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SEVENTY-FIRST
STATE CONFERENCE
WEST VIRGINIA SOCIETY
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION

"Remove not the ancient landmark,
which thy fathers have set."

Proverbs 22:28

OCTOBER 28,29,30, 1976

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PARKERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA 26101

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Ann Royall, Blennerhassett, Elk River, James Wood, Nathan Davis, Ohio Valley,
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THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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 STAR SPANGLED BANNER

By Francis Scott Key

Oh, 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 victory 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.

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 is 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

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- Jackson's Mill Secretary Mrs. Gene H. Ellifritt

State Conference:

Holiday Inn of Parkersburg
October 28,29, 30, 1976

Hostess Chapters:

Ann Royall, Blennerhasset, Elk River, James Wood, Nathan Davis, Ohio Valley, Mound and Wheeling..

PROGRAM

"Remove not the ancient landmark,
which thy fathers have set."

Proverbs 22:28

Thursday, October 28, 1976

STATE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT LUNCHEON:

12:00 Noon
Rhododendron Room
Hostess Chapters: Elk River and Ann Royall

MEMORIAL SERVICE

2:30 p. m.
Emmanuel Baptist Church, 23rd Street
Presiding: Mrs. Ralph W. Hedrick, State Chaplain

STATE OFFICERS' CLUB DINNER

6:00 p. m.
Rhododendron Room
Presiding: Mrs. A. M. Foose, President
Hostess Chapters: Ohio Valley and Mound

OPENING SESSION

8:00 p. m.
Cardinal Room
Processional — National, State Officers, Honor Guests and Pages
Chamber Music Ensemble

SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE

Call to Order: Mrs. John Edwin Corbitt State Regent
Invocation: The Rev. Charles Echols Stephenson Memorial Church
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Mrs. J. Frank Sommerville
Chairman, Genealogical Records
The American's Creed: Miss Nell Robinson
Chairman, Constitution Week
The National Anthem: Led by Mrs. Ralph Hedrick
Miss Ruth Seibert, Pianist
Welcome to Parkersburg: The Honorable William P. A. Nicely
Mayor of the City of Parkersburg
Welcome to the State Conference: Mrs. Charles Brown
State Conference Chairman
Response: Mrs. Homer Paul Martin
State Vice Regent

Greetings from Honorary State Regents: **Mrs. C. William Moore**
Honorary State Regent

Chamber Music Ensemble

Greetings from the SAR: Mr. C. A. Walworth, Representing
State SAR

Greetings from the CAR: Brooke Allen Morton
State President CAR

Introduction of other Distinguished Guests

Introduction of State Officers

Introduction of Speaker: Mrs. John Edwin Corbitt, State Regent

Address: The Rev. Mr. Gary Wagner
Director of Development
Bacone College

Retiring of the Colors

RECEPTION

Rhododendron Room
Hostess Chapter: Wheeling

Friday, October 29, 1976

CHAPTER REGENTS' CLUB BREAKFAST

7:15 A. M.
Cardinal Room
Presiding: Mrs. Harold F. Porterfield, President
Hostess Chapter: Nathan Davis

MORNING SESSION

9:00 A. M.
Rhododendron Room
Processional Miss Ruth Seibert
Devotionals Mrs. Ralph Hedrick
Pledge of Allegiance to Flag: Mrs. Sheldon Areford
"West Virginia Hills" Miss Ruth Seibert
Report of Credentials: Miss Ruth Seibert
Presentation of Conference Program Mrs. Samuel M. Davis
State Parliamentarian

Standing Rules of Order: Mrs. Samuel Davis
State Recording Secretary Protem

Reading of the Minutes, Mrs. Samuel Davis
State Recording Secretary Protem

Report of State Officers

Report of Finance Committee, Mrs. Homer Paul Martin
State Chairman Finance Committee

- Presentation of the
Ammendments to the ByLaws Mrs. Samuel M. Davis
State Parliamentarian
- Report of the Nominating Committee Mrs. H. W. Chaddock
Chairman
- Report of the Resolutions Committee Mrs. James I. Baritell
Chairman

Recess

Retiring of the Colors

CONFERENCE LUNCHEON

- 12:30 p.m.
- Cardinal Room
- Invocation Mrs. Ralph W. Hedrick
- Madrigal Singers from Parkersburg South High School Mr. Daniel Thomas,
Director (Immediately following Luncheon)

PROGRAM – NATIONAL DEFENSE

- Presiding Mrs. Edgar O. McClure
State Chairman National Defense
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mrs. H. Sheldon Areford
State Librarian
- The American's Creed Mrs. Charles I. Rhodes
State Registrar
- Introduction of the Speaker: Mrs. Edgar O. McClure
State Chairman of National Defense
- Address. Mrs. Lawrence R. Andrus
National Chairman of National Defense
- Reports of State Chairmen
- Hostess Chapter: James Wood

BANQUET HONORING CHAPTER REGENTS

- 6:30 p.m.
- Cardinal Room
- Processional
- Invocation Mrs. Ralph W. Hedrick
State Chaplain
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Mrs. Guy B. Perkins
State Corresponding Secretary
- Banquet
- The Hand Bell Choir Mrs. Roy Reel, Director
Director of Music for the First Presbyterian Church

**STATE CONFERENCE CALENDAR
OF MEALS 1976**

Thursday October 28

- 12:30 p.m. State Board of Management Luncheon
Rhododendron Room
- 6:00 p.m. State Officers' Club Dinner
Rhododendron Room
Reception following Opening Session
Rhododendron Room

Friday, October 29

- 7:15 a.m. Chapter Regents' Club Breakfast
Cardinal Room
- 12:30 p.m. State Conference Luncheon
Cardinal Room
- 6:30 p.m. Conference Banquet
Cardinal Room

Saturday, October 30

- 7:15 a.m. Youth Activities Breakfast
Rhododendron Room

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

GENERAL CHAIRMAN – Mrs. Charles Brown

MUSIC – Mrs. Ralph Hedrick

CREDENTIALS: Miss Ruth Seibert, Mrs. D. T. Gorrell, Mrs. G. C. Mills

TELLERS: Mrs. Jonell Damron, Mrs. H. P. Jones, Mrs. Carl Galbraith, Mrs. Charles Harvey, Mrs. William Hopkins, Miss Nell Robinson, Miss Lucile Stutler, Miss Isobel Strickling, Mrs. Paul Scott, Mrs. Grace Scott, Mrs. Faye Morris, Mrs. Dale Kestner.

TIME KEEPERS: Mrs. John Crooks and Mrs. Charles Brown

BAZAAR: Miss Kathleen Morton

PROTOCOL: Mrs. Samuel M. Davis, Miss Ruth Seibert

TICKETS: Mrs. Charles Brown

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Mrs. Ralph Hedrick

WE REMEMBER

*"We may not leave a heritage on earth
Of famous name or wealth or
noble birth;*

*But greater gifts than these have we
to give,
To scatter far and wide the while
we live;*

*The gifts of love and faith and
kindly deeds
Which spread upon the earth like
magic seeds,*

*Becoming a garden to bloom forever
bright
When wealth or fame have
withered overnight."*

—Lorna Baker

NECROLOGY — 1975 -1976

IN MEMORIAM

ROLL CALL

ANN ROYALL CHAPTER		
408845	Kathleen S. Underwood (Mrs. James B.)	June 22, 1976
447856	Lulu (Mrs.) Creighton	October 1, 1976
BLACKWATER CHAPTER		
282866	Nell Burns Harper McNeeley (Mrs. John)	December 14, 1975
BUFORD CHAPTER		
308801	Esther Warren Goodwin (Mrs. Robert W.)	February 17, 1976
463541	Marie Werkeiser Rabold (Mrs. Adam B.)	June 16, 1976
CHARLESTON CHAPTER		
503914	Justine Burge Deem Dennis (Mrs. Samuel)	February 14, 1976
COLONEL ANDREW DONNALLY CHAPTER		
218933	Margaret Crockett Harris (Mrs.)	April 17, 1976
COLONEL CHARLES LEWIS CHAPTER		
360165	Mabel Eads Henderson (Mrs. Hersel Albert)	January 16, 1976
294758	Eulah Somerville Park (Mrs. N. A.)	June 1976
COLONEL JOHN EVANS CHAPTER		
542397	Ruth Elizabeth Cook (Miss)	November 12, 1975
	Louise Graham (Mrs.)	August 29, 1976
COLONEL WILLIAM LOWTHER		
489149	Mae Freeman Gaskins (Mrs. Avery E.)	November 16, 1975
COLONEL ZACKQUILL MORGAN CHAPTER		
498003	Mabel Jane Bauder Martin	June 29, 1976
DANIEL DAVISSON CHAPTER		
294490	Ruth Smiley Martin (Mrs. J. W.)	February 15, 1976
386308	Ann Fishback Huffman (Mrs. Clyde)	June 2, 1976
471733	Agnes Hood Gronemyer (Mrs. Herman A.)	September 18, 1976
ELIZABETH LUDINGTON HAGAN CHAPTER		
159663	Margaret Scott Gates (Mrs. Cecil R.)	December 19, 1975
431925	Mary C. Kaszer (Miss)	October 4, 1976

NECROLOGY — 1975 -1976

IN MEMORIAM

ROLL CALL

ELIZABETH ZANE CHAPTER

None

GENERAL ANDREW LESIW CHAPTER

451646 Josephine White Dawkins (Mrs.) March 14, 1976

JAMES BARBOUR CHAPTER

152822 Minnie F. Dilworth (Mrs.) February 18, 1976

JAMES WOOD CHAPTER

318237 Lora McConnell O'Brien (Mrs.) January 17, 1976

Helen Reed (Mrs.) 96 years of age November 17, 1975

304243 Louise Collins Donovan (Mrs. Robert) February 6, 1976

512216 Ruth Adair Leonard (Mrs. Daniel) June 19, 1976

430384 Freda K. Stoetzer (Miss) June 24, 1976

JOHN CHAPMAN CHAPTER

Ethel Angel Buchaman (Ethel Agent) December 11, 1975

271145 Lucy Higginbotham Mann (Mrs. James E.) August 23, 1976

Juanita Grisso Thornburg (Mrs. W. W.) May 11, 1976

JOHN COOK CHAPTER

Doris O. Hogan April 27, 1976

JOHN YOUNG CHAPTER

563780 Chris Adams Gall July 18, 1976

KANAWHA VALLEY CHAPTER

577909 Louise Kenna Henderson Mrs. John G.) Chaplain

December 2, 1975

396907 Patricia Kennedy Clay (Mrs. Lyell B.) January 10, 1976

447874 Burgie McComas (Mrs. F. S.) May 11, 1976

391398 Osie Duons Parks (Mrs. R. N.) February 14, 1976

341603 Marian McClure Duan (Mrs. J. T.) August 17, 1976

MAJOR WILLIAM HAYMOND CHAPTER

460649 Lillian Faye Darnell (Mrs.) April 17, 1976

MATTHEW FRENCH CHAPTER

515988 Mrs. V. J. Honaker April 18, 1976

541687 Lena Caldwell Lilly (Mrs.) April 20, 1976

NECROLOGY – 1975 -1976

IN MEMORIAM

ROLL CALL

- MOUND CHAPTER
533465 Vonda Belle Smith Wilcox (Mrs.) December 10, 1975
- POTOMAC VALLEY CHAPTER
298076 Anna Irene Fischback Whipp (Mrs.)
- SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHAPTER
469261 Mary Ballou Martin (Mrs. G. O.) December 2, 1975
235027 Madora Randle Maples (Mrs. J. G.)
- TRANS-ALLEGHENY CHAPTER
091589 Jane Warder Ray (Mrs.) February 9, 1976
565240 Mary Ernestine Warner West (Mrs.) March 30, 1976
- WEST AUGUSTA CHAPTER
431941 Mrs. Beryle Ashcraft September 22, 1976
- WHEELING CHAPTER
431945 Blanche Satterfield Jones (Mrs. Arthur L.) January 5, 1976
265064 Eva Davidson Hartley (Mrs. Loman) August 10, 1976
373144 Florence Calvert Haupt (Mrs. Alexander W.) March 19, 1976
259778 Margaret Gerwig Nesbitt (Mrs. Russell G.) May 16, 1976
(The latter two were each 25 year members).
- WILLIAM HENSHAW CHAPTER
027975 Mary Llewellyn Silver Harper (Mrs.)
125650 Elizabeth Henshaw Hollis (Mrs.)
139320 Amelia Creighton McKown (Miss)
240488 Cora Harrison Busey Walker (Mrs.)
536692 Marion Christine Stage (Miss)
- WILLIAM MORRIS CHAPTER
290530 Mollie Mitchell Oliver (Mrs. Thos. H.) April 14, 1976
193865 Thelma Wallen Good (Mrs. R. S.) September 22, 1976
- MEMBER-AT-LARGE IN WEST VIRGINIA
426745 Miss Katharine Goodloe Jennings March, 1976

ANNUAL MID-SUMMER MEETING — JACKSON'S MILL

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, JUNE 25, 1976

The Executive Board, West Virginia Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, met Friday, June 25, 1976, at 8 p.m., Jackson Lodge, Jackson's Mill, with the State Regent, Mrs. John E. Corbett, presiding.

Mrs. Guy Perkins, State Corresponding Secretary, gave the Invocation.

The roll was called by the State Recording Secretary, Mrs. Leonard E. Hash, and the following officers were recorded present: Mrs. John E. Corbett, State Regent; Mrs. Homer Martin, State Vice Regent; Mrs. Leonard E. Hash, State Recording Secretary; Mrs. Guy Perkins, State Corresponding Secretary; Miss Gladys Pitzer, State Organizing Secretary; Mrs. Walter L. Spearman, State Treasurer; Mrs. Charles I. Rhodes, State Registrar; Mrs. H. Sheldon Areford, State Librarian, and Mrs. Samuel M. Davis, State Parliamentarian.

The reading of the Executive Board minutes of June 20, 1975, were read and approved.

The following recommendations were made by the Board.

1. Mrs. Homer Martin moved that the American Heritage camping material be given to the State 4-H Camp at Jackson's Mill. Mrs. Samuel Davis, State Parliamentarian, seconded the recommendation. The recommendation carried.

2. Mrs. John Corbett spoke about the painting of the first State Regent, Mrs. Goff, which was painted in 1921 and sold to the State Organization to be placed in the museum in Washington. After the picture was placed in the museum, a ruling was passed that no more modern paintings be accepted. Mrs. Guy Perkins, State Corresponding Secretary, moved that the picture of the first State Regent, Mrs. Goff, be donated to the Cultural Center in Charleston, W. Va.; and if they don't want the picture, then it be offered to the Sunrise Art Gallery in Charleston, W. Va. Seconded by Miss Gladys Pitzer, State Organizing Secretary. Recommendation carried.

3. Mrs. Homer Martin, State Vice Regent, moved that the State Organization purchase necessary microfilm for the filming of past Treasurer's reports and books and for the Finance Committee to review the financial records to be microfilmed. Mrs. Charles I. Rhodes, State Registrar, seconded the recommendation. Recommendation carried.

Mrs. John E. Corbett, State Regent, appointed a ByLaw Revision Committee consisting of Mrs. Samuel Davis, Mrs. Carl Galbraith, Mrs. Charles Rhodes, Mrs. Walter Spearman and Mrs. Charles Brown.

The State Regent discussed the West Virginia Period Room in Washington. In the West Virginia Room there are 4 chairs and 1 sofa that are not of the period but of the period of 1880 (the 4 chairs). The State Regent gave the museum permission to auction off the 4 chairs and 1 sofa. These furnishings were bought by the state organization, so they will be put up for sale for the state organization and the money will be put back on our account in order to get the furnishings that we do need for the West Virginia Period Room.

The side chair and old drapes, which were of the 1890 period, were sold for \$143.50. This money was placed in the West Virginia Room Account in the museum in Washington.

A discussion of purchasing an addressograph machine for the West Virginia DAR News. The Finance Committee is to investigate the cost of such item before a final decision is to be made.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Jeannette C. Hash (Mrs. Leonard E.)
State Recording Secretary

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING June 26, 1976

The State Board of Management, West Virginia Society Daughters of the American Revolution, met Saturday, June 26, 1976, Jackson Lodge, Jackson's Mill, with Mrs. John E. Corbitt, State Regent, presiding.

Mrs. Samuel M. Davis, State Parliamentarian, gave the Invocation.

The minutes of the Board of Management meeting of June 20, 1975, were read and approved.

Mrs. Walter Spearman, State Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's report from September 15, 1975 to June 15, 1976. Balance in Funds at the National Bank of Commerce, Charleston, W. Va., as of June 15, 1976, is \$12,007.13. The total amounts in Savings Accounts and Certificates is \$11,515.71. Mrs. Spearman explained to the Chapter Regents the different forms the Chapter Treasurers are to use in making their reports to the State Treasurer. Also, if a Chapter wants a copy of the State Treasurer's report, please let her know and a copy will be sent to the Chapter.

Mrs. Charles I. Rhodes, State Registrar reported that National is unhappy about the way some of the papers are coming in. Lineage papers are being sent in with information missing; and when this happens, National cannot approve the papers until they are completed. She discussed supplemental lines and new lines. Supplemental papers will be taken care of after new members lines has been established. The Grandfather File is a separate file.

Mrs. Roy R. Heddleston, Regent of Matthew French Chapter, asked advice from the Board of Management about collecting dues in her Chapter.

Mrs. H. Sheldon Areford, State Librarian, reported seven books has been sent in to National.

Mrs. A. J. Pancake, State American Indians Chairman, instructed the Chapter Regents in sending their reports to her to be sure it is for the American Indians and not the DAR Schools.

Miss Louise Hickman, State Public Relations Chairman, reported that 6,241 inches of publicity was sent to National.

Mrs. Robert L. Reardon, State DAR Service for Veteran Patients Chairman reported that West Virginia received national recognition for their work with the Veterans Hospitals.

Miss Nell Robinson, State Constitution Week Chairman, announced that West Virginia received first place at Continental Congress for outstanding work during Constitution Week.

Mrs. John E. Corbitt appointed a By Law Revision Committee consisting of Mrs. Samuel M. Davis, Mrs. Carl Galbraith, Mrs. Charles Rhodes, Mrs. Walter Spearman and Mrs. Charles A. Brown.

Mrs. Carl Galbraith made a talk concerning the National Slate of Officers. The acorn is the emblem of the National Slate. She would like to have the names of anyone who would like to serve as hostess for the reception for the President General. This reception will enable the delegates to meet the new slate of officers.

Mrs. Galbraith announced that the National By Laws concerning dues has been changed. Dues now must be in Washington by December 1. She also reported that Credential blanks for delegates to the Continental Congress must be in by February 14, this is two weeks earlier. Alternates must be listed on the Credential blanks.

The roll was called by the State Recording Secretary, Mrs. Leonard E. Hash. The following members were recorded present: Mrs. John E. Corbitt, State Regent, Mrs. Leonard E. Hash, State Recording Secretary, Mrs. Guy Perkins, State Corresponding Secretary; Miss Gladys Pitzer, State Organizing Secretary; Mrs. Walter L. Spearman, State Treasurer; Mrs. Charles I. Rhodes, State Registrar; Mrs. H. Sheldon Areford, State Librarian; and Mrs. Samuel M. Davis, State Parliamentarian.

The following chapters were present: Anne Bailey, Anne Royall, Barbourville, Bee Line, Blennerhassett, Buford, Captain James Allen, Charleston, Colonel Charles Lewis, Colonel John Evans, Colonel Zackquill Morgan, Daniel Davisson, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans, Elk River, Fort Ashby, James Wood, John Chapman, John Hart, John Young, Kanawha Valley, Matthew French, Mondongachate, Mound, Nathan Davis, Ohio Valley, Pack Horse Ford, Shenandoah Valley, South Branch Valley, Trans Allegheny, Tygart Valley, West Augusta, Wheeling, and William Morris.

Also in attendance were 18 State Chairman and 3 District Directors.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Jeannette C. Hash (Mrs. Leonard E.)
State Recording Secretary

JACKSON'S MILL LUNCHEON

Jackson's Mill

June 26, 1976

The 42nd Annual Jackson's Mill Luncheon of the West Virginia Society, Daughters of the American Revolution was held June 26, 1976, with Mrs. V. Eugene Holcombe, Regent of the Kanawaha Valley Chapter, presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mrs. William Moore, following which the American Creed was given in unison. Miss Ruth Seibert accompanied the group at the piano in the singing of the National Anthem. The invocation was given by Mrs. G. Callie Porter.

Following the luncheon, Mrs. Holcombe extended greetings and the Welcome on behalf of the Kanawaha Valley Chapter.

Mrs. John Corbitt, State Regent, introduced the State Officers and special guests. She then presented a message regarding DAR activities during the past year. She announced that the West Virginia Society had won an award for their Bicentennial project of renovating the West Virginia Room at the National DAR Headquarters. She described the furnishings in the West Virginia Room and suggested that daughters should take a tour of the National Headquarters whenever they are visiting in Washington, D.C. She also recommended the book titled "Washington Landmark", which gives a history of the DAR along with historical pictures. She announced that the annual DAR State Conference would be held at the Holiday Inn in Parkersburg on October 28, 29, and 30. She suggested that all chapters assist the Junior Membership Committee by bringing items for their bazaar at the State Conference.

Special music was presented by Miss Deborah Phillips, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. LaRue Robb. Her solos were "You'll Never Walk Again" and "God Bless America". She also presented a poem titled, "Appalachia", written by Mrs. Muriel Miller Dressler, who was guest speaker at the 1975 State DAR Luncheon.

Miss Phillips was then presented the State's Good Citizen Award by Mrs. Harry Weeks, State Chairman. Miss Phillip's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Phillips of Tridelphia, were introduced. Miss Nell Robinson, Regent of the Wheeling Chapter, spoke briefly regarding the achievements of Deborah Phillips.

Miss Lucile Stutler, State Director of the Jackson's Mill Luncheon, conducted the business session. Minutes of the 41st DAR State Meeting held on June 21, 1975, were read and approved. Chapter roll call showed 119 members representing 37 chapters in attendance.

Mrs. John Corbitt extended an invitation on behalf of the John Chapman Chapter to be hostess for the 43rd annual DAR State Luncheon to be held at Jackson's Mill in June, 1977.

Mrs. Walter L. Spearman, Chairman of the Luncheon Committee, introduced the members of her committee. Remarks were made by various other members regarding the absence of several daughters due to illness.

The following daughters were recognized with gifts from the hostess chapter, which was presented by Mrs. Spearman:

1. Youngest member present - Mrs. Sylvia Rhodes, Col. John Evans Chapter (38 yrs).
2. Oldest member present - Mrs. G. Calley Porter, Kanawha Valley Chapter (91 yrs).
3. Lucky Program Number - Mrs. William Phillips.
4. Member traveling greatest distance - Mrs. C. W. Hamilton, Bee Line Chapter.
5. Lucky Number door prizes: Mrs. Lorraine King Swisher, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans Chapter, and Mrs. John Kisner, John Young Chapter.
6. Mrs. Mabel Leonard of the Col. Morgan Morgan Chapter, who was 90 years old, was also given a special door prize.

Mrs. Holcombe announced that copies of the DAR proceedings had been given to the State Archives to preserve as a history of the West Virginia Society. She expressed her appreciation to all daughters who assisted her in acquiring a complete set of the proceedings.

The meeting closed with everyone joining hands in the singing of "Blest Be The Tie That Binds", following which the benediction was given by Mrs. Carl Galbraith.

Adjournment.

Miss Pearl M. Jett
Secretary Prom tem for Luncheon

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board, West Virginia Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, met at 10.15 a.m., October 28, 1976, in the Regents Reception Room, Holiday Inn, Parkersburg, W. Va. Mrs. John Edwin Corbitt presided, welcomed all the officers and presented each one with gifts as a token for their service.

Mrs. Ralph Hedrick, State Chaplain, gave the invocation.

Mrs. Corbitt announced that the portrait of Mrs. Eva Hart Goff, first State Regent of West Virginia, had been removed from the West Virginia Room in Constitution Hall and brought back to West Virginia. The beautiful portrait of Mrs. Goff, by the famous artist Albert Sterner of New York, was presented to the West Virginia Society by her daughter, Mrs. Sprigg D. Camden, of New York.

Recommendations to be presented to the Board of Management were as follows:

1. Mrs. Goff's portrait be returned to the family if they desired; if not, it will be placed in the museum at Clarksburg.
2. Necessary microfilm for the past treasurer's reports be purchased.
3. Each Chapter ask for outside advertising and send this advertising through the State Advertising Chairman.
4. Each Chapter to build Junior and C.A.R. memberships.
5. That we use DAR people as speakers at Jackson's Mill instead of outside speakers.
6. That guidelines for district meetings be compiled. Mrs. Homer P. Martin and Mrs. Charles I. Rhodes to compile the patterns and guidelines.
7. Portrait dolls of prominent West Virginia Women will be purchased on which voices will be sold with the proceeds to go to the Helen Pouch Club.
8. The American Heritage Camp material be presented to Jackson's Mill for the youth work there.
9. That the West Virginia State Society entertain with a tea at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington during the 1977 Continental Congress.

Mrs. Corbitt announced that there would be a lay-out page in the June-July issue of the National DAR Magazine and that our advertising would appear that month.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Jeannette Davis (Mrs. Samuel M.)
State Recording Secretary pro tem.

STATE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT LUNCHEON

The State Board of Management, West Virginia Society Daughters of the American Revolution, met on Thursday, October 28, 1976, at noon in the Rhododendron Room, Holiday Inn, Parkersburg, W. Va.

Mrs. John Edwin Corbitt, State Regent, presided.

The invocation was given by Mrs. Ralph Hedrick. The Pledge to the Flag of the United States was led by Mrs. Charles I. Rhodes, State Registrar. Roll call was taken - there were nine (9) officers and seventeen (17) Regents present.

The minutes of the Executive Board were read by the Recording Secretary pro tem, Mrs. Samuel M. Davis. The recommendations of the Executive Board were read, and the adoption of the recommendations was recommended by Mrs. Davis. They were all adopted.

Mrs. Corbitt expressed appreciation for the cooperation of all members of the Board. She was presented a gift of West Virginia Crystal from the Board and thanked them for the presentation.

Announcements were:

Arrangements of transportation to the Memorial Service.

Pressbooks to be placed on table in lobby.

Junior Bazaar to be in lobby.

The hostess chapters were Elk River and Ann Royall. Mrs. John Corbitt expressed her appreciation to them for arranging the luncheon.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Jeannette Davis (Mrs. Samuel M.)
State Recording Secretary pro tem

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Memorial Service was held at Emmanuel Baptist Church on 23rd Street in Parkersburg, October 28, 1976, for deceased members of the West Virginia Society, Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Ralph W. Hedrick, State Chaplain, presided.

SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE

OPENING SESSION

Cardinal Room
October 28, 1976

The 71st Annual West Virginia State Conference, Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, was called to order at 8:15 p.m., Thursday, October 28, 1976, in the Cardinal Room of the Holiday Inn, Parkersburg, West Virginia, by the State Regent, Mrs. John E. Corbitt.

Processional, National and State Officers, Honored Guests, and Pages.

