Good Citizenship Awards and pins and were guests at Chapter Meeting; 2 Manuals for Citizenship were distributed; 40 members take the Magazine; a bound volume of 30 pages of Bible Records, and a bound volume of 30 pages of original source material from authentic records were compiled; Nathan Hale Junior American Citizens now has 17 members, gave a program for James Wood Chapter and took a trip through the Marietta Museum; Junior members were very active this year; all worked on Approved Schools Committee; managed the Auction for Tamasee; gave \$54.70 to the Helen Pouch Fund, and had the State Chairman to speak at one meeting; 5 minutes were allotted to National Defense at each meeting, the 1955 Resolutions were read to the Chapter, and United States and Armed Forces Day observed; one member of the chapter serves on local Civil Defense Committee, and one on the National Film Estimates Board; the JACs were given a list of recommended motion pictures, and motion picture lists were discussed with State P.T.A. President.

The National Anthem was sung at all meetings, and one program was devoted to "America's War Songs". \$30.00 was given as prizes for the Prize Essay Contest on "The True Security of Free America". The winners were guests at Chapter luncheon and the essays were broadcast. The Student Loan Fund was converted to the Tamasee Scholarship Fund with \$754.85 in cash and \$485.00 in a bond.

James Wood Chapter is grateful and appreciative of the outstanding leadership of Mrs. S. William Goff, the Regent from 1953 to 1955. The Chapter has been very fortunate to have had such a splendid leader, and with the cooperation of the Executive Board great progress was made during the two year period.

Mindful of the accomplishments of the past we now turn to the future and the immediate observance of Constitution Week with a determination that James Wood Chapter shall continue to live up to its past record of achievement and progress.

LOUISE T. CRUIKSHANK (Mrs. Dwight P.), Regent

JENNIE WILEY CHAPTER

Kermit

Organized November 26, 1949 by Miss Jessie Baker.

Sixteen Members

Officers:

Honorary Regent and co-founder — Mrs. Lindsey Baker.

Regent — Mrs. Lee Roy Brewer

Vice Regent — Mrs. Fred G. Staker, Sr.

Chaplain — Mrs. Thomas A. Shewey, Jr.

Recording Secretary — Mrs. P. T. Lashley DePue

Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. T. A. Shewey, Sr.

Treasurer — Mrs. Virgil H. Hoke

Registrar — Miss Jessie Claire Baker

Historian — Mrs. William Robinson

Librarian — Mrs. Thomas A. Shewey, Jr.

Our meetings have been inspiring and appropriate to the D.A.R. theme.

Members sponsored a girl for Girls' State at Jackson's Mill.

Prospective members have been our guests at several meetings.

Newspapers have carried reports of our meetings.

Conservation — A series of moving pictures were shown in the schools throughout the year emphasizing the necessity of taking care of our forest

and protecting our wild life, especially during the dry fall season to prevent forest fires.

Contributions were made to many funds and projects — the most outstanding being the Cancer Drive, March of Dimes, Red Cross and Flood Relief. Several of the young people were tireless in their efforts to collect food, clothing and money to the flood sufferers in our midst.

The Regent was honored with her appointment to the Board of Directors for the Mingo County Cancer Society. She also acted as chairman for the local drive, gave radio talks, and attended meetings to further this worthy cause.

Many patriotic programs have been sponsored in the schools, the most outstanding being an original pageant called "We Speak for Democracy." Thirty four young people took part. Hon. Charles W. Ferguson, Judge of Mingo-Wayne Circuit Court spoke at this program. Movies and a tape recording were made of the event and placed in the school library for a permanent record.

A Good Citizenship Pin was awarded to an outstanding Kermit High School student. Other High Schools in the county will be included in this project next year, the Good Citizenship Chairman has announced.

Several Indian exhibits were made in the schools including one at Marshall College and films portraying the life of the Indian today have been shown in the schools. Articles on our first Americans by the State Chairman, who is a member of this chapter, have appeared in leading newspapers and magazines in the state.

The Regent was honored by an appointment to the Advisory Board of the West Virginia Poetry Society, which is endeavoring to preserve the poetry and music of our state.

The Chapter plans to continue working on the following projects:

1. Setting up a marker at First Burning Creek, scene of the encampment of the Sandy Creek Expedition, headed by Col. Andrew Lewis in 1756. Tug River was named by this party. The year 1956 marks the 200th Anniversary of this event.

2. Building a Little Log School House (replica of the first school in what is now Kermit), as a museum and headquarters for Jennie Wiley Chapter D.A.R.

3. Construction of a Ground Observers Tower — preferably on the grounds of the new grade school.

One member withdrew to enter a chapter near her home.

The Good Citizenship Chairman gave a talk to a state group of women at Wheeling.

The American Music Chairman conducted a workshop for teachers in Mingo County.

We are looking forward to a successful year and an increase in membership.

AMANDA MEADE BREWER (Mrs. Lee Roy), Regent

JOHN CHAPMAN CHAPTER

Bluefield

Founded 1905.

Officers:

Regent — Mrs. Ben Williams

Vice Regent — Mrs. R. S. Kerfoot

Chaplain — Mrs. J. A. Hammond

Recording Secretary — Miss Alice Sue Richardson

Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. B. E. Crumpler

Treasurer — Mrs. O. B. French

Registrar — Mrs. Scott Litton

Historian — Mrs. E. T. Gills

Librarian — Mrs. A. S. Buckhannon

John Chapman Chapter made the Gold Honor Roll.

We sent a package of comfort gifts to the Veterans Hospital in Beckley.

We continued our community project of furnishing needed supplies for the juvenile detention room and as a new project we placed 47 flags in the homes of Bluefield.

Our Mayor proclaimed the week of September 17 to 23 as Constitution Week and with the co-operation of the American Legion, flags were displayed throughout the business district on Constitution Day.

We presented two radio talks, and one talk to an assembly of 100 or more, on the Constitution, and a program on the Constitution was presented at our September meeting.

22 flags were placed in the schools, presented 4 History medals and 4 Good Citizenship medals, and sponsored 18 J.A.C. Clubs.

Our Children of the American Revolution are divided into two age groups, and both groups have been active.

The Junior Committee is doing excellent work.

We have had a chapter increase of 6 members.

MABEL SHAVER WILLIAMS (Mrs. Ben), Regent

JOHN HART CHAPTER

Elkins

Organized March 27, 1907.

100 Members.

Regent — Mrs. Robert N. Brown

Vice Regent — Mrs. Carl Channell

Chaplain — Mrs. Guy Findley

Recording Secretary — Mrs. Vincent Parmesano, Jr.

Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. Lawrence Parmesano

Treasurer — Mrs. George Minds

Registrar — Miss Irene Eib

Historian — Mrs. C. D. Earnest

Librarian — Mrs. John Lohr

The John Hart Chapter has carried out the program suggested by the program committee. We had four guest speakers for: "A Treasure in Your Town's Tradition", "Civil Defense in Elkins and in West Virginia", "The Spiritual Meaning of Christmas" and "What The American Revolution Means to the D.A.R."

One program presented by Mrs. David K. Allen, Mrs. Silas Vaughan, Mrs. Robert Meyer from Davis and Elkins College, American Music by students of the Music Department of the College — presented by our Chairman, Mrs. G. H. Neale.

Movies of Williamsburg presented by the Randolph Society, C.A.R. The members appeared in colonial costume.

Achievements: We were awarded Honorable Mention on the National Honor Roll. Our member, Mrs. H. K. Owens was acclaimed "Mrs. Jackson's Mill".

Activities: We presented two movies in the Elkins Senior and Junior High Schools — "The Declaration of Independence" and "The Bill of Rights". We presented a fifteen minute program on "Civil Defense" over Radio Station W.D.N.E. We gave thirty-seven American History Certificates to students attaining the highest grades in American History in Randolph County. One Good Citizenship Award to Miss Lillian Slayton of Elkins High School. Our representative to Girls' State was Miss Dixie Stout, President of our Randolph Society, C.A.R. We participated in the "Armed Forces Day Parade" by entering a float.

Our local project, started in 1953, "The Beautification of the Vesper Knoll" for the new Randolph County Four-H Camp, "Camp Pioneer", we have follow-

ed by transplanting native pines and buying the necessary trees for landscaping.

Commitments: We have met all state and national obligations. We have contributed to the Beef Herd at Tamasee, sent clothing to Kate Duncan Smith, given to the permanent endowment fund and the Valley Forge Patriot Stone.

Locally we have contributed to the Ground Observer Tower, and to the Elkins Library. We have placed the D.A.R. Magazine in the Elkins Public Library and the Library at Davis and Elkins College.

Our Junior Committee contributed eleven dollars worth of merchandise to the Junior Committee Bazaar and sent fifty dollars to the Helen Pouch Scholarship Fund.

We had representatives at the State Conference in Clarksburg, the Sixty-Fourth Continental Congress in Washington, the Central District Meeting in Philippi, the Jackson's Mill Luncheon. We helped the James Barbour Chapter in Belington celebrate their thirty-fifth anniversary.

In the past year we have had one reinstatement, two transfers, six new members and one deceased member.

MARY ELIZABETH BROWN (Mrs. Robert N.), Regent

JOHN MINEAR CHAPTER

Philippi

Organized October 27, 1945 by Miss Mary Katharine Barnes.

Membership 24

Officers:

Regent — Mrs. L. Dow Phillips, Sr.

Vice Regent — Mrs. Hazel McCoy

Chaplain — Mrs. K. G. Lodge

Chaplain Pro-Tem. — Miss Alma Pitts

(Due to illness of Mrs. Lodge, we have a Chaplain Pro-Tem.)

Secretary — Mrs. A. Kyle Bush

Treasurer — Mrs. K. J. Myers

Registrar — Miss Doris Smith

Historian — Mrs. M. M. Strader

Librarian — Miss Mabel Holsberry

During the year we lost one member by transfer (Mrs. John Ward Brown) and one member by death (Mrs. B. E. Snyder, Sr.)

We have three sets of papers at Washington waiting for approval and one other set of papers almost complete.

All State, National and Conference dues have been paid. Items paid out were: Nov. 1954 — Tamasee Beef Herd \$10.00. Oct. 1954 — Tamasee Beef Herd \$1.00. Nov. 1954 — Investment Trust Fund \$2.00. Dec. 1954 — Valley Forge, Patriot Stone, honoring Richard Henry Lee \$2.00. Jan. 1955 — Local 4-H Organization \$5.00, Polio \$2.00, T.B. \$2.00, Cancer \$2.00, Red Cross \$2.00. Nov. 1954 — Helen Pouch Scholarship Fund \$1.38. Sept. 1955 — Helen Pouch Scholarship Fund \$2.00. Total \$31.38.

Each year a box of good used clothing, etc., is sent to Tamasee and Kate Duncan Smith Schools.

The Regent and twelve members attended the 49th State Conference at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel in Clarksburg, W. Va., Oct. 28-29-30, 1954. The John Minear Chapter was one of the hostess chapters and presented those attending the smorgasbord supper with recipe books as favors.

Nov. 22 — Sent letters to Congressmen and Senators concerning retention of the McCarran-Walter Act as originally adopted.

The program for our Jan. 15 meeting was an historic lecture entitled "Frontier Home" given by Miss Mary Hogue, teacher at Alderson Broadus College.

Elected Mrs. Anna Lee Bowie, as Delegate to Continental Congress in Washington, D. C. (Mrs. Bowie did attend the meeting and gave a most interesting report.)

Feb. 19, 1955 — Our meeting on this date was a Covered Dish Dinner honoring George Washington's birthday. Addresses both patriotic and civic were made by Major Thornton T. Perry, Postmaster, Charlestown, W. Va., and Attorney Paul B. Ware of Philippi, W. Va.

Our chapter voted to present the Award of Merit to Mrs. J. W. Myers, Sr., whose husband, sons and daughter, et al., founded the Myers Clinic Hospital in Philippi, W. Va. Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Myers, Sr., were the parents of five doctors. Two of the grand-children are doctors and have also married doctors, making ten doctors to date in this one family.

The program for the March 1955 meeting was an illustrated lecture by Mr. Jennings Jarvis, local soil conservationist.

Good Citizenship Certificates and Pins were won by Miss Virginia Karickhoff of the Philippi High School and Miss Avis Ann Poling of the Kasson High School — making 100% of our high schools entering the contest.

The Essay Contest relative to American History in the 7th and 8th grades was held in the Mansfield school and the winners were — Miss Christine Cronlund of the 7th grade and Miss Barbara Davis of the 8th grade.

The April 16 meeting program was a Book Review given by Mrs. A. F. Davis, a former teacher and active P.T.A. officer and speaker.

On May 14 the John Minear Chapter in Philippi, W. Va., was the hostess chapter for the Eighth Annual Central District Conference. Seventy-four persons attended the conference including our State Regent, Mrs. W. W. McClaugherty.

Our chapter was honored by the appointment of Mrs. J. C. Boggess a State Librarian to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mrs. Robert Felton of the Blackwater Chapter.

Another appointment of a member of our chapter was that of Miss Mary K. Barnes, as Vice Chairman, of the D.A.R. Magazine Advertising Committee.

Our chapter voted to endorse our State Regent for the office of Chaplain General.

The chapter voted on June 18, 1955 to endorse Mrs. V. E. Holcombe of Charleston, W. Va., for State Vice Regent.