The invocation was given by the Reverend Charles Echols of Stephenson Memorial Church. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. J. Frank Sommerville, Chairman Genealogical Records. The American's Creed was led by Miss Nell Robinson, Chairman of Constitution

Week. The National Anthem was sung by the Assembly led by Mrs. Ralph Hedrick and accompanied by Miss Ruth Seibert, Pianist.

The Honorable William P.A. Nicely, Mayor of the City of Parkersburg, welcomed the Daughters to the City.

Mrs. Charles Brown, State Conference Chairman, welcomed the Daughters to the State Conference. Mrs. Homer P. Martin, State Vice Regent gave the response.

The West Virginia State Organization, NSDAR, has eight Honorary State Regents. Speaking on their behalf was Mrs. C. William Moore, Honorary State Regent and past Vice President General from West Virginia.

Mr. C.A. Walworth brought greetings from the SAR, and Brooks Allen Morton presented greetings from the C.A.R.

Mrs. John E. Corbitt presented the distinguished guests, Honorary State Regents and State Officers. Mrs. Corbitt then asked the State Chairmen present to stand for recognition.

The State Regent introduced The Reverend Gary Wagner, Director of Development of Bacone College. He outlined the beginning and early history of the College. He told about the problems of the students and their achievements. Then he showed slides of the College.

Mrs. Ralph Hedrick introduced Mr. and Mrs. Marden Wilson. Mr. Wilson, a baritone, sang a French song accompanied by his wife at the piano.

The Colors were retired until 9 a.m., Friday, October 28, 1976.

A reception was held immediately following in the Rhododendron Room with the Wheeling Chapter as hostess.

Jeannette Davis (Mrs. Samuel M.)
State Recording Secretary pro tem.

WEST VIRGINIA STATE REGENT'S CLUB BREAKFAST

The Chapter Regent's Club Breakfast was held in the Cardinal Room, Holiday Inn, Parkersburg, West Virginia, 7:15 a.m., October 29, 1976, with Mrs. Harold F. Porterfield, President, presiding.

Mrs. Ralph Hedrick, State Chaplain, gave the Invocation. After the Ritualistic opening, Mrs. Harold Porterfield introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. W. W. McClaugherty, Honorary Vice President General for Life from West Virginia. Her subject, "A Tour of Kate Duncan Smith DAR School."

The Officers for the Regent's Club 1977 are:

President - Mrs. Worthington Monroe, Wheeling Chapter
Vice President - Mrs. Charles Proffitt, Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter
Secretary - Mrs. L. Earl Watson, Ohio Valley Chapter

The election for a nominating committee to select officers for 1978 are:

Miss Mary Hubb - Mound Chapter
Mrs. Murphy - Nathan Davis Chapter
Mrs. Betty Kisner - John Young Chapter

The officers and members wish to thank the Hostess Chapter, Nathan Davis, for the beautiful decorations and favors.

Miss Louise Hickman
Secretary

MORNING SESSION

The morning session was held in the Rhododendron Room of Holiday Inn, Parkersburg, West Virginia, at 9:15 a.m., Mrs. John Edwin Corbitt, State Regent, presiding.

The devotional was given by Mrs. Ralph Hedrick, State Chaplain. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. H. Sheldon Areford, State Librarian. Miss Ruth Siebert led the Assembly in singing "The West Virginia Hills".

The Standing Rules of Order were read by Mrs. Homer P. Martin, State Vice Regent, and were adopted as printed, then distributed to the Assembly.

The minutes of the October 28, Opening Meeting, were read by the Recording Secretary, Samuel M. Davis, pro tem, and approved as read.

The report by the Credentials Committee was given by Miss Ruth Siebert, Chairman.

Mrs. Homer P. Martin, State Chairman of the Finance Committee, gave the report that we continue 90 day investment of \$2,000 for the contingent year and that the assessment remain firm of \$1.50 a member for one year.

Mrs. H. W. Chaddock, Chairman of the Nomination Committee, gave the report of the Nomination Committee as follows:

Regent: Mrs. Homer Martin
Vice Regent: Mrs. Walter Spearman
Chaplain: Mrs. C. W. Hamilton
Recording Secretary:
Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Hubert Marshall
Organizing Secretary: Miss Margaret Ann Scott
Treasurer: Mrs. Emmett Stein

Registrar: Mrs. Russell Calvert
Historian: Mrs. Walter King
Librarian: Mrs. J. Frank Sommerville

Mrs. Chaddock and Miss Janet Barker were nominated from the floor for the office of Recording Secretary.

Mrs. W. W. McClaugherty placed the name of Mrs. John E. Corbitt in nomination as candidate for the office of Vice President General from the State of West Virginia.

State Chairman of Pages, Mrs. Milton S. Byrd, Jr., of William Morris Chapter, St. Albans, W. Va., introduced pages as follows:

Margaret Napier from Parkersburg, Patty Broderick from St. Albans, Patricia Martina from Shenandoah Valley Chapter, Susan Miller from Parkersburg, Katie Broderick of St. Albans, and Kathleen Morton from Parkersburg, who helped with the Memorial Service.

Mrs. Samuel M. Davis presented the following revisions to the by-laws which were adopted.

Amend Article IV, Section 1, By-laws of the West Virginia Society, NSDAR, by striking out "and" before a State Librarian and inserting "a State Parliamentarian".

Amend Article IV, Section 1 - This section should read: The Officers of this State Society 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, a State Librarian, and a State Parliamentarian. No two State Officers shall be members of the same Chapter except the State Regent and the State Corresponding Secretary.

Amend Article V, Section 2, By-laws of the West Virginia State Society, NSDAR, by inserting after the word "districts". Each member shall contact the Chapters in her District asking that endorsements for State Officers be submitted to the Nominating Committee Chairman and to each member of the Nominating Committee. After obtaining the Chapter endorsements, the Nominating Committee shall meet to make up the State slate. The Nominating Committee must have written consent to place a name in nomination for election.

The Section should read: 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. Each member shall contact the Chapters in her district asking that endorsements for State Officers be submitted to the Nominating Committee Chairman and to each member of the Nominating Committee. After obtaining the Chapter endorsements, the Nominating Committee shall meet to make up the State slate. The Nominating Committee must have written consent to place a name in nomination for election. 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.

Amend Article V, Section 5, By-laws of the West Virginia State Society, NSDAR, by inserting "elected" before the word officers.

The Section should read: No member shall hold at the same time two elected offices carrying a vote at the State Conference.

Amend Article VI, Section 1, By-laws of the West Virginia State Society, NSDAR, by inserting "She shall appoint a State Corresponding Secretary and a State Parliamentarian after the first sentence.

The Section should read: The State Regent shall preside at all meetings of the State Organization, of the Board of Management and of the Executive Committee. She shall appoint a State Corresponding Secretary and a State Parliamentarian. She shall appoint all committees 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 Record shall be vested with the State Regent's pin during her term of office.

Amend Article VI, Section 6, By-laws of the West Virginia State Society by adding "she shall be bonded and/or insured at the expense of the West Virginia State Society, for an amount determined by the Finance Committee.

The Section should read: 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 only authorized by the State Conference or the State Board of Management or on warrant drawn by the State Regent. 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 be closed 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 payments of bills duly authorized. She shall be bonded and/or insured at the expense of the West Virginia State Society, for an amount determined by the Finance Committee.

Amend Article VI, Section 7, By-laws of the West Virginia State Society by adding, "She shall be custodian of a card file containing biographic information of each ancestor a member in the State has used to join the Society with those members names, National Numbers and Chapter listed on that ancestor card."

The Section should read: 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, reinstatement, 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. She shall be custodian of a card file containing biographic information of each ancestor a member in the State has used to join the Society with those members names, National Numbers and chapter listed on that ancestor card.

Amend Article VIII, Section 2, By-laws of the West Virginia State Society, NSDAR, by striking out "the first day of January" in line three and by striking out "January 1" in line 5, and inserting "the first day of December" in line three and "December 1" in line 5.

This Section should read: 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 December one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per capita for each member on the Chapter roll and any additional assessments based upon membership of Chapters as of December 1, presented by the Finance Committee and approved by the Conference, said dues and assessments shall be remitted in one payment.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Jeannette Davis (Mrs. Samuel M.)
State Recording Secretary pro tem.

CONFERENCE LUNCHEON

The Conference Luncheon was held in the Cardinal Room of the Holiday Inn, Parkersburg, West Virginia, at 12:30 p.m., Friday, October 29, 1976.

The Invocation was given by Mrs. Ralph Hedrick, State Chaplain.

Program - National Defense, Mrs. Edgar O. McClure, State Chairman, National Defense presided.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. H. Sheldon Areford, State Librarian.

The American's Creed was led by Mrs. Charles I. Rhodes, State Registrar.

Mrs. Edgar O. McClure introduced the speaker, Mrs. Lawrence R. Andrus, National Chairman of National Defense, who addressed the Assembly. She spoke of the Bicentennial and urged us to beware of the Declaration of Interdependence. She then introduced her husband, Dr. Lawrence Andrus, retired professor of the University of Florida.

Mrs. Ralph Hedrick introduced the Madrigal Singers from Parkersburg South High School. They were dressed in different colonial costumes. They sang several

diversified selections. Dr. Daniel Thomas was their director.

Jeannette Davis (Mrs. Samuel M.)
State Recording Secretary pro tem.

BANQUET HONORING CHAPTER REGENTS

**Cardinal Room
October 29, 1976**

The banquet honoring Chapter Regents was held in the Cardinal Room of Holiday Inn, Parkersburg, West Virginia, at 6.30 p.m., October 29, 1976, with Blennerhassett Chapter as hostess.

The invocation was given by Mrs. Ralph W. Hedrick, State Chaplain. Mrs. Guy B. Perkins, State Corresponding Secretary, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

The Daughters enjoyed the music of the Hand Bell Choir of the First Presbyterian Church of Parkersburg under the direction of Mrs. Roy Reel.

Mrs. John Corbitt, State Regent, thanked the Blennerhassett Chapter for the lovely decorations.

The first half of the Chapter Regents' reports presented.

Happy Birthday was sung and a corsage was presented to Mrs. Deardorff, Buford Chapter, by Mrs. Evan Cyrus, Regent.

Mrs. John Corbitt announced the following Chapters, who gave 100 per cent to the President General's Project: Anne Bailey, Bee Line, Blackwater, Blennerhassett, Borderland, Captain James Allen, Colonel Andrew Donnally, Colonel Charles Lewis, Colonel Zackquill Morgan, James Barbour, Jennie Wiley, John Chapman, Kanawha Valley, Matthew French, Ohio Valley, Pack Horse Ford, Potomac Valley, Princess Aracoma, Shenandoah Valley, South Branch Valley, Wilson Cary Nicholas, Fort Ashby, and Elk River.

Mrs. John Corbitt announced the 1976 State contest winners of the Bicentennial Project.

First Place - Bee Line Chapter
Second Place - Blennerhassett Chapter
Third Place - Captain James Allen Chapter
Honorable Mention - Anne Bailey Chapter
Shenandoah Valley Chapter
Wheeling Chapter

The Junior American Citizens Awards were presented to:

First Place - Princess Aracoma Chapter
Second Place - Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter

Mrs. Frank Sommerville, State Chairman of Genealogical Records, announced the following awards:

First Place - Ravenswood Chapter
Second Place - Daniel Davison Chapter
Third Place - Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter

Miss Nell Robinson, Constitution Week Chairma, presented the following awards:

First - Wheeling Chapter
Second - General Andrew Lewis Chapter
Third - Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter

Mrs. John Corbitt presented the Americanism and DAR Manual for Citizenship awards to:

First - Princess Aracoma Chapter
Second - Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter

The State Regent presented Kanawha Valley Chapter the DAR Magazine Advertising award for selling the most advertising for the Bicentennial issue of the DAR Magazine. The Chapter sold \$2,560 worth of advertising.

Mrs. Homer Martin, State Vice Regent, presented Mrs. John E. Corbitt, State Regent, a 32 piece set of Signed Crystal made by the Seneca Glass Company of Morgantown. This gift was given by the West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Roy H. Heddleston, Chairman of American History Month, gave her awards:

Fort Ashby Chapter
Kanawha Valley Chapter
Buford Chapter
James Barbour Chapter
South Branch Valley Chapter
Mound Chapter
Shenandoah Valley Chapter
Blennerhassett Chapter
Potomac Valley Chapter
South Branch Valley Chapter

Chairman of the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund, Mrs. D. B. Kraybill, presented the following awards:

First - Wheeling Chapter
Second - Pack Horse Ford Chapter
Third - Captain James Allen Chapter
Buford Chapter
Honorable Mention - Kanawha Valley Chapter

Mrs. Ralph Hedrick, Editor of the West Virginia DAR Newsletter, presented the following awards for subscriptions to the newsletter.

First Place - Anne Bailey Chapter
Second Place - Kanawha Valley Chapter
Third Place - Wheeling Chapter
Honorable Mention - Buford Chapter
Captain James Allen Chapter

Mrs. John Corbitt gave the following awards to be presented to a city or organization for their outstanding Bicentennial project:

First Place - Wheeling -- for restoring the Old Custom House
Second Place - Mason County Historical Society -- for their research and interest over the years

Mrs. Lawrence R. Andrus, National Chairman of National Defense, thanked the West Virginia daughters for their kind hospitality.

Mrs. Charles Brown, State Conference Chairman, announced the voting poll would be open from 8 to 9 a.m., tomorrow, October 30, 1976.

The meeting recessed until 9:30 a.m., Saturday, October 30, 1976.

Jeannette C. Hash (Mrs. Leonard E.)
State Recording Secretary

A called meeting of the Executive Board met at 11:45 p.m. in the State Regent's Room, Mrs. John E. Corbitt, Friday, October 29, 1976.

Mrs. Homer Martin, State Vice Regent, moved that we honor the National Honorary Vice President General, Mrs. W. W. McClaugherty, with the doll project for the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund. Seconded by Mrs. Charles I. Rhodes, State Registrar. Motion carried.

Jeannette C. Hash (Mrs. Leonard E.)
State Recording Secretary

YOUTH BREAKFAST AT STATE DAR CONVENTION **Saturday, October 30, 1976**

Those attending the Youth Breakfast are welcomed by Mrs. Voris M. Morton, Senior State President Children of the American Revolution. The invocation was given by Miss Kathleen Morton, Honorary State President of the W. Va. Society Children of the American Revolution. After eating breakfast, the following guests were introduced: Mrs. John Corbitt, State Regent, Mrs. Homer Martin, State First Vice Regent, Mrs. Walter Spearman, State DAR Treasurer, Brooks Morton, State President of the Children of the American Revolution, Miss Kathleen Morton, Honorary State President of the children of the American Revolution, and Mrs. Voris M. Morton, Senior State President Children of the American Revolution. Mrs. Morton explained the need

for State Promoters (\$5.00— and for Major Benefactors (gifts of \$1000.00 Toward renovation of C.A.R. Museum in Washington). Kathleen and Brooks Morton conducted a "mock" Regional whereby they explained the National and State Program of the C.A.R. Questions were taken and answered from those present.

Mrs. Walter Spearman presented to the C.A.R. State Society from the State DAR Society a Parade Style West Virginia State Flag. This will be used at State C.A.R. and Regional Meetings. It was greatly needed and greatly appreciated. Mrs. Morton on behalf of the State Society C.A.R. expressed deep thanks to Mrs. Spearman and the State DAR Society. Meeting adjourned so members could vote.

Mrs. Voris Morton
State Chairman W.V.C.A.R.

MORNING SESSION

Cardinal Room
October 30, 1976

The closing morning session of the 71st Annual State Conference convened at 9:30 a.m., in the Cardinal Room of the Holiday Inn, Parkersburg, West Virginia, on October 30, 1976.

Devotions were given by Mrs. Ralph W. Hedrick, State Chaplain.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was led by Mrs. Harry S. Weeks, State Chairman DAR Good Citizen. The American's Creed was led by Mrs. Charles I. Rhodes, State Registrar.

Mrs. John E. Corbitt, State Regent, presided.

Mrs. Leonard E. Hash, State Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the Morning Session, October 29, which were approved. Mrs. Hash read the minutes of the Banquet Honoring Chapter Regents, October 29, which were approved. The minutes of the called Executive Board meeting were read and approved.

Due to the time element, the unfinished reports of the State Chairmen and the report of the Courtesy Resolutions Committee were not read but filed with the State Recording Secretary and will appear in the State Proceedings.

Mrs. Corbitt announced the continuing selling of voices for the Pearl Buck Doll. Also, Mrs. Corbitt asked for 10 chapters to pledge \$10 each to enable the State organization to place an ad in a current issue of the DAR Magazine advertising this doll. The sale of the voices will help the Juniors in their project for the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund. Ten Dollars each were pledged by the following chapters: Colonel Zackquill Morgan, in honor of Mrs. Homer Martin; Captain James Allen, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans, in honor of Mrs. Homer Martin; Wheeling; Blennerhasset; Mound; Anne Royal; Borderland; Daniel Davisson; Shenandoah; Colonel John Evans and Pack Horse Ford. This ad will have nothing

to do with the co-op page in the DAR Magazine.

Mrs. Ralph Hederick announced that \$75 has already been paid for the customing and material. The doll at the present time is valued at \$250.

Mrs. Irene Eib, Membership Chairman, presented awards to the following chapters for their greatest per cent net increase in membership from February 1975 to February 1976

First Place - Anne Bailey Chapter
Second Place - John Hart Chapter
Third Place - Mound Chapter

The Press Book awards were presented to :

First Place - Blennerhassett Chapter
Second Place - Elk River Chapter
Third Place - Buford Chapter
Honorable Mention - Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter
Anne Bailey Chapter

Miss Ruth Seibert, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, gave the following final Credential report :

National Officers	1
Past National Officers	2
National Chairman	0
National Vice Chairman	2
State Officers	9
Honorary State Regents	6
District Directors	3
State Chairmen	22
Chapter Regents	29
Delegates	98
Alternates	24
Members	15
Papers	6
Guests	2
Total Registration	219
Voting Strength	142

The Chair moved that this report be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Elridge Sauer, Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter, Motion Carried. .

Mrs. Walter L. Spearman, State Treasurer, gave each daughter a copy of the Treasurer's report. The State Treasurer moved that the report be accepted. The motion was seconded and the report was accepted.

The report of the Tellers for the election of new officers was made by Mrs. H. W. Chaddock, Chairman :

State Regent	Mrs. Homer Paul Martin	117
State Vice Regent	Mrs. Walter L. Spearman	110
State Chaplain	Mrs. C. W. Hamilton	117
State Recording Secretary	Mrs. H. W. Chaddock	71
	Miss Janet Barker	43
State Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Hubert Marshall	116
State Organizing Secretary	Miss Margaret Ann Scott	116
State Treasurer	Mrs. Emmett Stine	116
State Registrar	Mrs. Russell Calbert	117
State Historian	Mrs. Walter King	117
State Librarian	Mrs. J. Frank Sommerville	117
Vice President General From W. Va.	Mrs. John E. Corbitt	113
Illegal Votes		0
Ineligible		4
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State Vice Regent	Mrs. Samuel Davis	3
Vice President General From West Virginia	Mrs. Helen Holcombe	1
Number of Votes Cast		118
Necessary for Election		60

The new officers for 1977 - 1978 are:

State Regent:	Mrs. Homer Paul Martin 1 Berwood Road Morgantown 26505
State Vice Regent:	Mrs. Walter L. Spearman P. O. Box 193 Cabin Creek 25035
Chaplain:	Mrs. C. W. Hamilton Route 1, Box 212 B Kearneysville 25430
Recording Secretary:	Mrs. H. W. Chaddock 1711 First Street Moundsville 26091
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Hubert T. Marshall 312 Simpson Avenue Morgantown 26505
Organizing Secretary:	Miss Margaret Ann Scott Box 599 A Athens 24712
Treasurer:	Mrs. Emmett Stine 4502 Staunton Avenue Charleston 25404

Registrar:	Mrs. Russell Calvert Box 317 Cabin Creek 25035
Historian:	Mrs. Walter King Route 5, Box 175 Martinsburg 25401
Librarian:	Mrs. J. Frank Sommerville 102 Lakeview Drive Parkersburg 26101

The Recording Secretary, Mrs. Leonard Hash, was instructed, without objection, to hold the ballots for 30 days and then destroy the ballots.

Mrs. John E. Corbitt congratulated the new officers. She also announced that the State Regent and State Vice Regent will be installed in April at the Continental Congress. All State Officers will take over their duties in April.

An invitation to the 1977 State Conference, Daughters of the American Revolution, to be held in Charleston, West Virginia, was given by Mrs. Eugene Holcombe, Regent of Kanawha Valley Chapter, for the chapter regents in Charleston and Nitro. Mrs. Robert L. Reardon moved to accept this invitation. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

Mrs. Homer P. Martin, State Vice Regent, moved that the State Regent, Mrs. John E. Corbitt, receive the title of Honorary State Regent from this Assembly. Mrs. Samuel Davis, State Parliamentarian, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Walter Spearman, State Treasurer, announced that district dues are to be sent to the District Treasurer and not to the State Treasurer.

The drawing for the quilt was made by Mrs. W.W. McClaughtery, National Honorary Vice President General from West Virginia. Mrs. Bonnie Farra was the winner. Donations from this quilt will be given to the DAR Schools.

Mrs. John Corbitt expressed her appreciation to the Conference Chairman, Mrs. Charles Brown; Regents and members of the Hostess Chapters; and Conference Committees. Mrs. Corbitt also thanked the Officers, Honorary State Regents, Pages and all Daughters for their work and cooperation during her term of office.

All members joined hands and sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

The 71st Annual State Conference, Daughters of the American Revolution, was adjourned.

Jeannette C. Hash (Mrs. Leonard E.)
State Recording Secretary

REPORTS OF STATE OFFICERS

STATE REGENT'S REPORT

On the occasion of this, the seventy-first birthday of the West Virginia State Society, NSDAR, I submit my third and final report as State Regent. It is with appreciation, gratitude and pride that I report the accomplishments of West Virginia Daughters working under the leadership of their State Officers, State Chairmen and Chapter Regents, that I greet you. May I express my personal thanks to all of you for your support, encouragement and hours of devoted service as you carried out the educational, patriotic and historical objectives of the National Society. May I ask your continued cooperation as you work to complete the work of this administration and those that follow.

During this administration I have served the National Society as a member of the Board of Management, attending the meetings in Washington, during which I noted instructions, requests and project reports which I brought back to District Meetings, Summer Jackson's Mill Meetings, and many chapter meetings, giving each a condensed version of the work and organization of the National Society. At Jackson's Mill I held both an Executive and a Board of Management meeting, where State business was the order of the day. A State Packet including a Director and Chairmen's letters of instruction, plans and Report Forms, was distributed to augment the Packet of the National Society, which is mailed to all Chapters for their guidance.

It is with deep regret that during the summer months and part of this fall, I was forced to cancel a number of Chapter visits and several Bicentennial Programs due to health problems. Our willing and helpful Vice Regent, Mrs. Homer Paul Martin, very graciously filled these engagements for me.

At the 85th Continental Congress in April, the West Virginia Daughters received an Award for a dramatic change in a Period Room in the DAR Museum. The West Virginia Daughters have been saving their money for a long time for this purpose and it is fitting that this was our Bicentennial Project for our State Society.

Colonel Charles Chapter won a Congress Award for using the President General's Theme in all its Programs. Jennie Wiley Chapter won an Award for 62% DAR Magazine Subscriptions. Miss Nell Robinson, State Chairman of Constitution Week, won first place in the East Central Division for the greatest number of spot announcements. Our DAR Good Citizen State Winner, also won first place in the East Central Division. She is Deborah Phillips from Triadelphia High School in Wheeling and sang for us at the Northern District Meeting as well as at Jackson's Mill Meeting. A beautiful Page, Mrs. Joel Wagoner, from Captain James Allen Chapter, held the Falg for me when I gave my report on State Regent's night at Congress. Another lovely Page, from West Virginia, Mrs. Clarence Pharr, Jr. of William Henshaw Chapter, sang for us at the West Virginia Luncheon where Mrs. Robert Lacy Jackson, National Chairman of the United States of America Bicentennial, spoke to us on "Realizing the American Dream". We are very proud of our Ruth Seibert, who accompanied Mrs. Pharr when she sang. Ruth gave a 20 minute Organ Recital at Congress, and I am told that the regular organist says that our Ruth handles this large Pipe Organ better than anyone who has ever played it.

Those Chapters winning Tri Color Outstanding on their Yearbooks are: Blennerhassett and Elk River. The Chapters winning Blue Ribbon Awards on their Yearbooks are: Captain James Allen, Vandalia, Wheeling, and William Morris. The Chapters winning Tri Color and Gold Star for outstanding Supplements are: Bee Line, Colonel Charles Lewis, and Colonel Zackquill Morgan. The reason I am going into detail on the Yearbooks is because Mrs. Zimmerman is not here to report. This State has 100% participation on DAR Magazine Advertising and DAR Service for Veteran Patients. Seventeen of our Chapters won the Gold Honor Roll Award; seven, the Silver Award; and fourteen, Honorable Mention. The Honor Roll Chairman will report on this in detail.

Only 23 out of 56 Chapters have completed paying their assessments on the President General's Project. Please get busy and pay your assessment for this Project, so that it can go in with your dues on 1 December 1976. We do not want our State Society to lag behind. Eleven States had theirs paid before the 85th Congress last April. It only amounts to \$1.00 per member in your chapter.

Our State Chaplain, Mrs. Ralph Hedrick, upon the loss of Mrs. Haner, very kindly consented to become Editor of the West Virginia DAR News, when I asked her. We would like to thank her at this time for the excellent job that she has executed.

West Virginia Daughters are delighted to have as their Conference guests the Reverend Mr. Gary Wagoner, a Baptist Minister and Director of Development, Bacone College, Muskogee, Oklahoma, and Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence B. Andrus of Florida. Mrs. Andrus is National Chairman of National Defense and Dr. Andrus is on the Board of Trustees of Tamassee DAR School, as is Mrs. Andrus.

I am most grateful to the Chapters of the Northern District for serving as hostesses for this, the final Conference of this administration. Especially do I wish to thank Mrs. Charles Brown, Conference Chairman, and Mrs. Ralph Hedrick, of the Music Committee, and all who have had a part in this Conference in any way. All of these Chapters of the Northern District have given their loyal support and my thanks go to all who have assisted.

It has been a real joy to travel over this beautiful State and to meet and be with its lovely, friendly people. As I look to the future of the West Virginia State Society, I anticipate increased membership and support of the incoming administration, both State and National. It is my fervent hope that they can say "Well done West Virginia Daughters".

Frances A. Corbitt (Mrs. John)
State Regent

STATE VICE REGENT'S REPORT

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Vice Regent during this exciting Bicentennial year. April found me in Washington for the 85th Continental Congress, and the Easter Morning Pilgrimage to Arlington and Mount Vernon to pay homage to our Unknown Service Men and to General George and Martha

Washington, along with the return boat trip, up the Potomac, to the Federal City will long be remembered.

It was District Meetings during May and June. And I was privileged to represent the State Regent at the Eastern District Meeting and to give the major address.

I attended the Executive Board Meeting at Jackson's Mill in June. During July I again represented the State Regent at Beverly West Virginia's Bicentennial Celebration, participating in the Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies and presented an Honor Award on behalf of the Society.

Invitations to speak were received and accepted from John Young Chapter in Charleston, Major William Haymond, Col. Morgan Morgan and West Augusta Chapters in Fairmont.

At this time I would like to express my deep appreciation to Mrs. John E. Corbitt our State Regent and to the West Virginia Daughters for making these past three years possible - they have in deed been beautiful!

Velmagene Morgan Martin (Mrs. Homer P.)
State Vice Regent

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

During the past year, your State Chaplain has endeavored to fulfill all the functions and duties of the office. It has been a real joy to provide the program, serving as speaker for three chapters. For seven groups, the slide program giving the historical background of "Quilts in the United States" was presented. During the Bicentennial year, your chaplain assisted with the special dedication or memorial services with four organizations and three DAR Chapters.

One highlight of this year was being a part of the Delta Queen trip sponsored by the Ohio DAR and experiencing the special rededications of seven spots at which monuments to George Washington had been erected in 1932. There were three state chaplains on this trip and it was West Virginia's chaplain's special privilege to extend greetings from our State Regent, Mrs. John Corbitt, to the Ohio State organization.

Your Chaplain represented West Virginia during the Memorial Service at National Congress, participated in the boat pilgrimage to spots along the Potomac River, and sang for the fourth year in the Bicentennial chorus during National Congress.

These three years as State Chaplain have been a most regarding experience and we appreciate having met with so many chapter members within chapter meetings and the various District meetings, as well as having participated in all state conferences and meetings.

It has been a pleasure to work with our regent, Mrs. Corbitt, and the other

officers of the state. Best wishes to each of this working group.

Laura R. Hedrick (Mrs. Ralph)
State Chaplain

STATE RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

It doesn't seem possible that the three years have gone by but it has.

I have enjoyed working with the State Officers, State Chairman and Chapter Regents. So many wonderful people I have met.

It is so important that each State Officers, State Chairmen and Chapter Regents get their reports in before the State Conference so they (the reports) will appear in the State Proceedings. Several daughters have been disappointed because some of the reports are missing in the State Proceedings, but this is not the fault of the State Recording Secretary. Only a few failed to turn in a report, but a few can hurt the Proceedings.

These reports should be a summary of the activities of your office from October to October or better still from September to September if this will help get the reports in. As I have stated previously, the State Proceedings is what we make it. So let's make it the best.

It has been a pleasure and privilege to have been your Recording Secretary.

Jeannette Clay Hash (Mrs. Leonard E.)
State Recording Secretary

STATE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the State Officers and State Chairmen for sending in their reports to me, and I especially wish to thank those of you who had your own reports printed for the State Packet.

The State Packet was prepared in Bluefield and assembled at Jackson's Mill in June, 1976. Honorary State Regents, all State Officers, State Committee Chairmen, District Directors and Chapter Regents received a State Packet. State Directors were sent to the proper National Officers.

Your Corresponding Secretary attended the West Virginia DAR Conference in Pipestem in October, 1975, and the District Meeting in Pipestem in May, 1976. Also the Jackson's Mill Executive Board and Board of Management Meeting in June 1976.

It has been a pleasure to work with our State Regent during the past three years, and it has been a pleasure and privilege to have served our West Virginia Society for the past three years.

It is with mixed emotions that I end my term as State Corresponding Secretary. Thanks again to all of you who have cooperated with me so willingly.

Annie Lee Perkins (Mrs. Guy B.)
State Corresponding Secretary

STATE ORGANIZING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Peterstown is being revitalized by Mrs. Sollins. Mrs. Martha Hall is still working to get a chapter in Wirt, Calhoun, Roane and Gilmer Counties. By telephone, she said 20 prospective members-at-large were working on their papers with the help of Mrs. Paul Scott. I have received a couple of nibbles from Richwood who are working as members-at-large. Please, would nearby chapters help here.

On April 8, I received a communication from Mrs. Ford Hubbard, Organizing Secretary General, stating Kings Wood Chapter feels it necessary to disband. Not true, hopefully, the members will continue their membership in their chapter.

Keep trying for new and young members in your chapters and give them opportunities to work.

Gladys E. Pitzer
State Organizing Secretary

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

See separate sheet insert

STATE HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Number of Chapters reporting		25
Number of Historical Programs:		
For/by Adults	80	
For/by School Children	15	
Number of Historical Broadcasts:		
Radio	348	
TV	50	
Number of Historical Tours		30
Number of Graves Marked:		
Revolutionary Soldiers	15	
Wives of Revolutionary Soldiers	3	
DAR Members	10	
Daughters of Revolutionary Soldiers	6	
Number of Historic Restorations Begun		8

The past three years have been most rewarding and it has been my privilege to have served the West Virginia State Organization, NSDAR.

Bertha Patton Lyons
State Historian

STATE REGISTRAR'S REPORT

As this term of office draws to close, I want to express my appreciation to you, the Chapter Registrars, who have worked so hard and diligently in order for me to be able to do my work.

In Checking the overall membership, we had an increase of two per cent over the past year. Only fourteen chapters had an increase in their membership, nineteen stayed the same and twenty-four lost some members. The chapters who had the largest increase of four members were Barboursville, Captain James Allen, Colonel John Evans, and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson. The other ten chapters had an increase of one, two or three members.

I had the pleasure of being invited and attending Pack Horse Ford's sixtieth anniversary celebration, Shenandoah Valley's fifty-fifth anniversary, the dedication of St. George's Chapel, by the Bee Line Chapter, three district meetings and Continental Congress the past year.

Let's not forget that in order to carry on the work of the DAR, we must always be working to bring new members into the organization.

Please keep the cards coming.

Sylvia J. Rhodes (Mrs. Charles I.)
State Registrar

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

I wish to thank the Chapters who have cooperated in sending in their reports. Of the 56 chapters, 33 reported.

There were thirty-three (33) DAR Magazine subscriptions given locally, Fifteen (15) by the Kanawha Valley Chapter.

Local libraries received monetary donations from the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans Chapter \$125.00; John Chapman Chapter \$22.50; Kanawha Valley Chapter \$2.00.

The National Library received six (6) books in 1975-76 from Chapters:

1. "Celena Jane Russell, Her Ancestors, Descendants and Collateral Kinsmen" by Matthew Lee McHugh and Celena Smith McHugh, presented by Elizabeth Barr Bowers of the Wheeling Chapter in memory of her parents, Louis Lee Barr, Sr. and Marie Sitton Dendy.
2. "History of Monroe Co.," Ohio Records, Vol. II, given by Mrs. Curt E. Amos, a member of the Morgan Morgan Chapter.
3. "The Strange Story of Harpers Ferry" written by Joseph Barry, given by Mrs. H. Sheldon Areford, of the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans Chapter.
4. "Wills of Scotland Co., Missouri", 1843, by Mabel Phillips Baker, presented by the Ann Royal Chapter.
5. "History of New Bethel Methodist Church," Good Hope, W.Va., by Charles H. Washburn, 1956, from Hazel Burnside Cheuvront Butler through the Daniel Davisson Chapter in memory of her great, great, great grandfather, Joseph Cheuvront.
6. "The New River Settlement" by Daniel E. Johnston, was approved by Mrs. Harold Russell. The Captain James Allen Chapter will purchase this copy.

The last Request Book, asked for by Mrs. Russell, "Upper Ohio Valley", 1890, I have been unsuccessful in locating.

Also the National Library received six (6) books purchased by the State. The sum of \$125.00 was spent.

1. "History of Randolph Co.", W. Va., written by Hu Maxwell, 1898, reprint 1961, \$25.00.
2. "History of Seventh Day Baptist of W. Va.," author Corliss Fitz Randolph, \$5.00 Donation.
3. "Documentary History of Dunmores War", author Thwaite and Kellogg, 1906, \$25.00.
4. "Monongalia Story", Vol. II, by Dr. Earl L. Core, \$25.00.

5. "History of Preston Co., W. Va." by W. T. Wiley, 1882, Reprint 1968, \$20.00.
6. "History of Fayette Co., W.Va." by J. T. Peters and H.B. Cardon, 1926, \$30.00.

Pamphlets donated by Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society to National Library were:

- a. "Seventh Day Baptists of New England", 1671 - 1971, written by Karl G. Stillman.
- b. "Sam! Ward, Founding Fathers" by Rev. Kenneth E. Smith, 1967.
- c. "Times of Stephen Mumford", by James McGreachy, 1964, by the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans Chapter.

Chapters donating books to local libraries were:

1. Blennerhassett Chapter
"Atlas of American Revolution" with accompanying Record to Wood County Schools.
2. Buford Chapter
Official Roster III, "Soldiers of American Revolution Who Lived in Ohio".
3. Capt. James Allen Chapter
Books of Bicentennial Reading
4. Colonel Andrew Donnelly
Seven (7) books
5. Colonel John Evans Chapter
D.A.R. Manual
6. Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter
"The History of Preston Co., W.Va." by O.F. Morton
7. Elizabeth Ludington Hagans Chapter
"The Strange Story of Harpers Ferry"
"West Virginia Historical Almanac"
"The Isaac Sandford Family", 1796-1975
Three Baptist Pamphlets
8. Elizabeth Zane Chapter
Three (3) Bicentennial Books
9. General Andrew Lewis Chapter
Bicentennial Atlas
Framed, "Constitution of United States" (copy)
10. John Hart Chapter

Books for the Merchant Marine Library
One book placed in D.A.R. Room at Randolph County Museum

11. Pack Horse Ford Chapter
Patriot Index in memory of deceased members
Atlas of American Revolution
Three (3) "Housewifery", one to President General, Mrs. Wakelee Smith, one to State Regent, Mrs. John Corbitt, and one to Shepherd College.
"Vivien" by Tennyson, to Adam Stephen Home.
"We Americans", National Geographic Bicentennial book to Public Library.
12. Vandalia Chapter
Books to Virginia Hospital
13. West Augusta Chapter
One (1) book
14. Wheeling Chapter
"Upland Yesterday", published by the Pamona First Federal Savings and Loan Co. of Pamona, Calif.
"Beyond this April" a book of poems by Anne Wood Murray
"Weathering Storm", Women of American Revolution, by Elizabeth Evans. This book was given by Mrs. Lena M. Worthington in memory of Mrs. Elmer Weltz.
Also donated a step-stool to library.
15. William Henshaw Chapter
Contributed "Wanted" memorial books.
16. Colonel William Lowther Chapter
Donated valuable antique furniture to a library.
17. Kanawha Valley Chapter
A book to honor their distinguished member, Mrs. Walter Spearman.

Flags were given to local libraries by the Pack Horse Ford and South Branch Valley Chapters

The Chapters contributed to:

Micro Filming	\$95 00
Cataloguing	21 00
Rebinding	2 00

The largest amount was given by the Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter.

The "Skylight Fund" amounted to \$121.20, Blennerhassett Chapter giving largest amount.

Fourteen (14) Chapters gave volunteer services to their libraries.

I think the chapters reporting have done an excellent job.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure working with the West Virginia Daughters and I thank you all.

Mildred S. Areford (Mrs. H. Sheldon)
State Librarian

STATE PARLIAMENTARIAN'S REPORT

Your State Parliamentarian attended State Conference annual meeting at Jackson's Mill, Western District meeting, and all meetings of the State Board of Management.

She assisted the State Regent, Officers, Chapter Regents and members on questions of Parliamentary Procedure.

She has written articles for the West Virginia DAR News, served on the protocol committee and as chairman of the By-Law Revision Committee.

Jeannette Davis (Mrs. Samuel M.)
State Parliamentarian

REPORTS OF STATE CHAIRMEN OF NATIONAL COMMITTEES

AMERICAN INDIANS COMMITTEE

Two Indian Schools sponsored by NSDAR Chapters are:

Bacone College, Muskogee, Oklahoma 7441

St. Mary's School for Indian Girls, Springfield, South Dakota

Number of Chapters answering questionnaires	35
Number of Chapters having one entire program on The American Indian	33
Number of Chapters giving to National project for Bacone, which is a chair in Arts and Crafts	21
Total amount given	\$50.00
Number of scholarships to Bacone	2
Other assistance given Bacone	\$33.33
Number of packages sent to Bacone Thrift Shop	18
Pounds 192 — Value	\$805.00
Number of Chapters giving to National Project for St. Mary's	2
Other Assistance Given St. Mary's	\$20.00
Number of packages sent to St. Mary's	14
Pounds 120 — Value	\$375.00
American Indian Fund	\$31.00

All monies given for Indians but not designated, goes into this scholarship fund

Other assistance given:

Contributions by individuals sent direct to Indian Schools:	
Dakota Indian Foundation.	\$5.00
Southwest Indian Foundation.	\$5.00
St. Labre Indian School	\$10.00
 Total.	 \$20.00
Books on Indian Culture Given to Library.	\$15.00

Mrs. A. J. Pancake
State Chairman

AMERICANISM AND DAR MANUAL FOR CITIZENSHIP

AMERICANISM

Out of 56 Chapters in West Virginia, only 28 Chapters sent in reports. All Chapters repeat the American's Creed at each meeting

- Do you devote at least one meeting to Americanism? Yes 28
- Do you place patriotic literature in schools, etc.? Yes 24

DAR MANUAL FOR CITIZENSHIP

- How many manuals to applicants for American citizenship given?
Approximately 70
- Have you attended Naturalization Court this year? 4 Chapters 8 times

Recogniton of New Citizens

- How many Flags of U.S.A. were given to new citizens? 1 Chapter -
Approximately 20
- How many welcome cards or other gifts were given? None

Community Service

Please give estimated number of hours given by Chapter Members. This means Red Cross, etc. 5 Chapters - Approximately 150 hours per week

Work with Young People

Have you made any arrangements for young persons to attend Naturalization Ceremonies? How many? 3 Chapters - Girl Scout Troops and 1 school history Class

DAR AMERICANISM MEDAL

One medal was presented by Kanawha Valley Chapter. They did not include the name of the recipient.

Mrs. James L. Lockhart
State Chairman

CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

On May 1, 1976, after being installed in Washington, my duties began in earnest. After writing many letters and after a slow start, I am finally beginning to see results.

I have heard from the following Chapter Regents or their Chairman of the Children of the American Revolution. Every Chapter is supposed to have such a Chairman even if they sponsor no C.A.R. Those chapters are Shenandoah Valley, Anne Bailey, Colonel Charles Lewis, Kanawha Valley, John Chapman, and Mound. Indirectly, I have heard from Buford and James Wood.

The Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter has 7 State Promoters and 2 National Promoters. John Chapman has 1 State Promoter. Anyone can be a State Promoter for \$5. The State Society C.A.R. gets \$1 of this and \$4 goes to National for their work. There is to be an award given to the State Society DAR that has the most new promoters.

Before you leave each Regent or Chapter Chairman of C.A.R. is to pick up a blank that is to be turned in to me in February. Also the State C.A.R. Newspaper and Directory are ready.

This Chairman is very appreciative of the cooperation of the Regent, Mrs. John Corbitt, and her State Board

Betty Morton (Mrs. Voris)
State Chairman

CONSERVATION

"Plant a Tree for Century Three."

There were 31 Chapters reporting.

One Conservation Scholarship of \$25.00 was given. Ten dollars (\$10.00) was given to "Roots in America" for children.

Twenty-five chapters had programs. Five used slides. Four speaking engagements by chairman.

Several letters were written to legislators concerning pollution.

5,500 trees were planted. One chapter planted 3,300 trees on farms and orchards.

"Madonna of the Trail" was cleaned, and surrounding shrubbery was trimmed. Shrubby was planted at Oglebay Park.

7,000 pounds of bird seed was bought at an approximate cost of \$1,412.00.

Four bushels of walnuts were fed to squirrels, and salt was provided for deer.

The ruins of St. Georges Chapel were stabilized.

Trees on W. Va. State House grounds were trimmed and nourished.

Two large flower beds were planted on Beckley VA Hospital grounds.

Old neglected cemeteries were cleaned off.

Mary B. Stevenson (Mrs. Arthur P.)
State Chairman

DAR GOOD CITIZENS COMMITTEE

The work of the DAR Good Citizens Committee is most gratifying. 120 pins and certificates were awarded to outstanding High School Seniors. Four of these being boys. There remains several schools that have not been contacted and out of 56 Chapters there are 12 that have made no request for pins and certificates.

Miss Deborah Phillips of Wheeling was our State winner and also the winner of the East Central Division. She was awarded a State pin and a \$100.00 E Bond at our Jackson's Mill meeting. She was also awarded a certificate of Merit from the Division. She was sponsored by the Wheeling Chapter.

Mrs. Harry S. Weeks
State Chairman, Good Citizens
Committee

DAR MAGAZINE

OCTOBER 1976

As one old tin announcer used to say, "There is good news tonight." It is gratifying to be able to announce that twenty-five chapters in the State of West Virginia had an increase in subscriptions to the DAR Magazine. Each of you is to be commended for the effort you have put forth to promote and sell our magazine, thus raising West Virginia's rating

1. There will be Certificates of Award given for the following.
 - a. Gold Certificate: to the State with the Greatest percentage of Subscription Increase (New subscriptions and renewals).
 - b. Silver Certificate: will be awarded to the Chapter in each division with the Greatest percentage of subscriptions based on a ratio of total subscriptions to total membership.
 - c. Blue Seal Certificates: for Chapters with 100% subscriptions with additional recognition in the Magazine.
 - d. Red Seal Certificates: for Chapters with 50% subscriptions.
2. Contest Dates: March 1, 1976 through March 1, 1977.

3. Chapter name and Code Number must be included in each order for proper credit.

Will you please answer my questionnaire when it is sent out early next year, and return to me promptly.

Through the DAR Magazine we will continue to promote the objectives which will broaden horizons and enrich lives.

Lucy L. Wright (Mrs. Hugh E.)
State Chairman

DAR MAGAZINE ADVERTISING

Number of Chapters participating 1975-76	51
Total Amount for Co-op Page	\$ 530
Total Amount for Ads for W. Va. Issue	\$ 160
Total Amount Ads for Bicentennial Issue	\$2,560
Total Amount of Advertisements 1975-76	\$3,250

	Co-op	Ads W.Va.	Bicentennial Ads
ANN ROYALL	\$10		
ANN BAILEY	10	\$50	
BARBOURSVILLE	10		
BEE LINE	10		
BLACKWATER	10		
BLENNERLASSETT	10		
BORDERLAND	10	15	
BUFORD	10		
CAPTAIN JAMES ALLEN	10		
CHARLESTON	10		
COLONEL ANDREW DONNALLY	10		
COLONEL CHARLES LEWIS	10		
COLONEL JOHN EVANS	10		
COLONEL MORGAN MORGAN	10		
COLONEL WILLIAM LOWTHER	10		
COLONEL ZACKQUILL MORGAN	10		
DANIEL DAVISSON	10		
ELIZABETH CUMMINS JACKSON	10		
ELIZABETH LUDINGTON HAGANS	10		
ELIZABETH ZANE	10		
ELK RIVER	10		
FORT ASHBY	10		
FORT LEE			
GENERAL ANDREW LEWIS	10		
JAMES BARBOUR	10		
JAMES WOOD			
JENNIE WILEY	10		
JOHN CHAPMAN	10		
JOHN COOKE	10		

JOHN HART	10	
JOHN YOUNG	10	
KANAWHA VALLEY	20	\$2,560.00
KING'S WOOD	10	
LIEUTENANT DANIEL SHUMATE	10	
MAJOR WILLIAM HAYMOND	10	
MATTHEW FRENCH	10	
MONDONGACHATE	10	
MOUND	10	
NATHAN DAVIS	10	
OHIO VALLEY	10	
PACK HORSE FORD	10	
PACK HORSE FORD	10	
POTOMAC VALLEY	10	
PRINCESS ARACOMA	10	\$95
RAVENSWOOD	10	
SHENANDOAH VALLEY	10	
SOUTH BRANCH VALLEY	10	
TRANS ALLEGHENY	10	
TYGARTS VALLEY	10	
VANDALIA	10	
WEST AUGUSTA	10	
WESTMORELAND		
WHEELING	10	
WILSON CARY NICHOLAS	10	
WILLIAM HENSHAW	10	
WILLIAM MORRIS	10	
YE TOWN OF BATH	20	

Mary Lou Taylor
Advertising Chairman

DAR MUSEUM AND ADAM STEPHEN HOUSE REPORT

As Chairman of the DAR Museum and the Adam Stephen House project, I will run these two reports together to conserve on printing.

First the DAR Museum. We must always bear in mind that our Museum is one of the National Society's best public relations assets. We must continually tell our Museum story and encourage the membership to visit frequently. By way of telling the story, did you know that it is possible to present programs on the DAR Museum? Slides are available for the small rental fee of \$3.50. Those available are "State Rooms," "First Seven Presidents," "Samplers and Needlework" and "Ceramics." A script will be included with each set. Christmas cards of the Christmas Parlor scene in the Museum Gallery are \$2.25 per box. The dolls, Benjamin Franklin, George and Martha Washington, and Betsy Ross sell for \$4.50. There are coloring books for \$.80. And, ladies, don't forget to order a copy of "Washington Landmarks" at \$2.50, for it not only gives you a very well written story of the DAR but it carries some excellent photos of the collection in our Gallery and Period Rooms. Funds are always needed to carry to completion the renovation of the Museum Gallery, restoration of samplers and quilts, and general constant care of the many priceless items in our Museum. Our

Curator General, Mrs. Earl Helmbreck has done an outstanding job with the Museum and because of her and other dedicated women we are able to be very proud of our lovely DAR Museum. Above all, don't forget, it is a marvelous place to put those treasures you have been wondering what to do with.

About the General's bedroom in the Adam Stephen House, I want to thank those who sent a cash contribution last year. Will you please continue to support this project. The West Virginia Daughters promised to furnish the General's bedroom and we still need several items before it will take on the appearance that we can take pride in. I have asked many times for a high-boy or a chest on chest. If you know of anyone who might have one they would sell, please contact me. We'll try to raise the money. This past year a chair in the room took on a new look when a needlepoint seat cover was added. The donor used Martha Washington's Shell Design worked in four shades of blue. The background was dark red. The Potty Chair also got a cushion. A quilt square using the Mariner's Compass Design in red, white and blue was set on an off-white background. A friend quilted it for us.

If you read this report and you care, will you do something for the Adar Stephen House bedroom right now.

Florence H. Moore (Mrs. C. W.)
Chairman

THE WEST VIRGINIA ROOM

Our Bicentennial Project THE WEST VIRGINIA ROOM has been painted, track lighting installed, new red draperies and glass curtains added. We won an award at Continental Congress for the "Most Dramatic Change in a Period Room" This was the first time the room had been painted since 1948 and the draperies were made in 1934.

This is an excellent start, but the room looks bare and we desperately need furniture. We would like a sofa either from Virginia or Pennsylvania, some arm or wing chairs and a southern table. Some prints would be fine, a map of Virginia area in the late 18th or early 19th century.

Your chairman has had numerous requests concerning the furniture and objects in the room so I shall list the most important ones. The piano is, of course, the focal point. It was made by Charles Taws of Philadelphia in 1794, and is one of the earliest handmade pianos. It is also the finest musical instrument in the DAR Museum. The portrait over the mantle is of Dr. Richard Pindell, a native of Maryland who served as surgeon in the Maryland Army during the Revolution. He later moved to Kentucky where the portrait was probably painted. A small rare writing desk of Virginia origin is also in the room. The desk belonged to the prominent Virginia Congressman, Robert Rutherford, who died in 1813, and was buried on the family estate, Flowing Springs, in Shepherdstown, Virginia, now West Virginia. The rug on the floor is oriental Persian in pastel colors. It was appraised by Edward Ablet of Karekin Beshirle, Lts. N.Y.C. in 1969. He considered this rug a Laver Kirman and valued at that time at

\$1,500.00.

The mirror over the piano, possibly 1890's mahogany veneer, gesso and gilt decorations, above glass swags, broken arch, eagle. Should be replaced by one of the right period. Chair: Arm Lyre Back c. 1798. Three Cress Baskets and eight plates, pearlware; Maker: Wedgwood, c. 1779-1790. At the fireplace a pair of Andirons, 18th Century American and Fender, brass and wire c. 1800. Table, console mahogany with satin banding inlay, which does nothing for the room in my opinion. On loan from the Museum two Engravings: "Junction of the Potomac and Shenandoah, Virginia," and "View of the Potomac, Virginia," drawn by W. Roberts, Esq. (1757-1803) and engraved by J. Jeakes. Vases (2) porcelain, probably Continental, Circa 1830-1860. Brass Chandelier, probably English 18th Century.

All Daughters of this State have been urged to help find items for our room and to give generous cash donations. We would like articles to be given outright, but we need money to secure the ones it is necessary to buy.

Offered gifts should be reported to your Chairman before being sent on approval. If possible, photographs and all available information should be reported at this time. You should give also the information on all people mentioned, where and when the object was purchased, or how it descended into the family. In other words we need the whole story.

The search for heirlooms for the West Virginia Period Room will continue to be urged as a means of preservation of items for the enjoyment and pride of our posterity.

Thanks again for your interest. Let's make our West Virginia Room one we can be proud to own.

Nina S. Hall
State Chairman

DAR SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Participation reported by twenty-nine Chapters from October 1, 1975, to October 1, 1976.

- I. Contributions.
 - A. Monetary, \$479.50
 - B. Clothing, 608 pounds
 - C. Trading stamps, 3 books, 84 coupons

- II. Publicity:
 - A. Chapter programs, 11
 - B. Use of media, 6

- III. Sale of articles from Tamasee conducted at DAR State Conference, 1975, \$50.00

My sincere thanks to those chapter regents and chairmen who cooperated with our DAR Schools Committee.

Eleanor P. Jennings
State Chairman

DAR SERVICES FOR VETERAN AFFAIRS

Doing excellent work in 1975 for their respective hospitals are:

Clarksburg: 26301	Mrs. Cecil R. Murphy 128 Ridenour Street Mrs. Gleen Smith 505 Buchannon Avenue
Huntington: 25701	Mrs. H. C. Deardorff 523 Tenth Avenue Mrs. Haron L. Brown 1827 Enslow Boulevard
Martinsburg: 25401	Mrs. Faris Smith 1014 Florida Avenue Mrs. James E. McDonald Rt. 1, Box 219
Beckley: 25801	Mrs. Charles A. Barrett 301 E. Street Mrs. J. Edwin Dickerson 521 Woodlawn Avenue

Your reports showed that you gave:

- 3534 hours in hospitals
- 20 parties were given
- 150 personal visits
- \$400.00 gifts to patients
- \$ 10.00 gifts to hospitals
- \$100.00 for canteen books
- \$200.00 (cosmetics) toothpaste, etc., and many other items.

You will note a big gain in actual hours in our VA hospitals.

Our monetary donations were not as much as last year. Again no matter how small, it was needed and went to a good cause.

Now look at the list of items you gave on which you placed no cost in your reports - such as lap robes, slippers, white socks, laundry bags, chair bags, bibs, shawls, afaghans, magazines, cards, stamps, stationery, records, electric razors,

lighters, playing cards, puzzles, yarn, cookies, a can opener for patients use; helped secure an artificial limb, promised to help furnish a waiting room for the families of intensive care patients.