June 18, 1955 — Chapter voted to place N.S.D.A.R. Magazines on file in the Philippi High School library where other citizens and pupils might get the use from them.

Regent appointed Mrs. C. B. Harvey and Mrs. I. R. Murphy a committee to revise our By-Laws to conform with the State By-Laws in matters concerning sub., chapters.

July 9 — The regent and seven members attended the Jackson's Mill Luncheon.

Aug. 10 — The regent attended the Bi-Centennial Celebration at Fort Ashby on invitation of the Keyser Chapter as the Hostess Chapter.

Sept. 6 — The regent and six members attended the James Barbour Chapter picnic in Belington where we were pleasantly entertained.

Sept. 17 — Our chapter had a fine program on the Constitution and further celebrated the week as follows:

Had the Mayor proclaim Constitution Week and publish his proclamation in the local papers.

The director of the Philippi High School band cooperated by having his band play appropriate music, etc., at the foot-ball game on the evening of Sept. 16 to usher in the week.

The high school principals in all schools were requested to stress the Constitution on bulletin boards and in the history and other social science classes and school programs.

Constitution stickers were exhibited in the Court House, Post Office, Newspaper Office, store windows, etc.

The regent, Mrs. L. Dow Phillips, Sr., and Miss Alma Pitts and Mrs. Hazel McCoy, the two delegates, were authorized to attend the 50th Anniversary State Conference at Bluefield, October 20-22, 1955.

Twenty percent or more of our members take the D.A.R. Magazine.

Our meetings have been interesting and well attended. We have never failed to have the message of the President General read and our National Defense report.

MRS. L. DOW PHILLIPS, SR., Regent

JOHN YOUNG CHAPTER

Charleston

Organized May 21, 1930 by Mrs. W. S. Johnson.
Membership 167.

Officers:

Regent — Mrs. Gilbert H. Overholt
Vice Regent — Mrs. Charles F. McNutt
Second Vice Regent — Mrs. Arch J. Alexander
Chaplain — Mrs. Encil H. Shinn
Recording Secretary — Mrs. William W. Ten Eyck
Corresponding Secretary — Miss Mary E. Jarrett
Treasurer — Mrs. James C. Sneddon
Registrar — Mrs. John M. Lowe
Historian — Mrs. W. S. Johnson
Librarian — Mrs. Aubrey W. Love
Directors — Mrs. Harper G. Grimm, Mrs. Robert H. C. Kay and Mrs. M. L. O'Neale

We achieved the Gold Honor Roll and are proud of our membership gain, lost 2, gained 13 including 4 Juniors.

American History medals were presented to outstanding students in the eighth and eleventh grades at Sissonville School and citizenship awards to students in three of our county schools.

Our Americanization Chairman attended the Naturalization Ceremony at Federal Court and one hundred manuals were given to the new citizens.

It was the privilege of the Regent and Vice Regent to attend two sessions of Juvenile Court administered by Judge Richardson.

Among our outstanding programs were those presented by Mrs. Lowell Burnelle, National Chairman of Approved Schools Survey and Professor C. E. Roth, Head of the department of History and Sociology, Morris Harvey College.

At the 64th Continental Congress one of our members, Mrs. Charles P. Walker, was elected a National Vice President of C.A.R. activities. The appointment of Miss Virginia Johnson as a National Vice Chairman for the observance of Constitution Week encouraged us in our plans for this project. We presented fourteen framed prints of the signing of the Constitution to fourteen of our Junior and Senior high schools. Produced two fifteen minute radio programs with spot announcements all week on five local stations. A one-half hour television panel was presented. We co-sponsored with a local newspaper a quiz contest based on the Constitution. Six thousand tags were distributed; five hundred car stickers were distributed and twenty five posters placed in down town store windows. The stores also displayed their flags and we sold twenty five large flags to our own members. An historical exhibit was placed in the children's museum. A film on our Constitution and Capitol was shown to 12,090 school children. More than one-third of our members took an active working part in our observance of Constitution Week.

ETHEL B. OVERHOLT, Regent

KANAWHA VALLEY CHAPTER

Charleston

Officers:

Regent — Mrs. C. G. Bergman
First Vice Regent — Mrs. H. M. Beddow
Second Vice Regent — Mrs. V. H. Miller
Chaplain — Mrs. G. Callie Porter
Recording Secretary — Mrs. B. E. Whittington
Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. E. E. Headlee
Treasurer — Mrs. Ross B. Johnson
Registrar — Mrs. Ray E. Craumer
Historian — Mrs. John W. Clark
Librarian — Mrs. Robert Witschey

REGENT'S REPORT — 1954 - '55

Kanawha Valley Chapter has had interesting programs for the year, and they have been carried out as planned by our first and second Vice Regents.

In the national 12 point standard honor roll our chapter was awarded the Silver Honor Roll citation, and it was received by our First Vice Regent in Washington in the absence of the Regent.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

We sent gifts to one of our approved schools — 7 dolls to Tamassee for children who had never had dolls. Our Chapter has many D.A.R. Magazine subscriptions at present.

Good citizenship pins were awarded to four High School girls this year. Sandra Kimple Anderson, a senior at Stonewall Jackson High School has entered the contest for the Eleanor H. Smith Scholarship.

The chapter devoted five minutes to National Defense for four meetings, and the fifth our speaker was Col. Edgar M. Sites.

We have five members who are listed as speakers in the National Defense Bureau with the State Chairman, Mrs. Ira Mason Smith. A contribution was made to the National Investment Fund as well as the Patriot Stone at Valley Forge; also \$30.00 to junior memberships for Helen Pouch Scholarship.

Our advertisement from chapter was in April, 1955 issue of the National D.A.R. Magazine. Manuals for citizenship were handed out to persons studying to become citizens of the United States. Our chapter was well represented on Naturalization Day, November 14, 1954 and many members helped with luncheon in honor of new citizens, at the Ruffner Hotel.

Our chapter was also well represented at the 64th Continental Congress. Members served on the House and Hospitality Committees as well as having a page. We were also well represented at the State Conference in Clarksburg, two of our members being State Chairmen.

On March 13, 1955, Mrs. Ross B. Johnson spoke over W.C.A.W. on the Bricker Amendment.

On March 22, 1955, the Regent attended a Park and Recreation Commission meeting at the City Hall to make plans for a Fourth of July celebration. Next meeting will be May 11, 1955.

Our chapter placed two volumes in a reference series, "The Library on Christian Classics" on Augustine, his confessions and later works, in the Library of the First Presbyterian Church in memory of our member, Miss Katie Belle Abney who died March 24, 1955.

Our chapter also made a contribution to Bacone College at Muskogee, Oklahoma, this being one of our largest Indian schools; also a contribution to our C.A.R. Chairman.

The Regent attended Western District meeting in Spencer on May 10, 1954; also was a guest of John Young Chapter at a luncheon on June 11,

1954, at the Edgewood Country Club. Our State Regent, Mrs. Wm. W. McLaugherty, was a guest at our October, 1954 meeting.

On December 7, 1954, we had a joint Christmas luncheon at the Rose City Cafeteria with members from the Wm. Morris and John Young D.A.R. chapters and Daniel Boone chapter S.A.R.; on February 1, 1955, the chapter members greatly enjoyed the Indian Dances given by Charles Sullivan's Boy Scouts; also an original speech "I Am the Flag" by Kathryn Sell, President of Yomoka Chapter C.A.R.

On March 1, 1955, Miss Mary Buckingham spoke on Family Welfare and Miss Edith McLachlan child care centers; April 5, 1955, Mrs. Robert Witschey and Mr. Bob Snyder, duo-pianists, gave a most enjoyable program on American music.

It is with much appreciation I express my thanks to the chapter officers, chapter chairmen and members of our chapter for the service they have rendered.

CECILE STONE BERGMAN (Mrs. C. G.), Regent

MAJOR WILLIAM HAYMOND CHAPTER

Fairmont

Organized November 12, 1908 by Mrs. George DeBolt.

139 Members

Officers:

Regent — Mrs. J. H. Higinbotham
Vice Regent — Mrs. Arthur R. Ward
Chaplain — Mrs. Raleigh Lee Stubbs
Recording Secretary — Mrs. Paul Opp
Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. B. J. Church
Treasurer — Mrs. Harold W. White
Registrar — Mrs. Glenn A. Keister
Historian — Mrs. L. E. Johnson
Librarian — Mrs. Ethel Fleming Harr

Major William Haymond Chapter had ten regular meetings during the year and followed the National and State policies and the twelve point Honor Roll program meticulously. The Chapter has completed all Honor Roll requirements and hopes to again achieve the gold citation.

In the year 1953-54, the Chapter presented a series of patriotic colonial films, which were given as Chapter program features and later presented in the Marion County schools through the cooperation of the Marion County Board of Education. This year we have continued and enlarged the project by presenting history making epochs of the nineteenth century, and by renting the films for one week each, instead of for one day. In this way more schools in the outlying districts of the county have been reached. Each month during the past year, more than two thousand students, in five senior high schools, five junior high schools and seven elementary schools have viewed the following films: "Power Behind the Nation," "The Monroe Doctrine," "Teddy the Rough Rider," "Communications Westward," "Remember the Alamo," "Abraham Lincoln," and "Song of a Nation."

During the months of October, November and December, members of the Chapter devoted Thursdays of each week to the Fairmont General Hospital, where they acted as hostesses and helped the Woman's Hospital Association and Board in its program of limiting visits to the patients.

Two hundred twenty-one dollars and eighty-five cents, the entire cost of installing the bookcase in the West Virginia Room in Memorial Continental Hall was given through the Major William Haymond Chapter in memory of Elizabeth Cunningham Rownd.

The Chapter received the State Conference Award of the National Membership Chairman for the greatest per cent net increase in membership for the year.

Contributions to various funds and projects were fifty-one dollars to the Tamassee Beef Herd, ten medals for the best students in American History in Marion County, two Good Citizenship medals awarded in the high schools, participation in civic Armed Forces Day parade and Memorial Day services, six National D.A.R. Magazine subscriptions to local libraries, ten dollars to the Greater Fairmont Development Association and individual buying of this association's trees for city beautification, gifts to the Junior Bazaar at the State Conference, a Chapter advertisement sent to the National D.A.R. Magazine, five dollars sent to the National Investment Trust Fund, active participation in Highway Safety Day, sponsoring of a Citizenship Class, and with the Colonel Morgan Chapter, the joint purchase for the Marion County Library of Brumbaugh's "Maryland Records." A history of the Nuzum Family was presented through the Chapter to the Librarian General.

Chapter members served as D.A.R. "Ladies" in the approved schools program, adopting sixteen different children at Tamassee. Boxes of clothing, valued at thirty dollars each, were sent to Tamassee, Kate Duncan Smith, St. Mary's High School and Bacone College. Christmas gifts also were sent to St. Mary's Indian School.

Chapter members attended the District meeting in Philippi, May 1955. The Chapter served as a hostess chapter for the annual State Conference in Clarksburg, October 1954, with an Honorary State Regent, a state Chairman, the Regent, Vice Regent, one Page and sixteen other members in attendance.

During the year, the Chapter received 15 new members, one reinstatement, four resignations, and six deceased, leaving a membership of one hundred and forty.

During the summer 23 Chapter members and guests attended Jackson's Mill luncheon, and social studies work was completed for the Historical movie project. Teachers, principals and chapter members cooperated in the plan whereby Daughters provide the movies and transportation to the schools.

The first movie, "Bill of Rights" was presented in conjunction with the Constitution Week Observances. Other movies will be "A Man Without a Country," "Give Me Liberty," "Louisiana Purchase," "Lewis and Clark Expedition," and others.

"The Shrine of American Patriotism," a movie about Washington, D. C. will be shown especially to the two high school senior classes, and school boy patrols who visit the capital as part of their school activities.

In accordance with the national program Major William Haymond Chapter, backed by the entire community, observed Constitution Week. Flags, historical displays, newspaper publicity, school programs, radio, and civic group programs comprised the outstanding events.

MARY R. HIGINBOTHAM (Mrs. J. H.), Regent

MATTHEW FRENCH CHAPTER

Princeton

Organized March 7, 1922, by Mrs. John R. Rich
Members 104

Officers:

Regent — Mrs. E. L. Robertson
Vice Regent — Mrs. W. L. Doggett
Chaplain — Mrs. L. C. Porter
Recording Secretary — Mrs. W. R. Stephens
Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. D. C. Rice
Treasurer — Mrs. Harold Stafford
Registrar — Mrs. Robert Wood
Historian — Mrs. S. L. Calloway

Librarian — Mrs. R. H. Hughes
Parliamentarian — Mrs. H. F. Toothman

Monthly meetings have been held with programs accentuating the objects of the National and State requirements. The President General's message is read at each meeting.

Our Historian has done splendid work in promoting Americanism in our schools. History awards were given to thirty seventh grade students. Also a program given by the students who received awards in American History.

Six hundred flags were presented to first grade pupils in city and rural schools. The Good Citizen, Ann Turner, was presented a certificate and pin in recognition of outstanding merit. She has received two other awards — one in English History, one in freshman Home Economics. Shirley Wikel was the recipient of a fifty dollar Scholarship.

History of Matthew French was given in West Virginia News which our members read regularly.

Special historical dates have been stressed in news paper, "National Defense" was a radio broadcast on July fourth by our State Chairman, Mrs. I. M. Smith.

The Junior Committee had charge of the Bazaar during conference in Bluefield. This is the oldest and largest group of Juniors in the State.

Boxes of clothing were sent to Crossnore and Kate Duncan Smith Schools.

The Genealogical committee has thirty five records that have been filed with State Chairman, and 21 are being prepared.

C.A.R. chapter president and adult member attended C.A.R. Conference in Martinsburg, West Virginia. Two of C.A.R. members were pages for Bluefield State Conference, Marsha Bowling and Peggy Moore.

One of our members is a full time assistant in our Red Cross office. Many members assist at the Bloodmobile.

Cash gifts were made to the Trust Fund, approved schools, American Indians, Helen Pouch Memorial Fund, National Defense and twenty five dollars to Project of Southern District, the Veterans Hospital, Beckley, West Virginia.

Four underprivileged boys were sent to Camp Joy for one week.

Memorial services will be held for Mrs. H. C. Hadden and a D.A.R. Marker will be placed by her grave.

State Regent, Mrs. W. W. McClaugherty, gave a talk on Trip to D.A.R. Schools, this followed by a tea in her honor.

Two members attended D.A.R. Congress in Washington, D. C.

Much interest was manifested in Constitution Week. Radio talks, prior to September 17. Articles in paper. Flags flown from stores and homes. The schools emphasized the study of the Constitution, the Mayor of our city issued a "Constitution Week Proclamation".

Five of our members toured Europe lately.

We are striving hard to attain the Gold Honor Roll.

MARTHA B. ROBERTSON (Mrs. E. L.), Regent

MONDONGACHATE CHAPTER

Hinton

Organized March 28, 1931

Membership 21

Officers:

Regent — Mrs. H. G. Humphries

Vice Regent — Mrs. A. P. Meador

Chaplain — Mrs. W. L. Davis

Recording Secretary — Mrs. J. W. Heslen, Jr.

Corresponding Secretary -- Mrs. T. L. Read
Treasurer -- Mrs. J. M. Roles
Historian -- Mrs. C. D. Bolton
Registrar -- Mrs. A. W. Holmes
Librarian -- Mrs. H. C. Price

Regular meetings of the Chapter have been held monthly. Programs for meetings followed those suggested by the State Program Chairman, including National Defense, American Indians and Approved Schools, ever keeping in mind the theme for 1954-55 "Protect America's Future Through Patriotic Education."

We observed Constitution Week with an open meeting and had for our guest speaker, Mayor Harold B. Eagle, who gave an outstanding address on "The Constitution of the United States", which was so well received that he was asked to repeat it at the Kiwanis Club and the Woman's Club. All chapter members displayed flags throughout the week at their homes. Many business places also displayed the flag and had window displays of stickers and posters.

Our Hinton Daily News printed President Eisenhower's proclamation and the Mayor's proclamation of Constitution Week, and also gave our chapter some nice publicity.

More than five hundred flags were presented to First and Second Grade children in city and two rural schools with appropriate programs.

We have given Historical Medals to a student in each of our four county high schools, one Citizenship medal and one Homemaker's Medal.

In March we celebrated our 24th Birthday with an open meeting when we entertained seventy-five guests. Mrs. J. W. Hesen, Jr., one of our chapter members reviewed in a beautiful manner the book "Mary of Bethany".

We are honored to have one of our members, Mrs. T. L. Read, as State Program Chairman.

Four of our members attended the State Conference in Clarkksburg and also the District Meeting in Bluefield.

We entertained several guests with a luncheon at the Greenbrier Hotel at White Sulphur Springs. At this time we were honored to have Mrs. K. W. Eutsler of Shepherdstown, W. Va., District Director of Eastern District, Regent of the Pack Horse Ford Chapter, present.

We have made contributions to the following: Veteran's Hospital in Beckley, Helen Pouch Scholarship Fund, Polio Fund, money and Christmas packages to Tamasee, S. C., Beef Herd to Tamasee, S. C., Patriot's Stone Fund, American Red Cross Fund, Christmas gifts to Kate Duncan Smith School, D.A.R. Magazine in the City Library.

All dues and assessments have been paid. Five members have subscribed to the D.A.R. Magazine.

We are looking forward to our 25th Birthday Celebration in March.

MATTIE G. HUMPHRIES (Mrs. H. G.), Regent

MOUND CHAPTER

Moundsville

Mound Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, held ten meetings during the year with an average attendance of 30, and with guest speakers at four meetings. Our State Vice Regent, Mrs. Edward S. Phillips, visited the Chapter in April showing pictures of Mountain Schools taken during her recent visit to a few of them. "Let's Keep Christmas" by Peter Marshall made a delightful Christmas program and an Antique Exhibit and a Book Review made two more interesting meetings. All meetings open with the Ritual, Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag, American's Creed and National Anthem. A National Defense item is given and the President General's letter is read at every meeting.

Five members attended State Conference at Clarksburg, in October, 1951, the Regent represented the Chapter at Continental Congress in April, and three members attended the meeting at Jackson's Mill in July.

Motion Picture Review is sent to Moundsville and Cameron High School Libraries and one member subscribing for it finds it a great help in her selection of worth while movies.

The observance of Constitution Week September 17-23, was stressed with a fine paper on "The Constitution of the United States of America", at the September meeting, and a 15 minute Radio address given by the Regent on the morning of September 17; posters were distributed to business men for window display, during the week and flags were displayed from a few homes.

\$71.00 was contributed to Mountain Schools and Bacone College, a box sent to Hindman, value \$12.29, and \$20.00 to Red Cross and charity, making a total of \$102.29.

Our local paper, The Moundsville Echo, gave us 125 inches of publicity and Mrs. Wm. McLaugherty was endorsed by the Chapter for the office of Chaplain General.

Three copies of 117 tombstone inscriptions from 17 old cemeteries in the southern end of Marshall County were sent to State Geneological Chairman, Mrs. E. Eugene Marsh, Jr., also Codicil to the Will of William McMechen date June 1795 and a copy of Patent Deed from Commonwealth of Virginia to Henry Yoho, Jr., date April 1832.

During the year Mound Chapter lost three members by death, two by resignation, one by transfer out, and gained two, one by transfer in. Present membership is 98.

NELLIE WOODS, Regent

NATHAN DAVIS CHAPTER

West Union

Meetings were held regularly each month except during the months of August and September. Each meeting is opened with the Ritual, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and the American's Creed.

The President General's Message from the National D.A.R. Magazine is read at each meeting, and five minutes is devoted to a report or a discussion concerning National Defense. One meeting during the year was devoted entirely to National Defense.

Meetings are held in the homes of chapter members and are well attended. We now have fifteen members, an increase of one member during the past year. Four other potential members are in the process of completing their application papers. Each member is a Chairman of a committee and all of them have been active in the work of the local chapter. We have also had good representation at meetings held outside the chapter. We were represented at a meeting of the Anne Royal Chapter in January, at the District Meeting in Harrisville in May, and at the annual State Meeting at Jackson's Mill in July.

Our chapter held an Anniversary Tea in July of this year which was attended by several daughters of the Anne Royal Chapter as well as members of other chapters living in our community.

We have had many interesting programs. Some of our outstanding speakers were: Mrs. Lucy Coplin, Regent of the Anne Royal Chapter; Mrs. Iris Higby, a delegate to the National Congress from the state of South Dakota; Major James Underwood of the U. S. Army Reserve Corp.; the Rev. Mrs. W. D. VanVoorhis, who presented our Easter Program; and Mr. S. G. Stalmaker, a local Soil Conservationist, who spoke at our meeting pertaining to Conservation.

Projects carried out during the year are as follows:

1. Urged all citizens and merchants to display their American Flags on all Historical and Patriotic Holidays.

2. All members of our chapter have an American Flag in their homes.
3. Sponsored a Poster Contest in the local High School for National Safe Driving Day.
4. Presented a cash award to the High School Student with the highest grade in American History at the close of the past school year.
5. Sponsored a "Good Citizenship Contest" among High School Senior girls. Gave a cash award to the most deserving girl.
6. Contributed financially toward sending a local girl to "Girl's State Camp" at Jackson's Mill, where Good Citizenship is stressed.
7. Contributed financially in the amount of \$25.00 toward the State D.A.R. Project of establishing a beef herd at Tamasee D.A.R. School.
8. Local members have had subscriptions for the D.A.R. Magazine sent monthly to the local High School Library, and also the West Virginia Quarterly sent to the local Grade School.

We have a special method of raising funds for our projects. An apron is passed on to a different member each month and it is up to her to raise her share of the funds. The apron has ten small pockets, and each of them are to be filled with a dollar bill. The idea was originated by one of our daughters who made the apron, and then made ten more which she sold for one dollar each, thus filling the pockets on the chapter apron. We also have a small offering at each meeting, which we call the sunshine fund.

ALTA K. DOAK, Regent

PACK HORSE FORD CHAPTER

Shepherdstown

Organized February 22, 1916

Officers:

Regent — Mrs. Keener Wilson Eutsler
 Vice Regent — Mrs. C. J. Farnsworth
 Recording Secretary — Mrs. C. N. Byron
 Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. J. W. Link
 Historian — Miss Susan Gregg Gibson
 Treasurer — Mrs. Ernest Stutzman
 Registrar — Mrs. A. D. Kenamond
 Chaplain — Mrs. E. St. Clair Clayton
 Auditor — Mrs. H. C. Miller
 Board of Management — Mrs. Paul Miller, Sr., Mrs. A. S. Lucas, Mrs. W. H. S. White, Mrs. J. C. Fleming, Miss Ella May Turner.

As Regent of the Pack Horse Ford Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, I submit the following report for the year 1954-55:

During the year ten monthly meetings were held with appropriate and instructive programs.

The project of caring for the old Episcopal Cemetery containing the graves of nine Revolutionary soldiers, has been continued. Members and friends have helped to defray the expenses involved in the upkeep.

The Chapter contributed five dollars to the Polio Fund and five dollars to the Red Cross Drive. Four large boxes of clothing were sent to Crossnore. A year's subscription to the D.A.R. Magazine was given to the Shepherdstown Public Library.

The Chapter sponsored the Girl Home Maker Project, even though it has been discontinued by the National and State organizations. This Project includes a Fashion Show and Tea held each year at our local high school. At this event prizes to the amount of fifteen dollars are awarded to the winners in the three sewing classes. A Good Citizenship Pin and a Certificate of Merit were awarded to a senior girl. This project has been very popular in our Chapter as well as in the community.

Members of the Chapter display the U.S. Flag at their homes and also encourage business places to display the Flag on important days and national holidays.

Another special project, which has become an annual event, is the filling of a hamper at our Christmas meeting for "Children's Haven".

Ten of our members attended a very delightful candle-light dinner given by the Shenandoah Valley Chapter at the Shenandoah Hotel, Martinsburg. The speaker for the evening was Mr. Ray Power of Charleston, past President of the West Virginia S.A.R. His address was most interesting and instructive.

We had a representative at the Continental Congress. Five members attended the session one day and also attended the West Virginia luncheon.

A pilgrimage was made on July the first to the graves of the Revolutionary soldiers in the five cemeteries in Shepherdstown where appropriate services were held, and a flag placed on each grave. This was followed by a breakfast at "Rosebrake", the historic home of a Chapter member, Miss Nina Mitchell.

Eight of our members attended a tea at the home of Miss Ann Gardiner, Martinsburg, given by the William Henshaw Chapter in honor of our State Regent, Mrs. W. W. McClaugherty. A very interesting and instructive talk was given by Mrs. McClaugherty.

As Regent, I attended the District Conference in Berkeley Springs, and issued an invitation to the District to be the guests of the Pack Horse Ford Chapter in June 1956.

Four of our members attended a tea on August the tenth given by the Potomac Valley Chapter at Fort Ashby celebrating the bi-centennial of the building of the Fort and also honoring our State Regent, Mrs. McClaugherty and Mrs. C. C. Haig, a candidate for President General.

Papers are pending for two new members.

PAULINE F. EUTSLER (Mrs. K. W.), Regent

POTOMAC VALLEY CHAPTER

Keyser

Officers:

Regent — Mrs. Kathryn Rankin (Vernon E.)
Vice Regent — Mrs. Tabitha T. Watson (Martin L.)
Recording Secretary — Mrs. Beulah Hesen (John E.)
Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. Alyce P. Perry
Treasurer — Miss Lily B. Wagoner
Registrar — Mrs. Lelia Wendell
Historian — Mrs. Elsie H. Wright (James G.)

We are very happy to report a most successful year with interesting and varied programs — one of which was on civilian defense with Mrs. C. D. Ellifritz of Elkins, Assistant to the State Director of Civilian Defense as speaker.

We contributed to the Endowment Fund and to the West Virginia Beef Herd at Tamasee. We gave an award for the highest grade in American history in the eighth grade of three schools in the County.

In August we entertained the Daughters of West Virginia at a tea celebrating the two hundredth anniversary of the building of Fort Ashby and were honored to have Mrs. Charles Carroll Haig as our guest.

We were bereaved this year by the death of three of our most loyal and devoted members. We have, however, received two new members into our chapter and reinstated one. At the present time papers are pending on four more, three of whom will be Juniors.