Southern District continued its long time customs of poinsettias for all floors and lounges and stick candy for all patients at Christmas.

Especially appreciated were boxes from Mondongachate and Daniel Shumate chapters which enabled us to have two (2) Christmas parties and gifts for the entire 6th floor in the Beckley VA.

The patients really appreciated your visits and concern for them.

Carrie G. Reardon
State Chairman
D.A.R. Service Veteran Patients

GENEALOGICAL RECORDS

Your State Chairman is proud of the record made by the Chapters. Forty of the fifty-six Chapters returned their reports. Eight Chapters contributed materials. Eighty-nine grandparent forms were sent to Genealogical Record Committee in Washington.

Seventeen dollars was contributed by seven chapters to the National Binding Fund. Source records reported this year including index are 884 pages. Chapter receiving awards for records sent in to be bound since last October are:

First Place - Ravenswood Chapter - 406 pages
Second Place - Daniel Davisson Chapter - 222 pages
Third Place - Colonel Charles Lewis - 194 pages
Honorable mention are: Anne Bailey, Fort Lee, Vandalia, Blennerhassett, and Wilson Cary Nicholas Chapter.

There has been six bound volumes in all with a total of 2,109 pages contributed in this administration.

Special thanks are extended to the Chapter Chairmen, whose efforts are reflected by their fine contributions.

Geraldine Sommerville (Mrs. J. Frank)
State Genealogical Chairman

HONOR ROLL REPORT

Forty-eight (48) of West Virginia's fifty-six (56) chapters participated in the Honor Roll program by reporting and thirty-eight (38) received recognition for accomplishment.

The Gold Award was received by seventeen (17) chapters, seven (7) chapters received the Silver Award, and fourteen (14) received Honorable Mention.

GOLD: (17) Anne Bailey*****, Bee Line*, Blennerhassett, Borderland, Captain James Allen*, Colonel Charles Lewis, Colonel Zackquill Morgan, Elk River, General Andrew Lewis, Jennie Wiley, John Hart*, Kanawha Valley*, Mound***, Ohio Valley, Pack Horse Ford, Princess Aracoma, William Henshaw

SILVER: (7) Ann Royal, Colonel Andrew Donnally, Colonel John Evans, Fort Lee, Mondongachate, Shenandoah Valley, South Brahc n Valley

HONORABLE MENTION: (14) Blackwater, Buford, Charleston, Daniel Davisson, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans, James Barbour, John Cooke, John Young, Major William Haymond, Vandalia, West Augusta, Wheeling, William Morris, Wilson Cary Nicholas

- * - Chapters Gold for 3 years
- *** - Chapters Gold for 9 years
- ***** - Chapters Gold for 18 years

Honor Roll recognition is possible for every chapter, and it is the desire of this Committee to assist the chapters in any way possible to achieve the objectives and thus obtain Honor Roll status.

Velmagene Morgan Martin (Mrs. Homer P.)
State Honor Roll Chairman

LINEAGE RESEARCH REPORT

I received, in April, the Blue Notebook for Volunteer Lineage Researchers. The notebook was a most generous gift from Mrs. Richard H. Thompson, Jr., National Chairman, Lineage Research Committee.

I sent a request to our 56 Chapters for volunteers to represent each of our Counties. I have received, to date, responses from 28 chapters. Only four of those responded that they did not have a volunteer. I will continue to try to complete the notebook so that each County will be represented.

I have promptly answered requests for information, the major portion of which concerned addresses of chapters in our State.

Barbara D. Klabansky (Mrs. T. D.)
State Chairman

MEMBERSHIP

Encouraging reports were received from many chapters of the state. A number increased their membership. A total of thirty-nine Junior members were reported. Anne Bailey Chapter and Kanawha Valley Chapter added four each, followed by Buford, Colonel Charles Lewis, and Jenny Wiley with three each. Several Chapters added two Juniors and others added one.

Ten C.A.R. members became Daughters of the American Revolution. Buford Chapter led with three, followed by Anne Bailey with two. Other chapters added one.

These young members are a happy addition to the State membership. Even though our Bicentennial year is near the end, let's keep encouraging a growth in membership and try to add at least one new member during the year.

I wish to express appreciation to Mrs. Corbitt and to Miss Stutler for their help and encouragement during my six years as membership chairman. These years have been most enjoyable. I wish to thank the chapter membership chairmen and the chapter Regents whose fine cooperation has been invaluable for keeping the membership records.

It is my privilege to present the State Conference Award of the National Membership Chairman for the greatest per cent net increase in membership to Anne Bailey Chapter of Charleston. This Chapter also receives the first place State Award. Second place State Award goes to John Hart Chapter of Elkins. Third place State Award has been earned by Mound Chapter of Moundsville.

Congratulations to these chapters.

Irene B. Eib
State Membership Chairman

MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION REPORT

Fifteen Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution in West Virginia sent reports from the Motion Picture Committee.

In all fifteen chapters, local theaters were contacted and urged showing of family type films. One had written to the Motion Picture Committee for better motion pictures. Three had written to TV stations concerning programs offensive to children. One had written to TV stations advocating the best Bicentennial efforts in memory of our heritage.

Lucille L. Walthall (Mrs. Robert)
State Chairman

NATIONAL DEFENSE REPORT

National Defense Reports were received from 31 chapters, (59%) of 56 West Virginia Chapters.

An entire program on National Defense was reported by 27 chapters; ten minute, or longer, reports at regular meetings by 28 chapters; 1975 Resolutions were studied and discussed by 26 chapters.

Good Citizen Medals were presented to 76 students. Seven chapters participated in the R.O.T.C. Program. Four Bronze and three Gold Medals were presented. Eleven chapters donated \$44 for Defense.

Sixty-two National Defense mailings were reported by the 31 chapters reporting. Thirty-nine members wrote, as individual American Citizens to members of Congress regarding pending legislation and treaties. Two-hundred and thirty-four members voted in 1975-76 elections and six members hold elective public offices.

Frances S. McClure (Mrs. E. O.)
Chairman

PROGRAM REPORT 1976-77

Yearbook Awards

Yearbooks Blue Ribbon & Green & Gold for Programs

Colonel Charles Lewis
Elk River
Fort Lee
General Andrew Lewis
James Wood
NMondongachate
Mound
William Henshaw
William Morris

Supplements Blue Ribbon & Green & Gold for Programs

Bee Line
Blennerhassett
Captain James Allen
Charleston
Colonel John Evans
Daniel Davisson
Elizabeth Ludington Hagans
Elizabeth Azne
Major William Haymond
Matthew French
Ohio Valley
West Augusta
Wheeling

Red Ribbon & Green & Gold for Programs

John Hart

Inserts Blue Ribbon & Green & Gold for Programs

Colonel Zackquill Morgan
Vandalia

Mrs. W. R. Zimmerman
Chairman

PUBLIC RELATIONS

I wish to thank you for the Honor and Privilege of serving as your Public Relations Chairman.

I would also like to thank the Chapter Regent's and their Public Relations Chairman's for the outstanding Reports and materials for the Press Book this year, as you know we still have four months that we must continue to send in reports and material for the annual report, which is sent to the national. We have done well this year as thirty-four out of fifty-six Chapters have reported.

Instructions for the Public Relations and Press Book were placed in the Annual Packet in June 1976 at Jackson's Mill, and a follow-up letter was mailed to each in September.

The Public Relations Report is reported below No. Chapters in State 56.

No. of Chapter Reporting	34
No. of Photo's	149
No. of Photo Inches	2,465½
No of Newspaper Articles	360
No. of Newspaper Articles Inches	5,321
No. of Historical Inches	1,897
No. of Educational Inches	778
No. of Patriotic Inches	1,597
No. of Other Articles Inches	389
Total No. of Photo and Publicity Inches	8,173

Featured Stories were reported by Buford, Blennerhassett, Colonel Charles Lewis, Kanawha Valley, and Barboursville, and many that were not reported, to me. The Press Book for the State of West Virginia will be on display here and then I hope to complete it with the help of the Chairmen and send to the National in April.

Again I wish to thank each of you for your many hours of loving labor which went not only toward the clipping and pasting up of materials, but importantly, the filing of the Chapter's activities which make up the News and tells the DAR Story.

PRESS BOOK AWARDS GIVEN FOR CHAPTER BOOKS ON DISPLAY
AT STATE CONFERENCE:

First	Blennerhassett Chapter
Second	Elk River Chapter
Third	Buford Chapter
Honorable Mention	Anne Bailey Chapter
	Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter

Miss Louise Hickman
Public Relations Chairman

STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Twenty-two chapters returned the October questionnaire for the 1976 State Report.

Pledged for 1976-77 American History Scholarship \$26.

Pledged for 1976-77 Occupational Therapy Scholarship \$24.50.

Of the twenty-two reports, Eleven chapters are not participating in the Student Loan and Scholarship Project. Six chapters have requested American History Scholarship application forms.

Ann Bailey Chapter, made loans to twenty-seven students, totaling \$1,850. William Morris Chapter, awarded two scholarship of \$250 each. Buford Chapter and Wheeling Chapter awarded one scholarship of \$100 each.

In the 1975-76 school year four senior high school students applied for the American History scholarship. Sponsoring Chapters were James Allen and Mound.

The State Winner, Mark Allen Polen, John Marshall High School, Moundsville, was presented the \$50 Government Bond by Mound Chapter Scholarship chairman, Mrs. Howard Riggs, and Mrs. Charles Harvey, Chapter Regent.

The personal sketch, qualifications, need and letters of recommendation were thoroughly checked and judged by three retired educators. The selected application of Mark Allen Polen was then sent to headquarters for judging on the national level.

Total money reported in scholarship and loan funds in the chapters is \$9,951.41.

Edith H. Love
State Chairman

THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATE OF AMERICA

42 Chapters reported their Flag activities, in general the best reports I have received in 5 years.

Reports from Daniel Shumate, General Andrew Lewis and Pack Horse Ford were outstanding.

36 large Flags and 133 small Flags were presented.

156 Flag Code Posters were purchased and placed mainly in windows and schools.

326 Flag Codes were given to new Citizens, schools etc.

7 corrections were made because of the incorrect display of the Flag.

6 jeweled Flag pins were sold.

2 jeweled Flag pins were presented as awards.

30 Chapters urged their members to fly their Flags on Flag holidays.

8 Flags were made for the blind.

27 entire programs and 51 partial programs were given on the Flag.

7 Flag programs were given to other organizations.

15 newspaper articles.

16 radio broadcasts and 2 television programs.

34 Chapters reported opening their Chapter meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance, and 32 recited the American's Creed.

15 Chapters presented Flag literature.

Eugenia Jones (Mrs. Ralph)
Flag Chairman

TRANSPORTATION

A letter with information and questionnaires to be returned to State Chairman were placed in packets given out at Jackson's Mill in June, 1976. To date I have replies from nineteen (18) chapters.

All Chapters reporting at this time have Driver Education in their high schools, and a goodly percentage promote bicycle and motorcycle safety, having programs in the schools and 4-H Clubs. Seven Chapters had programs on Traffic Safety, a number of which had traffic officers talk at Chapter meetings; one Chapter having program given by City Fire Chief on "Highway Safety and work of ambulance corps."

Literature from Highway Users Federation was used for pgorams at Chapter meetings and in schools.

In almost all instances Chairmen reported transporting members to Chapter meetings as well as State Conference, District Meetings and Continental Congress; and some Chapters have planned and carried through tours to historical spots.

The 55 mile speed limit is insisted upon by letters written to Congressmen and reminding Chapter members of the importance of keeping this speed limit.

Mrs. Ward Collins
State Chairman Transportation

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DIRECTORS

CENTRAL DISTRICT

The twenty-ninth annual meeting of the Central District, West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution was held in the Hotel Morgan, Morgantown, West Virginia on May 1, 1976, with the Col. John Evans, Colonel Zackquill Morgan and Elizabeth Ludington Hagans Chapters as hostesses.

Mrs. M. Patricia Engle played background music while the group assembled, and Mrs. Walter B. Buseman, assisted by Mrs. Aubrey A. Conley of the Evans Chapter, were hostesses for the morning coffee.

The meeting was called to order by the district director, Mrs. Page Ervin. Devotions were given by Mrs. Cecil Casteel. Mrs. Edith Love led the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and Mrs. Mary Zo Bowlby led the American's Creed. These women are members of the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans Chapter.

Mrs. Charles T. Holland, regent of the Evans Chapter, accompanied by Mrs. Engle, sang "America The Beautiful."

Mrs. E. D. Federer, vice regent, Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter, welcomed the group. In the absence of Mrs. Nell Tennant of the Colonel Morgan Chapter, Mrs. Ervin responded.

Reports of the work accomplished during the last year were given by the chapter regents, who were introduced by Mrs. Erwin.

Those who reported included Mrs. Holland, Evans Chapter; Mrs. E. B. Hancock, Zackquill Morgan, Mrs. Cecil R. Murphy, Daniel Davisson; Mrs. Monda L. Delaney, Elizabeth Cummins Jackson; Mrs. Vivian Michael, Hagans; Mrs. T. D. Bolton, John Hart; Mrs. Carl A. Schimmel, Major William Haymond; Mrs. Jason B. Bailey, Trans-Allegheny; Mrs. Ralph Lunsford, Tygart Valley; and Mrs. Roger C. Demeroy, West Augusta.

A luncheon was held at noon, Mrs. Ervin presiding and Mrs. Engle giving the table grace.

A large Liberty Bell replica was placed at the center of the luncheon table and figurines of George and Martha Washington, and another of Benjamin Franklin, were at each end. Smaller tables were centered with bud vases of spring flowers. The table arrangements were made by Miss Harriet Barkalow and Miss Louise Barkalow.

Mrs. Ervin also conducted the afternoon program when vocal selections with guitar accompaniment were presented by Wil Smith of the South Siders.

A slide presentation, "Historic Landmarks," was given by James Harding, research analyst with the West Virginia Antiquities Commission.

Mrs. John Corbitt, state regent, gave a report of the Continental Congress held in April in Washington, D.C. Among her information and other items of interest was that the talk on "Genealogical Research" Miss Marian Tapp, outstanding genealogist, Hagans Chapter, gave at the annual meeting in 1975 has been sent to the program department in the national office and is now available to members (\$3.00).

Remarks also were given by Mrs. Charles L. Rhodes, state registrar; Mrs. Homer P. Martin, state vice regent and chairman of the Honor Roll; Mrs. Harry S. Weeks, state chairman of good citizenship; and Mrs. Love, state chairman of student loans and scholarships.

Mrs. Charles Martin Jamison, Evans Chapter, presented a Memorial Service.

Mrs. Murphy extend an invitation for the group to meet next year in Clarksburg, probably at Holiday Inn on Bridgeport Hill, with the Elizabeth Cummins Jackson and Daniel Davison Chapters as hostesses.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Mrs. Engle and Mrs. Casteel.

Bess Snyder Mohl
Secretary

WESTERN DISTRICT

The 29th Annual meeting of the W. Va. Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, Western District, met at the Humphreys Driftwood Room, W. Va. Saturday, May 15, 1976.

A Registration and Coffee hour was held at 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The Caao to Order was given by Mrs. A. M. Foose, District Director. An Invocation was given by Mrs. G. C. Porter, Pledge Allegiance to the flag by Miss Alethia Calvert. The Americans Creed was led by Mrs. C. W. Hagerman II, followed by the National Anthem.

Mrs. Walter Spearman of the Kanawha Valley Chapter welcomed all members, followed by a Response by Mrs. Samuel Davis, Past Regent, Buford Chapter. The Secretary called the roll and there were 76 members and 7 state

officers present.

Ann Bailey - 7	Fort Lee - 7	Westmoreland - 3
Barboursville - 4	Jenny Wiley - 0	William Morris - 1
Buford - 6	John Young - 10	
Charleston - 3	Kanawha Valley - 26	State Officers - 7
Col. Charles Lewis - 3	Ravenswood - 0	Guests - 3

The State Regent Mrs. John Corbitt, gave a short talk about Continental Congress mentioning that the National Society has met its goal of 200,000 living members. Also she announced that W. Va. won a Continental Congress award for "Change in Period Room". Col. Charles Lewis Chapter won an award for using the Presidential theme in all their programs. Jenny Wiley Chapter got recognition for having 62% Magazine subscriptions and their Good Citizen, Miss Debra Phillips was 1st place in State. Kanawha Valley Chapter got recognition for their outstanding job in advertisement, selling for the DAR Magazine \$2,500 in ads.

The following State Officers were introduced and some gave short talks:

Mrs. Hedrick, Chaplain announced 57 deaths in 1975, a memorial service will be held at State Conference in October. There was a silent prayer and a poem by Angelo Patai, In Memoriam, was read.

State Recording Secretary - Mrs. Leonard Hash

State Treasurer - Mrs. Walter Spearman

State Registrar - Mrs. Charles Rhodes

State Parliamentarian - Mrs. Davis

State Chairmen:

Mrs. Pancake, American Indians

Mary Louise Taylor, DAR Magazine Advertisement

Mrs. Grant Hall, W. Va. Room and National Committee on By-Laws and Magazine

Mrs. Harry Weeks, DAR Good Citizen

Mrs. Meisel, State Flag

Miss Louise Hickman, State Public Relations

The Minutes were read, corrected and approved. The Treasurer gave a balance on hand of \$161.52. The Director announced the Jackson's Mill meeting will be June 25-16. The State Conference will be held in Parkersburg in October.

The following members were elected to be the Nominating Committee: Mrs. Bricker, Kanawha Valley Chapter, Mrs. Grant Hall, Ann Bailey and Miss Louise Hickman, Barboursville Chapter.

The Invitation for 1977 meeting was given by the Barboursville Chapter. Meeting was an adjournment for lunch.

The Invocation was given by Mrs. L.A. Kail, Regent Vandalia Chapter. Mrs. Foose introduced the guest speaker, Judge Kenneth K. Hall. He gave an interesting talk on "The Law and the Federal Court". He commended the Daughters on their DAR manual of Citizenship that we give out at the Naturalization ceremonies.

The State Officers and guests were introduced at the head table. Announce-

ments: Mrs. Bricker, E.H. Smith Scholarship Chairman announced that Terry Lynn Meadows, sponsored by the Kanawha Valley Chapter, won the award. She is from Hurricane and plans to attend Marshall and major in Home Economics and to eventually teach in W.Va.

The Resolutions were read by Mrs. Eugene Sterrett, Regent Col. Charles Lewis Chapter. Closing by Mrs. Foose. The Benediction was given by Mrs. Claude Matthews, Regent Westmoreland Chapter. "Bless Be the Tie That Binds".

Marie Capinpin
Secretary

STATE CHAIRMEN OF SPECIAL NATIONAL COMMITTEES

AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH REPORT

The West Virginia State Society Chairman of the American History Month proudly announced winners from Daughters of the American Revolution chapters as follows: Buford, Kanawha Valley, Fort Ashby, Mound, South Branch Valley, James Barbour, Shenendoah Valley, South Branch Valley, Potomac Valley, and Blennerhassett. THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE title prepared this way for the Bicentennial Celebration. Students in the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades were eligible to compete.

It was with distinct pleasure and pride that I was able to serve our beloved State Regent, Mrs. John E. Corbitt, in announcing the winners in the DAR News. Individual regents and chairmen were informed at this time.

BATTLES OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION--land and sea battles should help us create new interest in the 1977 contest.

Thank you for helping make American History Month a rewarding memory.

Mary Reed Heddleston
Chairman

CONSTITUTION WEEK COMMITTEE

This report presents the result of the study of information submitted by the Constitution Week Committees of 40 Chapters of the West Virginia State Organization. Seventy per cent of the Chapters submitted reports covering a wide range of activity. Percentage-wise this is about the same as in 1975. Monetary Awards are not given as of last year.

Certificate of Awards are given as follows

First Place: Wheeling Chapter, NSDAR
Mrs. Henry M. Graybill, Chairman
Miss Nell Robinson, Regent

Second Place: General Andrew Lewis, NSDAR
Mrs. Jack Anderson, Chairman
Mrs. W. W. Collins, Regent

Third Place: Colonel Charles Lewis, NSDAR
Alice Sauer, Co-Chairman
Mrs. Joseph Swain, Co-Chairman
Mrs. James W. Carpenter, Regent

Nell Robinson, Co-Chairman
Mrs. Paul Scott, Co-Chairman

BICENTENNIAL REPORT

I am very proud of the tremendous number of bicentennial projects completed or nearly completed by West Virginia chapters in the year 1975-76. In the space allotted for this report it's impossible to do credit to all the work that has been done. This report includes those activities reported to me through February of last year. Others being reported to me on the new 1976-77 report blank will appear in the later report.

First, our state project. Since so many more persons visit Constitution Hall each year than actually come to West Virginia to visit, the West Virginia Society decided the renovation of its room in Constitution Hall would be a worthwhile Bicentennial project.

So far chapters have contributed \$320.73 toward this project, and the work has progressed to this point: track lighting has been installed, the walls have been repaired and painted. New drapes have been hung, and the state society has now begun to bring everything in the room into the proper period. Only new addition so far is a comb back windsor chair (1830) one of the only two in the entire museum.

Needless to say, this is a project which shall continue following 1976 itself, as all West Virginia Daughters continue to look and search for furniture and artifacts proper for that period in West Virginia.

Out of 56 chapters in the state, 27 officially reported their Bicentennial activities. Winners of the 1976 state contest are:

First Place -	Bee Line Chapter
Second Place -	Blennerhassett Chapter
Third Place -	Captain James Allen Chapter

Honorable Mention goes to Anne Bailey Chapter, Shenandoah Valley Chapter, Wheeling Chapter.

Briefly, the following are short descriptions of the most noteworthy Chapter Projects reported to me:

Kanawha County Chapters took part in a "Charleston Tea Party" July, 1976 at the Governor's Mansion, honoring all state DAR, CAR, SAR.

Blennerhassett Chapter (Parkersburg on Ohio River) presented very well-researched quilt show with slides at Parkersburg Art Center. Second part of exhibit included cases of dolls of historical characters of particular interest to West Virginia. (Seen by more than 2,000 persons). Furnished information to Ohio DAR who sponsored an Ohio River Tour on the Delta Queen. Blennerhassett Chapter presented a special program for our guests when the Delta Queen docked at Parkersburg.

Captain James Allen Chapter (Beckley) contributed \$500 towards restoration of Wildwood House, home of the founder of Beckley and Wildwood Cemetery. Also conducted essay contest for children in 5th - 8th grades.

Anne Bailey Chapter (Charleston) working with other groups toward restoration of Ruffner Cabin (Oldest structure left standing in Charleston) and will furnish it when it is restored. Chapter also plans to re-enact the famous ride of Anne Bailey from Charleston to Lewisburg.

Jennie Wiley Chapter (Kermit) regent's old homeplace will be renovated and restored.

Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter (Pt. Pleasant) national winner in 1975 conducted special memorial services held in honor of men who fell in the battle of Point Pleasant . 201 years ago. Over 200 attended. Chapter is joint sponsor of Bicentennial Musical Program presented at restored Fort Randolph. Working with other area organizations on restoration of the home of Virgil A. Lewis (W. Va. Historian) and a one room school.

Wheeling Chapter planned a series of minute TV spots on "Women in Colonial Times". School children did the background art work for each of 52 ladies spots will continue for a year. . . a different woman featured each week. Art work will also be displayed in downtown store windows.

Ann Royall Chapter (Harrisville) presented a historic pageant in 1976, collecting books of Ann Royal and wrote a column (Our Proud Heritage) for the local weekly paper.

Ye Towne of Bath Chapter (Berkeley Springs) compiled a book including each member's family history to be presented to the local library. Towne was laid out in Lots in 1776. Members are researching and will place markers on lots, denoting earliest owners, which including 3 signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Shenandoah Valley Chapter (Martinsburg). Chapter members together with the Morgan Cabin of Torytown Association worked hard on completion of the restoration of the Morgan Cabin, properly marked a historical site.

Elk River Chapter (Gassaway) cooperated with county Bicentennial Commission in presentation of a pageant entitled "Valley of Salt", presented in May 1976. Chapter sponsored "Apple Butter Making" as finance project for Bicentennial events.

Bee Line Chapter (Charles Town). The Bicentennial Celebration served as the necessary influence to bring to completion a long time dream of members of Bee Line Chapter. Restoration of the ruins of "St. George's Chapel". A dream that began in 1922 not long after Bee Line Chapter was organized, when two descendants deeded their rights in the property to the Chapter. Two other heirs were reluctant when approached from time to time by the Chapter. In 1968 another heir showed his willingness to deed over his share. Finally in 1973. . .all deeds were clear and Bee Line Chapter was ready to start on its Bicentennial project. An association had been set up, the Jefferson County Historical Society, The Harper's Ferry Historical Park Service Youth Conservation Corps and hundreds of others have cooperated in clearing brush, landscaping and stabilizing the ruin from further decay. St. George's Chapel was the feature attraction for the 1976 House and Garden Tour the last week in April 1976. A 54 year dream

completed.

These are only a few of the outstanding reports sent to me in 1976. One more report due, please, before December 31, 1976. In this report, please be specific in answers to questions only. Give as complete a report as possible on publicity, and costs of your bicentennial projects. Every chapter reporting is my goal for this bicentennial year!

Mrs. William Becker
Chairman

SEIMES MICROFILM CENTER REPORT

The Seimes Microfilm Center chairman received reports from 46 of the 56 West Virginia DAR chapters.

46 of those contributed amounts from \$1.00 to \$13.00.

- 1 chapter reported small membership, unable to make a contribution.
- 26 of the reporting chapters gave \$1.00 each
- 2 chapters gave \$2.00 each
- 1 chapter gave \$3.00
- 4 chapters gave \$5.00 each
- 1 chapter gave \$7.00
- 8 chapters gave \$10.00 each
- 2 chapters gave \$11.00 each
- 1 chapter gave \$13.00

The total amount contributed from West Virginia chapters was \$175.00.

The State Chairman has mailed letters to each of the 56 West Virginia chapters concerning contributions for 1977. The letters were mailed to the chapter regent if the name of the chairman was unknown. Chapters are advised that the National DAR Chairman, Mrs. Walter E. Ward will mail a Certificate of Award to each chapter contributing \$10.00 or more to the Microfilm Center. \$10.00 will purchase 1 roll of film. The Microfilm Center also encourages chapters to send copies of Public and Private records of genealogical value. They have some records from many states and will furnish copies upon request.

Remember to send the contribution from your chapter to the STATE TREASURER, Mrs. Walter Spearman before January 15, 1977. I shall appreciate a note or a card stating the amount of contributions from each chapter for my report.

Thank you for your cooperation through the past two years.

Bertha Ballard Solins (Mrs. Samuel)
State Chairman, Seims Microfilm
Center, NSDAR

STATE CHAIRMEN OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

BLANCHE L. REYMANN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Miss Linda Comins of Wellsburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Daine Comins, was the recipient of the Blanche L. Reymann Memorial Scholarship for the college year 1976-1977.

Miss Comins is a senior at Bethany College, majoring in Communications. She ranks in the upper ten per cent of her class and was nominated by the faculty at Bethany for the West Virginia NSDAR award.