KATHRYN RANKIN (Mrs. V. E.), Regent

PRINCESS ARACOMA CHAPTER

Logan

Officers:

Regent — Mrs. F. E. Bradford
Vice Regent — Mrs. J. K. Wall
Chaplain — Mrs. Estelle W. Hinman
Recording Secretary — Mrs. A. Robert Stork
Corresponding Secretary — Miss Lila M. Hinchman
Treasurer — Mrs. Reece B. Duff
Registrar — Mrs. J. A. Washington
Historian — Mrs. R. A. Barker, Jr.
Librarian — Mrs. D. E. Pryor

The Princess Aracoma Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, contributed to the various D.A.R. and civic projects as follows:

\$20.00 Community Chest-Red Cross Fund. \$50.00 S.A.R. Building at Boy Scout Camp. \$50.00 Rental for Club Room. \$25.00 Local Community Scholarship. \$5.00 Veteran's Christmas Party (D.A.R. Project). \$50.00 Educational Fund at Tamassee. \$10.00 Beef Herd at Tamassee. \$25.00 Skill Saw — Kate Duncan Smith. \$25.00 Educational Fund — Kate Duncan Smith. \$30.00 Representative to Rhododendron Girl's State. \$30.00 Citizenship Awards (G). \$5.00 National Fund — "Dollars for Defense". Total \$325.00.

We have lost one member by death — Mrs. Marguerite Bell Goodwin.

We had one delegate each at the National Congress and the State Convention at Clarksburg, West Virginia.

Five minutes has been devoted to National Defense at each meeting.

We have had interesting and informative programs on the following: A panel discussion on Health Department Resources, National Blood Program, Junior Citizenship, Approved Schools, West Virginia History.

We had ten members attend our district meeting at Bluefield where our chapter was given recognition as ranking high in Junior American Citizen's work.

The Daughters instigated and helped to promote a 4th of July celebration with parade. The Regent raised the Flag to the music of the "Star Spangled Banner", played by the Logan High School Band.

On September 23 we cooperated with the Sons of the American Revolution in celebrating Constitution Day. A proclamation was signed by the Mayor designating September 17 as Constitution Day. Mr. Paul Chambers, Attorney, was the guest speaker.

From October 1954 to October 1955, 30 D.A.R. Members have volunteered approximately 1,608 hours in Blood Mobile Unit work and in Disaster Service with the American Red Cross.

MARGUERITE T. BRADFORD (Mrs. F. E.), Regent

RAVENSWOOD CHAPTER

Ravenswood

Officers:

Regent — Mrs. Ray E. Ritchie
Vice Regent — Mrs. W. E. Walker, Ripley
Chaplain — Mrs. O. R. Cunningham
Recording Secretary — Miss Selma Harris
Corresponding Secretary — Miss Elsie Green
Treasurer — Mrs. M. E. Polsene
Registrar — Mrs. Eunice Perkins
Historian — Miss Katherine Elder

During the year, ten monthly meetings were held with appropriate and instructive programs. Five minutes of Defense was presented as required.

The outstanding meeting of the year was a luncheon at which time our Regent, Mrs. McClaugherty, was guest speaker. She gave an informative and inspiring address. A guest at the same meeting was Mrs. Samuel Morgan, State Corresponding Secretary.

Another luncheon was given by one of our members and voluntary contributions were made by those present, to help with the finances of our Chapter.

The program for our December meeting was a profound address given by the Rev. Paul Bell, the subject being "The Spiritual Meaning of Christmas".

An outstanding paper written by a high school senior was sent to the Freedom's Foundation Contest.

A certificate of Award was presented to a high school senior who entered the Good Citizenship contest. The award was a public presentation during Commencement week.

The D.A.R. magazine was placed in our school library.

A history of Ravenswood has been started by one of our members, who has been vitally interested in collecting data for many years. This is to help preserve and record our important past while the material is available.

A cup and saucer of Historical value, given by Mrs. Benjamin Harrison, to an ancestor of one of our members, has been presented to our State Regent, to be placed in W. Va. room of Museum.

We have lost two members by death and one by transfer. One new member has been acquired by transfer, leaving a total membership of fifty three. Applications are pending for one Junior member and two adults.

This year we have completed a revision of our by-laws which is incorporated in our Year Book.

The Chapter sent one box of clothing, valued at fifty dollars to Tamassee.

Contributions were made to the Beef Herd, Endowment Fund, American Indians, Student Loan, Ancestral Stone and West Virginia Room.

Four of our members represented our Chapter at Continental Congress, three at State Conference and eleven at Jackson's Mill.

PEARLE HUEY RITCHIE (Mrs. Ray E.), Regent

SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHAPTER

Martinsburg

Organized April 1921 by Mrs. S. W. Walker.

Membership 104

Officers:

Regent — Mrs. J. N. Cunningham

Vice Regent — Mrs. G. S. Dean

Chaplain — Mrs. C. R. Miller

Recording Secretary — Mrs. Paul Hamman

Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. W. M. Thompson

Treasurer — Mrs. R. G. Burkhart

Registrar — Mrs. J. T. Power

Historian — Miss Adah Mason

Librarian — Miss Mary Rauch

Parliamentarian — Mrs. Hugh Byer

Shenandoah Valley Chapter had ten regular meetings. Our theme for the year 1954-55 inclusive was "America In Our Hearts." The nature of our meetings were historical, musical, a film and a pilgrimage. As usual our Candle-Light Supper was the high light. The address of the evening "A Challenge For Today" delivered by the President of the S. A. R., Mr. F. Ray Power, a very able address. To Tamassee for the Beef Herd we sent

fifty (\$50.00) dollars, to Kate Duncan Smith a box of clothing valued at one hundred twenty five (\$125.00) dollars. All state and National dues are paid. The chapter assisted the C.A.R. financially and attended their conference. The Regent and four chapter members attended State Conference. The Regent and four chapter members attended Continental Congress.

We were also represented at one District Meeting. Our chapter again had the honor of having Miss Ruth Seibert, a member of our chapter, as a page at State Conference and at Continental Congress. We have stressed Constitution Week in the schools, local paper, in the churches, on the screen and displaying the flag. We gave fifty five History Certificates and ten Good Citizenship Medals.

The flag was displayed at each meeting and allegiance given. We were delighted to endorse unanimously our State Regent, Mrs. McClaugherty, for National Chaplain on Mrs. Haig's ticket.

JEANNE S. CUNNINGHAM (Mrs. J. N.), Regent

SOUTH BRANCH VALLEY CHAPTER

Romney, Moorefield, Petersburg, Franklin

Officers:

Regent — Mrs. Raymond Love
Vice Regent — Mrs. R. S. Kuykendall
Chaplain — Mrs. George Arnold
Secretary — Mrs. M. W. Gamble
Treasurer — Mrs. W. C. Levings
Registrar — Mrs. W. H. VanMeter
Historian — Mrs. Myrtle Dyer
Librarian — Mrs. J. R. Kirk

Our membership is 50, with three applications pending. Luncheon meetings are held in one of the towns on the third Saturday each second month. We have five regular meetings and a picnic in July, in the year.

Programs for our meetings have been, a review of the book, "Miracle of the Hills", colored slides of scenes of the National Capitol, a discussion and explanation of Bills pending in Congress, an early American music program and a talk on our Constitution.

Our activities for the year have been, Arbor Day programs in Franklin and Moorefield with the Grade Schools participating. Sponsoring and arranging a Mother's Day program of music given by the young people of the valley and presented in the interest of National Music Week. The addition of a Land Mark book (History) to the Grade School libraries in the four towns. Presented Good Citizenship pins and medals to students in each town and shipped a box of used clothing to Kate Duncan Smith School.

Disbursements for the year: \$5.00 Student Loan Fund. \$5.00 St. Mary's School. \$5.00 Helen Pouch Scholarship Fund. \$1.00 to Art Fund. \$5.00 Good Citizenship medals and pins. \$5.25 Investment Trust Fund. \$6.50 Hall-mark books for Grade Schools.

EDITH HOWELL LOVE, Regent

SPENCER ROANE CHAPTER

Spencer

The Spencer Roane Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution submit the following report.

Officers:

Regent — Mrs. C. W. Dye
Vice Regent — Mrs. Brooks Sinnett

Chaplain — Mrs. Lula Simmons
Recording Secretary — Mrs. Beulah Cox
Corresponding Secretary —
Treasurer — Mrs. John Kee
Historian — Mrs. Ruby Sarver
Registrar — Mrs. E. M. Daniell

Eight monthly meetings, one call meeting, and two Social meetings, (Annual Dues Tea and Christmas Party), held during year. The American's Creed and the President General's Message read at the opening of each Meeting. Guest speakers at two business meetings, one on Civil Defense, the other on the American Red Cross.

Patriotic programs were presented on Memorial Day, Thanksgiving and Flag Day, and in February on Great Americans. Our theme for the year was "Foster True Patriotism."

Election of officers held in May, installation in June. The Chapter has a membership of thirty eight, twelve of which live out of town, and one Associate member. One new member was admitted in July, 1954. Articles on National Defense read at meeting.

Memorial Service was held in November for member who passed away in December, 1953.

One girl was sponsored to the Girls State at Jackson's Mill, three history medals and three Citizenship medals awarded to students in May. An Arbor Day program held at the Graded School with Principal and students taking part and addressed by the Mayor at which time two white Dogwood trees were planted on lawn.

Donations: Tamassee Beef Herd \$20.00, W. Va. Room in Continental Hall \$20.00, American Red Cross \$12.00, Kate Duncan Smith School \$5.00, and one box used clothes, Patriots Stone \$2.00. Six members donated several hours to Red Cross work and Bloodmobile visits. Two new subscriptions to D.A.R. Magazine.

Four members attended Western District Meeting in Huntington, three members attended picnic held at Jackson's Mill.

RENA DYE (Mrs. C. W.), Regent

TRANS-ALLEGHENY CHAPTER

Weston

Trans-Allegheny Chapter began the year with our usual luncheon at West Hall. During the year we again had splendid programs, with outstanding speakers, and have continued a good attendance.

In all the Chapter gave \$33.00 to the Tamassee "West Virginia Beef Herd" — \$7.50 to the Red Cross for "Christmas on the High Seas" — \$2.00 for Tuberculosis Christmas seals. To each of the three Lewis County High Schools, Weston, Jane Lew and Walkersville, we gave Good Citizenship pins and certificates. Also a \$5.00 Award to the girl making the highest grade in American History in each of the same three County High Schools.

Our chief project this year was the restoration of the original parchment patent to Henry Flesher, from the Commonwealth of Virginia — signed by Beverly Randolph as Lieutenant-Governor — for 400 acres of land on which the town of Weston is situated. After this work was completed and the historic document framed, the Chapter on May 20 presented it to the Members of the County Court and to the Citizens of Lewis County, to be permanently hung in the Office of the County Clerk.

We were also instrumental in placing a photostatic copy of the original Flesher survey in the Plat Book in the Office of the Lewis County Clerk.

PRUDENCE M. O'HARA, Regent

WEST AUGUSTA CHAPTER

Mannington

Founded February 22, 1907

Membership 53

Officers:

Regent — Miss Opal Rymer
Vice Regent — Mrs. Ray Mosely
Chaplain — Mrs. Georgia Clinton
Recording Secretary — Mrs. Clinton Phillips
Corresponding Secretary — Miss Beryle Mockler
Treasurer — Mrs. Spencer Kiger
Registrar — Mrs. Maude Blake
Historian — Miss Bessie Mockler
Librarian — Mrs. William Six
Genealogist — Mrs. Leland Rymer

West Augusta Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution submits the following report for the year October 1, 1954 to October 1, 1955.

Ten monthly meetings were held with all programs planned to conform as far as possible with the outline of our National Society. The President General's Message is read at each meeting and articles on National Defense are reviewed.

Our Chapter was represented at Continental Congress and three members and Regent attended the Luncheon at Jackson's Mill.

West Augusta Chapter was co-hostess with the James Barbour Chapter for the Regents Breakfast at the State Convention held in Clarksburg last October 1954.

A Rummage Sale was held and three boxes of clothing were divided and sent to our three approved D.A.R. Schools.

Our Chapter sponsored a very impressive Veteran's Day Program at Mannington High School on Nov. 11, 1954. Students participated in the program also. Working with the fifth and sixth grades our Chapter sponsored a patriotic program given by them for all grades, Parents and Visitors. "The Flag Speaks" was shown at this program, the High School Program and to our D.A.R. members at our regular meeting.

Our December meeting had a program by the three Scout Troops which our Chapter sponsors. Slides of Nativity Scenes painted by famous artists were shown. Instead of a gift exchange the members gave to the needy a sum of \$23.50.

Our Leader of the Girl Scouts, a member of our Chapter was given the "Award of Merit" for her outstanding work in the community.

Two of our most interesting contributions to our meetings were: "A History of the Future of Music Education in America" presented by our High School Music Supervisor. The other, "I Am An American" was very fine.

A Flag Day Luncheon was held and an interesting program was given in keeping with that day.

Members of our Chapter are devoting two hours each week to Fairmont General Hospital where they help in "Operation Hostess" program.

West Augusta Chapter made the Gold Honor Roll.

In keeping with Constitution Week a Program was given for the 1st to 6th grades inclusive but the 5th and 6th participated in it also.

An Assembly Program for the High School was also sponsored by our West Augusta Chapter, N.S.D.A.R.