The daughters of Wheeling Chapter, Miss Nell Robinson, Regent, opened their first meeting of the year with a luncheon at the Belmont Hills Country Club. Linda and her mother were their guests. Quoting from Miss Robinson, "The luncheon was a most pleasant occasion, and Linda expressed her sincere appreciation for the award."

Your State Chairman received a most gracious "thank you" note from Linda thanking me, the Wheeling Chapter and the West Virginia Society NSDAR for honoring her with the Blanche L. Reymann Memorial Scholarship award.

The following chapter contributed to the scholarship' Borderland, Buford, Captain James Allen, Colonel Charles Lewis, Elizabeth Zane, John Hart, Kanawha Valley, Matthew French, Pack Horse Ford, Wheeling, and Tygart Valley.

Last year the chapters contributed \$196 for the scholarship and this year only \$95. Please bear in mind this scholarship is not included in the budget as is the Eleanor H. Smith Scholarship but depends upon the contributions from the chapters and only the interest is used for the scholarship.

Let's do much better next year.

Kathryn M. Kraybill (Mrs. D. B.)
Chairman,
Blanche L. Reymann Memorial
Scholarship Committee

FINAL REPORT

CREDENTIAL REPORT State Conference - 1976

National Officers	1
Past National Officers	2
National Chairman	0
National Vice Chairmen	2
State Officers	9

Honorary State Regents	6
District Directors	3
State Chairmen	22
Chapter Regents	29
Delegates	98
Alternates	24
Members	15
Pages	6
Guests	2
Total Registration	218
Voting Strength	142

Ruth E. Seibert
Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Your Finance Committee is pleased to inform you that the finances of the West Virginia State Organization are in good condition for the fiscal year September 15, 1975 - September 15, 1976.

Reports from the State Treasurer have been sent to your Chairman of Finance regularly. Copies of the Annual Treasurers Report as well as the Auditors Statement have been received and reviewed. All is in order and books are in balance.

We are very happy with the over-all growth of the Savings Accounts and do commend the State Treasurer for her very fine work in supervising these investments.

Your Finance Committee has prepared the following recommendations for your considerations.

1. To continue the 90 day security investments of \$2,000.00 from the Contingent Fund for another year.
2. Dues Assessments for the year 1976-1977 to remain at \$1.50 per member and to be divided as follows:

State Dues	1.00
Contingent Fund11
C.A.R.05
W.Va. Room and Museum02
W.Va. Library05
W.Va. News20
W.Va. Tea/Luncheon02
Award Winners	<u>.03</u>

\$1.50

by our District Directors.

Anne M. Kail (Mrs. Leonard A.)
Chairman
Eleanor H. Smith Scholarship Fund

COURTESY COMMITTEE REPORT

Resolved that the Seventy-First West Virginia State Conference, NSDAR, express appreciation to Northern District hostess chapters - Ann Royal, Blennerhassett, Elk River, James Wood, Nathan Davis, Ohio Valley, Mound and Wheeling for their hospitality and fine work done by them, and a special thanks to Mrs. Charles Brown, State Conference Chairman.

This has been an interesting informative, and pleasant conference.

As always it is a treat to have with us Mrs. William W. McLaugherty, National Honorary Vice President General and Honorary State Regents - Mrs. W. W. McLaugherty, Mrs. V. Eugene Holcombe, Mrs. Carl Galbraith, Mrs. C. William Moore, Miss Virginia Johnson and Miss Lucile Stutler.

The Honorable William P.A. Nicely, Mayor of the City of Parkersburg, welcomed us to his City. He made us feel he was pleased to have us.

Welcome to the Conference was given by Mrs. Charles Brown, State Conference Chairman.

Greetings from the Sons of the American Revolution, Mr. Phil Creamer, and Mrs. Voris Morton, Senior State President of Children of the American Revolution, were greatly appreciated.

The Director of Bacone College, the Rev. Gary Wagner, spoke to us and showed slides of the school, and we feel we know more about the work being done for the education of our Indians. Our first Americans.

We were most fortunate to have as our speaker, Mrs. Lawrence R. Andrus, National Chairman of National Defense. She told us of a plan to involve us in the Interdependence Movement. We are in danger if we do not heed her warning of loosing our freedom as an independent nation. We do thank Mrs. Andrus for coming to us with this warning.

Other highlights of the Conference which we enjoyed. First, on closing our opening night session, Mr. Henry Wilson, sang a French song about our American Flag. Mrs. Wilson accompanied him at the piano.

The Madrigal Singers from Parkersburg South High School, directed by Mr. Daniel Thomas, sang at our Friday luncheon.

The Hand Bell Choir from the first Presbyterian Church, directed by Mrs. Roy Reel, entertained us at the Banquet Honoring Chapter Regents. We appreciated the fine music. Especially enjoyed the music by these fine young people.

Let us strive to keep them from loosing their American Heritage.

The Conference is happy to tell Miss Ruth Seibert a big thanks for all she does - not only at Conference but all year long. It would be hard to do without you Ruth.

Our young pages are deserving of our gratitude for their service.

Sincere thanks to the Holiday Inn for their hospitality and our comfort.

We want to thank Mrs. Corbitt for the fine Regent she has been these past three years. All of our love and best wishes go with her.

We thank our State Chaplain for the deep spiritual note she has expressed in all of her devotions.

Sincere thanks to all who in any way made this Conference of 1976 one to remember.

Mrs. James A. Baritell
State Chairman

WEST VIRGINIA NEWS

Because the subscription fee and the assessment from dues to the state do not pay for the high cost of printing and publishing today, the Administrative Board decided to cut the number of issues per year to three, but using six pages for the issue, if sufficient material came in to warrant that size. This arrangement seems to assist the postage problem, also.

During the past year, your editor has completed and mailed two copies. The September issue is late because of the physical condition of the editor, but it seems well that it should follow closely after the State Conference and contain at least part of the available listing of awards.

Circulation remains the big problem in connection with the paper. The postal department has its problems and the papers and magazines being sent at a reduced rate appear to take a convenient day for delivery. Even our National Magazine has this problem.

Circulation has increased during the past year, but many more members and officers within the state need to be aware of the state program and receive the News regularly.

During the State Conference, the Editor presented a certificate and ribbon for the top three subscriptions within the chapter. They are:

First, the blue ribbon - Anne Bailey, which has 48 subscriptions.
Second, the red ribbon to Kanawha Valley Chapter.
Third, the white ribbon to Wheeling Chapter.

Honorable mention to Buford and Capt. James Allen Chapters.

Laura R. Hedrick (Mrs. Ralph)
Editor

REPORT OF THE BINDINGS OF THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS

Acting as volunteer Chairman, I wish to report to the West Virginia State organization NSDAR that three (3) copies of the State proceedings have been received and more are needed.

Members are urged to keep on -- keeping on -- in an effort to complete the project.

Helen D. Hoicombe
Chairman

REPORTS OF CHAPTER REGENTS

Anne Bailey Chapter Charleston, W. Va.

The Anne Bailey Chapter has been on the Gold Honor Roll for nineteen consecutive years.

We have added to our membership both adults and junior members. We also sponsor a Chapter of C.A.R. Society.

Our Chapter has been represented at Western District, Jackson's Mill and Continental Congress.

One of our members, Mrs. Grant P. Hall, received an award for the most dramatic change made in a room, the West Virginia Room in Continental Hall, Washington, D.C.

Our Student Loan Fund at W. Va. University, has been used by twenty-seven students.

Donations of money, old jewelry and beads were sent to several Indian schools. Also, Christmas presents to Tamasse D.A.R. School.

Anne Bailey gave two Bicentennial teas, one in February, honoring historic students who were presented pins.

Good Citizens Medals and Certificates were presented to three high school students this year.

The Bicentennial tea in August honored the new members of the Ch-

The Chapter presented a ROTC medal to an outstanding cadet at W. Va. State College.

We had a beautiful entry in the Bicentennial Parade July 3. Anne Bailey's famous ride was re-enacted - A young girl dressed in a buckskin outfit riding a horse. Two C.A.R. members walking in front of the rider carrying a banner marked Anne Bailey Chapter.

During Constitution Week, three windows were decorated, and spot announcements were given on radio and in the press.

Books and magazines were sent to the Veterans Hospital, Huntington, W. Va.

Alethia C. Calvert
Chapter Regent

**Ann Royall Chapter
Harrisville, W. Va.**

Ann Royall, a Silver Honor Roll Chapter has 39 members. We expect notification of the acceptance of six new members, one a Junior, at the October National Board meeting.

Our programs have been patriotic, historical and educational. We have contributed to all projects, schools and advertising. Delivered Christmas packages to the Veterans Administration Hospital at Clarksburg.

Each meeting included the Ritual, American's Creed, President's message, Pledge to the Flag and a National Defense report. We gave a magazine subscription to the Ritchie County Library, Harrisville, W. Va. Nathan Davis Chapter, West Union - out guests for the Constitution program, which was given by Miss Nell Robinson, W. Va. Constitution Week, Chairman.

Ann Royall Chapter contributed \$15.00 on a monument to mark the grave of a Rev. soldier, Jacob Stalnaker, at Beverly, W. Va. Have restored the Pioneer cemetery at Harrisville, reset stones and mended the fence. "Our Proud Heritage", a sketch on individual Revolutionary soldiers, has been presented in the Ritchie County Gazette, a weekly newspaper, written by the Regent of Ann Royall Chapter. Ann Royall Chapter has coordinating representation on the Ritchie County Bicentennial Commission. We sponsored Miss Nell Robinson as our candidate for Miss Bicentennial, Ritchie County. She was the winner. We added a rare and valuable book to the Chapter's library, "The Black Book or a Continuation of Travels in the United States," written in 1828 by ANN ROYALL. All of this being a part of our Bicentennial project.

We were represented at all state meetings.

Our special project was Bacone—the proceeds to be credited to Les Underwood.

Two of our members presented books they had written to the National DAR Library; "The Andrew Phillips Family" by Mabel Baker and "The History of the Harrisville Baptist Church" by Elizabeth Stonestreet.

Mrs. Paul J. Scott
Regent

**Barboursville Chapter
Barboursville, W. Va.**

The Barboursville Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution have had a most productive year. Ten meetings were held. All meetings followed the rituals as required.

Barboursville Chapter now has an enrollment of 34 members. This includes 4 new members and 1 junior member. One member passed away during the year.

Celebration of the Bicentennial was observed with vigor and fervor this year. Many events occurred. Among these observances were:

A Colonial Tea at the Toll House in December with guests representing DAR Chapters from Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia. This was held at the Toll House which was beautifully decorated with the Christmas theme, and all members were dressed in Colonial costumes.

A Bicentennial Art Contest was sponsored in the elementary junior high, and high schools of Barboursville. A \$25 Savings Bond was awarded to the winner of each respective school.

Members participated in the Bicentennial Parade, July 4, 1976, and the Toll House was available for touring during the afternoon.

National Defense Awards were presented to junior high students in our area. Citizenship award to a Milton High Student.

Contributions were made to the projects of jural for the Retunda, microfilm and the Indian Schools.

The Reverend John Mason of the Steele Memorial Methodist Church in Barboursville highlighted our Flag Day Program with his contribution of "Freedom and Our Flag."

Members have subscribed to the West Virginia News and the DAR Magazine.

The Chapter had representation at Jackson's Mill, Western District Meeting, State Conference, and Continental Congress.

Girl Scout Troupe was given a tour of the Toll House with Mrs. C. Lyal Clay and Mrs. W. H. Brownfield, Regent, as hostesses.

The Barboursville Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution are on the go!

Marjorie D. Brownfield (Mrs. W. H.)
Regent

**Bee Line Chapter
Charles Town, W. Va.**

Bee Line Chapter has 66 member of which 4 are new and 2 are transfers. Awards earned are Gold Honor Roll, the Yearbook Supplement's blue ribbon in the State and National Special recognition for it, first place in State for contribution to Indian Schools, second place for Genealogical Records given to libraries, a Seimes Microfilm Center certificate and a 100% certificate of participation in National bicentennial project in Washington. Bee Line also received a Historical Landmark plaque and certificate from Landmark's commission which registers the St. George's Chapel Ruins as a Historic Jefferson County landmark.

Five members attended the Continental Congress, two the State Conference at Pipestem State Park and two the Workshop at Jackson's Mill. Seven members attended the Area meeting at Martinsburg. Reports were given as required.

Two dozen grave memorial flags were purchased. "Atlas of the American Revolution" and "Alexander and Nancy Barnes Burns" family records given to Jefferson County Library. DAR Manual for Citizenship distributed. Cards of concern sent to ill or bereaved members and special attention to those over 65 years of age. Laprobes made for Veterans Hospital and Christmas candies donated. A list of more than 400 soldiers of the Revolution was researched to be publicised. A Good Citizen medal was awarded.

Outstanding messages to Bee Line were "Two Hundred Years of National Defense" by Colonel John Allen, "Inspired Patriotism" by Dr. Howard Backus, "The Constitution Today" by Louise Leonard and an address given at St. George's Chapel by Right Honorable Robert P. Atkinson Bishop of the Diocese of W. Va.

Of special interest was a float in the Bicentennial parade "Women of the Revolution": a Housewife, a Pioneer, Abigail Adams, Betsy Ross, and Molly Pitcher. The dinner meeting in May was a social occasion at which "our" bride and a character member's birthday celebration were highlights.

The Chapter's 50 year pin was bestowed on Miss Louise Briscoe at the George Washington Day party at Shenandoah Junction. Replicas of Liberty Bell were given to 4 ladies who had been members for 50 or more years. Mrs. Charlotte Schermerhorn Allen, Miss Louise Briscoe, Mrs. Alice Kessler Bushong, Miss Edith Gardener. Mrs. Bushong was especially recognized on this her 97th birthday. Many ladies were in period dress, seated at small round tables, in the center of which was a candle lighted lantern. At each place was a canister of paper fire lighters, a program-menus (bell shaped), a clothespin soldier, a small flag and a tricorn hat nut cup. Fifty-four present were delighted with the account given by Dr. Backus, of the 56 who signed the Declaration of Independence.

Bee Line's celebration service held on the site of our Bicentennial project was the outstanding event of the year. The Bishop of West Virginia Diocese emphasized the idea that "our future should not be a series of hopeless ends but rather a series of endless hopes". Music was furnished by the 85 piece Jefferson High School Band and the Presbyterian Hand Bell Choir. Among the many special guests were two State Officers, District Chairman, State President of D.A.C., Pack Horse Ford Regent, members of the Washington family and heirs of the Davenport family who deeded the St. George's Chapel to Bee Line. Two little Davenport boys unveiled the bronze plaque. Florence Hendricks Moore, Honorary State Regent, member of Bee Line and chairman of trustees of St. George's Chapel were presented with a gold DAR Bicentennial pin by the chapter in recognition and appreciation of her untiring work on the project.

Over 200 persons went to nearby piedmont historic home of the Briscoe family, for refreshments.

Leone B. Hamilton
Regent

**Blackwater Chapter
Parsons, W. Va.**

Madam Regent, honored guests and daughters. Blackwater Chapter is located in Tucker County.

We have 34 members, two charter members and four junior members.

Our chapter presented four Good Citizenship Medals - two of each of the senior high schools.

Our chapter is still actively engaged in conservation, planting trees and feeding birds.

Three of our members were able to attend the Continental Congress this Bicentennial Year.

Miss Hasaleah M. Lanham
Regent

**Blennerhassett Chapter
Parkersburg, W. Va.**

Blennerhassett Chapter has had a busy and rewarding year. The programs were all based on the objectives of the Society. The Chapter had presentation at Continental Congress, State Conference Northern District and Jackson's Mill Meeting.

Our Bicentennial project was sponsoring a Quilt and Coverlet Show and

display of dolls of Historical Persons at the Parkersburg Art Center, for six weeks, with the registration of more than 2,000 guests. Our slide program on quilts has been presented in 20 programs.

An entire program on DAR Schools was given with guest speaker, Mrs. Carl Gabraith, a member of the speakers staff. Contribution of money, trading stamps, and clothing were made to K.D.S. and Tamasee.

Constitution Week was observed with a tea, signing of Proclamation by the Mayor, displays in stores and schools and literature distributed.

The Chapter joined with James Wood Chapter for an outstanding National Defense Luncheon with Colonel Ralph D. Albertazzie as guest speaker.

Two Good Citizen, three Good Citizen and four History Medals were presented to students. Three schools with 60 students participated in the History Essay Contest. The Essay Winners and their parents, with the Honorable Mayor as speaker, were guests at the February meeting.

Two Revolutionary soldiers graves were dedicated and marked.

Christmas gifts and cash donations were presented to the Veterans at an estimated value of \$133.70.

The Rand McNally Atlas of American Revolution War and Album of American Revolution was presented to public schools of Wood County.

Thirty dollars was contributed to the Sky Light Fund.

A Magnolia Tree was presented the new library. 1,130 pounds of seed was purchased and fed to birds and 177 trees and shrubs planted.

The Chapter met all requirements to receive the Gold Honor Roll, including increase in membership, received Outstanding Award for Year Book from National Program Committee and first place from State.

Made 100% contribution to the President General's National Project. Received first place award for contribution to American Indian School.

One member has sung in the National Congress Chorus for four consecutive years.

A combined program on Americanism and the Flag was presented by our Junior Members. Recognition was given to a new citizen including her as a speaker and presenting her with a Flag.

Manuals were presented to schools and to applicants for American Citizenship.

Geraldine Sommerville (Mrs. J. Frank)
Regent

**Borderland Chapter
Mt. Hope, W. Va.**

Borderland Chapter has forty-five (45) members, having gained four (4) members and one transfer.

We have been privileged to have extremely interesting speakers for our programs this year, stressing the importance of Educational, Historic, and Patriotic progress. The majority of our programs have dealt with Bicentennial-related topics.

All of the meetings were opened with the Ritual, the President General's message, a five (5) minute report on National Defense, and one full program on National Defense.

In February, a Bicentennial Educational Display Project was placed in the Oak Hill Library (a branch of the Fayette County Library), which included two very interesting scrapbooks. One of the scrapbooks related to the Constitution, the other, with sixty-nine (69) pages, contained articles and pictures from magazines, newspapers, brochures, et cetera. Many articles, books and pictures relating to the Bicentennial were displayed. These were gathered over a period of months of research. Many visitors and high school students visited the display at the library, made notes, and read some of the books.

Borderland used the Honor Roll as a guideline and studied it carefully throughout the year. We are very happy to have made all Honor Roll requirements. We also had one hundred per cent member participation in the President General's Project, "A Tribute to the United States of America". We were very proud to receive the certificate.

Borderland presented the following awards.

- Eight (8) DAR Good Citizens pins and certificates
- Two (2) American History Essay Contest medals and certificates
- Twenty-six (26) certificates of appreciation to those who entered the contest

A Bicentennial flag was presented to Oak Hill Library.

Subscriptions to DAR Magazine were given to Oak Hill and Mt. Hope branches of Fayette County Library.

We entertained the members of James Ellison Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, at our Christmas program and dinner. We had a delightful visit and an instructive meeting with them. Our most important decision arising from the meeting was to cooperate with the SAR in locating Revolutionary soldiers graves, in and near this county, and have them marked. We are hoping that this project will be completed before October.

We have requested our local churches to stress America's spiritual heritage by having special DAR sponsored or DAR suggested church services honoring the spiritual concepts which helped to found and continue to guide our nation.

Donations:
Contributed to all requirements on the Honor Roll.

Also the following:

Seimes Microfilm Fund
Mural donation
Helen Pouch Fund
Advertising in DAR Magazine
Advertising in DAR Magazine by New River Banking & Trust Co.
Advertising - West Virginia page DAR magazine
Veterans Hospital
West Virginia Room
DAR Museum
Genealogical Fund
Occupational Therapy
Medical Scholarship

After completing all of the requirements on the Honor Roll, Borderland Chapter received the Gold Medal at Continental Congress.

Betty M. Hamstead
Regent

**Burford Chapter
Huntington, W. Va.**

Our Bicentennial year has been a great one for patriotism and it has been especially rewarding to head a unit of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Our organization provides a natural means to express our love and loyalty to America on her 200th Birthday.

The programs for our Chapter have been brought to us by Marshall University professors, members of the Armed Forces, elementary school children singing of patriotism, our own talented members sharing their specialties including one who has been our member for 55 years and who is well qualified to remind us of our rich heritage and to review the history of our Cabin. Our programs included every requirement for the National Honor Roll and we were pleased to receive recognition from that Board.

We are fortunate to have as our American History Month Chairman, Mrs. S. C. Martin, who has done everything necessary to assure a successful Essay Contest. This resulted in local and State Awards for our young people.

Our Veterans-Patients Committee, Mrs. H. C. Deardorff and Mrs. Huron L. Brown deserve recognition for their accomplishments. Throughout the year dozens of books (hard and paper backs) items of clothing, and toilet articles, and a cash gift of \$90 was provided for our local hospital.

Outstanding students at the junior high and senior high level are recognized

each spring by the awarding of Good Citizenship Medals presented by Buford Chapter representatives.

Our membership is constantly increasing. Of the goodly number invited by vote to join our Chapter in the past year, ten have been approved by national and the others are pending. This brings our membership close to 200 and enthusiasm continues regarding requests for membership.

Our patriotic effort reached a climax at the time of our June meeting. Buford Chapter, in cooperation with Huntington's Bicentennial Commission sponsored a 21 Day Flag Salute for the Tri-State area. Usually hard to get publicity was available through every medium from a full page in the Sunday, June 6, paper, editorials, contests, pictures, live television and even the radio program CROSS TALK emphasized patriotism and the display of our Flag. Mrs. Douglas Ey was Chairman for this event and with youthful vigor saw to the perfecting of every detail. So to Joyce Ey, the officers and committee chairmen and to every member of Buford Chapter, I owe my grateful thanks.

Margaret B. Cyrus (Mrs. E. M.)
Regent

**Captain James Allen Chapter
Beckley, W. Va.**

The Captain James Allen Chapter made the Gold Honor Roll for the third year in succession. (1974-1975-1976.)

We received four new senior members, one transfer from the Alexandria Virginia Chapter, and one new Junior member, SIX in all.

We lost one member by transfer.

We were represented by eight members at the Pipestem State Conference in October.

Eight of our members attended the Southern District Conference in May at Pipestem.

Four members attended Continental Congress at Washington in April. Our junior member, Presley Waggoner served again as page there.

Five attended the Jackson's Mill meeting on June 26, 1976.

Mrs. John E. Corbitt, State Regent, visited us in May, giving a report on Continental Congress.

20 awards, consisting of medals, five-dollar bills and certificates of award were presented to winners in the American History Essay Contest, held in 14 schools.

Good citizens were selected and awarded pins, one in each of the County's

seven high schools.

We contributed \$100.00 to the restoration fund for our W. Va. room at Constitution Hall.

\$500.00 was given to the Raleigh County Historical Society toward the restoration of Wildwood, the home of the founder of Beckley, and the cemetery which he, General Alfred Beckley, set aside for the use of area residents. We also gave the Historical Society a beautiful American flag.

Our members worked approximately three hundred hours at the Veterans Administration Hospital, where we gave one party, donated fifty canteen books. We observed Constitution Week, Veteran's Day and July 4 at the Hospital. Two members appeared on television, giving talks regarding public relations for DAR services for Veteran patients. 210 candy canes and 11 poinsettias were given and used at the Veterans Hospital Christmas party. In February toilet articles, shoe strings, coupon books, five dollars worth of stamps, laundry bags, and other small items needed by patients were given at the VA Hospital.

Two of our members gave a series of TV programs on the various activities of DAR, parts of two of which were devoted to our work with patients at the VA hospital.

We subscribed to the DAR magazine for the VA hospital and the public library.

Our members donated to the District Christmas fund.

We bought and planted petunias for two flowerbeds at the VA Hospital.

We presented a flag for the blind at the Romney School for the Blind. Miss Helen Jane Couch, a chapter member, made the flag.

Our float in the Fourth of July Bicentennial Parade (held July 3) was awarded first prize, \$50.00, for the best entry in the Patriotic Category.

We contributed another \$100.00 toward the restoration of our W. Va. Room in Constitution Hall.

Contributed to the Microfilm fund.

Our Bicentennial chairman is serving on the Raleigh County Bicentennial Commission, is acting as custodian of the articles to be placed in a time capsule to be opened in the year 2076, and will display them in the Public Library before they are "entombed". Another member is serving as chairman of a committee for the procuring letters for posterity for the capsule, assisted by the Bicentennial Chairman.

Our librarian is procuring signatures of the original large donors toward the establishment of our Raleigh County Public Library, or their descendants, which will be included in the Time Capsule.

Mrs. Robert L. Reardon was named Volunteer Lineage Researcher from our Chapter.

Mrs. Charles A. Barrett
Regent

**Charleston Chapter
Charleston, W. Va.**

Charleston Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, wishes to report on Chapter activities, as follows:

We had ten (10) meetings during the year, adjourning for the months - July and August.

All Historical anniversaries were observed; the President General's message was read by the regent, and a National Defense program given at each meeting, with one complete National Defense program during the year.

We earned the Honor Roll Citation and received "First Award" - Blue Ribbon, for our 1975-76 Yearbook.

There were three (3) members listed in the 1976 Edition of the "Hereditary Register of the United States of America."

Money Donations: American History Scholarship Fund, Constitution Hall Maintenance Fund, Investment Trust Fund, Cataloging Museum and Stateroom Fund, Microfilming Fund, Veterans Patients Fund at Thanksgiving and DAR Schools at Christmas, also to the American Indian's Fund.

American History month was observed; also presented three (3) Good Citizen pins and certificates to the graduates from three High Schools, and gave a luncheon in their honor.

We received three (3) new members into the Chapter and lost one (1) by death.

Our Chapter participated at the Governor's Mansion, with a Charleston Tea Party.

The Chapter was represented at State Conference, Pipestem, and Jackson's Mill workshop.

Also, some changes were made in our "BYLAWS" - removing the \$50.00 expense money to the Chapter Regent to Continental Congress each year and increased Chapter dues to \$15.00 annually.

Eloise B. Simms
Regent

**Colonel Andrew Donnally Chapter
Welch, W. Va.**

The Colonel Andrew Donnally Chapter has had nine meetings since our last State Conference. We were represented at State and District Meetings. We have 36 members.

We received a state blue ribbon for our yearbook and first place at the last State Conference for our pressbook. We made the silver honor roll.

We gave \$10.00 each to the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund, the Skylight Fund and to the renovation of the West Virginia Room. We also contributed \$10.00 to the Veterans Hospital in Beckley for their Christmas Party, and to the Seimes Microfilm Fund. We contributed to all Honor Roll requirements. We contributed another \$25.00 to the Gary Garden Club to be used for the minipark being built at the site of the D.A.R. marker in Gary. We also contributed used clothing to Kate Duncan Smith School.

We gave Good Citizen awards to senior boys and girls in the county high schools. We also gave awards for the best grades in American History. We observed Constitution Week by having the Mayor sign a proclamation and having announcements read in the high schools and over the radio stations in the city.

We presented seven books that had been owned by the Chapter to the McDowell County Public Library so that any interested persons could read them.

Our film program "The History of the Governors Mansion in West Virginia", was shown at the State Officers Dinner at the last State Conference. We have been working with a Bicentennial Committee composed of various civic clubs and the Chamber of Commerce to have a Bicentennial celebration for Welch. We have contributed \$50.00 to the fund for the celebration. We plan to have a reception to unveil the painting which was commissioned by the Committee as a permanent remembrance of the Bicentennial.

We were guests of the Gary Garden Club at their November meeting and viewed slides of the National Cathedral.

We had the film "The Story of a Patriot" shown at our March meeting. This is the film that is shown at the Information Center at Williamsburg. All programs were on Historic, Educational, and Patriotic subjects.

Billye Linkous Peery (Mrs. Joseph E.)
Regent

**Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter
Point Pleasant, W. Va.**

The Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter has 109 members of which 15 are juniors. Two members were lost by death, one by transfer and five prospective ones have papers in Washington.

All financial obligations, state and national, were met. The Chapter had representatives at Continental Congress, State Conference, Western District Meeting, and at the Jackson's Mill Luncheon.

All historic anniversaries were observed. The President General's message was read and National Defense Report given at each meeting. The programs at all ten regular meetings were based on the DAR objectives; historical, educational, and patriotic, including an entire program on national defense which completed our coverage of the work of the National Society during the past three years. For this, we were placed on the Gold Honor Roll. At the May meeting the program was presented by the members of the Fort Randolph Society CAR which is sponsored by the Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter. Guests at our February meeting were the American History Essay Contest winners and their mothers.

Constitution week was observed with an excellent program, displays in the library of each of the high schools and junior highs in the county, signed proclamation by the mayors of the three surrounding communities, and distribution of literature. Flying the flag was urged.

Probably our most outstanding program was that given at our 75th Anniversary Spring Luncheon by Muriel Miller Dressler, poet and lecturer. Her subject was "Heritage of Appalachia".

Our Chapter gave a number of awards among which were:

- 12 Good Citizenship awards
- 3 DAR Good Citizens pins
- 6 American History awards
- 4 American History Essay Contest medals, 2 silver and 3 bronze

DAR magazine subscriptions were given to the three senior high schools and two county libraries.

Ten Dollars (\$10.00) was sent for Veterans Christmas presents and numerous paperback books for their reading.

One insignia, one Bicentennial pin, one ex-Regent bar, two 50 year pins and three Ancestral bars, were bought.

One memorial service was held and one grave marker dedicated.

On Memorial Day, sixty-one flags were used to mark graves.

The Chapter presented a large flag to Mayor John Musgrave to be flown over Lone Oak Cemetery. The Chapter purchased a Washington's Cruiser Flag which is now flying over Tu-Endie-Wei park. These Flags are authorized to be flown only at those spots visited by George Washington on his trip to the Ohio Valley.

In September the Chapter was hostess and served refreshments to the members of the Ohio Society Daughters of the American Revolution traveling on the Delta Queen steamboat who toured the Mansion House. Our members have been very active in the celebrations of the Bicentennial programs for Mason

County. October 12th, the Chapter was hostess to the "1774 Tea Party", held at the Mansion House in the Tu-Endie-Wei Park.

During the past year our chapter has had 1,438 total inches of publicity.

The Chapter sponsored 29 J.A.C. Clubs with a membership of 423.

June 11th, our Chapter paid tribute to Mrs. Livia Poffenbarger, our organizing regent and chapter members who that day 75 years ago received a charter from the National Society. We were presented with a picture and letter from President Ford congratulating and complimenting the Chapter for its accomplishments the past 75 years.

As of Sept. 1st, some 22,743 visitors have toured our historic Chapter House in Tu-Endie-Wei Park.

Arnolda Smith Carpenter (Mrs. James W.)
Regent

**Colonel John Evans Chapter
Morgantown, West Virginia**

The Colonel John Evans Chapter, DAR has 83 members of whom two are junior members; one is an associate member and six are new members. Three were lost by death.

All financial obligations, state and national, were met. The Chapter had representatives at Continental Congress, State Conference, District Meeting and at Jackson's Mill luncheon.

Mrs. Charles I. Rhodes, a member of our Chapter, is the State Registrar.

The National Defense report and the President General's Message were given at each meeting.

We presented a gold ROTC medal to the outstanding Cadet at W. Va. University. American History medals were presented to the seven junior high schools. Two Good Citizen Awards were given in the two high schools.

The Chapter contributed to advertising in the DAR Magazine and contributed to the DAR owned schools.

We received a blue ribbon for our year book supplement and made the silver honor roll.

Our Chapter received a blue ribbon for costume display in the downtown Bicentennial Window Contest in June, 1976.

We have had excellent attendance at the meetings and great enthusiasm for all DAR efforts. This has given us a fine year in every way.

Helen Rose Holland (Mrs. Chas. T.)
Regent

**Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter
Fairmon, W. Va.**

September 1975 – Covered Dish Luncheon, Constitution Program
October 1975 – National Museum Program
November 1975 – American Indian Program
December 1976 – no meeting
January 1976 – Bicentennial Program Speaker from Fairmont College
February 1976 – American History, Lady from Fairmont College
March 1976 – Conservation Program, Speaker from Natural Resources
April 1976 – Spring Luncheon
May 1976 – Delegates reports
June 1976 – Flag Day Program & Tea
September 1976 – Constitution Program with Major William Haymond
Chapter Speaker, Mrs. Homer P. Martin, State Vice Regent
We met all other requirements that we could.

Nelle Tennant
Regent

**Colonel Wm. Lowther Chapter
Sales, W. Va.**

The Colonel Wm. Lowther Chapter, NSDAR, held ten regular monthly meetings with national defense recognized at each meeting. Our main project for the year was making local history come alive with the reconstruction of a meeting house at Fort New Salem, Salem College, Salem, West Virginia, dedicated on May 30, 1976.

This meeting house is the only permanent memorial to Col. Wm. Lowther in the State of West Virginia. The memorial is in the form of a log structure, reconstructed in the style of an early Seventh Day Baptist Church building. It has been furnished with pews, pulpit and other interior appointments from an old Seventh Day Baptist Church, located near Salem. The furniture is finished in brush painting, a typical art form of furniture painting found in Appalachia.

As it is today, the Col. Wm. Lowther Memorial "meeting house" will be used as a non-denominational building to stand the community and the public much as early meeting houses were used during the settlement period of the last two centuries in West Virginia. Such a building was usually one of the first permanent

structures in a community and was used for much social and religious or even educational purposes. The meeting house will be the introductory building for the many visitors of Fort New Salem, re-affirming the heritage of community strength through religion and democratic unity of West Virginia's earliest settlers. This memorial will stand as a living example, preserving the cultural practices of our mountain people.

The Col. Wm. Lowther Chapter, NSDAR, were also invited to participate in a ceremony for the marking of the graves of the late Greenbrier Billy Davis and his wife, Elizabeth. We dedicated the two gravestones, which have been standing since shortly after their deaths on January 6, 1845, and the recently erected government marker. The special services were held on May 31, 1976. The graves are located in the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church Cemetery.

The Salem College Heritage Arts Committee invited our chapter to participate in the annual Heritage Arts Festival, held April 23, 24 and 25, 1976. We did so with a Coffee and Tea Booth.

Prior to Memorial Day, our chapter provided the funds for the perpetual care of the Col. Wm. Lowther Private Cemetery.

We completed our Bicentennial Projects by placing a plaque in the Harrison County Sheriff's Office, in memory of the county's first Sheriff, Col. William Lowther. This ceremony, held on June 10, 1976, marked the completion of the gallery of pictures of Harrison County Sheriffs in the Courthouse. However, there was no picture available for the collection at the Courthouse; therefore, we commissioned a county artist, John Randolph, to do a plaque to hang with the other pictures.

Mrs. David Cutlip
Regent

**Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter
Morgantown, W. Va.**

The Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter had representatives at the district meeting, Jackson's Mill meeting, State Conference and Continental Congress.

Our yearbook insert received a blue ribbon and we met all the requirements for the Gold Honor Roll. The President General's project assessment was paid in full.

Our programs centered around topics pertaining to the Bicentennial. A very interesting and outstanding program was given by Mary Jane Narona of Buckhannon. It was titled, "A Vignette of the American Revolution." The slides were excellent.

Monongalia County also celebrated its Bicentennial. One program told of the early history and the division of the very large county into many. Another program told of the early history of Prickett's Fort and its restoration. (Marion

County) This program was given by a descendant of one of the original settlers.

We had a window exhibit of an early classroom for the Monongalia County Bicentennial. Also a window exhibit for Constitution Week.

We sent a shoebox of jewelry, for the craft program, to the Clarksburg Veterans' Hospital.

A good Citizenship award was given to a Morgantown High Senior.

We have nineteen members; we had one death. We are pleased to have a junior member; she is a student at WVU and wishes to be active in DAR. Her transfer from C. A. R. is being processed.

Mildred Hancock
Regent

**Daniel Davisson Chapter
Clarksburg, W. Va.**

Daniel Davisson Chapter has had monthly meetings with programs covering plans for the Bicentennial Celebration, Social Security, Conservation, the life and times of Daniel Davisson, local improvements in library and museum facilities, the American Flag, and a Bicentennial tea featuring the music of Colonial times. So far this chapter year, we have had a program on the U.S. Constitution and one on the Women of the Revolutionary period. We have a membership at present of seventy-eight. We lost three by resignation and four by death. In the past year we have accepted twenty applications for membership. We have two members who do volunteer work at the Veterans' Hospital in Clarksburg with a present total of about 1800 hours of service. We made a cash donation to the hospital as well as four lap robes. We gave \$25 to the restoration of the Morgan Morgan house in Berkeley County and \$25 to the building of the All Faiths Chapel at Fort New Salem, in Harrison County. We assisted the Harrison County Bicentennial Commission in the selection of biographies of prominent contributors to the development and history of Harrison County and served as an agency in selling the official publication of that Commission. As a chapter, we presented five copies of the publication to the Clarksburg-Harrison County Library. Four members of the chapter attended the Continental Congress in April and the regent and five members attended both the District meeting and the State meeting at Jackson's Mill. We have paid all assessments and sent articles of clothing to the DAR schools. In May, we presented pins and certificates of award to the Good Citizens in seven (7) high schools. From June 20th to July 4th, we had a window display in a downtown store of Clarksburg of antique furniture, quilts, costumes, and other memorabilia of times past. We received a blue ribbon from National for our program. Our attendance has almost doubled in the last twelve months' meetings.

Anna Virginia Murphy (Mrs. Cecil R.)
Regent

**Elizabeth Cummins Jackson Chapter, NSDAR
Grafton, W. Va.**

Our chapter has 34 members. Two prospective members have their papers into National, one is a Junior member.

Our meetings are opened with impressive devotions followed by the Ritualistic Opening, Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States, The American's Creed and in September repeating the Preamble of the Constitution.

The President General's message is always read. The National Defense Chairman always has the National Defense News report and one program a year is entirely on National Defense.

We have one member who gives many hours of service to the Veteran's Hospital. Three members make regular visits to Hopemont Hospital to visit the shut-ins.

Constitution Week was observed with spot radio announcements. The Chairman distributed pamphlets on the Constitution to the students in the history classes in the local high school. Each class was to have a program or lesson discussing the Constitution. We are sorry to report that the local newspaper would not cooperate. Mr. Charles Cather, Vocational Director of the Taylor County Schools was guest speaker at our September meeting. He spoke of the Constitution but he also spoke of the many interesting events in detail that led to the formation of W. Va.'s Constitution and West Virginia becoming a state.

We sent \$10 for W. Va. Co-op page in the DAR magazine.

Eleven members subscribe to the DAR magazine. We also have a subscription to the Magazine for the local high school library.

Our Chapter has accepted the offer of the Taylor County Bicentennial Committee to compile the local news of the Bicentennial activities to be microfilmed and placed in the time capsule at the Mother's Day Shrine in the near future.

Mona L. DeLaney
Regent

**Elizabeth Lundington Hagans Chapter
Morgantown, W. Va.**

The Elizabeth Ludington Hagans Chapter has one hundred thirty four members.

We approved two prospective members at our September meeting.

Our chapter participated in the Monongalia County Bicentennial Historic window display. We displayed old and new quilts. One quilt depicted the history of transportation.

Our chapter contributed to St. Mary's School, Kate Duncan Smith, and Tomassee.

We also contributed to the following National Projects: President General's Project, NSDAR American History Scholarship Fund, Investment Trust Fund, Microfilm Fund for filming, Cataloging Museum and Period Rooms Collections, Occupational Therapy and Medical Scholarships.

We budgeted \$20 to the Veterans Hospital at Clarksburg. Also, presented them with gifts.

Our R.O.T.C. award was presented to an outstanding senior at West Virginia University.

The Millard T. Sisler Home Economics Award was presented to a high school girl.

We have presented seventeen Citizenship Awards.

Two Good Citizen Awards with \$5 checks were presented to two high school students.

One Conservation Award of \$25 was presented to a junior high school student in the ninth grade.

Our fourth Genealogical Workshop was very successful. Several out of state, and out of town people attended. Donations were accepted at each meeting. At the conclusion of the workshop, Miss Marion E. Tapp, Genealogical Chairman, presented \$125. to the Morgantown Public Library to be used to purchase books, to add to the lineage shelves for individuals wishing to trace family lineage.

We were represented at the Continental Congress, State Conference, Jackson's Mill, and our District meeting.

Mrs. Vivian Michael
Regent

**Elizabeth Zane Chapter
Buckhannon, W. Va.**

The Elizabeth Zane Chapter, NSDAR, presents the following report for our Bicentennial year.

Total membership-56. Twenty of whom are non-resident.

Our one deceased member received a bronze grave marker. A memorial service to honor her memory was held at the September meeting.

Our chapter worked with the Upshur County Bicentennial Organization

sponsoring "Sing Out '76" held in the High School gym. One of our members was a soloist.

For the "Old Fashioned 4th of July Celebration" our chapter had a window display of handiwork dating back to 1776. Our chapter won a first place trophy for our entry in the 4th of July parade. We participated in the 4th of July Church service attending in a body.

Three of our members cooperated with the Bicentennial Strawberry Festival coin and stamp show by working and having displays.

A large percentage of our members flew our flags every day all summer (weather permitting).

Three of our members attended Continental Congress last April. We were represented at the State Conference and at the Jackson's Mill meeting.

We contributed books to the Gibson Public Library--A two volume set A NEW AGE BEGINS--A PEOPLES HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION by Page Smith. For the Children's room at the library two books--BOSTON and PAUL REVERE AND THE MINUTEMEN.

A contribution was made to the Work Adjustment Center for the mentally handicapped, physically handicapped, and emotionally disturbed.

One of our members serves on the Pringle Tree Park Board. This board works for the preservation of this shrine and develops the facilities for picnicing and other outdoor recreation.

The DAR Magazine has been placed in the libraries of West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon-Upshur High School and Stonewall Jackson.

Contributed \$50 to the restoration of the Morgan Morgan Cabin of Torytown.

We sent one girl to Rhododendren Girls' State Camp at Jackson's Mill.

Contributions were sent DAR approved schools.

A blue ribbon award was received on our yearbook supplement.

Our members are active in the Crippled Children's Clinic sponsored by the Buckhannon Rotary Club and are active in projects sponsored by St. Joseph Hospital Auxilliary.

Maynard Talbott Wereley (Mrs. C. L.)
Regent

**Elk River Chapter
Gassaway, W. Va.**

Elk River Chapter, Gassaway, gained a new junior member this year making 28 members with 9 juniors. We again qualified for the Gold Honor Roll by doing the work and contributing to funds as required. We also received a state blue ribbon and national outstanding award for our yearbook.

Constitution Week was given even more emphasis in this Bicentennial year with a program, radio announcements, newspaper articles and flag display.

A DAR Citizenship Manual was presented to a Vietnamese family. Besides the Good Citizens Pin and Certificate being awarded to an outstanding senior girl, a student was also sponsored to attend Girls' State camp.

Elk River Chapter cooperated with and participated in all of Braxton County's and the Twon of Gassaway's Bicentennial events this summer and they were as exciting as they were varied.

The Pageant "Valley of Salt" was given May 14-15 and was well-produced and performed and was received enthusiastically by the large crowd attending.

The Chapter's Good Citizens Chairman, Mrs. Lloyd Singleton, is also a teacher at Braxton High. Members of her classes performed a skit, under her leadership, "They Signed for Us", depicting signers of the Declaration of Independence and gave performances at various civic clubs as well as the schools.

For the June meeting members brought their families for a covered dish dinner and a program on Colonial Flags.

On Saturday, July 3, the Twon sponsored an old-fashioned celebration complete with parade, all types of races, buffet dinner, antique displays, square dancing, music groups, and ending that night with a splendid display of fireworks. Elk River Chapter was well represented with a float in the Parade using the theme "Ancestor Records - Through Research They Live Again". Members also helped with the dinner and the antiques. On Sunday, July 4 all churches had services to commemorate the day.

Our Chaplain, Mrs. Annie Dulaney, has won blue ribbons for her poetry the last three years in the Arts and Craft Show. These included "My Revolutionary Ancestor" which was published in the Bicentennial Issue of the Historical Society and in a special issue of the W. Va. Association of Retired School Employees magazine.

All of the chapter's programs this year were planned and presented to further the educational, historic and patriotic aims of the Society as well as to celebrate our Nation's Bicentennial Year.

I would like to express gratitude and appreciation to the officers, chairmen and members of Elk River Chapter for their hard work and devotion in making this a successful year.

Mrs. Dale Kestner
Regent

**Fort Ashby Chapter
Fort Ashby, W. Va.**

Fort Ashby Chapter has eighteen members—two are Juniors.

We have collected and sold 23,508 pounds of glass for recycling.

We sent 15 dozen cookies to Newton D. Baker Veterans Hospital for a Christmas party, and used magazines & books several times during the year.

We made arrangements with a local contractor and had free spouting installed on the Old Fort.

We helped organize the Fort Ashby Bicentennial Committee. Our Regent was Chairman of the Committee. A parade (Highlighting West Virginia's Bicentennial Costenoga Wagon) and outdoor square dance was held. A community picnic with a bellringing ceremony was held July 4th. With the help of other local organizations, the Fort was kept open seven days a week for six weeks this summer.

We conducted the Good Citizen contest and resented a Senior Girl with a pin and certificate. We had one second place winner in the State and one third place winner in the Essay Contest. Small donations were given to all Honor Roll requirements.

Lucille Welch
Regent

**Fort Lee Chapter
Charleston**

The Fort Lee Chapter, NSDAR, presents the following yearly report:

We presented certificates and pins to 4 American History Essay winners. The children and their mothers were guests at the February luncheon, where the winning essays were read. One of our last year's winners won a state award. We also presented a Good Citizen award (a certificate and a pin) to Miss Cathy Tondreau, a senior girl, who was a guest of honor at one of the regular meetings.

Our Chapter gives DAR magazine subscriptions to two junior high schools.

We sent wrapped Christmas gifts to children at Tamassee. Our annual flower auction, for Hindman Settlement School in Kentucky, amounted to \$36.60. We contributed 3 boxes of clean used and new clothes to Crossnore and Hindman Schools.

Our Chapter took part in the Bicentennial - Charleston Tea Party, held at the Governor's Mansion, June 10, which was sponsored by the Regents Club, whose president is one of our members. We had an antique display June 1 through July 4 at the Kanawha County Public Library. This included an outside window and two glass cases on the first floor.

We printed 25 copies of the DAR Manual to new naturalized citizens.

Eleven pages of Bible records have been sent to the State Genealogical Records Chairman.

Following a program on Friends of the Museum, members contributed \$8 for the museum fund. Seven members attended Western District meeting in Charleston. Our Regent attended State Conference at Pipestem.

One outstanding program was "The Indian's Gifts to the Nation," which we plan to submit to the National Program Chairman.

We were awarded the Silver Honor Roll.

Adele D. Hagerman, Regent
Fort Lee Chapter, NSDAR

**General Andrew Lewis Chapter
Lewisburg, W. Va.**

Our Chapter was organized in October, 1954, with twenty-two (22) members. We now have thirty-seven (37) members, twelve (12) of which are charter members and two (2) junior members. We lost two members this year, one through death and one resigned; we gained three new members, one of which was a transfer from another chapter. One application is being processed in Washington and we are assisting in the preparation of one set of papers at this time.

Ten meetings were held, one a luncheon meeting at which visiting members of a neighboring chapter gave a report from Continental Congress. State Convention was attended by the Regent and District meeting attended by three members.

We enjoyed two outstanding programs; one, our Bicentennial program presented by a member of the Bicentennial Commission; and the other on American Heritage, compiled and given by a member on "Quilts" from her own treasure chest and that of other members and friends throughout the valley.

Our Chapter met requirements for Gold Honor Roll, and received a blue ribbon for Year Book.

"Atlas of the American Revolution" was contributed to Greenbrier County Library, as well as one subscription to DAR Magazine.

Two American Flags were given to a local 4-H Club and the 3rd grade room of Lewisburg Elementary School.

Two boxes of clothing, valued at \$100 each, were sent to St. Mary's Indian School for Girls; one box valued at \$50 was sent to Tamassee; and cash donations were made to Kate Duncan Smith School and Helen Pouch Memorial Fund; and to Veterans' Hospital at Beckley, cash, books, stamps and comfort items.

A senior girl from Greenbrier East High School was presented the Good Citizen Pin and was entered in the State contest by this Chapter. A girl from junior high was sent to Greenbrier County's Good Citizens Camp.

Mayors in four neighboring towns signed and published Proclamations declaring September 17 to 23 as Constitution Week. There were window displays in all towns and in our local County Library, and literature purchased from National was given to children through libraries and schools.

Chapter members gave many hours of service to local hospital and nursing home, clinics and Red Cross; one 82 year old member giving more than 200 hours, mostly with Well Baby and Crippled Children Clinics--So, can we ever excuse ourselves from helping others because of our age!

Mrs. Ward Collins
Regent
General Andrew Lewis Chapter, NSDAR

**James Barbour Chapter
Belington, W. Va.**

Total membership 35. Chapter was organized March 19, 1920. Three charter members are still living.

Our chapter was honored this year to present the Blanche L. Reymann scholarship to a senior girl, Diane Liukhart, of Alderson-Broadus College.

We participated in the annual Memorial Day service at the fraternal cemetery at Belington, W. Va.

Good citizen and citizenship awards were presented to students at the local high school. We had 23 entries in the historical essay contest and had 2 state winners. Proper awards were given to each junior high student who participated.

Contributions were made to the microfilm library, the mural in the national capital and the DAR schools. Two members attended Continental Congress and gave a good report on the proceedings.

Our Bicentennial project was to collect and preserve information on the old churches in our county.

We sent stamps to the Veteran's Hospital and gave DAR Magazine subscriptions to A-B College Library and the city libraries in both Belington and Philippi, W. Va.

We got a blue ribbon for our yearbook and the Silver Honor Roll.

A highlight of our year was the dedication of a marker for the grave of John Jennings, a Revolutionary soldier. One of the descendants of Pvt. Jennings was the main speaker. He gave highlights of Jennings' life. He also had a first day cover postmarked on July 4, 1976 at Independence, W. Va. containing a photo of the

man for each family represented at the service.

Three of our members also attended the dedication of the Jacob Stalnaker monument in Randolph County.

Mrs. Mary Stemple Coffman
Regent

**James Wood Chapter
Parkersburg, W. Va.**

The James Wood Chapter has 140 members which includes ten juniors. Have lost seven by death and gained three new members. Two membership applications are in Washington. Registrar received print out this week stating they have been approved.

Held eight meetings from October 1975 to October 1976, which included the ritual, creed, pledge, President General's Message, and a National Defense Report.

We were represented at State Conference at Pipestem State Park, at the District Conference in Wheeling and the Jackson's Mill Meeting.

Donations of books and gifts were made to the Veterans Hospital, Clarksburg.

Jennie Gainer was a winner for her essay on "Americanism" during American History Month competitions.

All required donations to nationally sponsored projects were met.

Blennerhassett and James Wood Chapters jointly observed National Defense Day in April with Colonel Ralph Albertazzi as speaker.

The chapter sponsors the Little Kanawha Society CAR under the able leadership of Mrs. Ernest E. Miller, Senior Leader.

The fourth of July was celebrated by a memorial service at the DAR marker to Wood County Revolutionary Soldiers in City Park and the placing of a wreath in memory of all patriots who participated in the Revolution, followed by a picnic with Blennerhassett Chapter DAR and the Daughters of the Pioneers. We were also represented at the city wide Bicentennial evening prayer service sponsored by the ministerial alliance.

On September 1, Blennerhassett and James Wood members met the Ohio Delegation in City Park at the DAP Marker and then proceeded to the point for appropriate ceremonies of welcome in which the Mayor presented the key to the city to Mrs. DeMent, Past State Regent of Ohio and Chairman of their Bicentennial project "Following in Washington's Footsteps" via bus and the boat, Delta Queen.

Received first payment of dividends from the James Wood Endowment Fund established through the will of Besse O. Stewart.

The board approved an honorary article to Mrs. H.J. Smith, Past Regent, Past State Regent and Past Vice President General, to appear in the October issue of DAR Magazine.

Constitution week was observed with the signing of the proclamation by the Mayor, decoration of four windows, a spot announcement on Durfee's TV Station 11 and a card on the windshield of the regent's car.

A lovely Bicentennial dues tea was held at the home of Mrs. Turner L. Sturm.

Ruth Greer
Regent

**Jennie Wiley Chapter
Kermit, W. Va.**

The Jennie Wiley Chapter met all requirements and received the Gold Honor Roll award.

Three new members have been added, one a junior member.

The President General's message was read at each meeting. A National Defense report has been given at every meeting using material received from the National Chairman's office. One complete program was devoted to National Defense. We donated two dollars for defense.

Constitution week was observed with spot announcements on radio. The mayor proclaimed the week of September 17-23 as Constitution Week. The Flag of the United States was displayed by homes, Post Office, schools and stores during the week. There were window displays and posters in public buildings. Programs were given in Chapter meeting and four schools.

We contributed to Kate Duncan Smith, Tamasee and St. Mary's Schools. We contributed to the DAR Magazines Co-op page and the National projects. We received an award from National Society for 62% of our membership subscription to the DAR Magazine.

Three Good Citizens pins were given in three High Schools.

Gifts and books were sent to the Veterans hospital in Huntington.

American History month was observed in four schools. Material furnished by National was used each day by the radio station throughout the month.

A member of our Chapter gave a speech on Conservation at the Woman's Club and slides were used to illustrate. Trees were planted in four areas. Red, white and blue flowers were planted in three yards in town.

Programs have been given on Bicentennial, American Heritage, Historical, Educational and Patriotic subjects.

Mrs. Virgil Hoke
Regent

**John Chapman Chapter
Bluefield, W. Va.**

John Chapman Chapter has had some remarkably good programs this year. Our Constitution Week luncheon speaker was Mike Lilly, a young lawyer and former President of W. Va. CAR who stressed the Bill of Rights in his talk.

Our George Washington Luncheon speaker was Virginia C. Dolan who spoke on Bicentennial places in West Virginia, illustrated by slides.

Reverend David Armbrister spoke on U.S. Foreign Policy and The Panama Canal.

A program on Paul Revere, Silversmith, was given by our own Program Chairman, Mrs. Raleigh T. McLaughlin.