Medals in American History \$10.00, Citizenship Pin .75, 3 boxes of clothing to Approved Schools \$7.12, Valedictorian Medal \$6.00, Northland College D.A.R. Approved School \$10.00, Kate Duncan Smith D.A.R. Approved School \$10.00, Red Cross \$7.50, Rhodendron Girls State \$30.00, Girl Scouts to Camp Riama, Pa. \$20.00, Polio Fund \$5.00, Investment Trust Fund

\$5.00, Crossnore D.A.R. Approved School \$5.00, Award of Merit Certificate \$3.10, Times Christmas Fund for Needy Children \$23.50.

(Miss) OPAL RYMER, Regent

WHEELING CHAPTER

Wheeling

Organized May 14, 1916

Membership 153

Officers:

Regent — Mrs. Carroll Boggs
Vice Regent — Mrs. Henry Bell
Chaplain — Mrs. Wade Kepner
Recording Secretary — Mrs. Williard Bailey
Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. H. A. Kackley
Treasurer — Mrs. Andrew Rock, Jr.
Registrar — Mrs. A. E. Eberhard
Historian — Mrs. Nelson McNash
Librarian — Mrs. O. I. Harrington

All National and State dues and Assessments are paid.

Meeting all Honor Roll requirements was our main project during 1954-1955.

Wheeling Chapter contributed \$100.00 to the Tamassee Beef Herd. Eighty pounds of clothing to Kate Duncan Smith. Contributions were also given to the following: Community Chest, Jr. Bazaar, Red Cross, Investment Trust Fund, C.A.R., Museum Fund, also our chapter has worked for more than nine National Committees.

One Junior member was admitted during this past year and we had a net increase in membership. Our Chapter was represented at State Conference, Congress and the District meetings, also Jackson's Mill. We have had excellent programs on National Defense. Seven flags were presented to the Scout Troops with a program for each presentation. Five seniors were given recognition pins for outstanding Citizenship. The winners of this award later appeared on television. Five History medals were given during commencement time, and short talks were given on the importance of learning American History. The D.A.R. Magazine was placed in five high schools and in the Local Library. Especially fine work was done by our chapter Genealogist, such as the marking of a revolutionary soldier's grave with appropriate services and the presence of a newspaper photographer. Many church, cemetery and historical sketches were compiled and sent to the D.A.R. Library in Washington. An article from Wheeling Chapter was published in the West Virginia D.A.R. newspaper. Press relations were from 300-400 inches. Constitution Week was endorsed by our Mayor and notices were widely distributed throughout the schools, churches and business establishments.

Wheeling Chapter proudly and gratefully took its place on the Gold Honor Roll this past year.

LOUISE CHIPLEY BOGGS (Mrs. Carroll), Regent

WILLIAM HENSHAW CHAPTER

Martinsburg

Organized April 5, 1899

Officers:

Regent — Mrs. L. St. Clair Allen
Vice Regent — Mrs. Otto K. Reuter

Chaplain — Mrs. N. A. Snyder
Recording Secretary — Mrs. Paul Lingamfelter
Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. Howard Clendening
Treasurer — Mrs. J. W. Lloyd
Historian — Mrs. T. P. Spillman
Librarian — Mrs. Floyd Walker

The ten regular meetings, opened with the use of the ritual, salute to the flag, singing of the Star Spangled Banner, when possible. The President General's message was read at each meeting. The meetings have been all well attended.

All National and State dues have been paid for 72 members. There were no deaths, but did have two resignations. However, five new members gave us a net gain of three, one was a Junior member.

All Committee Chairmen faithfully carried on their work.

The Publicity Committee reported 145 inches of publicity in our daily paper.

The Defense Chairman has had a few minutes on the program at each meeting. We also had a very instructive program on National Defense by Mr. James Power, our County Director on National Defense.

The Committee on American Music had one of the programs at a meeting, having Miss Ruth Siebert, State Chairman of Music present, who gave us several piano selections of American Music, and also a soloist, who rendered two selections of American Songs.

The Chairman of Approved Schools reported a cash donation of \$5.00 sent to Kate Duncan Smith, also to Tamasee School and \$10.00 to the Beef Herd at Tamasee. Used clothing sent to Crossnore was valued at \$249.50. There were nine cartons of one hundred seventy-five pounds.

At several meetings the work of our approved schools was presented by the chairman.

The Committee on American Indians had a most interesting program given by the John Augustine Society N.S.C.A.R. This was a demonstration of one of their own programs, on "The American Indian". We were delighted with the work of these young people.

The Conservation Committee had a program by the Chairman, stressing the conservation of our forests and especially the beautiful native wild flowers of our state, urging community planting of flowers and shrubs as an essential part of civic activities.

Our Motion Picture Chairman used the picture "Decision at Williamsburg" for our March meeting.

The Radio Chairman had a broadcast, and our J.A.C.'s had a patriotic broadcast on February 22. Both of these broadcasts were on our local station, the courtesy of W.E.P.M.

Our Historian had an instructive paper, "The D.A.R. Story", telling of the beginning and work of the D.A.R. Programs other than I have mentioned were mostly by outside speakers, except the Christmas Candlelight Dinner, which has become our regular December meeting. Husbands and friends are invited, Business is forgotten, and all enjoy singing the Carols and hearing a lovely Christmas message by a local minister.

The highlight of our year's programs was in June when we had the pleasure of having our State Regent with us. For this occasion the Chapter had a tea, inviting the officers of the Eastern District Chapters to meet Mrs. McClaugherty. We hope all enjoyed it as much as we did, for Mrs. McClaugherty proved a delightful guest.

In the early summer our membership Chairman had a tea at her home for the C.A.R. girls, who's mothers are members of our chapter. There were eight or nine, who were or will soon be eighteen, so we have hopes of a good Junior group. It was a pleasure to see a group of such active, interesting young girls, and I was very glad as Regent to have the privilege of extending them an invitation to join our chapter as they become of age.

Our Chapter had two delegates and two other members to attend the 63rd Congress at Washington. We were happy to have Georgie Lee Engle serve as a page at Congress. There were five delegates to attend the State Conference at Clarksburg last October.

Two new officers were elected in May. Mrs. Otto K. Reuther as Vice Regent and Mrs. N. A. Snyder as Chaplain. Their predecessors both having faithfully served their allotted time.

September meeting was like a glad reunion, after a long, hot summer. The resolutions and new by-laws were discussed. Also, we stressed Constitution Week, urging all to observe and promote it as much as possible.

All Chairmen have worked faithfully, and the members given loyal support. As a Chapter and as individuals, we have tried to "Perpetuate the Spirit of America" and "Foster True Patriotism" during the year.

MRS. L. ST. CLAIR ALLEN, Regent

YE TOWNE OF BATH CHAPTER

Berkeley Springs

Officers:

Regent — Evelyn D. Kidwell (Mrs. F. Glenn)
Vice Regent — Dorothy Irvin (Mrs. W. S.)
Chaplain — Margaret D. Buzzard (Mrs. James S.)
Recording Secretary — Alice Blake (Miss)
Corresponding Secretary — Helen M. Beeler (Mrs. H. D., Sr.)
Treasurer — Pearl R. Shipley (Mrs. H. Ford)
Registrar — Mary D. Hunter (Miss)
Historian — Estalene Gregory (Mrs. David)
Librarian — Virginia J. Gorrell (Mrs. Henry N.)

Ye Towne of Bath Chapter held ten regular meetings, opening with the use of the Ritual, Salute to the Flag and the reading of the President General's Message.

In July we celebrated our 24th Birthday by having a dinner at Cacapon State Park Inn.

In August we had our yearly Family Picnic.

Made contributions to March of Dimes, Heart, Cancer, Red Cross and purchased a Tuberculosis Health Bond, also contributed to the Beef Herd at Tamassee, sent a box of clothing valued at \$50.00 to Kate Duncan Smith School.

Good Citizenship Medals and Pins given in our two High Schools.

Had two delegates to Continental Congress.

Placed two markers at graves of deceased members.

Completed our project of the last two years, that of fencing the Old Dutch Graveyard.

Lost one member by death, gained one, have papers pending for four (4). Two of these juniors.

Was hostess to the Eastern District in June, with forty-eight (48) members attending.

EVELYN D. KIDWELL (Mrs. F. Glenn), Regent

WEST VIRGINIA STATE LUNCHEON

The West Virginia State Luncheon was held in the Carlton Room of the Sheraton-Carlton Hotel April 19, 1955 at 1 P.M. with the State Regent, Mrs. William McClaugherty presiding.

The invocation was given by Mrs. Daniel W. Snyder, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Miss Virginia Johnson, State Chairman of the Junior Membership Committee.

The unique table decorations were dolls dressed by the Juniors in costumes representing the State Committees. Miss Virginia Johnson was asked to take a bow.

The State Regent announced that West Virginia had first place in the Helen Pouch Scholarship Fund, and that there were 313 Juniors in the State.

Mrs. McClaugherty reported on the redecorating of the West Virginia Room, and said that there had been many compliments on the result.

Miss Emily Miller, State Treasurer, reported a balance of over \$1700.00 in the Beef Herd Fund.

A motion, made by Mrs. W. L. Simmons, and seconded by Mrs. Chester Rousch "That the Beef Herd be given in honor of the State Regent, Mrs. William McClaugherty" was carried.

The Chair introduced the following distinguished guests: Mrs. Charles Haig, National President of the Children of the Revolution and National Chairman of the Building Fund, who complimented Mrs. Charles P. Walker, retiring State President of the Children of the American Revolution and a candidate for National Vice President of the C. A. R. She also said that the C. A. R. Society was 60 years old, and that they hoped to have the founder as a guest at the C. A. R. National Convention following Congress. Mrs. V. Eugene Holcombe, State President of D. C. W., and President of the West Virginia State Chapter Regent's Club; Mrs. James Butler, District National Vice President of the Children of the American Revolution; Mrs. James E. Moore, the new State President of the C. A. R.; Mrs. Harry J. Smith, Honorary State Regent, and Past Vice President General; Mrs. Edward Phillips, State Vice Regent; Mrs. Daniel W. Snyder, State Parliamentarian, and National Vice Chairman of Credentials; Mrs. Charlette Sayre, formerly of West Virginia, and National Chairman of Pages; Miss Louise Bullock, National Chairman of Tellers; Mrs. E. S. Lammers from Texas, Past Recording Secretary General; Mrs. E. Plummer Hill, President of the State Officers' Club, and Past State Chaplain; Mrs. H. A. Knorr, Past State Regent of Arkansas; Mrs. Elizabeth Kee, first Congress woman from West Virginia representing the Fifth District; Mrs. Carl Galbraith, National Vice Chairman of Credentials; Mrs. Howard E. Summers, State Recording Secretary; Mrs. Harry C. Oberholster, formerly Curator General, and Regents from sixteen Chapters. Mrs. Snyder announced that there were thirty Chapters represented at Congress.

State Chairmen present were Mrs. T. B. Leith, Mrs. M. Eugene Marsh, Jr., Mrs. J. A. Hammond, and Miss Virginia Johnson.

Candidates for Vice President General introduced were Mrs. Herbert Hill of Indiana; Mrs. Loretta Thomas of Texas; Mrs. John Luttrell, of Alabama; Mrs. Ross Hager of Maryland; Mrs. James Skinner of Washington, D. C.

The Chair announced the recent passing of the husband of the State Chaplain, Mrs. G. H. Neale, and the illness of the sister of Miss Hallie Martin, National Vice Chairman of Radio and Television.

The Jackson's Mill Luncheon was announced for July 9 with the State Regents' Club serving as Hostess.

The Chair closed the meeting with a reading of a poem.

NELLIE REESER SUMMERS, State Recording Secretary

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

The third annual Junior Membership luncheon was held October 22, at the West Virginian Hotel with Miss Virginia Johnson, State Chairman, presiding. The invocation was asked by Mrs. Ben Williams, Regent John Chapman Chapter. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mrs. E. H. Bowling, Matthew French Chapter. Miss Anne Kell, Junior Membership Chairman, John Chapman Chapter, led the American's Creed and Miss Betty Bailey, John Chapman Chapter, was accompanist for the National Anthem.

Mrs. D. E. French, Honorary State Regent and Past Vice President General, was an honored guest and it was pointed out that she had appointed the first state chairman of junior membership and thus had started what has developed into a luncheon attended by seventy-four juniors and interested Daughters! Miss Coralie Page, chairman of arrangements from the Junior committee of John Chapman Chapter, was introduced. She, in turn, presented some of the members of the hostess committee who each introduced their "special daughter". These introduced included Mrs. Thomas Henry Lee, Recording Secretary General; Mrs. D. W. Snyder, National Vice Chairman of Credentials; Miss Hallie Martin, National Vice Chairman of Radio and Television. Also presented was Miss Margaret Rose Moore, Junior State Librarian of the C.A.R. in West Virginia.

Miss Betty Bodell, chairman of the junior bazaar was introduced and reported the bazaar proceeds at about \$370.00. Members of Matthew French Chapter Junior Committee assisted with the bazaar work.

Reports were given by Mrs. Ellen Swoupe for Matthew French Chapter Junior Committee and by Miss Anne Kell, Chairman, for John Chapman Junior Committee. Miss Kell, moved that the money sent to the Helen Pouch Scholarship Fund from the state this year be sent in honor of our State Regent, Mrs. William McClaugherty. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. William W. McClaugherty, State Regent, was the speaker. She took as her subject the luncheon theme — "Light a Little Candle."