Reverend Allen Hammond, Director of The Union Mission, told of his work there.

A particularly enjoyable program was given by Carolyn Graf on a native West Virginia artist's work. Don Whitlach is the artist and his beautiful paintings of birds and endangered wildlife in our State, which she showed, were most appealing.

Our Nationalization Ceremony was a great success, so much so that Judge Knapp has asked us to have one November 24th, which we will do in place of our regular meeting that day.

We were represented at District Meeting, State Conference, Continental Congress and Jackson's Mill.

We gave American History Medals at all Junior and Senior High Schools in both Bluefields and at Bluefield College; Good Citizen and Good Citizenship Medals at both high schools.

Several books were given to Craft Memorial Library to become a part of the John Chapman Chapter Section of the Library. We contributed clothes and money to Grossnore St. Mary's School, Bacone College, Kate Duncan Smith and Tamasee Schools. Our press book won second place in the state.

Our State Regent and Chapter Member, Mrs. Corbitt, has been a great help and inspiration to us. We salute her.

Mary Perkins Porterfield (Mrs. Harold F.)
Regent

**John Cooke Chapter
Oceana, W. Va.**

The John Cooke Chapter received honorable mention for 12 points on the honor roll for 1975-1976.

We sent two delegates to the Southern District meeting at Pipestem State Park and one delegate to the state convention.

Our membership is now 21. We plan to place a marker for our deceased member soon.

Both our Bicentennial Chairman and our organizing and past regent actively participated in local and county projects for the Fourth of July and other occasions.

After we purchased 15 American flags for the streets of Oceana, we were instrumental in getting donations from individuals, clubs and businesses for a total of 75 flags. They are displayed on main street through our leadership for every special occasion.

Two of our members were a part of the county teachers' Bicentennial pageant.

We attempted two special Bicentennial projects which are still incomplete:

1. A John Cooke pioneer cabin
2. A centralized location for a fossilized tree found in our county.

We held eight meetings stressing educational, patriotic, and historical themes. Our "Old Quilts" and Signers of the Declaration of Independence" programs were commended.

Contributions were made to all required funds, scholarships and DAR schools.

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Constitution week included a special outdoor, flag-raising assembly for three local schools. American flags surrounded the ground of the Oceana High School. A student speaker and outside speakers stressed the greatness of our Constitution. Six members attended.

We presented a sophomore girl and boy with American history awards.

Subscriptions to the DAR Magazine were presented to 3 high schools.

Three Senior girl good citizens were presented pins and certificates at a regular meeting.

Money was collected for sale of jewelry and \$5.00 in profits was sent to the Helen Pouch Fund.

Jesse F. Lilly (Mrs. Joe D.)
Regent

**John Hart Chapter
Elkins, W. Va.**

The John Hart Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, of Elkins, West Virginia, has one hundred (100) members, with one (1) transfer, eight (8) new members, and twelve (12) junior members. Five papers are now being processed for acceptance.

Eleven (11) meetings were held on the third Wednesday of each month with thirty (30) to forty (40) in attendance. Board meetings were held when necessary.

All programs were based on the National Theme in the different categories in accordance with NSDAR Historical, Educational, and Patriotic.

We have a chairman of all state and national committees and were represented at Jackson's Mill, State Conference at Pipestem, West Virginia, and we will be represented at Parkersburg State Conference in October.

The chapter contributed to all projects on the Honor Roll and the President General's Projects. Dues were paid on time, with 25% membership to DA Magazine and some subscribers to the West Virginia News.

We participated in locating and marking graves of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots as a contribution to the history of our nation. We contributed to the laying of a stone for a Revolutionary Patriot, a relative of two of our members.

We presented two markers to families of deceased members.

Our Bicentennial Committee is continuing its work at our museum located in Beverly, West Virginia. Contributions of money and furnishings are gratifying.

We participated in the Bicentennial Program at Camp Pioneer with our vice regent, Mrs. H.P. Martin attending and cutting the ribbon as the official opening of the Bicentennial Services for Beverly Week.

Naturalization Ceremonies were held in the U.S. District Court as part of the dedication of the New Federal building in Elkins. The regent and members of the Americanism Committee took active part, distributing flags, literature, and extending a welcome to the new citizens.

An American Flag was presented to the Board of Education for one of the five new schools. The flag chairman participated in flag ceremonies for the Fourth of July celebration.

Our chapter again was asked to decorate the entrance to the National Guard Armory for the Bicentennial Dance held by a local hospital. We also helped with

window decorations.

The outstanding program that climaxed the year was given at our June luncheon by a member of our chapter, who has taught in foreign countries for twenty-one (21) years. Her topic was "America West of the Date Line".

A special program presentation of Good Citizenship Medals and History Essay Awards were presented to students, with a proclamation from the Mayor of Elkins designation February as American History month.

Constitution Week was proclaimed by our Mayor, to rededicate ourselves to preserve the priceless heritage of freedom, with Regent attending the ceremonies. Schools, churches, radio, newspaper, other civic organizations, window posters, and visitors to our museum constituted our observance to Constitution Week.

We contributed to the Augusta Heritage Workshop, which is held each summer at Davis and Elkins College and sent a high school senior girl to Rhododendrom Girl's State.

Gifts were presented to the Veterans Hospital, DAR Schools, and American Indians.

Our social chairman extends notes, cards, and visits to our ill members and to families of deceased members.

We are proud of the interest being shown by members and chapter chairman in the work of our chapter.

We received the Gold Honor Roll recognition award and the blue ribbon for our year book supplement.

An August picnic was enjoyed and John Hart Chapter looks forward to an active year ahead.

With my deep appreciation to officers, chairmen, and members for their help and fine cooperation.

Mrs. Edythe Bolton
Regent

**John Young Chapter
Charleston, W. Va.**

John Young Chapter, NSDAR received Honorable Mention on the Honor Roll and a Blue Ribbon on the Yearbook Supplement.

The 1975-1976 Program was colorful and varied:

Constitution Week's annual feature was the painting of fireplugs in Dunbar by young people, the city furnishing the paint. A \$25.00

Savings Bond was presented to the painter whose work was judged best.

Students and teachers of the J.E. Robins school presented an original Bicentennial play, "I Am The Flag".

Mrs. A.J. Pancake, State Chairman of American Indians presented an exhibit of articles made in the Indian Schools, and spoke of her visits to the schools.

Mrs. Homer Paul Martin, State Vice Regent spoke on "DAR History and Work in West Virginia".

Veterans at the Beckley VA Hospital received ten attractive laundry bags made by St. Albans Junior High School Home Economic classes from materials purchased by the Chapter; also three cartons of books, and a magazine subscription.

The Flag Luncheon at Edgewood Country Club was the highlight of the year, with six sisters being hostesses. John Young is proud of this family membership.

One hundred thirteen members are on the chapter rolls and three are waiting for acceptance by the National Society.

Contributions were made to all causes.

All state, regional and national meetings were attended by the Regent, and she is especially grateful for the opportunity of being present at the Continental Congress in this Bicentennial year.

Mrs. John H. Kisner
Regent

**Kanawha Valley Chapter
Charleston, W. Va.**

The Kanawha Valley Regent's Prayer
1974-1977

"Enough, if something from our hands hath power
To live, to act, and to serve the future power --
Then, this Regent's cup is full and runneth over."

Helen Holcombe (Mrs. V. Eugene)
Regent

MEMBERSHIP 137 -- "A SALUTE TO THE BICENTENNIAL YEAR"

First, we have been proud to have our member Mrs. Walter L. Spearman chosen as State Vice Regent-elect of West Virginia State Society. The Chapter has been grateful to Mrs. Spearman for her assistance and counsel.

The various achievements of the Kanawha Valley Chapter for 1976 are listed

as follows Keeping together has paid off!

The Chapter was glad to serve as Hostess Chapter for the Western District and the Jackson's Mill Meeting. 1976

The Regent and several members attended the dedication of the new West Virginia Science and Culture Center - Charleston. Fourteen other functions were attended by the Regent and others - officially. Invitations to attend other Chapter meetings have been appreciated.

Made the Gold Honor Roll - NSDAR - 1976.

Beyond the call of duty. Every project listed on the Form 100-B received a contribution.

A copy of the 1976 fact sheet was sent to every member.

Forty copies of Washington Landmarks were sold.

Dues for 1977 have already been paid, and 35% of the membership have subscribed to the DAR magazine. Six courtesy subscriptions given.

Awards - Blue Ribbon for Year Book.

Certificate received and signed by the President General, Mrs. Wakelee R. Smith for cooperation in the project "A Bicentennial Tribute to the United States of America."

Blue Ribbon for DAR magazine advertising.

Certificate for outstanding performance in securing seven and one-half pages of ads for the Bicentennial issue of DAR magazine of over \$2,400 signed by the State Regent and State Chairman Magazine Advertising.

White Ribbon - Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund (Cash Donations).

Red Ribbon - Subscriptions to West Virginia DAR News.

Red Ribbon - American History Essay.

The Kanawha Valley Chapter received the Eleanor H. Smith Special State Scholarship award.

Special Certificate - Seims Microfilming Center (National).

Praise received on the Bicentennial Brochure of places in the Kanawha Valley marked by the Chapter. Several hundred of the Chapter Bicentennial Brochures were distributed. The Chairman and Editor with the whole Committee are to be congratulated for completing this big project and a thanks to those friends who contributed in anyway to the success of the Brochure Project. This has been the Regent's dream of many years come true!

Public Relations - All newspaper and T.V. Media have been cooperative in using the Chapter's continuous story, National Defense, special events, etc. One speaker had the red carpet treatment, over and above the usual write-up. She had an excellent article printed, as the result of a personal interview and her work on "Constitution Week - September 17-23."

Visits, from the State Vice Regent and State Treasurer and the District Director, rated excellent coverage. No speaker was neglected.

The Special Bicentennial, 4th of July Sunday Issue of the Charleston Gazette-Mail gave one whole page in color honoring the DAR work with youth. Kanawha Valley Chapter's Regent was featured with two children standing by the replica of the "Liberty Bell" on the State Capitol steps. This courtesy was considered as act of approval, and respect for DAR which the Regent and the Chapter promptly thanked the editor.

The Chapter Regent was honored by her own Chapter when her picture appeared in the Bicentennial issue of the DAR Magazine with the caption "Three Times Chapter Regent - 1942-44, 1968-70, 1974-77." This loving courtesy was greatly appreciated.

Thirty-eight Kanawha Valley members attended a Flag Day Tea at the Governor's Mansion at the invitation of Mrs. Arch A. Moore, Jr., and the officers of the Charleston Regent's Club.

DAR Magazine subscriptions have doubled during 1975-1976, 1976-1977. This Chairman was a new member.

Distribution of the manuals to New Citizens and attendance at the Naturalization ceremonies has been excellent. A NSDAR Medal of Recognition to a naturalized citizen was given. Two candidates for selection of the Honors for 1977 have been chosen.

Recognition of a Hospital Bicentennial project by two patients was written up in the St. Francis patient-hospital paper, under the caption "Friends." A booklet was made using the Flag of the United States of America, with miniature pictures of all the Presidents of the United States with their biographies. One a DAR member of Chapter and the other an eleven-year old sixth grader. As a result of this project, the school in which the above child is enrolled has entered the American History Contest for 1977, sponsored by the Kanawha Valley Chapter, for the first time.

Special praise goes to the Chapter Chairman of DAR Schools for dedicated service - Boxes to the Schools - Money and other services rendered.

ROTC medal was given to an outstanding cadet of Potomac State College by the Chapter for the third consecutive year.

A wreath was laid on World War Monument in downtown Charleston. This is done each Memorial Day. This Memorial Marker was placed in the triangle by the Kanawha Valley Chapter in 1925.

The DAR good-citizen award was given to a Scott High School Senior - Boone County.

The Chapter has been raising funds for a door for the New Building at Tamassee School in South Carolina.

Two graves of Revolutionary soldiers were marked by the Lynch Family.

The grave of Mrs. Eleanor Harless Haner, former Regent, was marked with a small bronze DAR emblem and a second emblem placed on the grave of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Little John Davis of Dallas, Texas, the mother and grandmother of seven members.

A steel filing cabinet for Chapter papers and memorabilia was donated to the Chapter by a loyal member of 52 years.

Several Generous money contributions of the Chapter have been received.

The Chapter suggests that members remember the Kanawha Valley Chapter in their Wills.

Mr. Tom H. Edelblut gave his services in the restoration of the Daniel Boone Marker on Route 60 in cooperation with his wife who is Chapter Chairman of Preservation of Historical Markers. A "thank you" to Mr. C. A. Walworth, National Officer, National Society, Songs of the American Revolution and husband of the Vice Regent, for courtesies extended to the Chapter many times.

The Administrative Officers have each done their work efficiently.

A most outstanding project has been done in bringing the registrar's file up to date. "A magnificent and thorough job." The Chapter is most grateful for this labor of love.

The Veteran Hospitals have received Christmas boxes.

The Chaplain has cared tenderly for the ill. Many cards and visits made and courtesies rendered.

Careful and meticulous care has been made in keeping a pressbook, which is beautiful.

Members are taking lead in the "How To" plan of study. The NSDAR By Laws and Handbook are the Textbooks. The object of this year's planning has been to prepare the members to become better officers, chairmen and ready to take over the Chapter's work in June, 1977. An observation of protocol, respect and courtesy has not been overlooked in the study.

A few are working on new geneological data for future printing and many are studying lineage research.

The State authorities have pledged themselves to maintain and preserve the Kanawha Valley's "Washington Elm" and other trees planted on the State Capitol grounds.

Registrar and Membership Chairman have worked faithfully with new Chapter applicants for membership into the chapter.

The Kanawha Valley Chapter has taken in 9 new members, lost 2 by transfer and 5 by death, 1 marriage, for a total of 137 as of October 15, 1976. Four papers are in Washington.

The Junior Committee work has gone forward. Two new members this year have been Juniors. \$10.00 gift made to portrait Pearl Buck Doll.

An effort is being made to organize a Chapter-CAR-Society. Nine children of members are members-at-large.

The Yomoka CAR Society, of which Kanawha Valley was a part, has folded up. Thanks to the Treasurer and Finance Committee, the financial condition of the Chapter checked out good.

The Calling, Reservations and Transportation Chairman and Committee have been answer to prayer, and have done an outstanding job.

The Chapter programs have been well planned and enjoyable.

The Regent must commend the Kanawha Valley Chapter members for not only their loyalty to the great overall NSDAR program, but also for their concern for the local community Bicentennial projects.

Many of the members have been recognized for work well done in other fields. The Chapter wants to especially congratulate all who have brought honor to Charleston, West Virginia, and to the Nation and all who have received honors about which the Chapter may not know.

Two hundred dollars or more was spent on supplies for officers and chairmen and for postage.

The Gold Honor Roll records show "the musts" have been accomplished though not mentioned specifically and that the Chapter members are alert and earnest workers.

On the National Bicentennial Chairman's page, "Focus U.S.A.," the Chapter was mentioned in two different issues of the DAR Magazine under Excellent Chapter Action! These issues were February 1975 and January 1977.

A special "thank you" goes to the President General and all at "1776" D.C., State Regent and the Official State family for the constructive letters and directives. Congratulations to the new officers-elect for 1977-1980. Kanawha Valley awaits their challenge!

Last, but not least, a "thank you" to Mrs. C. A. Walworth, Vice Regent, all of the official family and chairmen of the Chapter of their loyalty, love and service to DAR for all the three years of this administration. Each has played her part well.

Helen Holcombe (Mrs. V. Eugene)
Regent

**King's Wood Chapter
Kingwood, W. Va.
Organized January 13, 1917**

King's Wood Chapter continues on a limited scale, but we remain fairly active.

One of the German girls with whom we were working on her Citizenship, passed her test November 7, 1976, in Elkins. She was the Mother of six children.

We are holding our increases in membership but we are so scattered that it is hard to meet on a regular basis.

We've also had to make some officer changes due to the serious illness of our Regent who is unable to carry on her duties, due to a stroke. She is now home from the hospital and making some progress. Both state and national officers have been requested not to send any correspondence to her as she is unable to take care of it. We appreciate your cooperation and consideration in this effort.

We continue to sponsor the Good Citizenship program, Constitution Week and give support to our schools.

We ask your continued consideration and support.

Mary Elizabeth McCrum
Acting Regent

Lt. Daniel Shumate Chapter's Report
Pineville, W. Va.

Contributed to all DAR supported schools.

Conservation Report - \$330 paid for bird seed.

Followed Honor Roll requirements for programs.

Subscribed to DAR Magazine.

Items for Junior Bazaar donated for Fall Conference. \$28 made for items.

\$5 donation for ceiling '76.

\$10 donation for Microfilm.

Members donated favors for Fall Conference.

Attended State Conference, Pipestem.

Quilt designed and made by Mrs. Wirt Belcher. Taken to Fall Conference.

10 Flag Desk sets sold.

Comfort items for Veterans - Beckley Veterans Hospital.

Poinsetta and favors for Veterans at Christmas.

\$7.50 for Canteen Book for Veterans

Sponsored History Essay Contest - Gave 3 medals with domes - to winners.

Selected 3 Good Citizens and awarded medals.

Chapter presented and dedicated flags to Cub Scout Pack 450, Pineville Eastern Star Chapter 110.

Table at Arts and Craft Show at Twin Falls, June 5.

New Members - (4) Four

Silver Certificate - Honor Roll

Blue Ribbon - Year Book

4th July Parade - Pineville

\$10 State Magazine Ad

Regent served on County Planning Committee for Wyoming County Bicentennial Celebration.

Regent was member of cast (Saga of Wyoming County) a complete history of the county from 1850 - to present. She portrayed the pioneer housewife quilting in the out-door Pageant.

Also (Regent) made by hand a Replica of the Betsy Ross flag which was carried in the Parade of Flags at the Drama performances (2) the flag was presented to the new Wyoming County Museum at State Park, Twin Falls.

Drove Decorated Car (Patriotic DAR) in two Parades - sold flags at each parade.

Led the Pledge of Allegiance at 4th July Celebration and directed the Decoration of the City Block for July 4th Parade.

Mrs. Elda Manning
Regent

**Major William Haymond Chapter
Fairmont, W. Va.**

We meet on the last Wednesday of each month except July and August.

We have carried out all projects suggested in the "Kit" received after the spring meeting at Jackson Mill to qualify for the Gold Honor Roll.

We are especially proud of our Bicentennial Project, which I will give in detail:

The Major William Haymond Chapter has as its Bicentennial Project, undertaken the task of (1) locating exactly, (2) ascertaining the condition of, (3) the stimulating interest in restoration of, and (4) honoring, by marking in some way, the graves of the Revolutionary soldiers who are buried in two Districts of Marion County. These graves, out of a known 55 and a possible 60, number 26 and many lie in rugged terrain which our Grave Committee has valiantly covered while inspecting and photographing.

Two headstones have, with the cooperation of the Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter, been replaced.

A half page Fourth of July news story, plus photographs, delineating our Chapter's aims and activities stimulated an amazing amount of community interest and provoked needed information regarding previously unlocated graves.

The Chapter in its continuing activities will count on the cooperation of the Sons of the Revolution, Boy Scouts and other community organizations in accomplishing its aims.

Gertrude T. Schimmel (Mrs. Carl A.)
Regent

**Matthew French Chapter
Princeton, W. Va.**

Matthew French Chapter, Princeton, West Virginia State Society, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, respectfully submits the following report:

Our Chapter is fifty-four years old in the Bicentennial year of our Country, the United States of America. Eighty-one very formidable Southern ladies take part in this organization.

Seven students were given Good Citizenship awards, American History awards and one DAR scholarship were also given. Four hundred American Flags are back-ordered for distribution to the first graders in the area.

The Regent witnessed the Mayor signing a proclamation proclaiming our Bicentennial Constitution Week of activities. We had good publicity, notices in the schools, on the radio, flew many flags, and had a beautiful luncheon at Concord College, which was well attended by the members and guests.

We have lost three members, two by death and one by transfer. Suitable memorable DAR graveside services were held this summer with their families. Tapes were sent to loved ones far away. Three new members have taken their places.

One member is Mercer County's Teacher of the Year.

Our Chapter has contributed to DAR Schools, Veterans, Film Library, DAR Magazines to schools, public library and Concord College Library. Boxes of clothing were sent to the schools.

The regular meetings concur with NSDAR order of business and the programs included: National Defense, Honor Roll, State and Continental Congress by our beloved State Regent, Mrs. John E. Corbitt, American Heritage, Martha Washington luncheon, American History, Bicentennial, DAR Schools and DAR Museum.

But mostly, this has been a Bicentennial DAR chapter – we paid to enter the Princeton parade, decorated a float with Betsy Ross and DAR markings, spinning wheel and all. A terrible wind and rain storm came quickly and destroyed all the floats. On Columbus Day we tried again and gave \$100, our time and effort, then rode again as Betsy Ross on a float, and the Regent of Matthew French rode alone in a DAR decorated automobile.

We have sold jewelry to cover about \$700 Bicentennial expenses, which include a \$500 contribution to the erection of the Clay statue on the Mercer County Court House grounds in honor of the first settlers.

Never underestimate the good Daughters – we still are trying to get the WVU Mountaineer Marching Band to parade through the streets. We also have \$1,374 in the treasury, and we are not through yet.

Mary Reed Heddleston
Regent

Mondongachate Chapter 1975-76
Hinton, W. Va.

Mondongachate Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution has enjoyed another successful year.

All financial obligations both state and national were met and the chapter contributed to DAR projects.

Constitution Week was observed with a special program on the Constitution and the local paper aided in publicizing Constitution Week for us.

Mondongachate was one of the hostess chapters for the 70th Annual State Conference. We donated gifts and twelve dollars to the Junior Bazaar.

At Christmastime we sent gifts and thirty dollars to the Veterans Hospital at Beckley.

Outstanding American History students in both county high schools were presented the DAR medal for proficiency in U.S. History and Good Citizen medals were presented to the two outstanding senior girls, with due recognition at Awards Assembly and through the local paper. Small American Flags were presented to students in two classes at one of our area elementary schools.

Our Bicentennial Project for the year was each member to fly the American Flag everyday, weather permitting.

Our chapter enjoyed being hostess to the Southern District Conference this spring, held at Pipestem State Park.

One member was admitted to the chapter by transfer.

Mondongachate Chapter received a silver award on the National Honor Roll this year.

Mrs. Ruth L. Liddon (Mrs. H. E.)
Regent

Mound Chapter
Moundsville, W. Va.

Mound Chapter, NSDAR, met all the Honor Roll requirements for the ninth consecutive year, thus adding the third star to our ribbon. We are striving for our tenth gold award.

We participated in Marshall County's one hundred and forty-first birthday celebration. The Chapter was in complete charge of the tea, and three members presented the playette, "John Marshall--A Man of Law," that was written by Mrs. Virginia Parriott, a local lady. Since that time the play has been presented by ladies on ten different occasions to service clubs all over the County.

Mark Polen, a student at John Marshall High School, won the State History Scholarship. Mary Beth Harler, a sixth grade student at Glen Dale Elementary School, won the State Essay Contest.

On July 4, 1976, Mound Chapter dedicated a marker at the grave of John Fredrick Sivert, a Revolutionary Soldier. Present at the ceremony were descendants of his from Texas, North Carolina, Ohio, New Jersey, Georgia and Pennsylvania.

The Chapter has contributed to all DAR projects. Money for these projects was raised through donations, dress clubs and rummage sales.

West Virginia History Magazines were donated to our City-County Library. The library had these bound and placed on their reference shelves.

"Echoes from the Hills," a compilation of reminiscences of West Virginia Retired School Employees, has been presented by the Chapter of the Northern Community College.

Special programs were presented on Constitution Week, National Defense and American History.

We enrolled two new members and two junior members. This brought our membership to 79.

Mary Hubbs
Regent

**Nathan Davis Chapter
West Union, W. Va.**

The Chapter observed Constitution Week with a speaker, who spoke on the subject, "The Day Our Nation was Borne," and he also had a display of older books on the History of our Nation.

We have very good attendance of members at our meetings. We open our meetings with the President General's Message, read by one of the members. We also have a National Defense report at every meeting.

We had programs on National Defense, American Heritage, DAR Schools, Conservation; also, programs on Dinner with First Ladies and One Nation Under God.

The Chapter took up a special collection for the use of DAR Schools. One of our projects was new members. Every member was asked to obtain a new member; and to date, we have applications sent in for two new members and will be working on papers for three other new members.

Two members of the Chapter were on the Doddridge County Bicentennial Committee and were also represented on the recently organized Historical Society of Doddridge County.

Members attended the State Conference, the Northern Regional Meeting at the Country Club in Wheeling, W. Va., and Jackson's Mill Meeting.

We ordered Popular Mechanics magazine for Veterans Hospital in Clarksburg, W. Va. The Chapter has a Historical Window Display during Bicentennial celebration in West Union, July 1, 1976, and also helped with County wide activities during Bicentennial celebration in West Union, July 1, 1976, and also helped with County wide activities during Bicentennial celebration.

Members participated in recognition of Flag Day by displaying Flags from June 14 to July 14.

New officers were installed for the year and members were named on American Heritage, DAR Indian, Constitution Week and Conservation. Several members subscribed to the DAR Magazine.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Regent of the Nathan Davis Chapter.

Kathleen Summers
Regent

**Ohio Valley Chapter
St. Marys, W. Va.**

The Ohio Valley Chapter, NSDAR, wishes to report a very profitable year. A Gold Honor Roll Certificate was received which speaks for itself.

Constitution Week was noted and properly observed throughout the community.

A Senior Girl was awarded a Good Citizenship pin and certificate.

American History Month was noted very well. There were one hundred and eighty-nine essays submitted. Medals and certificates were given to the winning students in the Fifth through the Seventh Grades.

A Bicentennial Program featured the members dressed in colonial costume and impersonating a Revolutionary Heroine.

Members attended and reported on the Northern District Meeting, State Conference at Pipe Stem Lodge and the Eighty-Fifth Continental Congress.

Our membership was increased by three, two new members and one transfer. We have two sets of application papers in Washington for approval.

Subscriptions to the DAR Magazine were given to the St. Marys High School Library and the Pleasants County Library.

One program on Genealogical Research was given by a Registered Genealogist.

Plans are made and we are looking forward to another successful year.

Isabel Strickling
Regent

**Pack Horse Ford Chapter
Shepherdstown, W. Va.**

Pack Horse Ford Chapter, with 30 members, celebrated its 60th anniversary in February. Interesting programs were given during the year, making local history live again for the Bicentennial year. An excellent National Defense program was given by a retired United States Marine Lt. General, as speaker. Colored slides of Bacone and St. Mary's Indian Schools were shown. Colored slides of the Youth Conservation Corps of Harper's Ferry were shown, with one of the leaders as narrator. An excellent program was given on Transportation and Traffic Safety by the Shepherdstown Fire Chief.

All contributions were made to the DAR projects, and the chapter received the Gold Honor Roll Award. We received a certificate for having contributed 100% to the President General's Project. Other contributions included \$100.00 for restoring the Morgan Morgan Cabin, the Adam Stephen House and the W. Va. Room.