The Benediction was asked by Miss Mary Elizabeth Reeser, Junior Membership Chairman, Buford Chapter.

STATE OFFICER'S CLUB

Amid a setting of small gold Chrysanthemums in pine filler containers and lighted gold candles, the annual dinner of the State Officers' Club, West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution, was held at 6 P.M. October the 20th, 1955 at the West Virginian Hotel in Bluefield, West Virginia, with the Borderland Chapter of Mt. Hope, Mrs. W. C. Bishop of Scarboro, Regent, as hostess.

D.A.R. place cards with your name written in gold, gold match holders, a small box of perfume wrapped and tied in gold colors, and a large postal card, "Spring Along the Norfolk and Western" greeted each one as favors. Later, Mr. Bishop presented the 27 members and guests, a small paper replica of a Norfolk and Western freight car, holding a box of candy and a tiny Coco-Cola lighter.

Perhaps in years to come, those following in our footsteps may wish to know the delicious menu, which I have recorded. Grapefruit, filled with assorted fruit, fried chicken, potatoes au gratin, broccoli, tomato salad, a relish dish of radishes, celery and pickles, vanilla ice cream with strawberry sauce, cookies and coffee.

Mrs. G. H. Neale, State Chaplain, gave the invocation, and Mrs. Rudolph S. Stoyer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The President, Mrs. Plumer E. Hill, graciously welcomed the members and introduced Mrs. W. W. McClaugherty, State Regent, who extended greetings and introduced her official family and distinguished guests.

Distinguished guests enjoying this happy occasion included: Our beloved Mrs. D. E. French, Honorary State Regent, and Past Vice President General; Mrs. Charles Carrol Haig, National Chairman of Buildings and Grounds;

Mrs. Henry Thomas Lee, National Recording Secretary General; Mrs. Marshall Bixler, State Regent of Ohio; Mrs. H. J. Smith, Honorary State Regent and Past Vice President General; Mrs. A. Keith McClung, Honorary State Regent, and Past National Program Chairman; Dr. V. Eugene Holcombe, National officer of the Sons of the American Revolution; Mrs. V. Eugene Holcombe, State President, Daughters of Colonial Wars; Mrs. Rudolph S. Stoyer, Past Historian National, United States Daughters of 1812, and Honorary State President of U.S.D. of 1812; Miss Hallie Martin, President of the West Virginia Huguenots; Miss Ann Lloyd Baylor, State President United Daughters of the Confederacy; Miss Baylor, Mrs. Holcombe and Mrs. Smith members of the Colonial Dames, Miss Louise Bullock, National Chairman of Tellers, Mrs. Charles P. Walker, Past Immediate State Senior President, Children of the American Revolution. National Vice Chairmen introduced were: Mrs. Daniel W. Snyder, Credentials; Miss Hallie Martin, Radio and Television.

Greetings were received from Mrs. Paul Reymann, Mrs. Waitman Conaway, and Miss Mary K. Barnes.

Mrs. V. E. Holcombe, Committee Chairman for compiling a roster of state officers, reported it would require a little more time before the completion of this work. With great thoughtfulness, Mrs. Holcombe presented to the club a state officers' pin, to be worn from year to year by the President. The presiding President, Mrs. Hill, accepted the pin with many thanks from the club to Mrs. Holcombe.

Miss Ann Lloyd Baylor, Chairman Nominating Committee, presented the following names for election. Miss Mary Katherine Barnes, President; Mrs. Rudolph S. Stoyer, First Vice President; Mrs. Harry J. Smith, Second Vice President; Mrs. James G. Wright, Recording and Corresponding Secretary. By order of the organization, the president, Mrs. Hill, requested the Recording Secretary to cast the vote for the election of these officers.

With the time passing all too quickly, and the opening of the State Conference near at hand, the president asked the members and guests to stand and with the State Chaplain leading, to repeat and close this delightful evening with the beloved quotation, "The Lord watch between you and me while we are absent, one from another."

ELSIE H. WRIGHT (Mrs. James G.), Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE CHAPTER REGENT'S CLUB

The sixth annual breakfast of the West Virginia Chapter Regents' Club was held at the Hotel West Virginian, Bluefield, W. Va., on October 22, 1955 with 80 members and guests in attendance.

Mrs. V. Eugene Holcombe presiding, called on Mrs. Earl Bibbs, Sr., of the Captain James Allen Chapter to give the invocation and Mrs. Plumer E. Hill, President of the State Officers Club, to lead the Salute to the Flag. She then asked Mrs. F. M. Sayre, Regent of the Captain James Allen Chapter to introduce the committee which were serving as hostess to the group on this joyous occasion: Mrs. A. D. Cooke, Mrs. Carl Saunders, Mrs. Earl Bibbs, Sr., and Mrs. R. J. Burmeister.

Mrs. Holcombe thanked Mrs. Sayre and the fine committee and all members of the Capt. James Allen Chapter for the splendid cooperation through the summer in planning for the Breakfast and complimented the unique table appointments and favors for each guest, which were gifts from the Chapter.

Centerpieces for the tables were huge iron skilletes filled with fruit and given as door prizes after the breakfast. Iron trivets were placed at each plate as favors.

Mrs. Holcombe announced that the breakfast this year was given in honor of our wonderful State Regent, Mrs. W. W. McClaugherty and that this was the 50th State Conference of the West Virginia Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Conference chairmen were presented as follows: General Chairman,

Mrs. E. Lyle Gage; Memorials, Mrs. G. H. Neale; Credentials, Mrs. O. B. French; Processional, Mrs. D. W. Snyder; Press, Mrs. Jackson A. Hammond.

Distinguished Guests were: Mrs. W. W. McClaugherty, State Regent of West Virginia; Mrs. Thomas H. Lee, Recording Secretary General; Mrs. Charles Carroll Haig, Chairman of Buildings and Grounds; Mrs. Harry J. Smith, Past Vice President General; Mrs. Collis Hudson, State Regent of Kentucky; Mrs. A. Keith McClung, Honorary State Regent of W. Va.; Mrs. Edward Phillips, State Vice Regent of West Va.

The minutes of the previous meeting were not read because they had been printed in the proceedings of the last conference.

Mrs. H. M. Cogan reported on the work done preparatory to the State Regents' Club entertaining at Jackson's Mill last July. Mrs. Carl Bachman then read the co-chairman's report from Jackson's Mill in the absence of Mrs. E. A. Livesay.

Mrs. Livesay was the Recording Secretary for the Chapter Regent's Club this year, also.

Mrs. Harry J. Smith presented Mrs. Holcombe with a pin in recognition of her work as the organizing President of the Regent's Club.

Mrs. A. Keith McClung gave a brief memorial for the departed members: Mrs. Flora Phillips, Mrs. Elsie Ross Fear, Miss Annie K. Cullen, Mrs. Dolly H. Roberts, and Miss Mary McCullough, though not a past regent, was a member for over 50 years.

Mrs. Holcombe reported the ceremony held at the grave of William Tyler Page with Edith Nourse Rogers as speaker.

Mrs. W. W. McClaugherty stressed the value of the District Meetings in the entire work of the Daughters of the American Revolution throughout the State.

The door prizes were awarded to Mrs. Thomas H. Lee and Mrs. D. F. Reaser.

The nominating committee named for 1955-56 was as follows: Mrs. Carl Sanders, Southern District; Mrs. J. H. Cunningham, Eastern District; Mrs. F. C. Hodges, Western District; Mrs. Rudolph S. Stoyer, Central District; and Mrs. S. W. Goff, Northern District.

The nominating committee of 1954-55 presented the following ticket: President, Mrs. Carl Galbraith, Parkersburg; Vice President, Mrs. Romeo T. McDonald, Fairmont; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. R. E. Wilkinson, Coalwood; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Harry J. Smith, Parkersburg, Chaplain, Mrs. W. S. Caldwell, Keyser; Historian, Mrs. V. Eugene Holcombe, Charleston. Mrs. Carl Bachman moved that the nominations be closed and the secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the group for the ticket. Mrs. Fred Stickel seconded the motion and the vote was so cast.

Mrs. Holcombe then put the president's pin on Mrs. Galbraith and presented her with the gavel for 1956.

MARION E. TAPP, Recording Secretary — Pro Tem

JACKSON'S MILL LUNCHEON

West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution Annual Luncheon was held at Jackson's Mill July 9, 1955.

The twenty-first annual luncheon, actually the twenty-fifth anniversary of the group meeting, had as the hostess the Regents Club. Mrs. V. Eugene Holcombe, president of the club, presided.

Registration was conducted by the Col. John Evans Chapter under their Regent Mrs. Fred Stickle and several members.

Gathering at the chapel at eleven o'clock, the group was entertained by an organ recital, given by Mrs. G. W. Overholt, Minister of Music at St. Mark's Methodist Church of Charleston and a member of John Young Chapter.

Mrs. H. M. Cogan of the Kanawha Valley Chapter and Mrs. W. L. Simmons of the Spencer-Roane Chapter were co-chairmen of the Regents Club

who served punch on the porch. Mrs. Rudolph Stoyer presented background music while the guests were seated.

Mrs. William W. McClaugherty, our State Regent, gave the invocation in the absence of our chaplain, Mrs. G. H. Neale.

Mrs. W. H. Conaway led the salute to the flag and Mrs. Arthur Martin conducted group singing, accompanied by Mrs. Stoyer. Mrs. H. K. Owens brought greetings to all the group.

Mrs. V. Eugene Holcombe called upon Director John O. Knapp, who spoke of the Daughters influence and help at the Mill.

Mrs. Carl G. Bachman extended the invitation for the luncheon in 1956 with the Wheeling Chapter as hostess.

Mrs. M. J. Sisler presented Dr. Patrick Gainer of West Virginia University, who told of the folk ballads of our state and sang several. He was accompanied by Mrs. Gainer. He also sang ballads as he played the rebec.

Mrs. McClaugherty urged all to attend the State Conference to be held in Bluefield in October.

There were over three hundred in attendance, thirty-one chapters represented, twenty-two Regents now active and fifteen guests from other states.

MRS. H. K. OWENS, Chairman Jackson's Mill
HELEN HUNGATE LIVESAY, Co-Chairman

DID YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT OUR FLAG?

The flag was adopted June 14, 1776, but Congress did not official promulgate the design until the following Sept. 3.

The flag is flown at half staff on the death of a person to indicate that the invisible flag of death is hoisted above.

The custom of rising when the "Star-Spangled Banner" is played was originated by Daniel Webster, when it was sung by Jenny Lind in Castle Garden.

The only time a flag is flown above our national flag in the United States Navy is when the crew is attending divine service on shipboard. The church pennant appears above the United States flag.

There are three United States flags which are never furled. Two are on the east and west fronts of the Capitol in Washington and the other is at the grave of Francis Scott Key, in Frederick, Md.

The only flag which dates further back than the United States flag in an unchanged form is the Danish flag, adopted as the national emblem in 1219.

The first naval victory of the Stars and Stripes was on September 4, 1777, when the Raleigh captured the Nancy of the Windward fleet.

The personal flag of the President of the United States was established in 1882.

The original Old Glory is today in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C.

Whatever disunites man from God disunites man from man—Burke.

BY-LAWS

THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this body shall be the West Virginia State Organization of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

ARTICLE II

Objects

The object of this Organization shall be to bring into closer relationship the Chapters of West Virginia and to promote the three objects of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution:

(1) To perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence, by the acquisition and protection of historical spots, and the erection of monuments; by the encouragement of historical research in relation to the Revolution and the publication of its results; by the preservation of documents and relics, and of records of the individual services of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots, and by the promotion of celebrations of all patriotic anniversaries.

(2) To carry out the injunction of Washington in his farewell address to the American people, "to promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge," thus developing an enlightened public opinion, and affording to young and old such advantages as shall develop in them the largest capacity for performing the duties of the American citizens.

(3) To cherish, maintain, and extend the institutions of American freedom, to foster true patriotism and love of country, and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. All Chapters in the State in good and regular standing in the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, shall be eligible to membership in this Organization.

Section 2. Any Chapter after confirmation by the National Society may become a member by sending to the State Registrar and the State Recording Secretary the name of the Chapter, the names of its officers, the names of its members and by sending the State assessments to the State Treasurer.

Section 3. A member-at-large of the State, shall not be eligible as a delegate or an alternate to the meetings of the National Society or State Organization, or hold a National or State Office or serve on a National or State Committee.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

The Officers of this Organization shall be a State Regent, a State Vice Regent, a State Chaplain, a State Recording Secretary, a State Corresponding Secretary, a State Treasurer, a State Registrar, a State Historian and a State Librarian. No two State Officers shall be members of the same Chapter except the State Regent and State Corresponding Secretary.

ARTICLE V

Election of Officers

Section 1. The Officers of this Organization shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of the State Conference, every third year. A majority vote shall constitute an election.

Section 2. A Nominating Committee shall be elected at the State Conference preceding the Conference at which the State Officers are to be elected. This Committee shall consist of one member from each of the five districts. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be sent out with the call to Conference. Additional nominations may be made from the floor provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained.

Section 3. The Officers of this Organization shall hold office for three years or until their successors are elected. All State Officers shall assume office when the Continental Congress confirms the election of the State Regent and State Vice Regent.

Section 4. No member shall be eligible to any State Office until she has been a member of the West Virginia Organization at least two years. No member shall be eligible to the same State Office for two consecutive terms and no member who has served one term in any State Office shall be eligible to any other State Office, except that of State Vice Regent or State Regent until the expiration of at least one year.

Section 5. No member shall hold at the same time two offices carrying a vote at the State Conference.

Section 6. No member shall be eligible to the State Regency who has not served previously as a State Officer. No Chapter shall be eligible to representation on the Board for more than three consecutive terms, exclusive of Chapter Regents.

Section 7. Should the office of the State Regent become vacant the State Vice Regent shall accede to that office for the remainder of that term. Other vacancies occurring in office shall be filled by the State Board of Management until the next annual meeting of the State Conference. Any member having served in a vacancy for more than one-half term in any office, except the office of State Regent and State Vice Regent, shall be deemed to have served a term.

Section 8. In recognition of valuable service to the State Organization, the title of Honorary State Regent may be conferred for life by a majority vote at any State Conference upon a member who has held the office of State Regent.

Section 9. Nominations for a candidate for the office of Vice President General from West Virginia shall be made by the Nominating Committee at the annual meeting of the State Conference. There may be nominations from the floor. The vote shall be by ballot; a majority vote shall be necessary for endorsement.

ARTICLE VI

Duties of Officers

Section 1. The State Regent shall preside at all meetings of the State Organization, of the Board of Management and of the Executive Committee, appoint all committees except the Nominating Committee, authorized by the State Conference, call all special meetings and perform any other duty required of the State Regent by the National Society. She shall be ex-officio a member of all Committees except the Nominating Committee. The State Regent shall be vested with the State Regent's pin during her term of office.

Section 2. The State Vice Regent, in the absence of the State Regent, shall perform the duties of the State Regent.

Section 3. The State Chaplain shall open all State Meetings with the reading of scripture and prayer and shall conduct such religious services as

occasion may require. She shall conduct the Memorial Service at each State Conference and prepare the necrology for the State.

Section 4. The State Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the State Organization, the State Board of Management and of the State Executive Committee. She shall keep a roster of the State Officers, State Chairmen and Chapters of the State Organization and shall notify all Officers, Chairmen and Chapter Regents of all decisions, orders and proceedings affecting or pertaining to them.

Section 5. The State Corresponding Secretary shall attend to the correspondence of her office and such other correspondence as the State Regent, State Organization, the State Board of Management and the State Executive Committee may direct. She shall send out the notices of all meetings and shall distribute all literature.

Section 6. The State Treasurer shall have charge of all funds and securities of the State Organization which she shall deposit in a bank approved by the State Board of Management. She shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements and pay by check all bills duly authorized by the State Conference or the State Board of Management or on warrant drawn by the State Regent. All bills shall be countersigned by the Chairman of the Finance Committee prior to their payment. The Treasurer shall render an audited report in chart form to the annual meeting of the State Conference. She shall submit a statement of the finances of the State at any other meeting of the State Conference, State Board of Management or Executive Committee. The books shall close on the fifteenth day of September each year. An Audit of her account shall be made before each State Conference by a Certified Public Accountant or by an Auditor approved by the Board of Management. She shall within thirty days of her retirement turn over to her successor all monies, accounts and books of the State Treasury with the Auditor's report to be placed in the State files. In case of the inability of the State Treasurer to serve, the Chairman of the Finance Committee is empowered to sign all checks for payment of bills duly authorized.

Section 7. The State Registrar shall assist applicants in proving eligibility claims in towns where there are no chapters and shall give assistance to Chapter Registrars in verifying lineage records and shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the Registrar General, by the State Organization and by the State Board of Management. The State Registrar shall keep a card file containing the name, address, name and rank of Ancestor, National Number, date admitted to the National Society, date of transfer, re-instatement, resignation, marriage and death. She shall keep a roster of State Officers, State Chairmen and Chapter Regents. She shall be custodian of application papers of members of Chapters that disband.

Section 8. The State Historian shall direct and encourage the Historical work in West Virginia through Chapter Historians and shall incorporate in her annual report, such outstanding report from Chapter Historians as may be of future value to the State. She shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the Historian General, by the State Organization and by the State Board of Management. She shall prepare for the Reporter General to the Smithsonian Institution the State Reports of grave locations, dates and service records of Revolutionary soldiers, sailors and patriots. She shall have custody of all historical or biographical manuscripts of which the State Organization may become possessed, and shall arrange and preserve the same.

Section 9. The State Librarian shall have charge of all books and magazines of which the State Organization may become possessed, with the exception of those provided for elsewhere. She shall have charge of soliciting gifts, negotiating exchanges and purchasing new volumes for the Library of the National Society. She shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the Librarian General and the State Organization.

Section 10. All Officers shall submit, in duplicate, a brief narrative report of their work to the Annual Conference.

ARTICLE VII

Meeting of the State Organization

Section 1. The Annual Conference of the West Virginia State Organization shall be held in October during the week including the day of October the tenth, unless otherwise ordered by the State Conference or the State Board or Management; the exact date shall be left to the discretion of the State Regent. The place of meeting shall be determined by the State Board of Management unless previously named by the State Conference. This meeting shall be for the receiving of reports of officers, State Board of Management, the chairmen of committees, the election of officers and for any other business that may arise.

Section 2. The report of the Program Committee when adopted shall become the order of Business for the annual Conference. A vote of a majority of all registered delegates is necessary to make a change in the program.

Section 3. Each Chapter shall be entitled to be represented at any meeting of the State Conference by three times as many delegates and alternates as at the previous Continental Congress, one of whom shall be the Regent, Vice Regent or Regent's representative.

Section 4. The voting members of the State Conference or at any special meeting of the State Organization shall be its Officers, the Officers and Honorary Officers of the National Society whose membership is within the State, the Honorary State Regents of West Virginia, the Chapter Regents, or in their absence, the First Vice Regents, or alternates, and the delegates or their alternates from the Chapters of the State that are entitled to representation at the Continental Congress or special meeting of the National Society.

Section 5. One credential blank must be sent to the Chairman of Credentials Committee and the other to the State Regent not later than ten days before the annual meeting of the State Conference.

Section 6. Twenty (20) voting members present at any meeting of the State Conference shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII

Fees and Dues

Section 1. The fiscal year of the State Organization shall be September 15th, to September 15th.

Section 2. To defray the expenses of the State work, each Chapter belonging to the State Organization shall pay annually to the State Treasurer on or before the first day of January, thirty-five cents (35c) per capita for each member on the Chapter roll the first day of January, and any additional assessments based upon membership of Chapters as of January 1, presented by the Finance Committee and approved by the Conference. Said dues and assessments shall be remitted in one payment.

Section 3. The Chapters shall send to the State Treasurer, the State dues and assessments for the current year for all members accepted to membership by the National Society between January 1, and June 30, of each year. Such members shall pay the required dues and assessments again the following year.

Section 4. The dues and assessments of all members accepted by the National Society after June 30, of each year shall be applied to the next succeeding calendar year.

Section 5. One-third of the State dues shall be paid to the State Regent to defray her expenses to the National and State Meetings and for expenses pertaining to her office to the amount of the above sum.

Section 6. The remaining State dues may be used for printing, station-

ery for State Officers and State Chairmen and necessary expenses incurred by other State Officers and State Chairmen. All bills which the State is liable shall be itemized and presented to the Chairman of the Finance Committee not later than September 1, of each year in which the debt is incurred.

*Section 7. Each Chapter in the State Organization shall pay to the State Treasurer, not later than September 15, the sum of two dollars for each representative to which the Chapter is entitled at the meeting of the State Conference, this amount to be used in defraying all the expenses in connection with the holding of the State Conference. No Chapter whose State and Conference dues are not paid shall be entitled to representation at meetings of the State Conference.

ARTICLE IX

State Board of Management

Section 1. The Officers of the State Organization and the Chapter Regents shall constitute the Board of Management.

Section 2. The State Board of Management shall meet at the call of the State Regent. One meeting shall precede the State Conference and one meeting shall follow the State Conference. Special Meetings may be called by the State Regent upon written request of five members of the Board. At least five days notice of the time and place of meeting shall be given all members of the Board.

Section 3. The State Board of Management shall have all power and authority over the affairs of the State Organization during the interim between its meetings, except that of modifying any action taken by the State Conference. The Board of Management shall make an annual report to the State Conference.

Section 4. Ten members shall constitute a quorum for the State Board of Management.

ARTICLE X

Executive Committee

Section 1. The Officers of the State Organization shall compose the Executive Committee. The State Board of Management may authorize this Committee to perform such duties of the Board between its meetings as it may from time to time deem expedient. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the State Regent or upon the written request of five members of the Committee. This Committee shall act as adviser to the State Regent and it shall make a complete report at each meeting of the State Board of Management.

Section 2. A recommendation for a project to be considered by the State Conference must be submitted to the Executive Committee on or before September 1. If the proposal meets with the approval of the Executive Committee and the State Board of Management it shall be submitted to the Finance Committee for consideration and if recommended by the Finance Committee presented to the State Conference for adoption.

Section 3. Three members shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XI

Committees

Section 1. At the close of the State Conference the State Regent shall appoint the following committees: Finance, Resolutions, and Credentials.

Section 2. The Finance Committee consisting of the Treasurer and four members to be appointed by the Regent shall consider requests for funds, plan a budget, and recommend to the State Conference such expenditures as the committee deems expedient.

Section 3. The Resolutions Committee shall consist of three members appointed by the State Regent. All resolutions to be presented at the State Conference must be sent to the chairman at least two weeks before the meeting. The name and address of the chairman shall be included in the call for the State Conference. The committee shall consider all resolutions sent to the chairman and shall recommend suitable action thereon when presenting the resolutions to the meeting.

Section 4. The Credentials Committee shall consist of four members, the chairman, to be appointed by the State Regent, the State Treasurer and two members to be appointed from the Hostess Chapters.

ARTICLE XII

Chapters

Section 1. Chapters forming the State Organization shall elect Officers at the time of, or previous to, the May Meeting of said Chapters.

Section 2. The retiring Regent of a Chapter shall notify promptly the State Regent, the State Recording Secretary and the State Treasurer of the election of Officers.

Section 3. The Regent of each Chapter in the State Organization shall send to the State Regent annually on or before March 1, a typewritten report of the work of her Chapter for the year.

Section 4. The Regent of each Chapter shall prepare a report of the work of her Chapter from October 1, to October 1. This report must be typewritten in triplicate and shall be limited to five hundred words, one copy to be handed to the State Recording Secretary at the State Conference one copy to the State Regent and one copy to be kept in the Chapter files.

ARTICLE XIII

Districts

Section 1. The State Organization may be divided into the following districts: Northern, Central, Eastern, Southern and Western, each district having a Director and a Secretary and other necessary officers.

Section 2. Each district shall elect its own Director and Secretary and other necessary officers, the election taking place at the District Meeting. The term of office shall be one year. No member who holds a State Office or the office of Chapter Regent shall be eligible for the office of District Director.

ARTICLE XIV

Parliamentary Authority

THE RULES CONTAINED IN Robert's Rules of Order Revised, shall govern this State Organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-Laws of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

ARTICLE XV

Amendments

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular annual State Conference by a two-thirds vote, provided that a copy of the amendments has been sent with the call to the annual meeting. Amendments shall become effective upon adjournment of the meeting at which they are adopted.

Section 2. Amendments may be proposed by the State Conference, by the State Board of Management, or by a committee authorized by the State Conference, or by a Chapter.

Section 3. Any amendment adopted by the National Society affecting the work of the State Organization shall become a law of the Organization without notice of the amendment.

*RESOLUTION No. 4 ADOPTED AT THE 48th ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE IN CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Whereas, The State Regents of the West Virginia State Organization of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution are finding it difficult each year to secure a place in which to hold the Annual State Conference due to the lack of hotel accommodations in certain sections of the State, and

Whereas, The traditional custom of holding the Annual State Conference in the Sections of the State which can accommodate the delegation is becoming a financial burden on many of the Chapters, be it

Resolved, That the State Regent and her Executive Committee shall have the authority to select the place in which to hold the Annual Meeting, unless otherwise ordered by the State Conference, and that the State Regent, aided by the General Chairman and Chapter Regents in the respective cities shall plan the program without elaborateness for the Conference, be it

Resolved, That the Annual Conference Dues be increased to two dollars (\$2.00) per delegate, to be used in defraying all of the expenses in connection with the holding of our State Conference, be it

Resolved, That the Conference expenses shall not exceed the Conference Dues, that no additional fees be added to the cost of the meals as served by the hotel and that all bills for conference expenses be approved and countersigned by the Finance Committee.

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I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America,
and to the Republic for which it stands—one nation, under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THE AMERICAN'S CREED

I believe in the United States of America as a government
of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers
are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in
a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a per-
fect union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles
of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American
patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it;
to support its constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag;
and to defend it against all enemies.

William Tyler Page

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

O, say can you see by the dawn's early light

What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous
fight,

O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming;
And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night, that our flag was still there!

Oh, say, does the star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of brave?
Oh, thus be it ever when freemen shall stand

Between their loved homes and the war's desolation;
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heaven-rescued land

Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto, "In God is our trust;"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

**NATIONAL SOCIETY
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
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Colonel Andrew Donnally—Welch, Mrs. W. D. Dantzler, Coalwood,
W. Va.

General Andrew Lewis—Mrs. Wilson Phelps, 222 Lafayette Ave.
Lewisburg.