Two business windows in the town were decorated for Constitution Week. On July 4th, flags were placed in the old grave yards of the town, to honor the Revolutionary soldiers buried there. The DAR Marker "The Spirit of 1775" was decorated. On July 3rd a colonial costume contest was held by the chapter as part of the town Bicentennial celebration. 8 prizes were given. A window was beautifully decorated in the town as part of the celebration. A member of the chapter wrote and helped publish a pictorial history of the town "See Shepherd's Town."

An old book, published in 1868, was given to the Adam Stephen House, by the regent. Bright of America products were sold, and a contribution was given to the Helen Poch Memorial Fund.

1,000 or more pounds of bird seed was fed to the birds and wildlife.

Members attended State Conference, Continental Congress, Jackson's Mill and the District Meeting.

Augusta M. Phillips (Mrs. James S.)
Regent

**Potomac Valley Chapter
Keyser, W. Va.**

September - October 1975 — Reroofed Fort at Fort Ashby, West Virginia.

October 1975 — Pictures taken of members at Fort for publication in booklet put out by CertainTeed Corp., Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

November 1975 — New spouting installed on Fort at Fort Ashby.

January 1976 — Donation of \$5 to Kate Duncan School
Donation of \$5 to Tamasee School
Donation of \$5 to St. Marys School
Donation of \$10 to DAR Magazine

March 1976 — Two winners in American History Month Essay Contest.

May 1976 — Good Citizenship Award given to Keyser High School Senior Girl.

June 1976 — Hostess Chapter to the Tri-State Flag Day Luncheon.

June, July, August — Kept Fort at Fort Ashby opened to the public for the Bicentennial Celebration.

Mrs. Clement H. Armstrong
Regent

**Ravenswood Chapter
Ravenswood, W. Va.**

The Ravenswood Chapter regrets to report the death of Cora Hutchinson Cole (Mrs. D. E.), a Fifty-three Year member of the Chapter and the National Society. She was a past Regent and had served as treasurer for twenty years. Mrs. Cole's devotion and enthusiastic loyalty to the DAR ideals will be sadly missed by her Chapter and its members.

The Mayor of Ripley and the Mayor of Ravenswood issued a Proclamation designating Constitution Week Observance, and the Chapter placed an Historical display in a store window, and distributed the Constitution Preamble and Grace cards in restaurants.

Typewritten copies of the 1850 Census, 1860 Census, and the Civil War Roster of Jackson County were bound and placed in the National Society Library by the Chapter.

Four American History Awards and two Good Citizen pins were given in the county high schools.

The Chapter contributed \$10.00 to the Co-op page in the NSDAR magazine, \$10.00 to the President General's Project, and contributions were made to the Contingent Fund, West Virginia room in the Museum, American Heritage Project, West Virginia Tea in Washington, American History Scholarship, Constitution Hall Maintenance Fund, Investment Trust Fund, Cataloging Museum, and Occupational Therapy Fund.

The Regent and two members attended the Western District meeting and two members attended the State Conference.

The Chapter has 23 members and two papers being processed for acceptance.

Sandra Vaughn Chapman (Mrs. W. S.)
Regents

**Shenandoah Valley Chapter
Martinsburg, W. Va.**

Shenandoah Valley Chapter, NSDAR, met all requirements for the Silver Ribbon on the Honor Roll.

We received three new members, two resignations, and lost four members by death, making a total membership of 69.

We had representation at the Eastern District Meeting, Jackson's Mill, State Conference and Continental Congress.

The Chapter has had interesting and informative programs throughout the year. Outstanding were a Study of the Constitution, Morgan Cabin of Toreytown, music during the American Revolution, book review on Benjamin Franklin, Old Churches of Berkeley County, History of Gerrardstown, and in May an impressive Memorial Service for deceased members.

We gave nine Certificates of Appreciation to Seventh Grade students for writing essays on "The Declaration of Independence." A student was awarded the third prize in the State. Also awarded were bronze and silver medals to students. Certificates were also awarded to students for Excellence in American History and Good Citizenship Medals were awarded to a Senior boy and girl in three high schools.

We had the honor of having our State Regent, Mrs. John E. Corbitt, of Bluefield at our October meeting, when she spoke on "Work of the DAR."

Mrs. Fred Hess is Chairman of our Bicentennial project, that of restoring the Morgan Morgan Cabin of Toreytown, the first white settler of West Virginia. Miss Gladys Pitzer is General Treasurer of this project.

Miss Ruth Seibert gave an organ recital at Constitution Hall in April.

The children of the C.A.R. are under the able supervision of Mrs. Vincent C. Townsend.

Anna Lee Hammersla (Mrs. C. Lee)
Regent

**South Branch Valley Chapter
Morefield, W. Va.**

The South Branch Valley Chapter has forty-four members. We gained two new members this past year and have three applicants awaiting their admission.

We were represented at Continental Congress, State Conference, Jackson's Mill and Eastern District Meeting. We had good reports.

We participated in Constitution Week, American History Month, Flag Day, and Bicentennial Programs.

We awarded eight Good Citizenship pins; one winner representing our Chapter in our fourth of July Bicentennial Parade.

Our Chapter sent a Page to Continental Congress. There were three from West Virginia.

We presented a flag to our 4-H Club and one to the library in Romney.

We contributed to Newton D. Baker "Veterans Hospital", Kate Duncan Smith, Tamasee, St. Mary's and Crossmore Schools.

First place in the State was awarded to a student in the eighth grade and second to a student in the sixth grade for American History Essays.

We were 100% in our contribution to our President General's National Project.

We were awarded the Silver Honor Roll.

Louise C. Boggs (Mrs. Carroll)
Regent

**Trans-Allegheny Chapter
Weston, W. Va.**

Our Chapter is a small one, thirty members mostly senior citizens, with about fourteen to eighteen in attendance.

In September, we celebrated Constitution Week. Together with the Historical Sociert, we had displays in a number of store windows in the town. A Proclamation by the Mayor, articles in the newspapers, announcements on radio and T.V., and a display of Flags.

A Good Citizenship award was presented to a high school student.

An American History award was presented to another high school student in Lewis County.

Donations have been made to the Tamasee School and the DAR Magazine.

Each year, we finance a party for the inmates of the State Hospital. We have, also, made donations to worthwhile local projects.

The Chairman of Defense, Mrs. John R. Davis, gave a full report from twenty to thirty minutes at each meeting.

Bicentennial programs were givent throughout the year.

The Flag was honored in June.

Memorial services were held for the deceased members of the Chapter.

A collection is taken at each meeting to finance our obligations.

Ruth Lightburn Bailey (Mrs. Jason J.)
Regent

**Tygart Valley Chapter
Elkins, W. Va.**

The Tygart Valley Chapter, NSDAR, has thirty two members, as there were two transfers to another chapter during the past year. There are four prospective members who are working on their papers at this time.

All financial obligations of the state and national have been met. The President General's Message was read, and the National Defense report was given at each meeting. Also, all programs were presented that have been specified as Honor Roll requirements.

The regent and two alternates attended the Continental Congress and the West Virginia luncheon at the Mayflower Hotel, and also, attended the annual DAR luncheon at Jackson's Mill. A full report of the meetings were given at the chapter meeting.

Constitution Week and American History Week were stressed in churches, schools and radio, also proclamations were issued by the Mayor.

The chapter stressed the importance in displaying the American Flag.

The Bicentennial project of the chapter was having the Primitive Baptist Cemetery cleared of brush and weeds. This cemetery is one of the oldest in Randolph County in which are the graves of many of our pioneers, including two who were soldiers of the American Revolution.

The chapter has sent fifty three pounds of new and used clothing and a Christmas of \$10 (sent direct) to DAR Tamasee School, and forty five pounds of new and used clothing to the DAR Kate Duncan Smith School.

A letter of protest was compiled and mailed individually by the members to the Programming Commission in Washington, D.C. concerning the vulgar and obscene programs which are being shown on television during prime time.

A copy of the list of vignettes relating to the period of the American Revolution, which were compiled by NSDAR, was given to the local radio station and are being used occasionally.

The chapter took part in the opening of the Bicentennial Exhibition at 4-H Camp Pioneer July 29-31, which was sponsored by the Beverly Community Action Committee. Mrs. Homer Martin, NSDAR State Vice Regent, honored the opening ceremonies by doing the "ribbon cutting" and then presented a certifi-

cate from the Bicentennial Committee NSDAR to the chairman of the exhibition, Mr. Randy Allen.

The theme of the Tygart Valley Chapter's exhibit was "Our Pioneer Heritage". This was exemplified by a small scale authentically built log cabin (size 16" x 26") and completely furnished and was built by the regent's husband, Mr. Carl Dunham. There also was a table of colonial dressed dolls which represented, and also a short sketch of their lives and activities during the war.

The chapter was awarded a "Blue Ribbon" for their exhibit.

We have had very interesting programs and are looking forward to another active year.

Hazel M. Dunham, (Mrs. Carl W.)
Regent

**Vandalia Chapter
Nitro, W. Va.**

Vandalia is a small chapter with a membership of twenty-six (26). We held seven (7) regular meetings during the year 1975-1976 and one (1) planning meeting.

Our Chapter received Honorable Mention for the Honor Roll and blue ribbons from both State and National for our yearbook.

Vandalia was represented at western District in Charleston and several of our members attended the naturalization ceremony for new citizens held in U.S. District Court.

We again collected used paperback books for the Veterans Hospital in Huntington and continue to send cards each month to two (2) veteran patients at Spencer State Hospital.

Good Citizen awards were presented to a senior girl from Nitro High School and Poca High School.

Our Constitution week observance included a proclamation by the Mayor of Nitro, sermons on the constitution by two local ministers, leaflets and book-mark distributed to local schools and libraries and a window display arranged at a local business.

Mrs. Leonard A. Kail
Regent

**West Augusta Chapter
Mannington, W. Va.**

Ten meetings were held with the programs emphasizing the National Theme, Historical, Educational and Patriotic.

Two American History awards, one Good Citizenship Medal and four highest honor pins were presented in school assembly.

We acquired four new members, and one member was reinstated. We lost two charter members by death.

Three members attended the Jackson's Mill meeting.

We received honorable mention for the Honor Roll, and first place for our yearbook supplement.

We sent two Girls' State.

Our Chapter helped finance the presentation of the musical "Young Abe Lincoln" by a repertory theater group from New York City for the Mannington School children in January as a Bicentennial project.

We are presenting a copy of West Virginia USA to the Mannington Public Library for the Bicentennial year.

A letter was sent to the local ministerial association asking each church to highlight America's spiritual heritage at services on July 4, 1976.

The Regent and Vice Regent became a patron member of the Bicentennial Edition of The Hereditary Register of the U.S. for 1976.

Outstanding programs included:

1. West Virginia Folklore by an instructor at Fairmont State College.
2. An unusual Bicentennial musical program by Rev. Brent Dugan, Pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church.
3. The Trees of Christmas - book review by a member, Miss Betty Blake. She described the way trees are decorated in different countries and told of Christmas customs in each country. She had made a replica of a Jesse Tree with gold and white symbols to decorate the tree. This was later displayed in the public library.
4. "An Interview with Ben Franklin" was presented by two members, Mrs. Arthur Prichard and Mrs. Clinton Phillips.
5. "Koon Town" - a history of Mannington was presented by several members and Rev. Arthur Prichard.
6. "The Spirit of '76" was the topic of a speech by Rev. Donal Squires.

7. "Women of The American Revolution" was presented by a member, Mrs. F. O. Atha.
8. "Historic Homes" was a slide program by Mrs. Earl Thompson of Fairmont.
9. Flag Day Program by the Girl's Scout Troop, which we sponsor. This was at our Flag Day Luncheon.
10. Joint meeting with the two Fairmont chapters on September 17, when the State Vice Regent, Mrs. Homer Martin, was our speaker.

Mrs. Rodger C. Demory
Regent

**Westmoreland Chapter
Wayne County, W. Va.**

The Westmoreland Chapter, which was organized April 19, 1975, has 18 charter members. One lady is now in the process of being transferred from a Florida Chapter to ours and we have other prospective members working on applications.

All financial obligations, state and national, were met. We contributed to the fund for the restoration of the Morgan Cabin in Berkeley County. The Chapter was represented at Continental Congress, State Conference and the Western District Meeting.

We received a first place award for our yearbook.

A number of our members were guests at a Christmas Tea given by Barboursville Chapter. In June, our Chapter had guests from Buford and Barboursville Chapters.

Programs presented throughout the year emphasized the DAR objectives.

Constitution Week was observed by having spot announcements on the local radio station. The History, English and Art Teachers in the six high schools in Wayne County were asked to cooperate; Mayors in all Wayne County towns were asked to issue proclamations and ministers were asked to announce Constitution Week orally or in the church bulletin.

Our Bi-Centennial Project was to locate the grave sites in Wayne County of veterans of the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the Civil War. Ninety-one and one-half column inches of publicity was given in the local newspapers and the response was quite gratifying. The information gained will be put into a booklet which will be placed in the Huntington Public Library.

Madge L. Matthews (Mrs. C.L.)
Regent

**Wheeling Chapter
Wheeling, W. Va.**

Wheeling Chapter had a busy year with participation in National, State, and District activities. Representation at 85th Continental Congress, 70th West Virginia State Conference, Northern District Meeting of which we were hostess. We had guest representation at Chautauqua Circle Luncheon, Esther McCrory Chapter Tea for Naturalized Citizens, and the 50th Anniversary of West Virginia Sons of the American Revolution. Mrs. John Corbitt, State Regent, was our honor guest and speaker for the Northern District Meeting.

Programs focused on objectives of our Society. The Ritual, President General's Message, and National Defense were given each meeting. One program was National Defense. A Memorial Service was held for each deceased member.

Our main Bicentennial project was a television program "Women in Colonial America" consisting of 52 vignettes of women in colonial times. Directed by a member, Sarah Ann Ryder, it was delivered by members who seemed quite professional. We participated in the Bicentennial ceremony and reception at the opening of the Old Custom House which focused on history of the First Capitol of West Virginia.

Youth Projects - Good Citizens, Good Citizenship, American History Month, and the Blanche L. Reymann Memorial Scholarship were implemented. The contest for Good Citizens was interesting with participation by six schools, a good citizen being selected from each school. Miss Deborah Phillips, senior of Triadelphia High School, became State Winner and rose to recognition on the East Central Division level. Through courtesy of Mrs. D. B. Kraybill, Chairman, Blanche L. Reymann Memorial Scholarship, the award was made through Wheeling Chapter to Miss Linda Comins, senior at Bethany College. Wheeling Chapter Scholarship was awarded to Miss Cynthia Eberts, West Virginia Northern Community College senior.

Chapter Librarian, Mrs. Charles A. Bowers, Jr., wrote a section of book, "Celena (Lena) Jane Russell Smith, Her Ancestors, Descendants, and Collateral Descendants", it was presented through Wheeling Chapter, to the Librarian General. Recognition was given in DAR Magazine.

Constitution Week activity beamed with original ideas. The Chairman, Mrs. Henry M. Graybill, Jr., wrote the script for Television and Radio programs, and a member, Sarah Ann Ryder, led the presentation. An original editorial, THE Document, was carried in the September 17 edition of Wheeling-News Register in the most prominent editorial space - upper left hand space.

The Chapter was pleased to be invited to participate in 1976 Naturalization Ceremony of the United States District Court, Northern District of West Virginia - Judge Robert E. Maxwell presiding; and, to give to each of the 45 applicants a Welcome Card, the Manuel for Citizenship of the Daughters of the American REvolution, and a Flag of the United States of America.

We completed our pledge to the President General's project, amended our By-Laws to correspond to those of the National Society regarding dues being

in Washington by December 1, gave financial support and usable clothing to Tamassee, Kate Duncan Smith, and St. Marys, gave the Flay of the United States of America to 2 schools - the Russell Nesbitt School and the new Wheeling Park High School, purchased and distributed literature from National Society (as well as the free literature), and gave to each attendant at the September meeting a copy of the Resolutions Pamphlet as published after the 85th Continental Congress.

The Chapter had 10 regular meetings with a meeting of the Board of Management preceding each luncheon meeting. Average attendance for meeting = 30. We implemented Honor Roll recommendations to the extent that we could and we are pleased to report that applications for membership are increasing.

Nell Robinson
Regent

**William Henshaw Chapter
Martinsburg, West Virginia**

The William Henshaw Chapter was awarded the Gold Honor Roll for 1975-1976, and a Blue Ribbon for our year book.

Mrs. Clarence Pharr (Judy) was a Page at the Continental Congress and also sang at the West Virginia Luncheon. We are very proud of her.

Our Chapter was represented at National Congress, State Conference, and District Meetings. We were represented in birthday celebrations of Pack Horse Food and Shenandoah Valley Chapters and at Bee Line's Celebration of their Bicentennial Project.

William Henshaw Chapter met June 12th for their Bicentennial Tour. This included the home of Capt. William Henshaw, from whom we got our name, Cool Spring Farm, home of Zackwell Morgan, and The Morgan Morgan of Torytown cabin. This latter is being restored as a Home of W. Va.'s first settler. One of our members serves on the Board and help with this has been our Bicentennial project.

During Constitution Week Mrs. Kenneth Myers, Chairman, reported 40 Book markers and 40 Grace Before Meal Cards given to school children, 2 posters placed in windows. Pictures taken of posters and mailed with report, 5 church bulletins with constitution week announced in them. Constitution Week announced in 3 churches. Spot announcements used in Radio and members displayed flags.

Three Good Citizen Pins were awarded to the three area High Schools. An R.O.T.C. Medal was awarded to Kenneth Barrick of Martinsburg High School.

Material was sent to schools during the year in connection with American History Month. Twenty essays were received; four medals were awarded and other entrants were presented Certificates of Merit; Contributions were made to the

three DAR Schools. We contributed to the DAR Museum.

Advance notices were given for each meeting and a report published in the Martinsburg Journal after each meeting.

Our Chapter contributed toilet articles, books, magazines and socks to Veteran Patients at the V.A. Center at Martinsburg.

The Chapter has 70 members, 8 of which are juniors. One transferred, Mrs. Ruth DeHaven from the Elizabeth McIntosh Hammel Chapter, Manasses, Virginia.

Two family gatherings were held, a dinner at Christmas and a picnic in June.

Mrs. Frank L. Spiker
Regent

**William Morris Chapter
Charleston, W. Va.**

The William Morris Chapter held ten meetings, the programs following the recommendations of the National Society.

Four American History Medals to high school juniors, three Good Citizen Pins to senior high school girls and two Good Citizenship Medals to junior high school students were presented.

Gifts were sent to Bacone College, Kate Duncan Smith School, Tammassee School, St. Mary's School for Indian Girls and Yomoka Society, C. A. R.

Subscriptions to DAR Magazine were given to a high school and a junior high school.

Honorable Mention Honor Roll requirements were met, and we received the Blue Ribbon Award for our Year Book. Also a Blue Ribbon for American and DAR Manual for Citizenship.

A scholarship of \$500 was given to a Morris Harvey College student. A scholarship of \$250 was given to a Stetson University student in Florida. Both are Charleston residents.

A DAR marker was placed on the grave of a deceased member.

A total of twelve (12) boxes of clothing, valued at \$450, was sent to St. Mary's School for Indian Girls, Bacone College, Kate Duncan Smith, and Tammassee Schools.

One member is serving as Senior State Promoter for C. A. R.; and another

member, the Regent, is State Chairman of American Indians Committee.

Our Chapter was presented at State Conference, National Congress, and Jackson's Mill.

Our Chapter participated in the NSDAR Bicentennial Tea at the Governor's Mansion in June.

Mrs. A. J. Pancake
Regent

**Wilson Cary Nicholas Chapter
Summersville, W. Va.**

Mrs. John E. Corbitt was our honor guest at our August meeting.

Our Chapter was awarded Honorable Mention for the Honor Roll, and a Blue Ribbon for our Year Book insert.

We received second place for Constitution Week activities.

Two high school girls were presented Good Citizens pins and Certificates.

We have 26 members - three are juniors.

Six Good Citizenship Medals and Pins were given to sixth grade students in the Summersville Elementary School.

Continued the policy of giving subscriptions to DAR Magazine to two town libraries and two high school libraries in Nicholas County.

Three displays containing interesting antiques for public viewing are in a window on Main Street.

We celebrated Constitution Week and American History Month with Chapter program, announcements and Flag displays.

Christmas gifts were sent to the Veterans' Hospital in Beckley, West Virginia.

Our ten monthly programs stressed the three objectives of the Society - Educational, Patriotic and Historical.

Mrs. Ralph Jones
Regent

**Ye Towne Of Bath Chapter
Berkeley Springs, W. Va.**

Ye Towne of Bath Chapter has forty-two members.

The required meetings were held opening with the ritual.

The President General's message was read at every meeting and 5 to 10 minutes was devoted to National Defense.

Constitution Week and Flag Day were observed. Flags were displayed all over the town on all holidays.

Contributions were made to Kate Duncan Smith, Tamassee and St. Mary's DAR schools.

We promoted American History month. Good Citizens medals were given to two senior high school girls.

DAR marker placed on deceased member's grave.

We are working on grave markers for revolutionary soldiers.

At our annual summer dinner at Cacapon Lodge Mrs. Anita Dowling gave a very interesting talk on NSDAR Memorial to the Pioneer Mothers of the covered wagon days. She gave each member a picture post card of the statue in memorial of the pioneer women.

Our annual Candle Light Christmas dinner was held at Warm Springs Restaurant.

During this BiCentennial year we were honored to have the Mayor of Bath, England and his staff at the historical Castle in Berkeley Springs. Different members of the chapter helped with this event.

Berniece Wills (Mrs. William E.)
Regent

State Treasurer's Report

September 15, 1975 — September 15, 1976

Madam State Regent and Members
of the Seventy-first State Conference

I hereby submit the Statement of Cash Transactions of the Current and Special Funds of the West Virginia State Organization, Daughters of the American Revolution for the year ending September 15, 1976.

Maxine P. Spearman (Mrs. Walter L.)
State Treasurer, W. Va. D.A.R.

Balance in The National Bank of Commerce,
Charleston, W. Va., September 15, 1975 \$12,895.47

RECEIPTS:

Conference Fees	\$ 749.00
State Conference	2,478.70
State Dues	3,425.00
Contingent Fund	357.84
C.A.R.	187.20
W. Va. Room & Museum	1,978.33
Eleanor H. Smith Scholarship	164.20
W. Va. Library	64.88
W. Va. DAR News	1,018.80
W. Va. Tea/Luncheon	920.88
Award Winners	z 104.27
Advertisement	3,255.00
Blanche L. Reymann Memorial Scholarship ...	173.00
"Vets"	26.00
Adam Stephen House	39.00
R.O.T.C. Award	6.00
Goodcitizens Pins	155.75
Helen Pouch — Jr. Membership Fund	157.50

Chapter Contributions—NSDAR Projects	4,190.28	
American Indians	\$ 22.00	
Bacone College	208.50	
St. Mary's School	168.50	
Friends of Museum	40.50	
Museum Air-Conditioning	13.00	
Kate Duncan Smith	337.62	
Tamassee	334.13	
Crossnore	44.10	
Helen Pouch	189.25	
American History Scholarship	86.50	
Const. Hall Maintenance	104.00	
Investment Trust	79.00	
Microfilming	192.00	
Cataloging	69.00	
Occupational Therapy	68.23	
President General's Project	1,758.50	
J.A.C.	51.00	
National Defense	65.50	
Americana Archives Room	6.00	
Landscaping	1.00	
Nat'l Genoligical Records Binding ..	30.00	
Sky-Light Fund	107.20	
Miscellaneous Schools & Projects	57.25	\$19,451.63
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$32,347.10

DISBURSEMENTS:

Conference:		\$ 2,732.40
Printing	\$ 243.25	
Hotel — Housing and Meals	2,375.77	
Flowers and Gifts	71.13	
Miscellaneous	42.25	
State Dues:		\$ 5,631.45
Officers Expenses:		
State Regent — Mrs. Corbitt	1,081.60	
(Spring & Fall)		
Recording Sect. — Proceedings	1,184.60	
State Treasurer — Report	116.05	
Binding State Proceedings	36.03	
Howell & Paterno — Audit	50.00	

Advertising	2,595.00	
Committee Chairman — Postage, etc.	157.97	
Printing of Ribbons, Awards, etc.	53.70	
Stationery	9.33	
Packett — Printing & Postage	147.10	
Govt. Bonds & Scholarship	75.00	
Treasurer General — Supplies	125.00	
Contingent Fund		\$ 2,099.03
C.A.R.		150.00
W. Va. Room & Museum Renovation		1,687.92
Eleanor H. Smith Scholarship		250.00
W. Va. Library — Purchase of Books		125.00
W. Va. DAR News		902.28
W. Va. Tea/Luncheon		907.57
Award Winners — Bond		37.50
Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship		150.00
“Vets”		25.00
Adam Stephen House		40.00
Treasurer General — Chapter Contributions ..		4,190.28
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$18,928.43
Balance in Funds, September 15, 1976		\$13,418.67
Conference	\$1,565.32	
State Dues	\$4,949.07	
Contingent Fund	809.72	
C.A.R.	449.16	
West Virginia Room	450.29	
Eleanor H. Smith	1.84	
West Virginia Library	250.06	
West Virginia DAR News	2,096.78	
Gift Fund	82.95	
W. Va. Tea/Luncheon	573.73	
Award Winners	286.86	
Advertisement	1,796.89	
“Vets”	19.00	
Adam Stephen House	87.00	
BALANCE in National Bank of Commerce, Charleston, W. Va., Sept. 15, 1976		\$13,418.67

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS:

West Virginia Room & Museum, Savings Acct., Nat'l Bank of Commerce, Charleston, W. Va.	\$4,045.25
Blanche L. Reymann Memorial Scholarship Funds:	
Savings Acct.—Nat'l Bank of Commerce	\$ 325.82
Savings Certificate—Nat'l Bank of Commerce	\$1,000.00
Savings Certificate—Tygart Valley Nat'l Bank	\$2,000.00
Eleanor H. Smith Scholarship, Savings Acct.,	
Nat'l Bank of Commerce, Charleston, W. Va.	\$ 875.70
W. Va. State Organization NSDAR, Cert. of Deposit	
Nat'l Bank of Commerce, Charleston, W. Va.	\$2,000.00

/s/ Maxine P. Spearman (Mrs. Walter L.)
State Treasurer, NSDAR

I have compared the records of receipts and disbursements with the records of the bank accounts at the National Bank of Commerce, Charleston, West Virginia and find them in complete agreement.

/s/ James Burdette, Vice President

County of Kanawha
State of West Virginia
My Commission Expires 10-15-84

/s/ Eleanor M. Lohr, Notary

Notary Seal

A. R. CONTRIBUTIONS

TAMMSEER	CROSSNOTE	AMERICAN TECHNICS	RICCOSE	ST. MARKS	AMERICAN MISTERY	CONST. BILL PREFERENCE	INVESTMENT TRUST	MICROPLANTS	CATALANIC	ROSEBY AIR CORP. BY FRIEND	BELEN ROUGH	OCCUP. TERPALT	J. A. C.	NATIONAL OFFENSE	PEEL. BENTON'S PROJECT	EPIDEMIOLOGICAL RESEARCH FUND	SEATTLE FUND	AMERICAN
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