Jenny Wiley—Mrs. LeRoy Brewer, Kermit, W. Va.

John Chapman—Mrs. Ben H. Williams, 1161 College Ave, Bluefield.

Mathew French—Mrs. E. L. Robertson, Forest Street, Princeton.

Mondongachate—Mrs. H. G. Humpheries, 414-4th Ave., Hinton.

Princess Aracoma—Mrs. F. E. Bradford, Box 791, Logan.

HONORARY STATE REGENTS

Mrs. Baldwin D. Spillman	Mrs. W. H. S. White
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HEADQUARTERS FOR STATE CONFERENCE

The West Virginian Hotel — Bluefield, W. Va.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1955.

9:30 A. M. Registration of Delegates ----- Hotel Lobby

12 O'Clock Noon State D. A. R. Board of Management meeting
Mondongachate Chapter—Hostess

1:30 P. M. Meeting of Resolutions Committee _ Mrs. W. H. Daniel
Chairman.

2:30 P. M. Memorial Service __ Bland Street Methodist Church
Mrs. G. H. Neale, State Chaplain.

4:00 P. M. C. A. R. Round Table discussion ----- Mrs. James
Moore, State Senior President.

4:00 P. M. Pages instruction ___ Miss Ruth Seibert, Chairman.

6:00 P. M. State Officers' Club _ Mrs. E. Phmer Hill, President.
Borderland Chapter, Hostess.

6:00 P. M. Buffet Supper Ball Room—Colonel Andrew Donnelly
Chapter Hostess.

8:30 P. M. Opening of State Conference.

Fiftieth State Conference
National Society
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
in
West Virginia

OPENING SESSION
Thursday, October 20, 1955
8:30 P. M.

Theme
"TODAY IS YESTERDAY'S PUPIL"
Benjamin Franklin

"I insist that if there is anything which it is the duty of the whole people never to intrust to any hands but their own, that thing is the preservation and perpetuity of their own liberties and institutions."

Abraham Lincoln.

Assembly Call _____ Buglers: LeRoy Poythress, Clarence Jones
Processional _____ Entrance of National and State Officers and
Honor Guests, escorted by Pages.
'Triumphal March' _____ Mrs. George W. Richardson.
Fiftieth State Conference called to Order—
Mrs. William W. McLaugherty, State Regent.
Invocation _____ Dr. Frank L. Shaffer—Pastor of Trinity
Methodist Church.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag - Led by—
Mrs. Ross P. Daniel—State Chairman of the Correct Use of the Flag
American's Creed, Mrs. Harry J. Smith, Leader.
National Anthem, Mrs. W. D. Dantzler, Leader.
Welcome to the City of Bluefield—
Mr. William L. Kell - City Manager.
Welcome to the Fiftieth Conference—
Mrs. E. L. Gage, Director of the Southern District.
Response to Addresses of Welcome—
Mrs. Edward Phillips, State Vice Regent.
Music—Quintette, Graham High School _____ Mrs. George W.
Richardson, Director.
Patty Doak, Virginia Bates, Ann Smith, Joe Adams, Ronald Wynn
Early Century Novelty Numbers
Greetings from the National Society _____ Mrs. Thomas H. Lee
Recording Secretary General.
Greetings __ Dr. V. Eugene Holcombe, National Officer of S. A. R.
Introduction _____ Mrs. Ira Mason Smith, State Chairman of
National Defense

Address—"Forever This Land"	Mr. Kermit Hunter, Native West Virginian, Author, and Teacher.
Presentation of Distinguished Guests.	
Introduction of State Officers.	
Greetings from C. A. R.	Mrs. James Moore, Senior President of West Virginia.
Greetings from other Patriotic Organizations.	
Presentation of General Chairman, Hostess Regents and Pages.	
Retiring of the Colors	Pages

RECEPTION

Princess Aracoma Chapter—Hostess.

"That Government is best which governs least."
Thomas Jefferson

"Flowers are the sweetest things God ever made and forgot to
put a soul in."
H. W. Beecher

MUSIC

Organist

Mrs. George W. Richardson
Baldwin Organ through courtesy Jack Call Piano Company

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1955
FRIDAY MORNING SESSION
9:00 A. M.

Presentation of Colors	Pages
Conference Called to Order	Mrs. William McLaugherty State Regent.
Devotionals	Mrs. G. H. Neale, Chaplain.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag	Mrs. Ross Daniel.
The National Anthem	Mrs. W. D. Dantzler, Leader.
Pianist	Mrs. Ben Bates
Report of the Credentials Committee	Mrs. O. B. French, Chairman.
Report of the Program Committee	Mrs. E. Lyle Gage.
Standing Rules of Order	Mrs. Harry J. Smith
Reading of the Minutes	Mrs. Howard Summers, Recording Secretary.
Report of the Resolutions Committee	Mrs. W. H. Daniel, Chairman.
Report of State Officers—	
Group Singing	Mrs. W. D. Dantzler, Leader. Accompanist—Mrs. Ben Bates
Announcements	

CONFERENCE LUNCHEON

1:00 P. M.

Mrs. A. Keith McClung, Honorary State Regent Presiding.

Introduction of Guests

Reports of State Chairmen

Mathew French Chapter—Hostess

Tea, Honoring all Conference guests and members, given by the State Regent at her home, 116 Oakhurst Avenue.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

7:00

Ball Room

Banquet Honoring Chapter Regents and Distinguished Guests.

Musical Program _____ Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Woolridge,
accompanied by Miss Anna Mae Foresman.

Reports of Chapter Regents—

"Our Buildings" _____ Mrs. Charles Carroll Haig

Retiring of the Colors—

John Chapman Chapter—Hostess.

SATURDAY MORNING

7:30 A. M.

West Virginia Regents' Club Breakfast _____ Mrs. V. Eugene
Holecombe, President.

Borderland Chapter—Hostess.

Miss Virginia Johnson, State Chairman of Junior Committee, in
charge of Junior Bazaar.

Miss Betty Bodell _____ Local Chairman.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

9:00 A. M.

Conference called to order _____ Mrs. William W. McClaugherty,
State Regent.

Scripture and prayer _____ Mrs. G. H. Neale, State Chaplain.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag _____ Mrs. Harry J. Smith.

The National Anthem _____ Mrs. George Richardson, Leader.

Reading of the Minutes _____ Mrs. S. L. Miller.

Report of the Nominating Committee _____ Mrs. Rose Gibson,
Chairman.

Election of Officers.

Report of the Credentials Committee _____ Mrs. O. B. French.

Report of the Resolutions Committee ----- Mrs. W. H. Daniel,
 Chairman.
 Report of the Finance Committee ----- Mrs. Romeo T. McDonald,
 Chairman.
 Appointment of Committees ----- The State Regent.
 Presentation of the new Officers—
 Unfinished Business—
 New Business—
 Invitation for the 1956 Conference—
 "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"
 Retiring of the colors—
 Adjournment of the Fiftieth State Conference.
 Meeting of the State Board of Management.

JUNIOR LUNCHEON

1:00 P. M.—West Virginian Club Room.

Miss Virginia Johnson ----- State Chairman, Presiding.
 Address—"Light A Little Candle" ----- Mrs. William W.
 McLaugherty, State Regent.

DID YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT OUR FLAG?

The flag was adopted June 14, 1776, but Congress did not officially promulgate the design until the following Sept. 3.

The flag is flown at half-staff on the death of a person to indicate that the invisible flag of death is hoisted above.

The custom of rising when the "Star-Spangled Banner" is played was originated by Daniel Webster, when it was sung by Jenny Lind in Castle Garden.

The only time a flag is flown above our national flag in the United States Navy is when the crew is attending divine service on shipboard. The church pennant appears above the United States flag.

There are three United States flags which are never furled. Two are on the east and west fronts of the Capitol in Washington and the other is at the grave of Francis Scott Key, in Frederick, Md.

The only flag which dates further back than the United States flag in an unchanged form is the Danish flag, adopted as the national emblem in 1219.

The first naval victory of the Stars and Stripes was on September 4, 1777, when the Raleigh captured the Nancy of the Windward fleet.

The personal flag of the President of the United States was established in 1882.

The original Old Glory is today in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C.

CHAIRMEN OF STATE COMMITTEES

American Indians	Mrs. Leroy Brewer
Americanism	Mrs. Samuel Solins
American Red Cross	Miss Mary K. Barnes
Approved Schools	Mrs. Holly Simmons
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Correct Use of the Flag	Mrs. Ross P. Daniel
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Jr. Membership	Miss Virginia Johnson
Membership	Mrs. Curt Amos
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Buford	Mrs. D. B. Kraybill
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Hancock Pioneers	Mrs. James D. Graham
James Barbour	Mrs. D. B. Casto
James Wood	Mrs. Dwight P. Cruikshank
Jenny Wiley	Mrs. LeRoy Brewer
John Chapman	Mrs. Ben H. Williams
John Hart	Mrs. Robert Brown
John Minear	Mrs. L. Dow Phillips, Sr.
John Young	Mrs. G. H. Overholt
Kanawha Valley	Mrs. C. G. Bergman
Kings Wood	Mrs. Thomas W. Lewis
Maj. Wm. Haymond	Mrs. J. H. Higinbotham
Mathew French	Mrs. E. L. Robertson
Mondongaehate	Mrs. H. G. Humpheries
Mound	Miss Nellie Woods
Nathan Davis	Mrs. Walter Doak
Ohio Valley	Mrs. F. E. Rabel
Pack Horse Ford	Mrs. K. W. Eutsler
Potomac Valley	Mrs. Vernon E. Rankin
Princess Aracoma	Mrs. F. E. Bradford
Ravenswood	Mrs. Ray Ritchie
Shenandoah Valley	Mrs. J. N. Cunningham
South Branch Valley	Mrs. Raymond Lowe
Spencer Roane	Mrs. W. C. Dye
Trans-Alleghany	Mrs. Albert O'Hara
West Augusta	Miss Opal Rymer
Wheeling	Mrs. Carroll Boggs
William Henshaw	Mrs. L. St. Clair Allen
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Memorial—Mrs. G. H. Neale, State Chaplain.

Music—Mrs. Ben Bates, Mrs. George W. Richardson, Mrs. W. D. Dantzler.

Processional—Mrs. D. W. Snyder, State Parliamentarian.

Press—Mrs. Jackson A. Hammond.

Resolutions—Mrs. W. H. Daniel, Chairman.

Transportation—Mrs. Sayers Harman.

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Miss Ruth Seibert, Chairman; Misses, Josephine Clark, Eleanor Marie Dantzler, Barbara Gage, Marsha Bowling, Alice Sue Richardson, Regent's Personal Page; Doris Francesa, Peggy Moore, Ruth Coffman, Virginia Bates, Laura Richardson, Ann Crouch, Kay Fleming, Elizabeth Wingo, Marjorie Bowen.

Mesdames, Carl Souders, Leslie Avis, Jr., Courtney Jones, M. R. Dooley.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR STATE OFFICERS

1955

Miss Anne Lloyd Baylor—Eastern Dist.

Mrs. Carl Bachman—Northern Dist.

Mrs. Romeo MacDonald—Central Dist.

Mrs. E. L. Gage—Southern Dist.

Mrs. Rose Gibson—Western Dist., and Chairman of Committee.

Whatever disunites man from God disunites man from man—Burke.

INTERESTING ITEMS COPIED FROM A 1905 MAGAZINE

In August, 1905, vigilantes were strung along the Mississippi banks to turn back yellow-fever refugees from New Orleans. Every young girl wanted one of the new "fitted" Anna Held petticoats, and Mother, Pin a Rose on Me swept Tin Pan Alley.

"I have been in black "crape" mourning for a parent for a year, can I have a violet linen suit now?" Answer: "Not for another six months."

"A smooth forehead adds greatly to the beauty of the face," believes another editor. "Try never to express anything with the forehead."

"What is more healthful and enjoyable than to be out in the fresh, exhilarating open. "runs this Oldsmobile ad. "with nothing to watch but the road?" Seven horsepower Runabout, \$650. Ten Passenger Wagonette, \$2200.

"When traveling, a veil is a great protection against dust and cinders. Try red gauze to prevent sunburn at the seashore."

Beauty: "A strong perfume is one of the earmarks of vulgarity. Buy the most delicate sachet possible. The odor from it should be a mere suggestion of some flower to mingle with the sweet smell of freshly laundered linen."

New bride: "In having oatmeal for breakfast, I always cook it two hours the afternoon before, and another half hour in the morning."

Young mother: "When your baby is eighteen months old, he can begin to have a little meat. Give him milk and cereal gruels only for the first year."

"How long should a fifteen-year old wear her dresses?" Answer: "To the tops of her shoes."

Grover Cleveland expresses his disapproval of woman suffrage. In Colorado, where women succeeded in winning the vote, he says, "Her ideals have been lowered, the delicacy of her perception of right and wrong has been dulled. Her vote . . . is a blow she has dealt her own womanhood."

In a piece called Her Brother's Letters, a young man speaks out against what he calls "inflammatory waists" or blouses: "The thinnest, flimsiest textures are resorted to by young girls and women for bodices which show most plainly the billows of lace and of pink and blue ribbons underneath . . . Then in comes the skirt that fits so tight as to show every line and curve of the lower anatomy--about as indecently suggestive an effect as a woman can reach."